

# House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

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# What is the Oregon Forest Resources Institute?

Create by the Oregon Legislature in 1991

## OFRI MISSION:

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute is dedicated to advancing public understanding of forests, forest management and forest products, and encouraging sustainable forestry through landowner education.



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# OFRI budget

FISCAL YEAR	OFRI BUDGET	HARVEST LEVEL
2015-16	\$3.62 million	3.65 <i>billion board feet</i>
2016-17	\$3.70 million	3.69
2017-18	\$3.94 million	3.85
2018-19	\$4.03 million	3.83
2019-20	\$3.88 million	3.54

The Institute's annual budget is between \$3.6 and \$4 million, depending on timber harvest levels.



# OFRI educational programs

PROGRAM	BUDGET %
K-12 education	25%
Landowner education	12%
Public education	47%



# Rediscovery Forest

- 15-acre teaching forest in Silverton

## Oregon Garden Natural Resource Education Program

- Serve 4,500 4th-6th grade students each year

## Home School Day

- 2019: served 574 students



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# In and out of the classroom

## Bus reimbursement program

- Helps transport 25,000 students annually

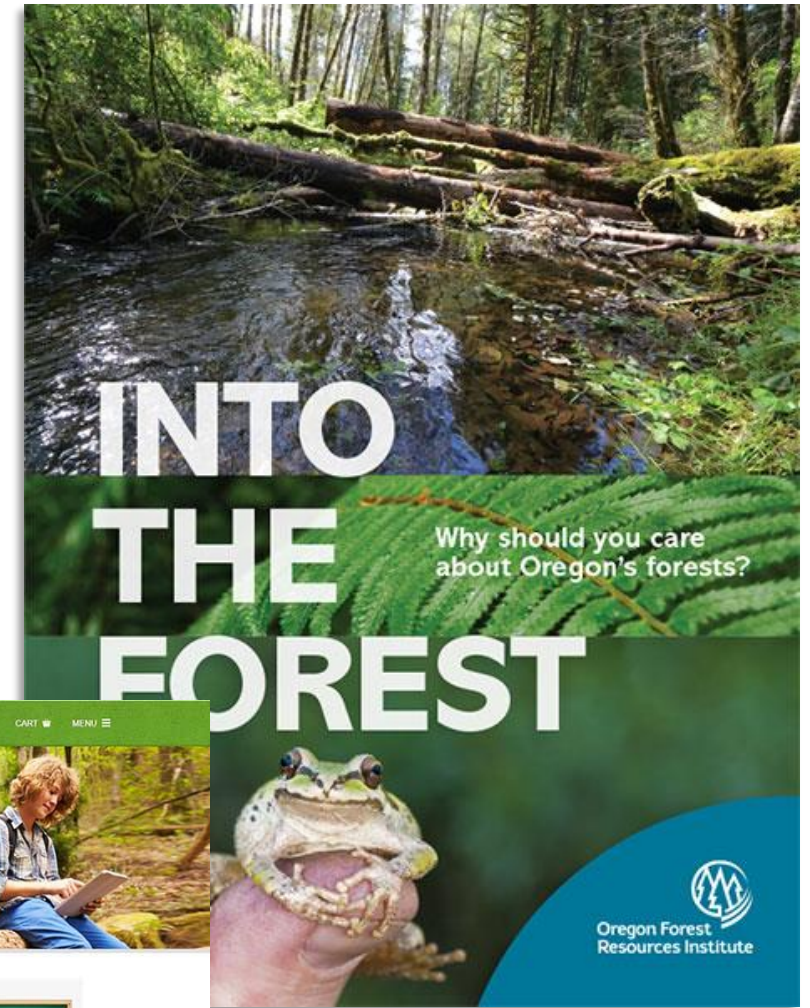
## Talk About Trees: Classroom program

- Serves 140,000 K-8 students annually
- Free to classes, state wide



# OFRI In-class Resources

- Publications and resources for every grade level
- Free of charge
- All resources meet Oregon Department of Education state standards
- Order at [Learnforests.org](https://Learnforests.org), a dedicated K-12 website



# High School and Careers

## Career Technical Education (CTE)

- Annual teacher professional development conference and tour

## Oregon Envirothon

- Hands-on, problem-solving education program and competition
- OFRI is sole financial sponsor



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# Oregon Natural Resources Education Program (ONREP)

## Professional development for teachers

- Housed at the Oregon State University College of Forestry
- With OFRI funding, the workshops are provided **FREE** to educators
- Substitute reimbursement provided
- Serves  $\approx 1,000$  educators every year



