

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Forestry Topographical Data**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Anderson

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On May 24th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Forestry to the United States Geological Survey in the amount of \$420,680 for the collection of high-quality light detection and ranging topographical data.

The grant funding is made available from the USGS through the 3D Elevation Program. The program seeks to obtain nationwide data coverage by 2023 by using a collaborative approach with federal agencies, state, tribal, and local governments. The program has an application window that allows for continuous evaluation of proposals through June 30, 2021. Applicants must provide a one-for-one, non-federal match of requested funding.

The Department of Forestry will use the funding for the collection of 1,270 square miles of new lidar data, and use an additional 1,570 square miles of existing lidar data that the agency had previously collected and paid for, as in-kind matching funds for the new federal grant funds. The total data provided to the U.S. Geological Survey would cover 2,840 square miles. This data would also be available to other state agencies.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.