Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources



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- Department Overview
- Fire Protection Division

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- Forest Resources Division
- State Forests Division
- Planning Branch
- Agency Administration
- Governor's Budget



Who owns Oregon's Forests?



Mission -

To serve the people of Oregon by protecting, managing, and promoting stewardship of Oregon's forests to enhance environmental, economic, and community sustainability.





Fire Protection Division

- Protection for 16 million acres of private, state, local and some federal forestlands
- Complete and coordinated system
- Wildfire prevention
- Smoke mitigation
- Funding wildland firefighting in Oregon





Forest Resources Division

- Forest Practices Act
- Forest Health
- Landowner Assistance
- Urban & Community Forestry
- Landscape Resiliency
- Federal Forest Restoration and Good Neighbor Authority
- Private Forest Accord





State Forests Division

- Management of more than 760,000 acres of working forests for greatest permanent value
 - » Social, economic & environmental
- Funded by timber sales
- Habitat Conservation Plan & Forest Management Plan





Planning Branch

- Supports strategic planning, issue analysis, decision support, statewide initiatives and external relationships
- Responsive to increasingly complex operating environment





Agency Administration

Responsible for ODF's key administrative functions, including:

- Human Resources
- Public Affairs
- Finance and Budget
- Procurement
- Information Technology
- Facilities





2021-23 in Review

- Senate Bill 762
- Private Forest Accord
- MGO recommendations





Challenges & Opportunities

- Challenge—Cost of wildfire
- Challenge—Climate change
 - » Social, economic & environmental
 - » Wildfires
 - » Forest health
 - » Forest benefits

 Opportunity & challenge—Large increase in federal funds for forest restoration and resilience, but limited workforce capacity (public & private)





2023 Legislative Session

	Bills with potential budget impacts for ODF
HB 2187 SB 753	GF appropriation related to Sudden Oak Death.
HB 2813	Requires OHA to ensure communities have access to safe water.
HB 2985	Directs DCBS to establish Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program.
HB 2986	Directs ODF to establish by rule a Prescribed Fire Capacity Grant Program.
HB 3016	Establishes Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program.
HB 3241	Establishes harvest tax rate for 2024 & 2025.
SB 80	ODF to study wildfire and report findings to the Legislature.
SB 90	Requires ODF to study issues related to establishment of task force to develop recommendations on state forest management.
SB 509	Requires ODF to study community-based programs for reducing wildfire risk.
SB 530	Establishes state policy regarding natural climate solutions.



Key Performance Measures (KPMs)

#	Measure title
1	Customer service to county governments and forest landowners
2	Board of forestry performance
3	Forest practices act compliance
4	Urban and community forest management
5	State forests total revenue
6	Air quality protection
7	Private forestland managed at or above forest practices act standards
8	Forest stream water quality
9	Voluntary public and private investments made to create healthy forests
10	State forests north coast habitat
11	Fire suppression effectiveness
12	Prevention of human-caused wildland forest fires
13	Damage to Oregon forests from insects, diseases, and other agents



Questions?

Fire Protection Division





Fire Protection in Oregon





Number of Fires – ODF Protection



Acres Burned – ODF Protection



Acres Burned: ODF Protection





Acres Burned: All Jurisdictions







Historical Large Fires in Oregon



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ODF Emergency Fire Costs



ODF Emergency Fire Costs



Small fires, big savings



Showing Average of Gross Costs for Years at Each Performance Level (%).

Funding for Wildfires



CORECONDENSE

GF - General Fund

OFLPF- Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund

Preventing Fires

KPM #12 – Prevention of Human-caused Wildfires



Reducing Risk

KPM #6 – Air Quality Protection (smoke intrusions from prescribed burns)





Protecting Forests & Communities





Questions?

Forest Resources Division



Forest Resources Division

- Enforcing and administering the Oregon Forest Practices Act (FPA)
- Forest health and monitoring
- Adaptive management and training
- Small Forestland Owner's Office family forestland assistance
- Urban and community forestry
- J. E. Schroeder Seed Orchard
- Oregon Seed Bank
- All lands initiatives
- Federal forest restoration program





Forest Practices Act

Division's role

- Education
- Technical advice
- Inspections
- Enforcement
- Adaptive management

Key Performance Measures

- #3 FPA compliance
- #7 Private forestlands managed under a certified management plan
- #8 Forest stream water quality






Private Forest Accord

- Updated rules
- Small Forestland Owner Office
- Adaptive Management Program
- Habitat Conservation Plan development
- Training & outreach



Forest Health

- 28 Million Acres Surveyed Annually
- Goal: Healthy, Resilient Forests
- Focus on:
 - » Insects
 - » Diseases
 - » Invasive Plants





KPM #13—Damage to Oregon forests from insects, disease, and other agents.



Family Forestland Assistance

- 60,000 family-owned, managed forests
- What we do
 - » Information & technical help
 - » Grants
 - » Small forestland owner office





Urban & Community Forestry

241 cities, local governments, and community organizations served **KPM #4** Urban and community forest management



SALEM CAMPUS PEACE TREE CEREMONY



COMMUNITY EVENT





Seed Orchard & Seed Bank

J.E. Schroeder Seed Orchard

- Breed seeds with highly desirable ecological traits
 - » Growth potential
 - » Wood quality
 - » Disease tolerance

Oregon Seed Bank

 Provides tree seed for family forestland owners



All-Lands Initiative





Federal Forest Restoration Program (FFR)

What we do

• Accelerate pace and scale of federal forest restoration

Outcomes

- Fuels reduction
- Commercial restoration
- State investments leveraging federal and other funds





Questions?

