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*America's Partner in Conservation*

## *Regional Strategies for Working Forest Conservation*



Oregon/Washington Society of American Foresters Meeting

*Evan Smith*  
*May 12, 2011*

## *About The Conservation Fund*







## ***North Coast Forest Conservation Program (California)***

- ✓ **40,000 acres acquired (2004 & 2006)**
- ✓ **\$66.5 million invested**
- ✓ **55 miles of salmon-spawning streams**
- ✓ **\$3.5 million committed to watershed restoration projects**
- ✓ **Annual allowable cut of 6 MMBF**
- ✓ **7 employees, 8 year-round contractors**
- ✓ **\$3.1 million in direct local economic benefit**
- ✓ **Certified under FSC, SFI, CAR**
- ✓ **Largest seller of verified forest carbon offsets in US (for now!)**

# *Why care about working forests?*



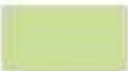
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# FOREST PRODUCTS TRADED SECTOR EMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY <sup>(23)</sup>

Forest Sector as a  
Percent of Traded  
Sector Employment,  
2001



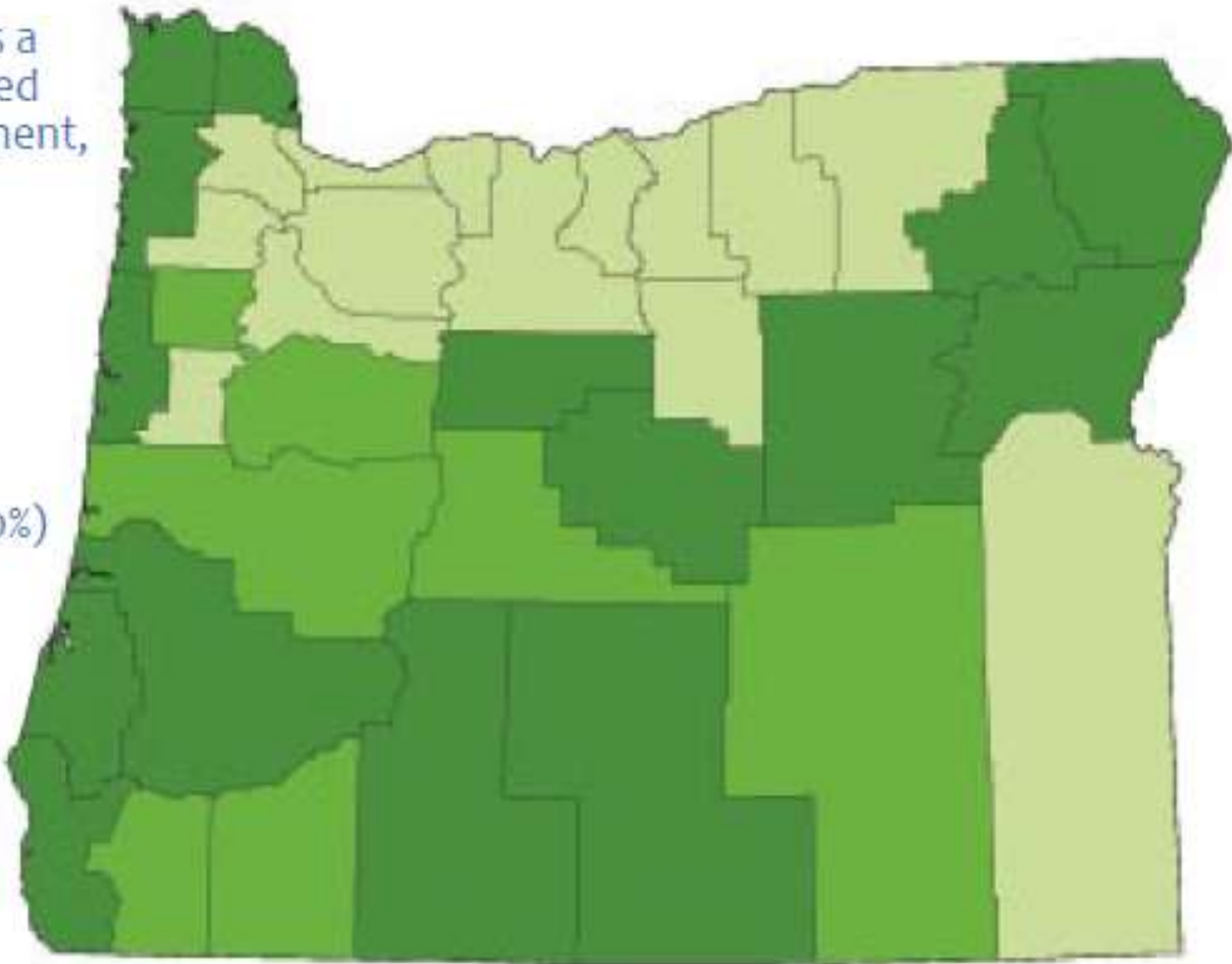
Low (0% - 25%)



