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Your guide to technical, financial and educational resources for Oregon's family forest landowners

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RESOURCES FOR FAMILY FOREST LANDOWNERS



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Welcome to Oregon's family forest community.

Managing your forest can be very rewarding, yet it can also have challenges. Fortunately, there are many sources of assistance in Oregon for landowners.

The Partnership for Forestry Education – an innovative partnership of government, nonprofit and private organizations – produced this guide to organize family forest landowner resources for easy reference. A table provides a general guide to resources and types of available assistance. More detailed descriptions and contact information follow.

In addition to this guidebook, more information is available at the Partnership for Forestry Education website, **KnowYourForest.org**. Together, we're creating forests that will benefit families and the future of Oregon for generations.



Landowners come to their forestlands with different backgrounds and objectives.

Some may have worked in the woods, some may just love a forest environment, and some are moving to a rural area for the first time. All have different questions about their journey from buying to managing. Fortunately, as this guide shows, there are many resources for them. Here is an example story; we'll call these fictional landowners Wally and Wendy.

Wally and Wendy had long dreamed of owning forestland, and are now proud owners of 40 acres in Oregon's Coast Range. They appreciate the beauty that surrounds them, yet they also realize they have a big responsibility to keep their forest healthy and protected from fire.

After contacting the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), they met with an ODF stewardship forester and learned that they need to notify ODF before using power-driven equipment to open up a dirt road for fire vehicle access. Wendy also talked with them about thinning.

They needed help. Wendy contacted Oregon State University's Forestry & Natural Resources Extension, which directed them to a lot of useful information and classes. They pointed them to the list of contractors who have certification through the Oregon Professional Logger program. The couple also learned about the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), which offers support to landowners, including information about forest taxes. They went on a tour offered by their local OSWA chapter with a neighbor, and found regular meetings hosted by their local OSWA chapter to attend.

Within a year, they'd thinned the forest. In talking with other landowners, Wally learned about the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI), and read one of their publications about management strategies to create wildlife habitat. Yet Wendy and Wally weren't sure how they could afford to move forward.

They agreed it would be great to have a pond as part of the habitat improvement and realized it would also help with fire protection. They decided to apply for a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop the pond. They needed a management plan to do that, so they went back to the OSU Extension forester, who connected them with an online program, LandMapper. This program lets small woodland owners call up their property, see up-to-date aerial photos and find other important information to include in their management plan.

Wally and Wendy had also noticed green and white Wood-Water-Wildlife-Recreation signs. When they asked about them at an OSWA meeting, they learned that the Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS) provides the signs to landowners who are certified as practicing sustainable forestry. They wanted to get one of those signs.

Once their management plan was complete, an OTFS forester came out and toured their forest, ensuring they were following a plan that met the American Tree Farm System standards.

Soon they were proudly hanging their new sign. They needed the same resources you'll find in this guide. This was Wally and Wendy's journey. Yours may be different, yet like them you'll find organizations and people ready to help you along the way.



Learning and assistance opportunities

Whether you manage your forest for income, long-term investment, wildlife, beauty and/or recreation, here's where to turn for help. This table lists the groups that provide assistance to forest landowners, and a summary of the assistance they provide. For specific information, full program descriptions are provided later in this guide.

	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM EXPERTS	PERSON-TO-PERSON ADVICE FROM PEERS	GRANTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	CLASSES	ONLINE RESOURCES
Family Forest Landowner Associations (pages 6–7)					
American Tree Farm System/Oregon Tree Farm System	• Visit from a professional forester	• Tree farm tours/ field days • Awards & recognition programs • Local & national events		• Workshops • Annual meeting • Inspector trainings	• Website • Newsletters • Email communications
Forest Landowners Association				• Regional meetings • National conference	• Website • Action alerts • Industry news
National Woodland Owners Association		• Resource referrals		• Affiliate meeting • Webinars	• Website • Newsletters/magazine • Policy alerts
Oregon Small Woodlands Association		• Chapter field tours • "Neighbor to Neighbor" tours • One-on-one conversations		• Workshops • Annual meeting	• Website • Newsletters • Magazine
Oregon Woodland Cooperative		• Assistance with product sales	• Assistance with securing supplier discounts	• Product production classes	• Website • Newsletters
Natural Resources Agencies – Federal (page 7)					
U.S. Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Research Station				• Conferences • Workshops	• Website • Newsletters • Online library
U.S. Forest Service – State and Private Forestry			• Indirect financial assistance		• Publications • Website
Natural Resources Conservation Service	• Technical assistance		• Financial assistance	• Online learning	• Publications • Website
Natural Resources Agencies – Statewide (pages 8–11)					
Network of Oregon Watershed Councils and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board	• Advice to conserve and improve forest streams		• Small grants • Restoration grants	• Courses • Workshops • Youth Watershed Summit	• Website • Publications • Technical guides • Web seminars • Services marketplace
Oregon Association of Conservation Districts			• Grants funded through local districts		• Website
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	• Technical assistance		• Grants	• Trainings/webinars	• Website • Factsheets
Oregon Department of Forestry – Forest Resources Division	• Stewardship foresters • Small forestland owner foresters	• Field tours	• Cost-share programs	• Workshops • Classes	• Website • Publications • Regulations; rule guidance
Oregon Forest Resources Institute	• Demonstration area	• Field tours		• Conferences • Workshops • Webinars	• Website • Publications • Blogs

