

FFR Program Technical Assistance and Science Support (TASS) Funding Decisions

Proposals awarded funding

| National Forest Unit, BLM District, or Statewide Project | Project Title / Name | Grant Agreement Awarded To | Collaborative Beneficiary | FFR Funds Awarded | Rationale for Selection |
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| Malheur NF | Evaluating critical landscape-scale ecosystem functions across the Malheur National Forest | Oregon State University | Blue Mountains Forest Partners | \$ 60,000 | Project builds understanding of salient issue: forest carbon storage potential across landscapes. Project builds towards execution of NEPA and delivers scientific analysis to achieve common understanding. Funding scaled down from \$68,086 |
| Deschutes NF | Integrating Accurate Road and Trails Data into Multi-faceted, Landscape-scale Restoration Agreements | Incident Support, LLC | Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project | \$ 26,400 | Project has strong support from diverse stakeholders and allows FS to conduct assessments of user-made roads and trails. Project concept is replicable. |
| Mt Hood NF | Fire histories for informing forest restoration needs on the east side of the Mt. Hood National Forest | Andrew Merschel, et al. | Wasco County Collaborative & Hood River Forest Collaborative | \$ 40,000 | This fire history study in moist mixed conifer forest types works to achieve consensus around the appropriateness of different treatments and to satisfy NEPA legal requirements to base forest treatments in science. |
| Statewide Project | Oregon Forest Collaboratives Network (OFCN) | Sustainable Northwest | All | \$ 22,830 | The OFCN convenes collaborative facilitators on a regular basis for statewide, efficient information sharing and problem solving. Allows for more strategic and higher functioning collaborative groups. Funding scaled down from \$45,659 supporting only 12 months of network |

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| Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Medford District BLM | Resilient forest references to accelerate the quality, pace, and scale of forest restoration in the Rogue Basin of southwestern Oregon | Oregon State University | Rogue Forest Partners | \$ 50,000 | Project leverages previously collected forest stand data to determine historic forest structure and condition to inform future management decisions and treatments. Funding scaled down from \$75,050 |
| Ochoco National Forest & Malheur National Forest | Soils Research to Quantify Impacts of Tethered-Assist Ground-based Harvesting on Steep Terrain in the Dry Forest | Oregon State University | Ochoco Forest Restoration Collaborative | \$ 30,876 | Project conducts research on the effects of tethered assist harvesting on steep terrain. Better understanding of these operations will lead to more restoration treatments across the landscape. Funding scaled down from \$62,277, funding research on Ochoco NF |
| Rogue River-Siskiyou NF and Coos Bay District BLM | Chetco River Road and Sediment Analysis Project | Curry Watersheds Partnership | Wild Rivers Coast Forest Collaborative (WRCFC) | \$ 20,000 | This project addresses road and sediment delivery concerns in the Chetco Bar fire area. Funding scaled down from \$40,000 |
| Total TASS Awards | | | | \$ 250,106 | |

Priorities for additional funding, if available

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| Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, Medford District BLM, Wallowa-Whitman NF, and Umatilla NF | Providing avian science support to inform collaborative federal forest restoration efforts in Oregon | Klamath Bird Observatory | Rogue Forest Partners and Northern BLM | \$ 25,739 | The project proposal was very strong and well articulated. However, the project link to contributing to increasing the pace and scale of NEPA analysis was unclear. Project has the potential to be funded from CFLRP. |
| Mt Hood NF | East Cascades Oak Partnership | Columbia Land Trust | Wasco Co. Forest Collaborative | \$ 23,800 | This project implements the monitoring protocol developed with funding from TASS in 19-21. The review team thought this was important work but did not present as a highly complex or pressing challenge when compared to other project proposals. |

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| Statewide Project | Pacific Northwest Forest Collaboratives Workshop | Sustainable Northwest | All | \$ 62,322 | The forest collaborative workshop is a valuable event and provides a forum for information exchange, similar to the forest collaborative network. Due to uncertainty associated with in-person events due to COVID, the OCFN was funded as a more frequent and virtual alternative. If funds become available and pandemic restrictions lift, this would be a candidate for funding. |
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Proposals not receiving funding

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| Willamette NF | Conservation of legacy trees in dry forest types on the southern Willamette National Forest | Oregon State University & University of Oregon | Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative | \$ - | The review team thought this was important monitoring work, but it was not clear how transferable this work was outside of a portion of one national forest. High overall project cost and indirect rate. |
| Willamette NF | Biomass Source Stock Assessment for the Willamette National Forest | Good Company | Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative | \$ - | This project develops a model to quantify biomass production on the WNF. Although this is valuable work, the review team was uncertain that this study would lead to the creation of biomass market. It was more difficult to link this project to increasing pace and scale of restoration or NEPA planning. |
| Mt Hood NF | CSP TASS Project | Clackamas River Basin Council | Clackamas Stewardship Partners (CSP) | \$ - | The review team thought this project would be best suited for a Forest Collaborative grant. It was unclear on the difference between what the TA provider was achieving and the collaborative facilitator is working to achieve during collaborative meetings. |

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| Mt Hood NF | Mt. Hood National Forest: Roadmap for Collaboration | Sustainable Northwest | Wasco County Forest Collaborative, Hood River Forest Collaborative, and Clackamas Stewardship Partners | \$ - | Although the review team thought this a good project, there was concern about the link between the workshop and how it will repair relationships that would not be achieved by regular meetings by collaboratives. |
| Deschutes and Ochoco NFs | Coordinating to Implement Climate-Appropriate Dry Forest Management Strategies | Central Oregon Forest Stewardship Foundation | DCFP, OFRC | \$ - | The review team thought this was a salient topic to tackle, but were concerned about benefit and applicability it would provide to the FS. Also TASS funds are intended for an outside TA provider. |
| Deschutes and Ochoco NFs | Mapping & Prioritizing Landscape Scale Forest Restoration Needs | Conservation Biology Institute | DCFP, OFRC | \$ - | The review team thought this mapping product would be beneficial, however there were concerns about the on-going maintenance cost (both time & money) associated with this project. There were also concerns of replicability and scalability. |
| Siuslaw NF | Mapping the Siuslaw Stewardship Watershed Restoration Program Projects from 2016-2021 | Integrated Resource Management | Siuslaw Stewardship Watershed Restoration Program (SSRWP) (Stew. Groups) | \$ - | Although this off-forest mapping project would result in a great communications product, the review team did not rank this project as high as others because of the lack of a direct link to federal land restoration. |
| Total unmet need | | | | \$ 518,885 | |