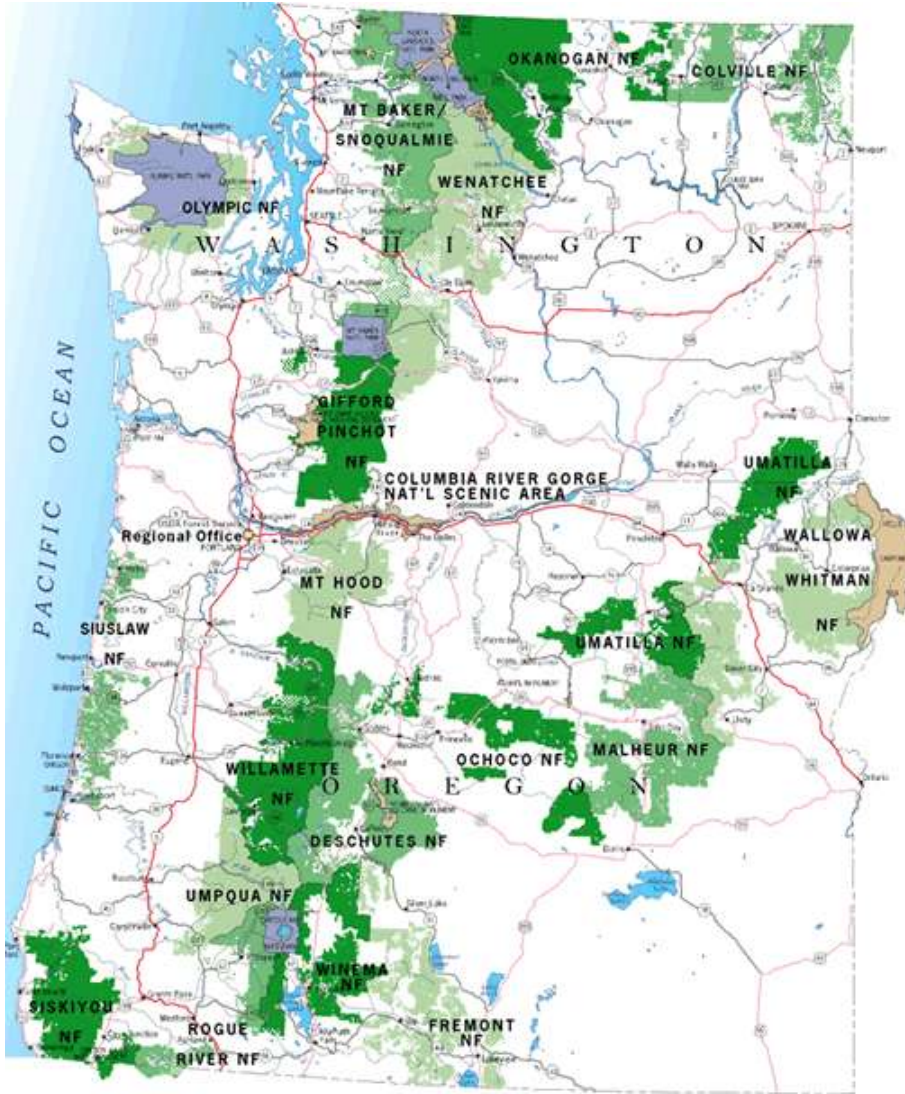


Forest Management in the Pacific Northwest – Issues, Solutions and Opportunities

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- 25 million acres
- 16 National Forests
- 1 Grassland
- 1 Scenic Area
- 2 National Volcanic Monuments
- 2 National Recreation Areas
- 1 National Scenic Research Area

Our Greatest Resource

- 4,300 employees in R6
- Culture of Service and Safety
- Dedicated public servants who respond to dynamic environment



Issues facing forests in the PNW

Climate Change

- Implications for future forests
- Need for long range planning that incorporates resiliency
- Operations must be sustainable now and in the future



Issues

Insects, disease, fire

- Acres infested and burned are increasing

Restoration needs

- Pace exceeds current comfort level of some stakeholders but does not meet expectations for others



Issues

Need to protect species and restore landscapes at the same time

Uncertainty

- Threatened and Endangered Species
- New listings?
- Outcome of NSO Recovery Plan
- Species shifts



Issues

Loss of infrastructure

- Since 2000:
 - 58 mills closed in OR
 - 41 mills closed in WA

Eastside at highest risk of losing infrastructure

- Increase in haul distance



Issues

Conversion

- Forest management becomes more challenging and less lucrative than development

Wildland urban interface

Partnerships

- More challenging with multiple smaller landowners vs. large landowners



We Are Moving Forward, Together

- Lots of issues, those mentioned and many more!
- Thinking creatively, working collaboratively, implementing across ownerships we can build a better future for ourselves and future generations



