



# ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES  
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# Key Elliott Moments

## TIME IMMEMORIAL

*The Hanis (Coos) and Quuiich (Lower Umpqua) people are the original people and stewards of these lands*

**1930**

Elliott becomes Oregon's first state forest

**2012**

Lawsuit limits harvest, forest costs exceed revenue

**2019**

Collaborative exploration of research forest concept begins

**2024**

Land Board approves Forest Management Plan, officially establishes ESRF

**1950s-2010s**

Forest harvest contributes many millions to the Common School Fund

**2017**

Land Board establishes vision of a publicly owned forest

**2019-23**

Desire for a research forest affirmed by Land Board, Legislature, advisory bodies, stakeholders

**NOW**

*Poised to begin active operations in FY 25*



A photograph of a serene forest stream. The water flows over moss-covered rocks, creating small cascades and pools. The surrounding forest is dense with green foliage and tall trees. The scene is captured with a long exposure, giving the water a soft, blurred appearance.

# 25-27 OVERVIEW

**SERVICES & BUDGET**



# The Elliott State Research Forest

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*Oregon's first state research forest*

*Nationally important center for forest science and management*

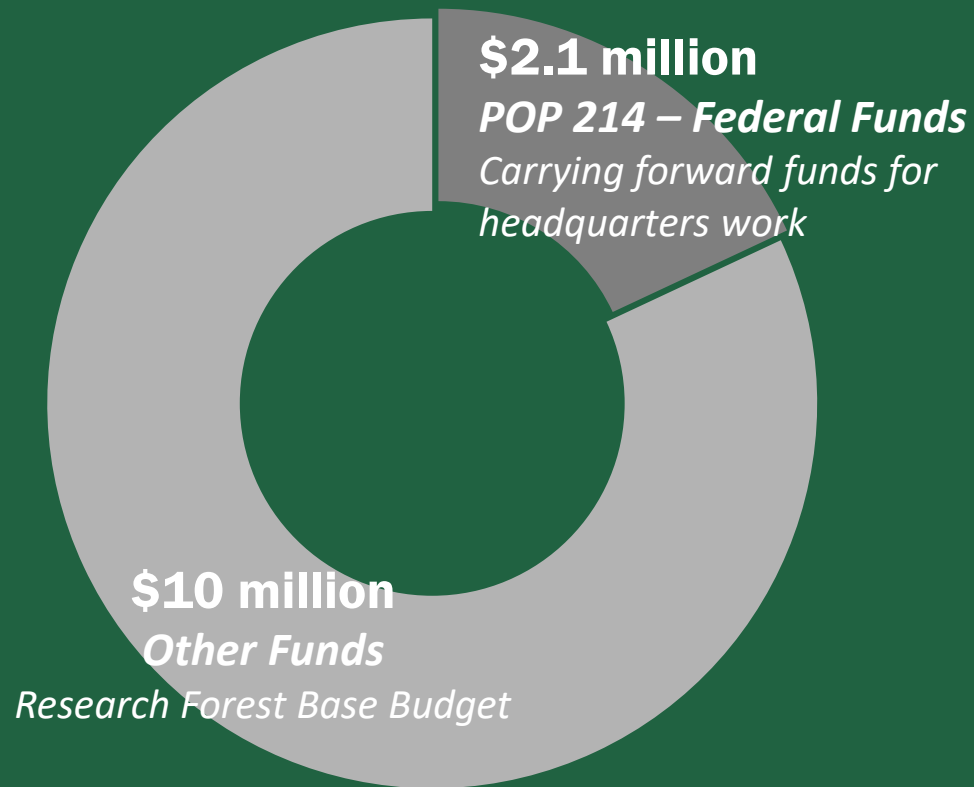
*Diverse nine-member board ensures public accountability*