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# Landowner education

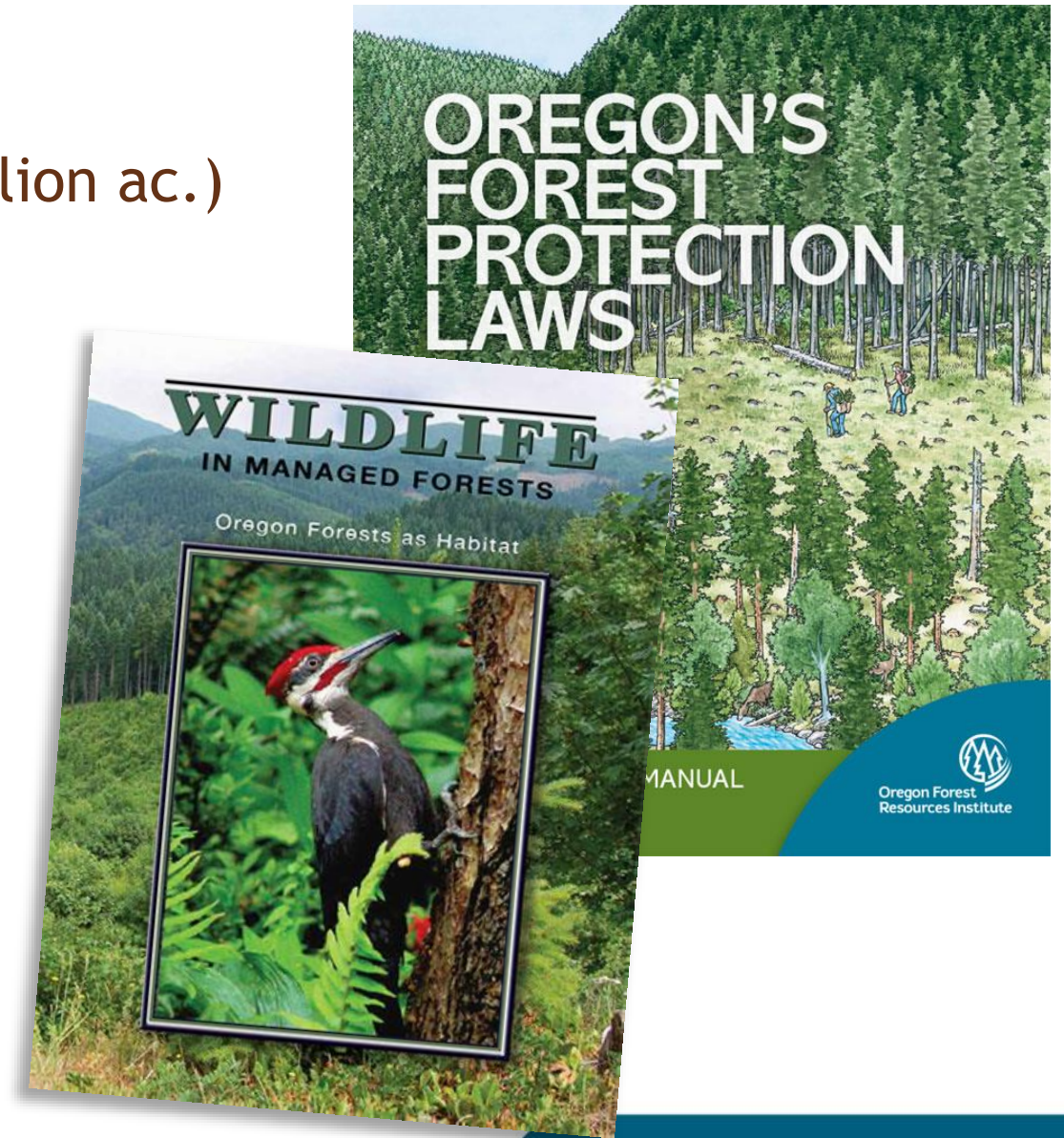
- >70,000 forest landowners (10 ac. - 1 million ac.)
- Education programs serve more than 6,400 landowners, annually

## Publications and resources

- FREE to landowners

## Wildlife in Managed Forests

- Publications and workshops
- Focus on wildlife habitat conservation



# Partnership for Forestry Education

- OFRI is a founding member
- Resources and website managed by OFRI
- [KnowYourForest.org](https://www.knowyourforest.org)



## Partnership for Forestry Education



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# Partnership with OSU Extension Service

## Tree School

- OFRI funding helps market this annual, one-day mini-college
- OFRI staff teach classes