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University Forestry Extension Programs (pages 12–14)					
Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension	• Extension foresters • Demonstration areas	• Master Woodland Manager program • Women Owning Woodlands Network • Field tours		• Conferences • Workshops • Online learning • Tree Schools • Continuing education • For-credit courses	• Website • Videos • Publications • Oregon Forest Industry Directory • Blogs • Podcast
Policy Advisory Organizations (pages 14)					
Oregon Department of Forestry – Committee for Family Forestlands				• Family forest symposia	• Website • Publicly available committee meeting
Professional Forestry Services and Organizations (pages 15–17)					
American Forests	• Technical assistance	• Site Visits • Tours			• Website • Newsletters/magazine • Policy alerts
American Forest Foundation	• Technical assistance	• American Tree Farm System (volunteer certification)			• Website • My Land Plan • Videos • Publications • *Woodland Magazine*
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.	• Directory of OPL-Oregon Professional Loggers				• Website
Association of Consulting Foresters	• Directory of consulting foresters in Oregon	• Initial on-site or office meetings		• Annual meeting • Conferences • Workshops	• Website
Conservation Program Explorer	• Technical assistance				• Online directory
Ecotrust	• Professional forestry assistance			• Workshops • Online learning • Publications	• Website • Mapping program
Keep Oregon Green Association			• Small grants for wildfire prevention	• Presentation • Annual meeting • Online learning	• Website • Publications • Videos
Northwest Natural Resource Group	• Professional forestry assistance	• Membership-based program	• Assistance with state and federal funding programs	• Regular classes • Workshops	• Website • Newsletter
Oregon Society of American Foresters	• List of certified foresters			• Conferences • Continuing education • Annual meeting	• Website • Publications
Sustainable Northwest	• Technical assistance		• Assistance with state and federal financing for wildfire mitigation and recovery	• Annual forum • Field tours • Wildfire storymap	• Website • Listservs • Publications
Wallowa Resources	• Demonstration area	• Tours and events		• Workshops	• Website
Western Forestry and Conservation Association				• Conferences • Annual meeting • Workshops	• Website • Publications

Forest Landowners Association (FLA)

forestlandowners.com

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Since 1941, FLA has provided its members, who own and manage more than 40 million acres of forestland in 48 states, with education, information and national grassroots advocacy. FLA advises policymakers on how proposed legislation could affect private forest management.

National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA)

nationalwoodlands.com

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NWOA, a publicly supported nonprofit organization, conducts charitable, educational, research and scientific programs to encourage the responsible use and conservation of renewable resources. NWOA offers educational programs and services tailored for family forest landowners. The *National Woodlands* magazine is available with an annual membership, and a free weekly email newsletter, *Woodland Word*, is available on its website.

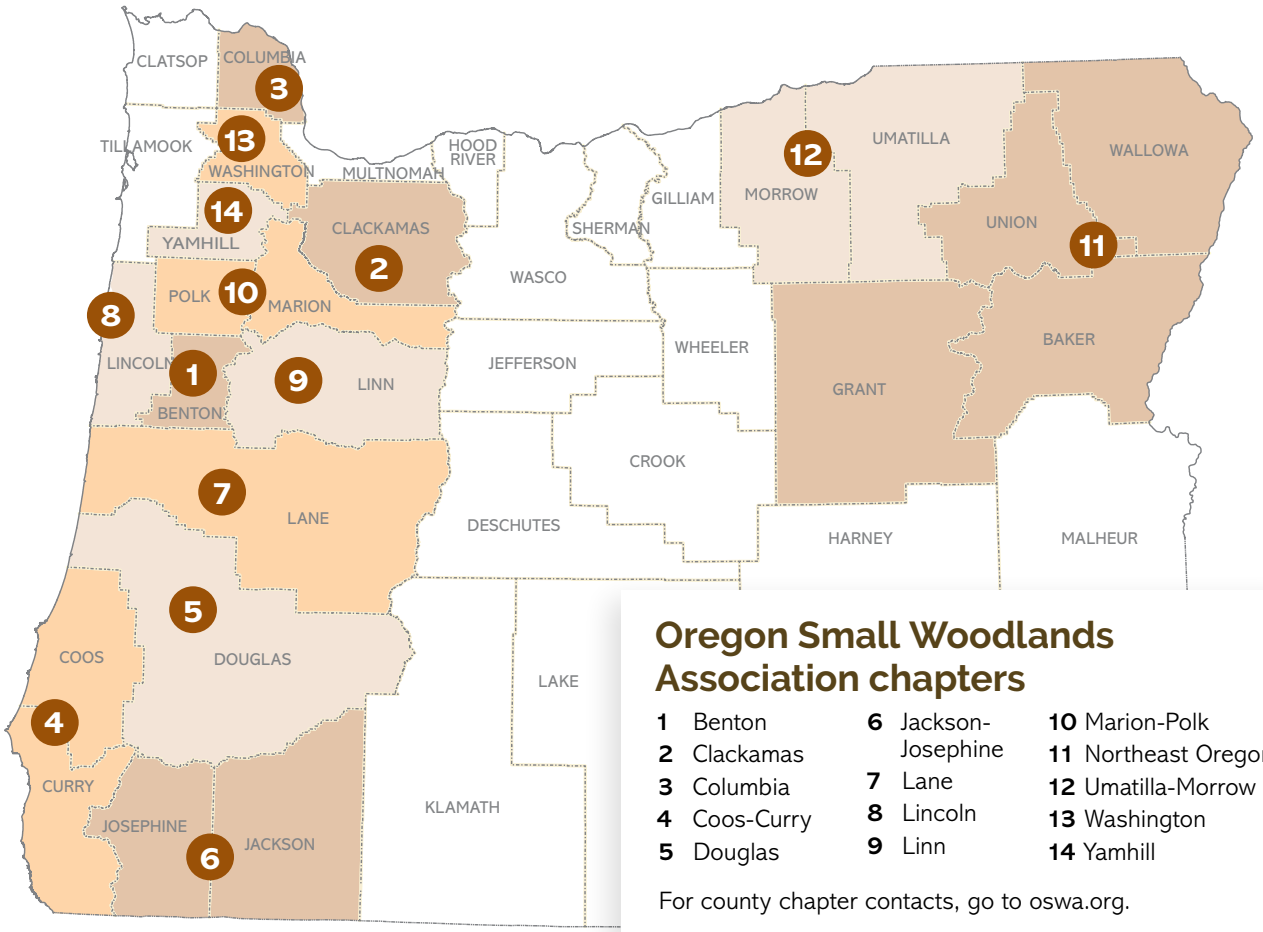
Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA)

SEE MAP BELOW

oswa.org

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Education, advocacy, stewardship and fellowship are the cornerstones of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association's mission. OSWA is the largest membership organization serving small forest landowners in Oregon. Organized into 14 local chapters around the state, OSWA members and partners host year-round tours, seminars, classes, meetings and community events.



