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**Private Forest Accord in the
Oregon Department of Forestry
2025-2027 budget, SB 5521**

**From: Oregon Wild
Date: Mar 14, 2025**

Ways and Means Natural Resources subcommittee Chair, vice Chair, and members,

Oregon Wild, as one of the original signatories of the Private Forest Accord (PFA), recognizes the value of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and respectfully requests that the Oregon Legislature amend SB 5521 in three ways:

- Add \$6 Million in general funds for the ODF Adaptive Management Program¹ (AMP). The AMP is an essential component of the Private Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), and adequate funding for research and monitoring is necessary for federal approval of the HCP.
- Amend Section 6 to direct the \$10 Million in general funds to ODF for small forestland owner investments in streamside habitat (PFA grants), rather than directing the money to the Emergency Board.
- Add language that the \$6 Million for AMP and \$10 Million for PFA grants are the 2025-2027 investment in the ongoing funding for the PFA.

Below, we include proposed language for amending SB 5521. Thank you for your time and public service in the hard business of determining where and how much money different parts of Oregon's state government receive.

Respectfully,

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State forest policy coordinator
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Proposed amendments to SB 5521. Strike-throughs are deletions. **Red** reflects new text.

SECTION 6. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the **State Forestry Department** ~~Emergency Board~~, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, to be allocated to the State Forestry Department for Private Forest Accord grants **as the 2025-2027 investment. The allocation**

¹ Casey Kulla, as Oregon Wild's stakeholder member of the Adaptive Management Program Committee and thus a public official, declares a potential conflict of interest.

provides the resources necessary to implement Sections 28-32 of the PFA statute (Oregon Laws 2022, Chapter 33), consistent with the Private Forest Accord Report (Feb 2022) and declares that those actions are identified as essential, ongoing conservation measures in the State Board of Forestry's proposed habitat conservation plan which is necessary for the state to receive an Incidental Take Permit from NMFS and USFWS. .

~~(2) If any of the moneys appropriated by subsection (1) of this section are not allocated by the Emergency Board prior to December 1, 2026, the moneys remaining on that date become available for any purpose for which the Emergency Board lawfully may allocate funds.~~

SECTION 7. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, to be allocated to the State Forestry Department for the Adaptive Management Program as the 2025-2027 investment in the ongoing Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan.

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