



Introducing the Oregon Department of Forestry

Keeping forests healthy and working

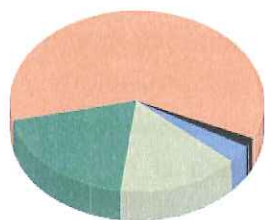
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ODF and Oregon's forests

Oregon is home to some of the world's most productive forestlands. Forests cover 30.5 million acres, almost half of the state's land area. These lands provide broad benefits, including jobs, clean air and water, wildlife habitat, recreation and scenic beauty.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) strives to keep forests healthy and working to contribute to Oregon's environmental, economic, and community sustainability.

OREGON FORESTLAND BY OWNER (AS PERCENTAGES)



60%	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
19%	LARGE PRIVATE
15%	SMALL PRIVATE
4%	STATE AND OTHER PUBLIC
2%	TRIBAL

Three principle businesses

Fire Protection is the top priority. Oregon's largest fire department, ODF protects **16 million acres, a \$60 billion asset**. These are privately owned forestlands as well as some public lands, including state-owned forests and, by contract, U.S. Bureau of Land Management forests in western Oregon.

Quick, aggressive response extinguishes about **95 percent of fires at 10 acres or less**, limiting cost and

damage. Other activities include prevention, control of forest fuels, smoke management, and community wildfire planning.



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ODF is part of an extensive fire protection network that includes landowner resources, contracted hand crews and aircraft, inmate crews, and agreements with other public agencies.

Landowners and the state share costs, reflecting the public benefits of strong wildfire protection.

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ODF's **Private Forests Division** seeks to advance **sound, ongoing management on private forests**, which in turn benefits Oregon as a whole. Foresters and technical specialists:

- Enforce the Forest Practices Act and other environmental laws. The Act requires measures such as reforestation, stream protection, and proper road construction and maintenance.
- Survey forests for insect and disease activity and conduct or support treatments.
- Consult with landowners on forest management planning and on voluntary projects including stream restoration, wildlife habitat enhancement, invasive species control, and use of cost-share programs.
- Participate in research to refine resource protection laws and management practices.



ODF's stewardship foresters consult with landowners on a variety of natural resource issues

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The **State Forests Division** manages about **821,000 acres**, about 3 percent of Oregon's forest landbase.

The Oregon Board of Forestry has jurisdiction over the Tillamook, Clatsop, Santiam, Sun Pass and Gilchrist state forests, and small, scattered parcels. By law, these forests are managed to produce **multiple, sustainable benefits**, including timber harvest, fish and wildlife habitat and recreation. **Timber revenues flow to counties** where harvests occur to support local public services. ODF retains a portion to pay management costs.

The Elliott State Forest consists mainly of Common School Land, overseen by the State Land Board. The Oregon Constitution requires management to maximize revenue to Oregon's **Common School Fund**, consistent with sound stewardship. ODF manages these lands under contract with the Land Board and Department of State Lands.

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Other activities:

These include:

- A small, federally funded program that helps communities manage **urban forests**— trees in downtown cores, city parks, neighborhoods and open spaces.
- A **planning program** that identifies emerging issues, produces timber harvest projections and other data, and helps lead statewide policy development on key issues such as management of federal forestlands.

Leadership

The Board of Forestry—seven citizens nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the state Senate—oversees all matters of forest policy in Oregon and appoints the State Forester, who serves as director of the Department.

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Key bills, budget

Three bills have been introduced at ODF's request

- **HB 2050**, the Wildfire Protection Act, uses General Fund to leverage new landowner dollars to help extinguish more fires while they are small; reduces and redistributes exposure to large-fire costs.
- **HB 2051**, a routine bill that sets Forest Products Harvest Tax rates to implement the Forest Practices Act and support OSU forestry research.
- **SB 31**, refining the laws under which local committees determine which lands qualify as forests or grazing land for wildfire protection purposes.

To learn more

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Governor's Balanced Budget (GBB)

	2011-13 Leg. Approved	2013-15 GBB
General Funds	\$50,181,631	\$55,829,977
Lottery Funds (Debt service)	\$2,542,314	\$3,319,996
Other Funds	\$197,855,667	\$224,372,889
Federal Funds	\$44,278,675	\$30,800,762
Total Funds	\$294,858,287	\$314,323,624
Full-time equivalent positions	852.19	873.48