Oregon Small Woodlands Association chapters

1 Benton
2 Clackamas
3 Columbia
4 Coos-Curry
5 Douglas
6 Jackson-Josephine
7 Lane
8 Lincoln
9 Linn
10 Marion-Polk
11 Northeast Oregon
12 Umatilla-Morrow
13 Washington
14 Yamhill

For county chapter contacts, go to oswa.org.

Members receive chapter updates, news alerts, the *Northwest Woodlands* magazine and invitations to participate in local, state and national activities. OSWA offers a wide variety of volunteer and leadership opportunities.

Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS)/American Tree Farm System (ATFS)

otfs.org, treefarmsystem.org

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503-383-9135

OTFS empowers private landowners to manage their forests sustainably. Its iconic green and white diamond-shaped sign, with the words, "Wood," "Water," "Wildlife" and "Recreation," signifies that the forest landowner meets the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) International Sustainability Standards. When landowners complete a management plan that achieves those standards, they are certified by an ATFS-trained professional forester. OTFS provides free guidance to the landowner throughout the certification process. OTFS and ATFS also select and honor county, state, regional and national Tree Farmers of the Year.

Oregon Woodland Cooperative (OWC)

oregonwoodlandcooperative.com

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888-800-1192 (general inquiries)

OWC is an all-volunteer organization founded in 1981 to provide marketing help and knowledge for members, as well as encourage peer communication among small woodland owners. In addition, it markets some of the products from those woodlands to add value for cooperative farms.

U.S. Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Research Station

fs.usda.gov/research/pnw

The Pacific Northwest Research Station provides scientific information about natural resources to land managers, policymakers and citizens. The station publishes its research in a variety of printed and electronic formats. To order or download publications of interest, visit research.fs.usda.gov.

U.S. Forest Service – State and Private Forestry (S&PF)

fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/communityforests

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State and Private Forestry, a division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service, provides financial and technical assistance for family forest landowners through state forest agencies and other partners. This includes assistance with resource management activities and project implementation, education, assistance, conferences, workshops and online learning.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

or.nrcs.usda.gov

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NRCS is an agency committed to "helping people help the land." Its mission is to provide resources to farmers and forest landowners to aid them with conservation. Ensuring productive lands in harmony with a healthy environment is the agency's priority. NRCS succeeds through its partnerships, working closely with individual farmers and ranchers, forest landowners, local conservation districts, government agencies, tribes, volunteers, and many other people and groups who care about the quality of America's natural resources.

Network of Oregon Watershed Councils (NOWC) and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

oregonwatersheds.org

Oregon's watershed councils are voluntary local organizations that work to sustain natural resource and watershed protection. The NOWC provides a way for landowners to locate and contact their local watershed councils.

OWEB is a source of funding through the watershed councils.



A map showing locations and areas of watershed councils is available at: oregon.gov/oweb/resources/Pages/Watershed-Councils.aspx

Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD)

oacd.org

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OACD represents, supports and strengthens Oregon's member conservation districts through member services, program development, training, leadership development, public education and government relations.

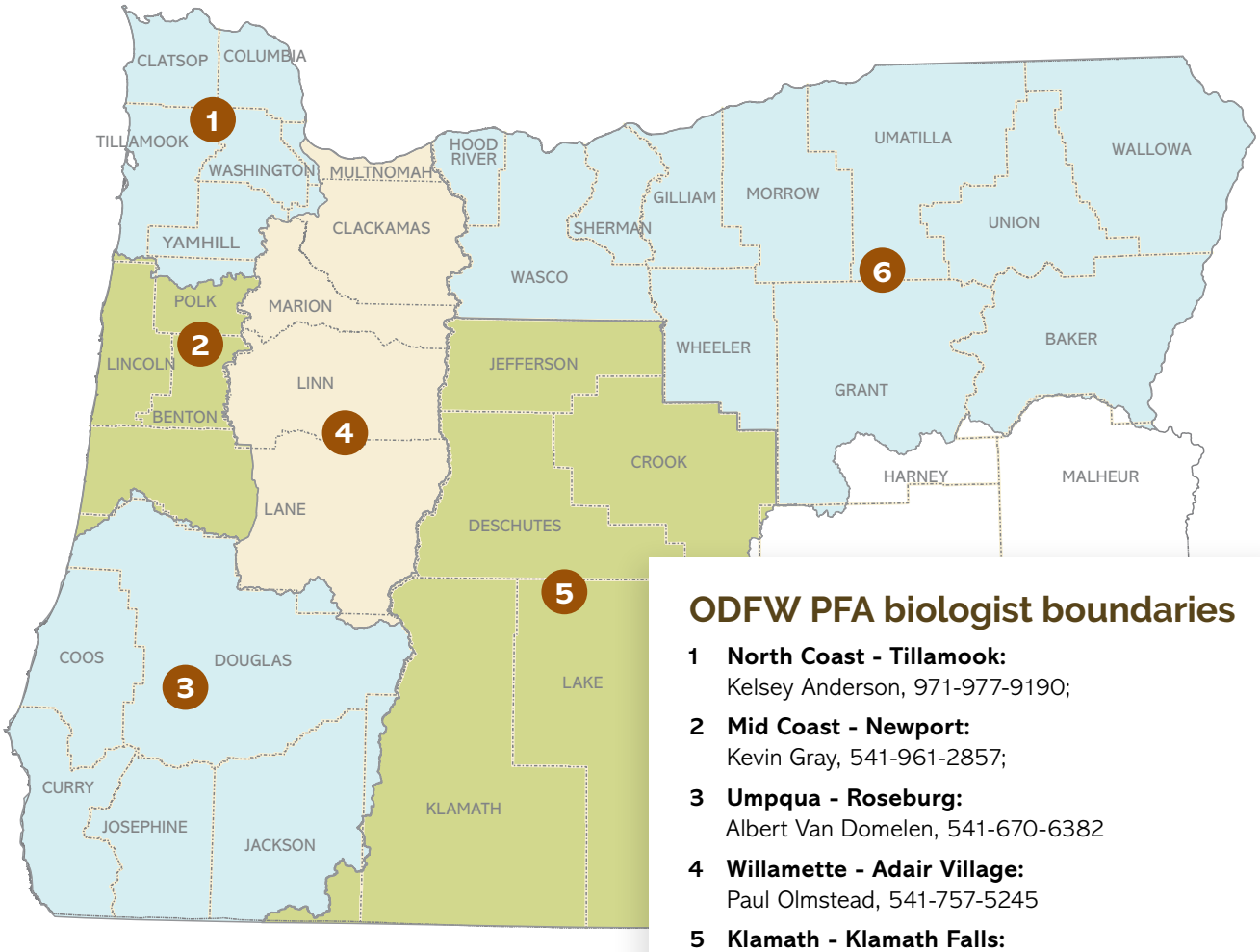
Oregon's 46 soil and water conservation districts provide technical assistance, grants, educational outreach and other conservation services to landowners, managers and citizens.