## Women Owning Woodlands

- OFRI provides funding for the professional staff at OSU Extension

## Master Woodland Managers

- OFRI provides funding for the professional staff at OSU Extension



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# Landowner tours

- Partnership with Oregon Small Woodlands Association
- OFRI provides funding for annual Neighbor to Neighbor tour series
- Peer networking opportunity
- Sustainable forest management focus



# Public Education

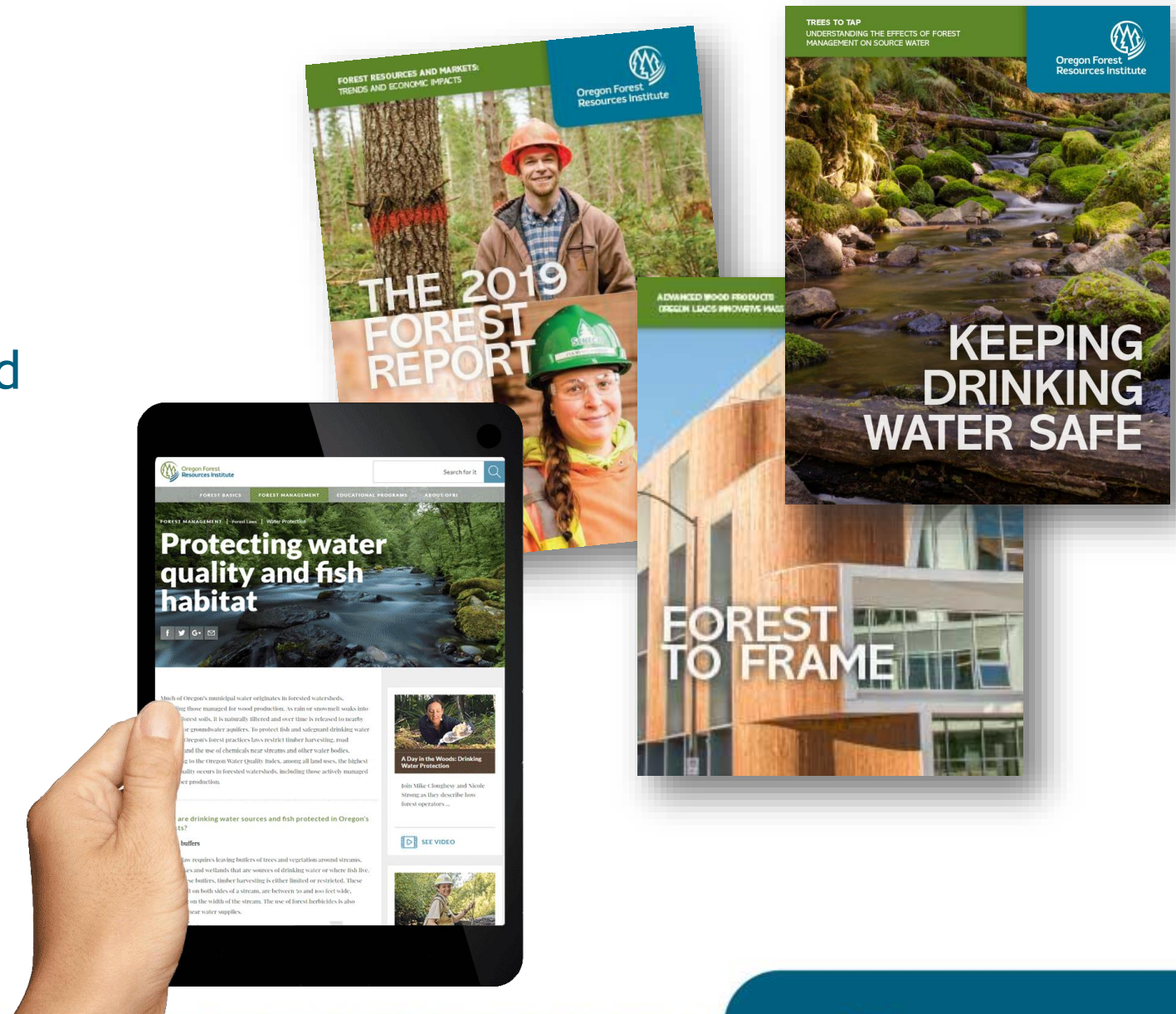
## Publications and videos

- Current stats and data on Oregon's forests and forest sector
- 70+ publications available
- FREE to the public



# Special reports

- Reports on current forest topics and issues
- Partnerships with regional and national research institutions
- Supporting videos
- FREE to the public at [OregonForests.org](https://OregonForests.org)



# Educational Advertising

- Statewide exposure
- Highlights sustainable forest management
- Explains forest protection laws
- Broadcast, radio and digital



# Thank you!

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