State Forests Division





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State Forests

Managed for greatest permanent value for all Oregonians:

- Social
- Economic
- Environmental





Lands

Board of Forestry Lands -730,000 Acres

- » Clatsop
- » Tillamook
- » Santiam
- » Gilchrist
- » Sun Pass
- » Small Scattered Parcels
- Common School Forest
 Lands 33,000 acres



Funding

Almost all revenue derived from timber harvest

- 63.75% to counties and local taxing districts to provide local services
- Remaining 36.25% to ODF for state forests management, including:
 - » Timber sale planning and implementation
 - » Reforestation
 - » Survey and protection of threatened and endangered species
 - » Education programs
 - » Trails & recreation facilities
 - » Research and monitoring
 - » Litigation expenses
 - » Wildfire protection







Social Benefits

- Recreation, Education & Interpretation
 - » Trails Hiking, Horseback riding, ATVs
 - » Campgrounds
 - » Tillamook Forest Center
- Jobs
 - » Forest sector
 - » Recreation & tourism
- Tribal
- South Fork Camp

Economic Benefits





AVERAGE TIMBER HARVEST

5-Year: 262 MMBF 10-Year: 252 MMBF

AVERAGE REVENUE TO COUNTIES

5-Year: \$74.1 Million 10-Year: \$63.9 Million

AVERAGE REVENUE TO ODF

5-Year: \$42.1 Million 10-Year: \$36.3 Million





Environmental Benefits

RESILIENT FORESTS

- Protection from fire
- Protecting Oregon's wildlife
- Treating insects and disease
- Providing:
 - » Clean air
 - » Drinking water
 - » High-quality habitat for native fish and wildlife
- KPM #10 State forests North Coast habitat





Challenges

- Forest health
- Funding structure

 Reliance on timber revenues to achieve greatest
 permanent value



Addressing Challenges

- Internal fiscal budgeting process
- Business process improvements
- Policy revisions
 - » Habitat conservation & forest management plans
- Adaptable workforce
 - » Keeping workforce aligned with workloads and workflows





Questions?

Planning Branch



Planning Branch

Development and maintenance of internal and external relationships to support proactive management of agency affairs

Planning Branch

- Decision Support
- Analysis
- Strategic Planning
 - » Climate Change & Carbon Plan
 - » Forestry Program for Oregon
 - » 20-year strategy & Shared Stewardship
- Resource Planning
- Partnerships





Questions?

Agency Administration







Executive Administration

- Agency Executive
 Leadership
- Executive and Leadership Team Support



Administrative Branch

- Business Services
- Information
 Technology
- Human Resources
- Public Affairs
- Motor Pool
- Admin Modernization

Resources

Administrative support and expertise needs continue to increase, both internally and externally.

- Diversity, equity, inclusion, environmental justice
- Employee support and engagement
- Public interest in agency's work
- Facilities maintenance, rebuilding
- Fire season staffing and support

MGO Recommendations

- Implementation of 28 financial policy and process updates continues
- MGO performing assessments of ODF's progress
- ODF & MGO regularly presenting updates to the Board of Forestry





Questions?

Governor's Budget



All Funds By Program Area

Equipment Pool \$20,873,842

Agency Administration \$53,302,883

Fire Protection \$197,275,878

State Forests \$121,693,619

Forest Resources \$119,854,507

Planning Branch \$4,726,218

Facilities Maintenance \$6,146,269

Capital Improvement \$15,043,062

Capital Construction \$4,000,000

Debt Service \$19,816,339











Equipment Pool \$522,583

Agency Administration \$0

Fire Protection \$73,484,227

State Forests \$0

Forest Resources \$78,958,052

Planning Branch \$302,387

Facilities Maintenance \$0

Capital Improvement \$0

Capital Construction \$0

Debt Service \$15,853,084

FTE By Program 1,035.21 FTE



Equipment Pool 33.49

- Agency Administration 119.50
- Fire Protection 470.48
- State Forests 209.22
- Forest Resources 190.05
- Planning Branch 12.47
- Facilities Maintenance 0.00
- Capital Improvement 0.00
- Capital Construction 0.00
- Debt Service

FTE over time



2009-2023 Legislatively Approved FTE & 2023-25 Governor's Budget FTE





Governor's Budget: POPs

ODF Policy Option Packages

Private Forest Accord Development

106 Provides GF to support establishment of the Small Forestland Owner Investment in Stream Habitat and Adaptive Management programs required under the PFA and SB 1501 (2022).

Fire Severity Resources & Insurance

110 Establishes a Special Purpose Appropriation in the Emergency Board Fund to provide critical supplemental firefighting resources that are positioned where and when fire danger is the highest.

Capital Construction: Klamath Facility Replacement

114 Provides Other Funds limitation to enable the department to use insurance proceeds and other revenue sources to rebuild the facility lost to fire in ODF's Klamath-Lake District.

Capital Construction: Santiam Facility Replacement

115 Provides Other Funds limitation to enable the department to use insurance proceeds and other revenue sources to rebuild the facility lost to fire in ODF's Santiam Unit.

Governor's Budget: GF Reductions

- Four Administrative Branch positions
- \$7.87 million from the landscape resiliency grant program
- \$1.97 million from the small forestland grant program



Questions? THANK YOU!