A map showing locations and areas of conservation districts is available at: oacd.org/regions-and-directory-of-districts







ODFW PFA biologist boundaries

1 **North Coast - Tillamook:**
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3 **Umpqua - Roseburg:**
Albert Van Domelen, 541-670-6382

4 **Willamette - Adair Village:**
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Jeremy Webster, 541-883-5732

6 **Grande Ronde - La Grande:**
Kirsten Ressel, 541-975-0415

BEAVER BIOLOGISTS

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Mid coast: Noa Meiri, 541-961-0605

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

dfw.state.or.us/habitat/PFA/grant_program.html

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ODFW's mission is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations. Six ODFW stream and beaver biologists are available to assist private forest landowners with aquatic habitat conservation.

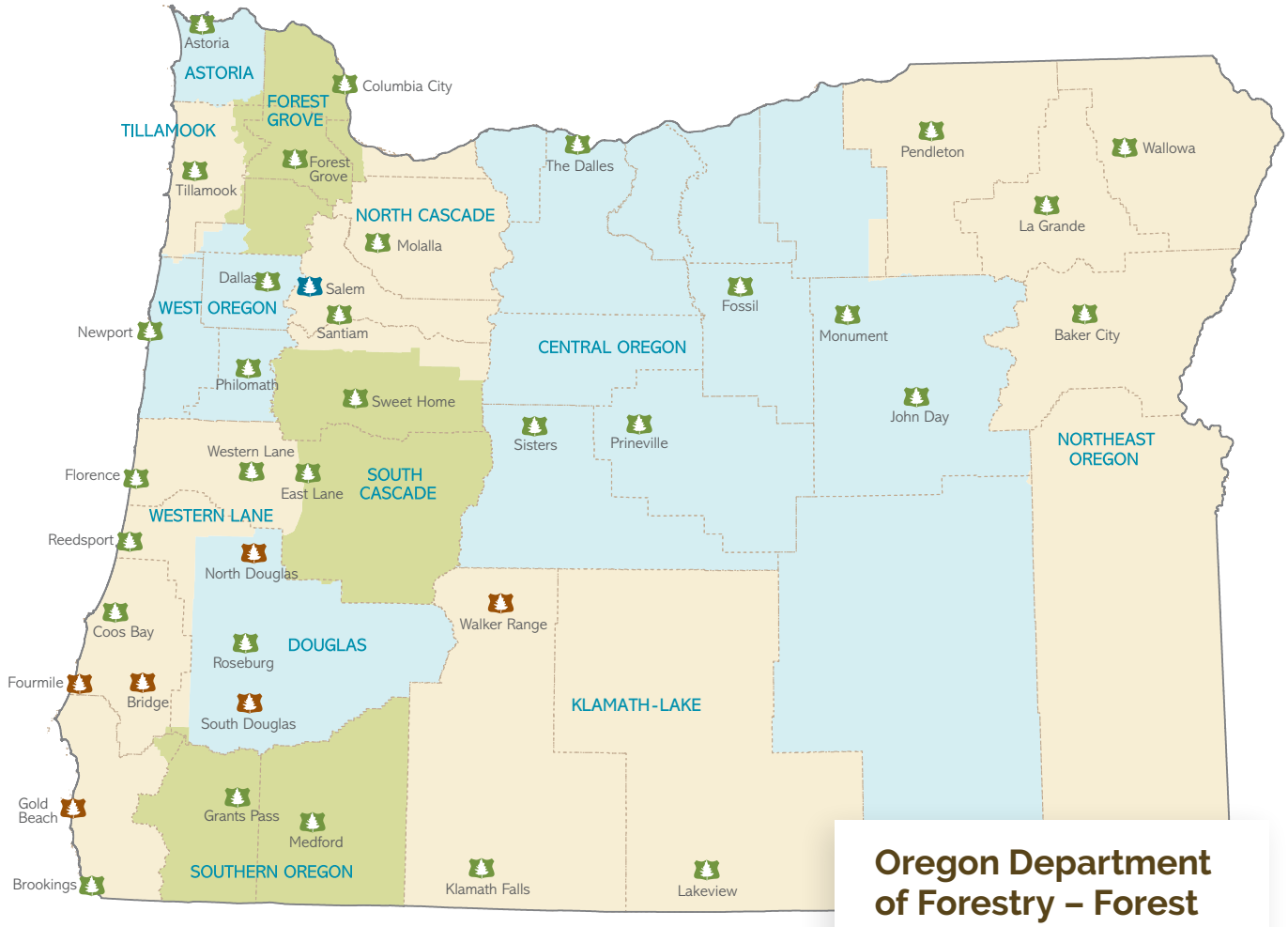
These Private Forest Accord (PFA) biologists can assist landowners with various needs, including:

- fish presence/absence
- fish passage at crossing structures
- flow permanence
- beaver conflict/co-existence
- aquatic restoration

The PFA stream and beaver biologists function in a similar fashion to the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) stewardship foresters. ODF foresters often bring on a PFA biologist when their review of notifications identifies the need for ODFW assistance.