Solutions for Issues Facing Forests in the PNW

Climate Change

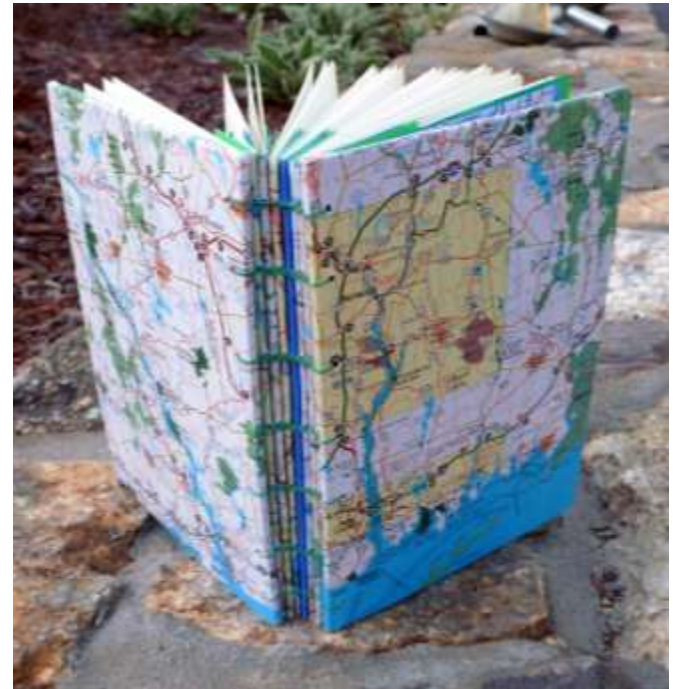
- Resilient forests, restoration
- Climate change scorecard
- Integrated resource restoration (efficiency with taxpayer dollars)



Solutions

Provide more certainty

- Partner with regulatory agencies, build implementable recovery plans that allow for restoration of landscapes
- Forest Plan revisions for resiliency, restoration
- Integrating restoration planning of timber and fuels programs
- Service First program with BLM



Solutions

Maintaining, creating infrastructure

- Helping biomass get a foothold
 - John Day, Warm Springs, Lakeview
- Stewardship Contracts and Agreements
 - 28% of vegetation management program in Region 6



Solutions

Maintaining, creating infrastructure

- CFLR
 - Two projects selected, Tapash and Skyline
 - Three more from PNW nominated for 2011
 - Currently \$25 million available nationally
 - Full funding would double restoration acres



Solutions

Insects, disease, fire

- “Don’t Move Firewood” program to protect native trees

Forest health grants

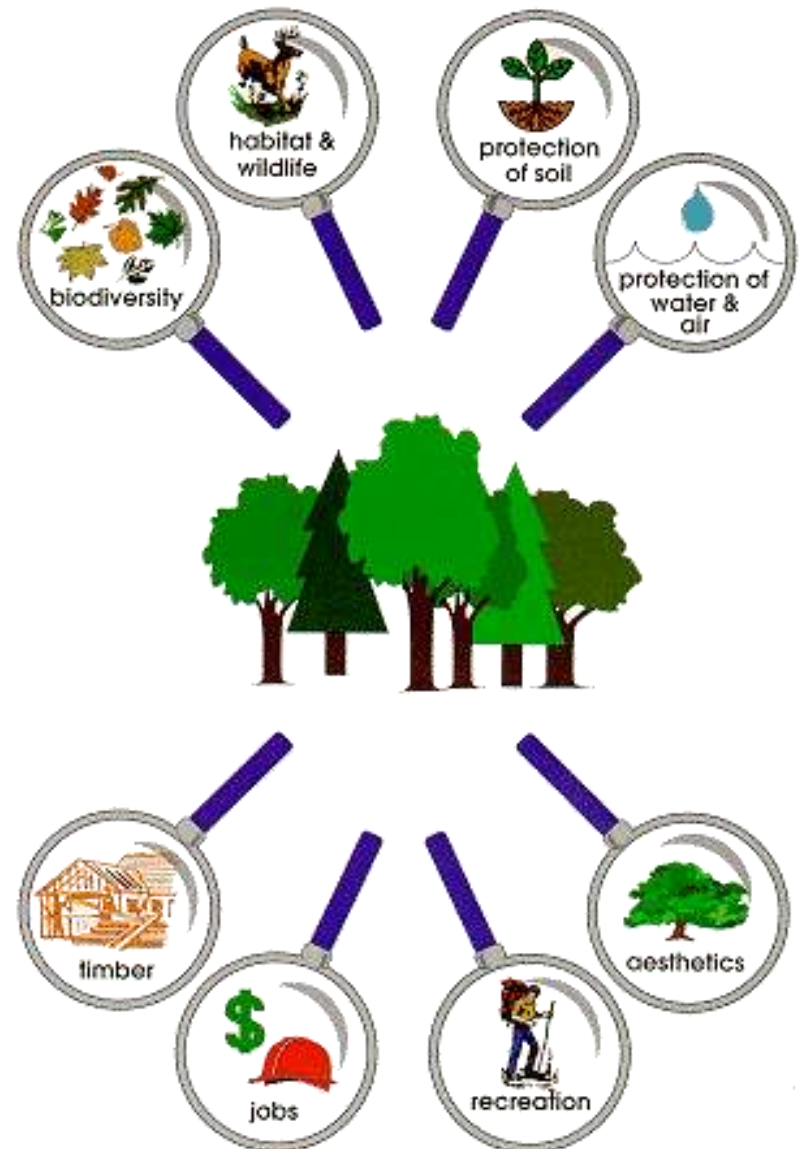
- Stewardship funds offered through WA DNR, ODF to private landowners for up to half the cost of forest improvement and hazard reduction
- Western Bark Beetle, Sudden Oak Death, Invasive Plants grants to States



Solutions

Conversion

- Less of a direct issue for USFS lands
- Restoration on USFS lands can help provide some raw materials to keep infrastructure, helping keep forest management a viable option for other working forests



The Future

- Lots of challenges
- Creativity required
- Partnerships essential
 - Interagency, Public & Private, Collaborative, Research (Universities and PNW)
- Working together we can protect our forest legacy for future generations

Thank you for your time

