

Taking Stock | Pathways Forward

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HONORING A CENTURY OF SERVICE

Gaps

Funding Gap:

Not just insufficient capacity, but structural funding mechanisms not capable of addressing today's challenges.

Process Gap:

Processes not tuned to our technology and our needs today hobble our ability to accomplish important work.

Vision Gap:

More room to consider new approaches.

Public Opinion Gap:

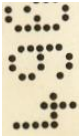
It's all about polarity, mistrust, short attention spans, anxiety and a general lack of understanding.

Strengths

1. The resiliency of the resource itself: green, renewable.
2. Central to the core of what Oregon is.
3. **You:** The people, smarts, determination, work ethic.
4. Knowledge: Scientific and academic network.
5. Today's working definition of sustainability: achieving that mix of social, economic and environmental values.

Pathways

1. Pursue active management to achieve suite of values.
2. New tools, funding structures and partnerships to create options.
3. Political and planning processes: from rhetoric to shared time and dialog.
4. Demonstrate relevance to urbanizing Oregon.
5. Your leadership makes a difference.



Thanks ~ Questions?

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The Millicoma Tract | Future Elliott State Forest *c. 1920*

Forest Ownership in Oregon



- Highways
- - - County
- Industrial Private
- Nonindustrial Private
- BLM
- National Park
- Other
- State
- Tribal
- USFS



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