Through the PFA, ODFW created a new restoration-focused grant program to provide an opportunity to increase conservation and recovery for some of Oregon's most sensitive fish and amphibians. This grant program can fund projects on any land type, as long as the project uplifts one or more of the Habitat Conservation Plan species.

Landowners interested in habitat restoration on their property should reach out to the local ODFW biologist shown above.



Oregon Department of Forestry – Forest Resources Division

- ODF state headquarters
- ODF state offices
- Protection association offices

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) – Small Forestland Owner Office

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oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/sfo.aspx

To find your local ODF forester, visit: oregon.gov/ODF/working/Pages/FindAForester.aspx

ODF helps landowners develop healthy, productive forestlands and watersheds and prevent wildfires. Regional stewardship foresters and small forestland owner (SFO) foresters collaborate with forestry and natural resource experts to help landowners effectively manage their forests.

Landowners and ODF foresters work together, from planting to harvesting and everything in between. ODF foresters work with landowners on more than 18,000 private forestland sites every year to protect forest and water resources. While ODF foresters can enforce forestry laws, they prefer working with landowners to develop and implement forest management plans that are effective and balanced.

Landowners often rely on ODF foresters to help plan for:

- planting, harvesting or thinning forests
- managing brush, weeds, insects and other pests
- completing controlled burns and slash disposal
- constructing and maintaining roads
- improving streams and wildlife habitat

These and other activities may require landowners to file a Notification of Operations and obtain a permit to operate power-driven machinery or use fire. Notifications can be completed online in the Forest Activity Electronic Reporting and Notification System (FERNS) at ferns.odf.oregon.gov/E-Notification, or at ODF field offices across the state.

Before submitting the notification or permit, landowners typically consult with their ODF forester for guidance on technical needs and available local, state and federal forestry financial assistance programs. Additionally, landowners often consult their local ODF forester for assistance in developing solutions for forest operations near streams, sensitive terrain or wildlife protection areas.

ODF's SFO Office provides technical assistance, supporting services and administration of programs, including two new incentives: the Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) grant program to help SFOs with fish passage projects on forest roads; and the Forest Conservation Tax Credit (FCTC) to benefit SFOs who choose to support conservation and habitat protection by retaining a larger-than-required unharvested area along streams for protection of wildlife habitat and aquatic species.

The SFO Office also seeks to connect landowners to additional resources that are available to help them accomplish forest management activities, including:

- wildfire risk reduction and landscape resilience improvement
- insect infestation mitigation
- forest management plan development
- disaster recovery
- conservation activities



Some financial assistance programs are managed by ODF, while others are managed by federal agencies. Each program has unique eligibility criteria. ODF foresters help landowners learn about the different financial assistance programs, and provide technical assistance through the application and implementation processes.

Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI)

OregonForests.org
KnowYourForest.org

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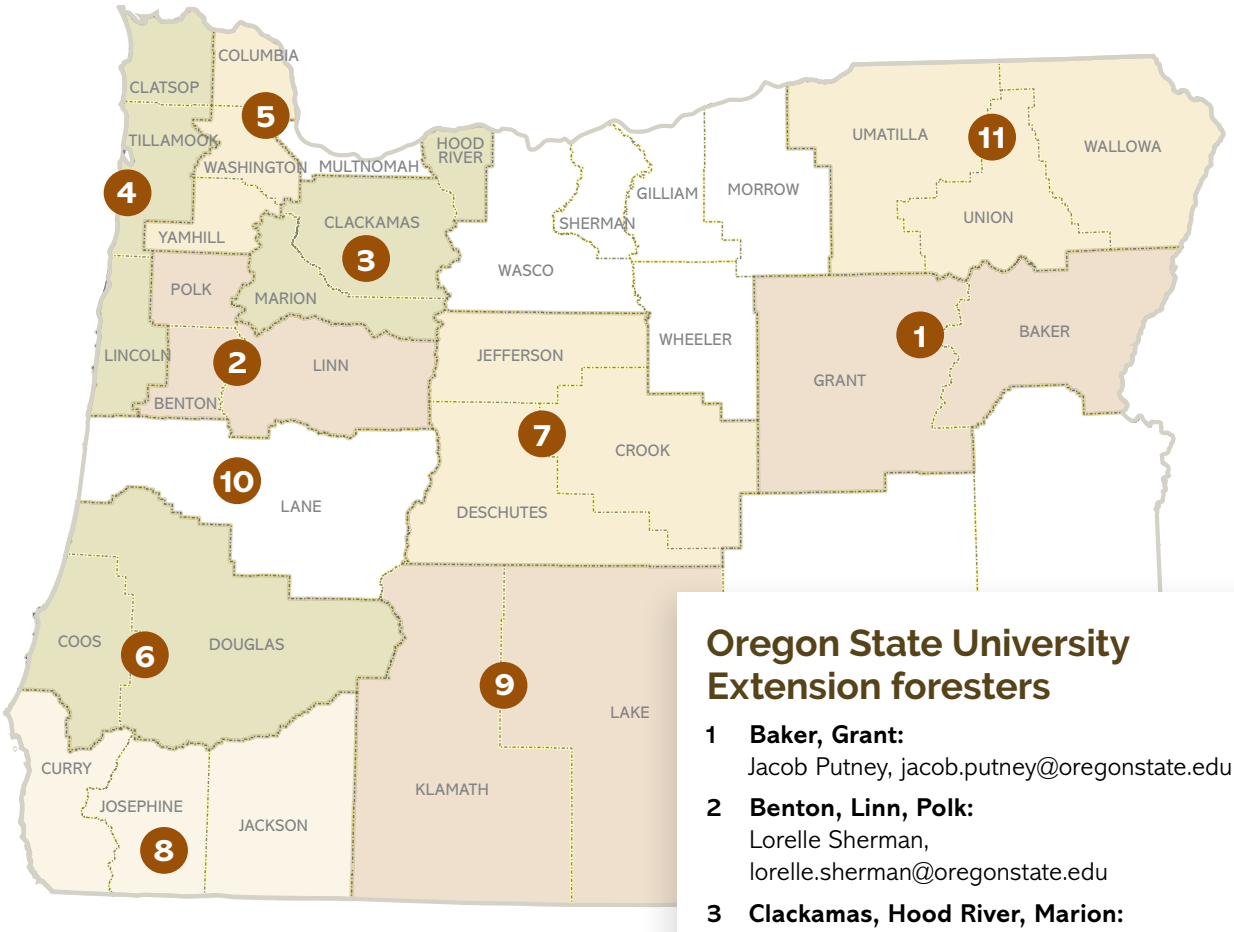
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OFRI supports the forest sector and the stewardship of natural resources by advancing Oregonians' understanding of the social, environmental and economic benefits of our forests. OFRI is a founding member of the Partnership for Forestry Education, and its landowner education program offers a variety of training opportunities such as workshops, publications and webinars, often in collaboration with other organizations dedicated to encouraging sustainable forestry practices on family forests.

