



Oregon



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in Oregon's Cooperative Programs:

Programs	FY2003		FY2004	
	Final State & Private Forestry	Final National Fire Plan	Estimate State & Private Forestry	Estimate National Fire Plan
Coop Forest Health Management	870,900	229,000	1,449,088	597,700
State Fire Assistance	682,650	593,125	769,500	1,068,500
Volunteer Fire Assistance	82,500	321,500	83,000	319,500
Forest Stewardship Program ¹	450,000	-	412,000	-
Forest Land Enhancement Program	414,057	-	0	-
Forest Legacy Program	0	-	0	-
Urban and Community Forestry	350,000	-	300,000	-
Economic Action Programs	3,774,475 ²	1,192,727	0	0
PNW Assistance Program	0	-	0	-
Large Scale Watershed Projects	332,500 ³	-	To be determined	-
TOTAL	6,957,082	2,336,352	3,013,588	1,985,700

Cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Oregon, the USDA Forest Service, and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Oregon's forest lands, cities and communities, and urban and rural economies. Emphasis is on timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, urban and rural economies, city and community forests, and conservation practices. The goal is to maintain and improve the health of Oregon's urban and rural forests and related economies. These programs:

- Increase cost effectiveness** through the use of partnerships in delivery
- Are voluntary**, and use non-regulatory approaches
- Empower landowners** to be stewards of the land
- Increase an array of economic, social, and ecological values** through sustained productivity of forests

Key issues which the State will address in implementation of the 2004 budget include:

- Forest Health concerns (particularly bark beetles) related to increased stand age, density, and species diversity.
- Continue cooperative efforts to monitor and eradicate introductions of exotic organisms such as gypsy moth and sudden oak death, and to manage and suppress established invasive plants on state and private lands.
- Assisting communities to mitigate the wildland fire problem in the Wildland Urban Interface.
- Merging of the State's Forestry Assistance and Forest Practices Programs.
- Loss of Federal cost-share programs for non-industrial private landowners.
- Coordination with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service on the implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) to benefit forest land owners.
- The impacts of reduced State budgets and the importance of federal funding to help offset these impacts.
- Urban-rural interface and preservation of neighborhood trees continue to be a challenge as cities increase in density. Constraints caused by limited municipal funding mean cities and communities cannot maintain urban trees.
- How to develop and expand biomass and small-diameter markets for material removed during fuels reduction and forest health activities in the absence of funding through the National Fire Plan's Community Assistance Program.
- How to continue providing technical and financial assistance to rural communities while increasing their community capacity in the face of declining federal and state programs dedicated to helping rural Oregon.

¹ Includes Regeneration, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources

² Includes \$1,944,725 of FY2002 Economic Assistance funding used for fire transfer and repaid as Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative funding

³ Includes funding from Forest Land Enhancement Program, Forest Stewardship Program, and Stewardship Incentive Program.

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	3,521,515	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	99
Acres of Forest Land	27,625,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	22,260
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	4,500,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	424,630
Number of NIPF Landowners	166,000	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF	15,074 ac.
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	2,400,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	SPF 13 NFP 51
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	11,300,000	State Fire – Communities Assisted	SPF 7 NFP 12
Number of Rural Fire Departments	421	Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected	SPF 2,584 NFP 1,652
Number of Cities and Towns	250	Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed	SPF 14,085,967 NFP 1,029,033
Forest Based Employment (# employees)	71,087	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	0
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	2	Urban Forestry – Participating communities	180
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	120,686,414	Urban Forestry – Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	440
		EAP/NFP – Communities working under broad-based local strategic plans	89

Program Highlights:

Urban and Community Forestry: Hazard tree prevention workshops, as well as training for municipal employees who have tree management responsibilities, continue to help cities and communities care for their trees, parks, and green spaces.

Cooperative Fire Protection: Assisted with the creation of two new rural fire departments and trained over 1,000 firefighters.

Landowner Assistance: The Department of Forestry utilized the Forest Stewardship and Forest Land Enhancement program funds on NIPF lands to address various forest health issues from Swiss Needle Cast and Sudden Oak Death to density management to stop the spread of bark beetles and other damaging insects. This program was coordinated with the National Fire Plan to have a greater impact in the wildland urban interface. The Department continues to coordinate riparian area restoration with NRCS, Soil Conservation Districts, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and others to reestablish forest riparian areas on agricultural lands through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. A working group continues to coordinate and implement projects with the Forest Service in the Blue Mountain and Pacific Coast Demonstration Areas. The Department Service Foresters are continuing to work with the 92+ watershed councils in the State and other landowners and groups interested in improving fish populations and water quality. The Department's programs continue to work toward the implementation of the Oregon Plan for the Recovery of Salmon.

Forest Health Protection: The survey and technical assistance program continues to offer insect and disease evaluation and technical assistance to land owners. Aerial detection surveys of forest lands and more specific forest health monitoring surveys (Swiss needle cast, bear, and Sudden Oak Death) are conducted annually. The western bark beetle initiative has provided cost-share funding for landowners to improve forest health conditions and reduce stand susceptibility to bark beetles in the eastern Cascades 2003. These activities will continue at an increased level in 2004 and will be expanded to include additional landowners in the eastern Cascades and in the Blue Mtns. Area in northeastern Oregon. Noxious weed management using biological controls continue as a focus on state and private lands. Potential introductions of Sudden Oak Death, an exotic pathogen, continue to be a concern as a potential threat and aerial and ground surveys are conducted to monitor for this organism. Monitoring and eradication efforts continue in a cooperative effort with the Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and state universities. A gypsy moth eradication project was conducted on 709 acres in western OR and additional eradication projects will take place in 2004 in new introduction sites.

Economic Action Programs: These programs, which facilitate and foster sustainable community development by linking rural community assistance and natural resource management, might be seriously reduced or eliminated. This would jeopardize the Forest Service's ability to both help natural resource communities diversify their economies while achieving the goals of the National Fire Plan, Stewardship Contracting, Ecosystem Management, and Healthy Forest Restoration Act.



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