# Budget Overview

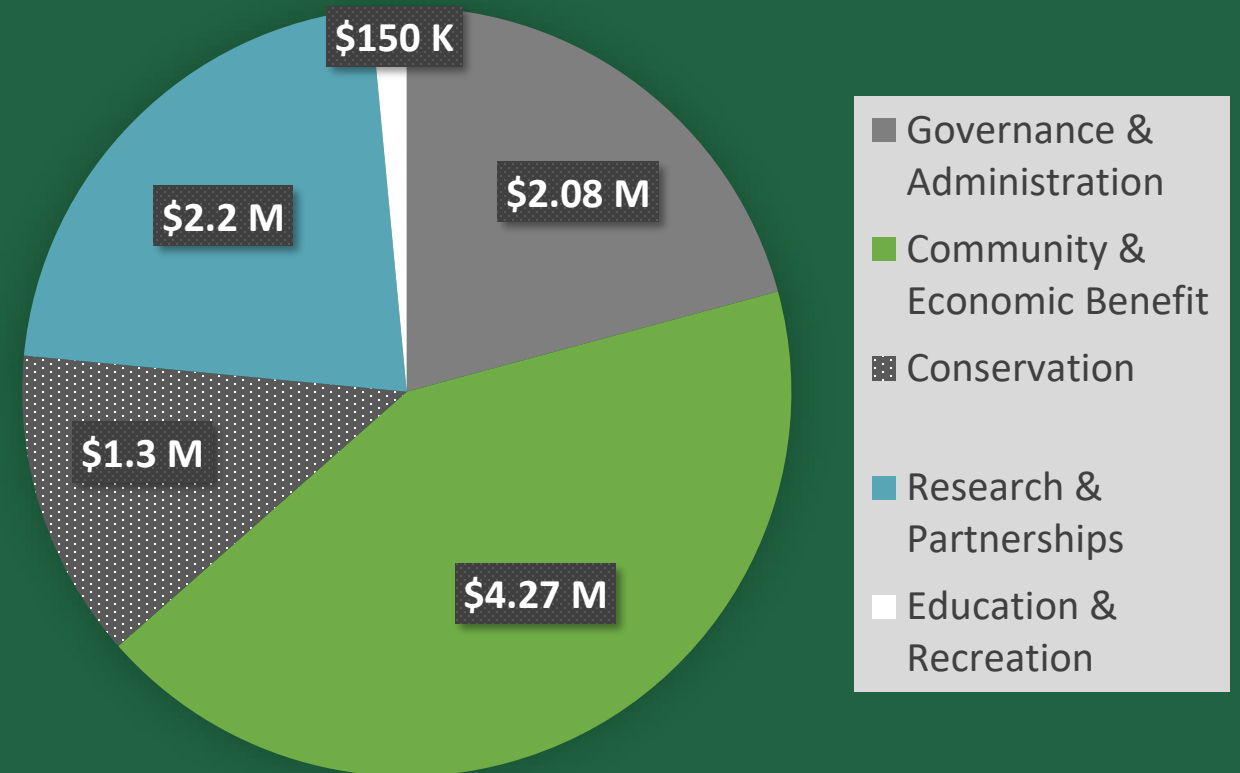
## 2025-27 Governor's Budget

*\$12.1 million, 9 positions/8.52 FTE*



## Base Budget Detail

*Breakdown by service delivery area*







# **A Financially Self-Sustaining Forest**

***Committed to financial independence***

***2025-27 budget supports necessary work to begin generating revenue in future biennia***

***Strategic hiring, contracting to support operations now***

***Investments in future revenue generation***



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# KEY WORK

UPDATES ON RESEARCH  
FOREST PROGRESS





# Habitat Conservation Plan

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*Essential to  
managing forest for  
multiple values*

*Final HCP submitted,  
federal negotiations  
complete*

*Federal transition  
affects timing*



# Forest Research

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*Forest Management  
Plan guides, Operations  
Plan identifies  
upcoming projects*

*Research partner  
conversations ongoing*

*Agreement with  
Oregon State*



# **Forest Carbon Project**

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***Carbon development  
agreement signed***

***Advances broader  
climate research,  
carbon outcomes***

***Occurs in tandem with  
research, harvest***





# Forest Headquarters

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*Shutter Creek site in  
North Bend*

*Conveyed at no cost  
from federal  
government*

*Collaborative, inclusive  
redevelopment effort  
beginning*







# THANK YOU

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