Among the OFRI publications targeted specifically to forest landowners are the *Wildlife in Managed Forests* series, which provides education about balancing forest management with protecting wildlife habitat, and *Oregon's Forest Protection Laws: An Illustrated Manual*, which offers details and illustrations describing Oregon's forest protection regulations, including the most recent updates to those rules as a result of the Private Forest Accord. OFRI offers a variety of online resources on KnowYourForest.org, a website built specifically for Oregon family forest landowners.

OFRI also manages the Rediscovery Forest, located at The Oregon Garden in Silverton. The 15-acre demonstration forest serves as a venue for landowner education.

UNIVERSITY FORESTRY EXTENSION PROGRAMS



Oregon State University – Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program

extensionweb.forestry.oregonstate.edu

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Forestry education is the mission of the Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program, which aids all landowners, from the newest to the most knowledgeable longtime practitioners. Complex issues of forest ownership are covered through workshops, volunteer outreach, demonstration areas and publications. Subject areas include everything from regeneration and harvest to valuing timber and addressing market issues. Educational subjects tackle broader management objectives such as enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, reducing fire risk, increasing biodiversity and achieving sustainability goals.

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Find a list of Oregon State University College of Forestry and Extension experts by subject matter at:
knowyourforest.org/landowner-resources/find-an-expert



Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Fire Program

extension.oregonstate.edu/fire-program

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The Fire Program uses education, outreach and boundary-spanning partnerships to foster the resiliency of communities and landscapes to wildfire. A team of six wildland fire specialists helps seek regionally relevant solutions that make sense in the diverse ecological and social contexts of their areas. Focal topics of the program include science translation and application, planning support, implementation and adaptation of specific landscape-scale projects and partnerships, and engaging in, supporting and learning from fire policy.

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Land Steward Program

extension.oregonstate.edu/land-steward

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The Land Steward Program is dedicated to helping landowners achieve a viable and sustainable vision for their land. The multidisciplinary course provides training on topics that include wildfire risk reduction, woodland and forest management, wildlife habitat, stream ecology, pasture management, soils and organic waste, small-acreage systems and infrastructure, rural economics, stewardship planning, and resources and regulations. Program participants assess their resources, create goals and build a stewardship management plan for their land. Available in three modes: field, field/online hybrid and instructor-led online. Land Steward volunteers and local partners work together to provide trainings, community classes, land tours, workshops and conferences. These offer a wide range of topics relevant to rural living and stewardship.

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Master Woodland Managers (MWM)

extension.oregonstate.edu/mwm

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For more advanced practitioners, the Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program provides this intensive eight-module program to train small woodland owners. After completing the program, MWM volunteers provide service in a wide array of capacities, such as leading forest tours, assisting other small woodland owners, working with youth, carrying out citizen science and much more! The MWM training covers topics that include ecology, silviculture (tree thinning and other practices to manage for a desired forest condition), wildlife habitat enhancement, logging, business management and more.

Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Oregon Wood Innovation Center (OWIC)

owic.oregonstate.edu

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OWIC's mission is to improve the competitiveness of Oregon's wood products industry by fostering innovation in products, processes and business systems. A key function is to serve as the primary link between university research and the needs and opportunities in the forest industry, which has undergone dramatic changes in recent years. A key OWIC tool that helps connect forest landowners and mill owners is the Oregon Forest Industry Directory, orforestdirectory.com, which connects buyers and sellers of forest products and services.

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Forestry & Natural Resources Extension: Women Owning Woodlands Network (WOWnet)

extension.oregonstate.edu/wownet

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This program is designed to raise forestry knowledge and decision-making skills among women woodland managers through hands-on educational opportunities. WOWnet supports and increases women's access to forestry-related resources while emphasizing the value of participant experiences and knowledge. The network includes hundreds of members who participate in local and regional field-based sessions on topics ranging from wreath-making to chainsaw safety — and everything in between.



POLICY ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS

Committee for Family Forestlands (CFF)

oregon.gov/ODF/Board/Pages/CFF.aspx

The Oregon Board of Forestry established the 13-member Committee for Family Forestlands with a diverse array of members representing family forest landowners, environmental groups, the forest products industry, forestry agencies, other forestry-related groups and the general public.

CFF focuses on maintaining a viable family forestland base in Oregon and enhancing the state's vitality through contributions from these lands, including timber availability, watershed enhancement, and fish and wildlife habitat.

It helps the Board of Forestry determine the necessary types and levels of support for family forest landowners and collaborates with the ODF Small Forestland Owner Office to ensure accessibility to programs such as Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) and replanting/seedling assistance.

Archived recordings of committee meetings and specifics about upcoming meetings are available on its website.



American Forests

americanforests.org

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American Forests is a national nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to creating healthy and resilient forests that deliver essential benefits for people, wildlife and climate. Founded in 1875, the organization works across the country to advance forest restoration, reforestation and climate-smart forestry, with a strong emphasis on science, policy and on-the-ground partnerships. For family forest landowners and communities, American Forests supports efforts that strengthen forest health, improve resilience to wildfire and climate impacts, and expand access to technical expertise and innovative funding and reforestation programs. Their work helps ensure forests continue to provide clean water, wildlife habitat, wood products, and economic and cultural benefits for generations to come.

American Forest Foundation (AFF)

forestfoundation.org

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202-765-3660

The American Forest Foundation, a national conservation organization, focuses on verifiable results and a culture of continuous improvement. AFF strives to cultivate the many benefits family-owned forests provide, and ensure these benefits are valued, paid for and supported at a national scale. AFF believes family forest landowners, conservationists, corporations, community-based organizations and policymakers can work together on our most pressing conservation challenges.

In the western U.S., AFF focuses on reducing catastrophic fire risk. More than one-third, or 52 million acres, of the high wildfire risk falls on private and family-owned lands. Through local partnerships, AFF connects family forest landowners with technical and financial resources.

In Oregon, AFF has partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Oregon Department of Forestry and Wallowa Resources to build forester capacity across four prioritized landscapes: northeast Oregon, central Oregon, southern Oregon and southwest Oregon. To see if you qualify for free technical assistance, contact your local Oregon Department of Forestry office.

Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. (AOL)

oregonloggers.org

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In 1969, Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. was created by loggers for loggers, and its purpose is to enhance the current and future success of loggers and forest operators. As the statewide trade association for Oregon's forest operators, AOL's vision is to foster their success and ensure they are respected and celebrated for the indispensable role they play in keeping our communities, forests and economy healthy and vibrant. AOL has five pillars: safety, education, community, advocacy and value. With approximately 800 member companies, AOL assists owners, operators and employees who are involved in all aspects of logging and forest operations.

In addition to AOL (the trade association), staff manage three other organizations to meet its mission and vision: AOL Services (workers' compensation insurance and safety services), AOL Health Benefits Trust (small business health insurance), and The Friends of Paul Bunyan Foundation (forest education grants to service providers).

AOL developed and manages the Oregon Professional Loggers Program, which is required for operators who work on Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certified forestlands. The American Tree Farm System highly recommends the use of the Professional Loggers Program as well. The AOL website includes a directory of Oregon Professional Logger-qualified individuals and companies for landowners seeking to hire local contractors dedicated to continued education and professional development.

Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF)

acf-foresters.org

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ACF, a national organization of 750 professional foresters, represents the gold standard of independent forestry consultants. Membership in the association is limited to professional foresters who subscribe to a code of ethics and serve forest landowners in all woodland-related activities. Members include both generalists and specialists, with skills that include timber cruising and appraising, timber sales, marketing and management, reforestation, taxation, estate planning, growth modeling, management plans, mapping, real estate brokerage, general management services and more. ACF foresters offer a full range of professional and unbiased services to family forest landowners. The association requires continuing education for its members to maintain the highest level of expertise. Whatever your goals are for your woodlands, an ACF member can help you achieve them. Visit ACF's interactive website to learn more about ACF and find an Oregon member near you.

Conservation Program Explorer (CPE)

ctoclc.org/conservation-program-explorer-subregion

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The Conservation Program Explorer was created in response to private landowner requests for a one-stop-shop tool. The CPE allows the user to quickly and easily browse all conservation incentive programs available in their county for their selected land use and with the desired program benefit. Along with a tailored list of conservation incentive programs, the tool includes a list of numerous supporting organizations to assist with the management and stewardship of private forest and agricultural lands.

Ecotrust

ecotrust.org
landmapper.ecotrust.org

Ecotrust's mission is to inspire fresh thinking that creates economic opportunity, social equity and environmental well-being. Ecotrust offers public, private and tribal land managers a suite of forest planning and conservation tools to support forest management. It also evaluates the potential economic and job benefits of ecological forestry and habitat restoration for clients and partners.

Ecotrust partnered with the Oregon Tree Farm System and others to develop LandMapper, a free tool that helps Oregon forest landowners create useful property and resource maps.

Keep Oregon Green Association

keeporegongreen.org

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The Keep Oregon Green Association is a nonprofit organization with a mission to promote healthy landscapes and safe communities by educating the public about everyone's shared responsibility to prevent human-caused wildfires. Keep Oregon Green provides an interactive website, signs, brochures and other helpful landowner tools to help neighboring residents and tourists understand fire season restrictions in order to protect life, property and resources. Kid-friendly activities are available on the website at Kids' Corner.

Northwest Natural Resource Group (NNRG)

nnrg.org

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The Northwest Natural Resource Group's mission is to strengthen the ecological and economic vitality of Northwest forests and communities by connecting people with the knowledge, skills and markets they need to steward their land. NNRG is a think-learn-and-do tank of ecological forestry. They advance the

state of knowledge about ecological forestry, spread the word about its benefits and feasibility, and help landowners put it into practice on their own forests.

Whether you've just acquired your forestland and need to draw up a management plan, or you're preparing to harvest some of your timber, NNRG can help. They have a team of seasoned foresters who will work with you to attain your economic, ecological and social goals.

Oregon Society of American Foresters (OSAF)

forestry.org/oregon (Oregon)
eforester.org (national)

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The Oregon Society of American Foresters (OSAF) is a nonprofit professional organization with more than 600 members in 14 chapters across Oregon and is the largest state affiliate of the Society of American Foresters (SAF). OSAF produces the Western Forester with the Washington and Alaska SAF societies.

OSAF develops Oregon-specific position statements on forestry and forest policy and hosts educational conferences, workshops, tours and an annual meeting. SAF also hosts an annual Pacific Northwest Leadership Conference, rotating between Oregon and Washington. Many events are open to non-members.

SAF offers three voluntary certifications: Certified Forester (CF), Certified Urban and Community Forester (CUCF), and Certified Forest Technician (CFT), with a directory of certified professionals available online.

Sustainable Northwest (SNW)

sustainablenorthwest.org

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Sustainable Northwest is forging community-led solutions that work for nature, people and jobs. They partner with Tribal and rural communities throughout the Northwest on projects that promote smart water use, clean energy, and healthy forests, farms, and ranches. SNW solutions are as unique as the problems they solve and include entrepreneurship, policy, market innovations, public and private investment, collaboration, and technical assistance – but the ultimate success of their work is based on relationships, trust and inclusion. Sustainable Northwest's Private Forestlands Program is deeply rooted in collaboration, scientific support and community engagement. SNW works to support the unique needs of small forest landowners and communities through access to planning resources, funding and technical assistance.

Wallowa Resources

wallowaresources.org/forest
mybluemountainswoodland.org

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Wallowa Resources is a nonprofit organization based in northeast Oregon that supports healthy forests, working lands, and rural communities through land stewardship, education, and natural resource-based economic development. They work closely with public, private, and Tribal partners to provide resources, education, and opportunities that support forest landowners and collaborative stewardship through the My Blue Mountains Woodland partnership.

Western Forestry and Conservation Association (WFCA)

westernforestry.org

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Founded in 1909 to protect Pacific Northwest timberlands from the threat of wildfire, WFCA promotes all aspects of sustainable forest stewardship in western North America through a wide variety of high-quality continuing education workshops, conferences and field courses for natural resource professionals. It also disseminates forestry research and technical information, coordinates professional groups and provides financial and administrative management for regional research and scientific cooperatives.

Useful resources for forest management

New forest landowners frequently seek information on available technical assistance, resources for developing forest management plans and property maps, and details on forest laws and requirements. Fortunately, there are excellent resources to help navigate these essential topics.

Extension foresters through Oregon State University Extension have a range of services to help you consider what you want to do on your land. This is a good first contact, and you can find your local Extension forester on page 12. For additional support in forest management planning and navigating forestry laws, consult a **small forestland owner (SFO) forester** or a **stewardship forester** from the Oregon Department of Forestry. Find your local SFO or stewardship forester at **oregon.gov/odf/working/pages/findaforester.aspx**.

For professional services tailored to family forest landowners, consider engaging with **consulting foresters** or asking other forest landowners for recommendations. You can connect with neighbors through the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (**oswa.org**). Many landowners say that conversations with other forest landowners offer practical insights into how others manage their land and help inform their own management decisions.

If you want to consult **written material**, the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) has collaborated with the Partnership for Forestry Education to collect educational materials for forest landowners at **KnowYourForest.org**.





KnowYourForest.org has been completely updated

This comprehensive online resource is designed specifically for Oregon's family forest landowners. Managed by OFRI, this website offers a wealth of information and tools to help forest landowners manage their properties effectively. It includes guidance on best practices for forest management, details about regulatory compliance and resources for enhancing forest health and productivity. Additionally, the site provides links to local forestry experts, educational materials and upcoming workshops and events tailored to meet the needs of family forest landowners. Whether you're new to forest ownership or have years of experience, **KnowYourForest.org** is your go-to destination for practical advice and reliable, up-to-date information on forest stewardship in Oregon.

Good stewardship, good compliance

Oregon has a long-standing commitment to forest stewardship, underscored by robust forest protection laws that help ensure sustainable management practices. The recent updates stemming from the Private Forest Accord agreement mark a significant evolution in these regulations, introducing substantial changes to:

- enhance forest habitat protections, particularly for fish and amphibians
- establish new guidelines for logging practices on steep slopes
- address forest road construction and maintenance

These changes underscore the importance of following best management practices and regulations designed not only to protect our state's valuable forest resources, but also to support landowners in promoting environmental stewardship.





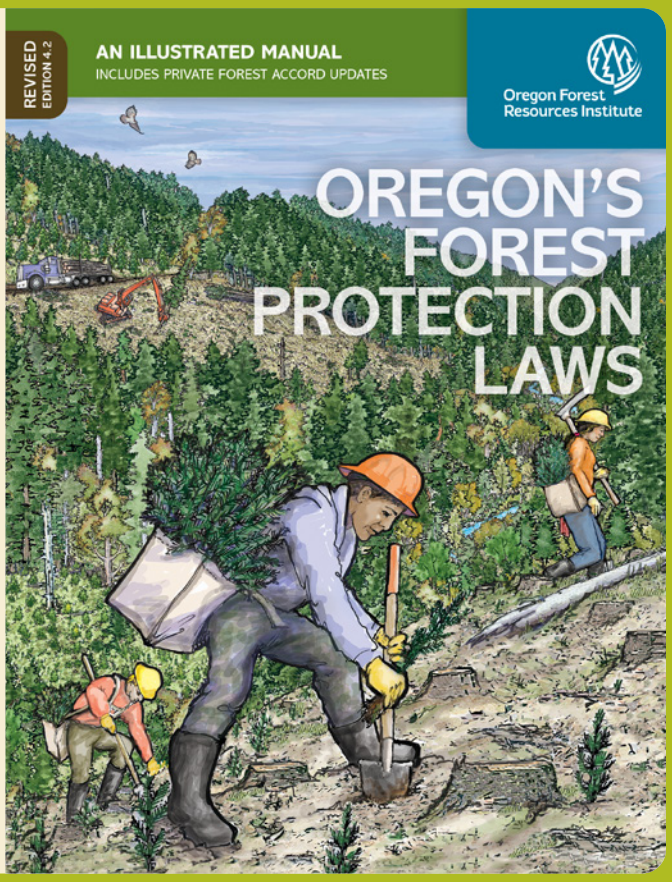


Updated *Oregon's Forest Protection Laws: An Illustrated Manual*

Navigate Oregon's forest regulations like a pro with the revised fourth edition of *Oregon's Forest Protection Laws: An Illustrated Manual*, now available to order or download for free from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI). Published by OFRI, this essential guide has been the go-to resource for private forest landowners and forestry workers for over two decades. The latest edition features vibrant illustrations and updates that make it easy to understand complex state forest practice rules and regulations.

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