Medium (26% - 50%)



High (51% - 100%)



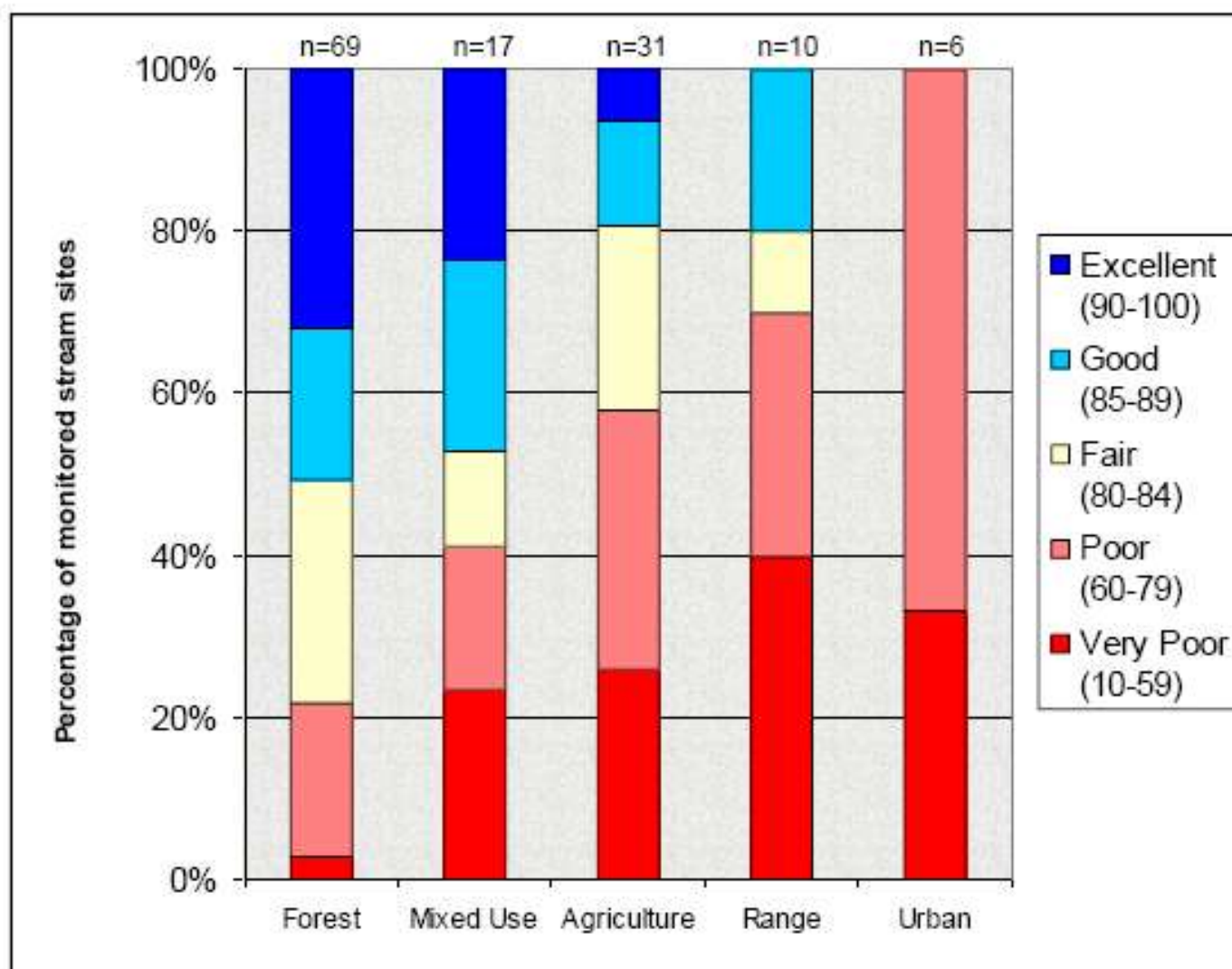
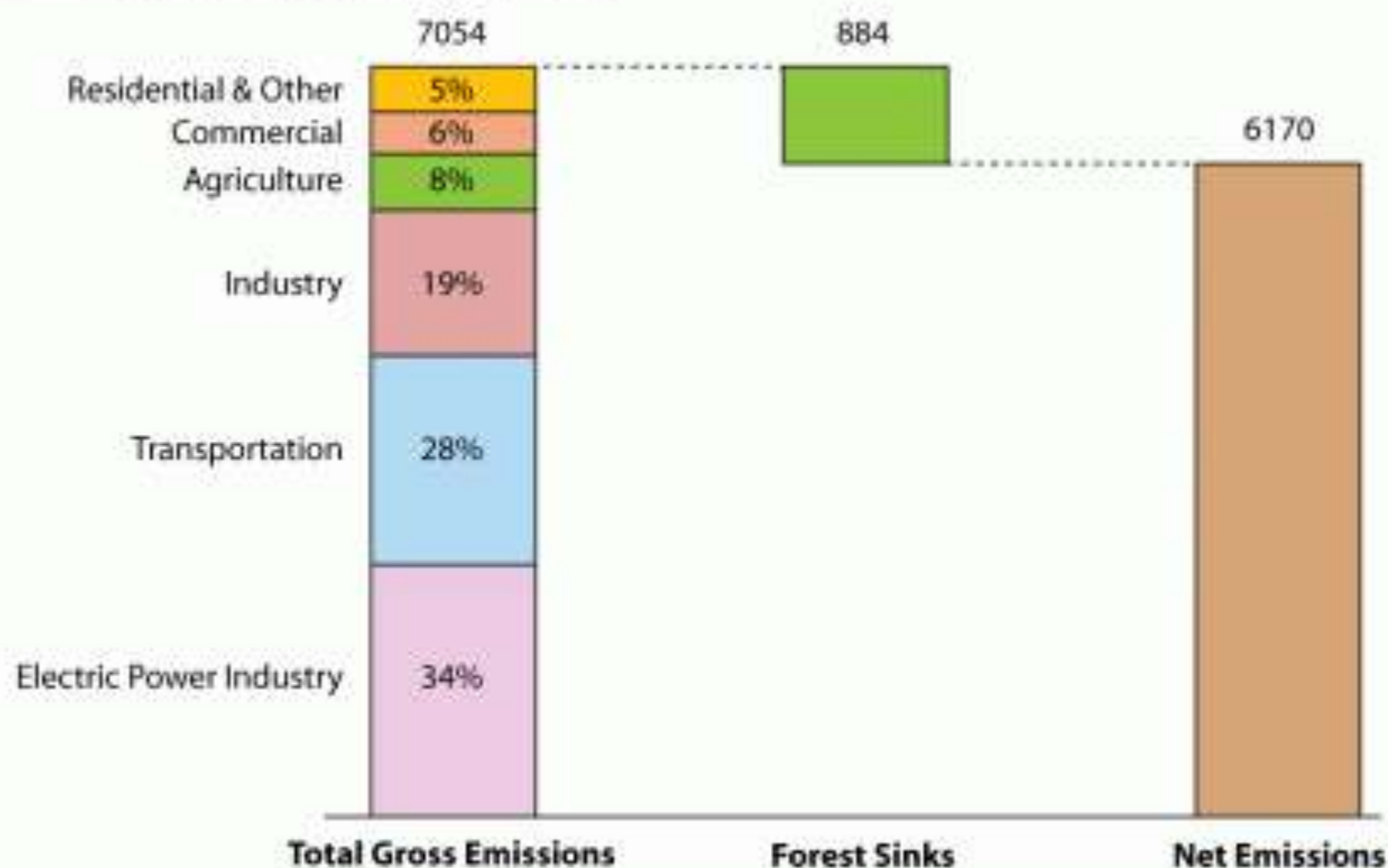


Figure 5: Comparison of Oregon Water Quality Index ratings across different land uses, 2005 (Sustainable Forest Management Indicator D.a – Water Quality of Forested Streams).

# U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions & Sinks, 2006

Million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent\*



\*Includes all six major greenhouse gases (CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, HFCs, PFCs, SF<sub>6</sub>, and CH<sub>4</sub>). "Equivalent" means the gases are converted into a comparable unit. Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). 2008. *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990–2006*. Washington, DC.



## Obesity becoming a growing national security issue

Medill News Service | Posted: Sunday, August 15, 2010 12:00 pm

Being "too fat to fight" can impact nation's security

It might take a stretch of thinking to associate childhood obesity with national security, but experts say this is a serious problem that is already affecting the military.

Recent data from the Department of Defense showed that 27 percent of all Americans aged 17 to 24 are too overweight to enlist, posing a potential threat to military strength.

The school lunch program was established during World War II after young draftees were revealed to have malnutrition-related health problems. At least 40 percent of rejected recruits were turned away on the basis of poor nutrition.

"Today, it is obesity that threatens the overall health of America and the future strength of our military," said Retired Army Maj. Gen. Paul D. Monroe. "This all-too-common disqualifier is limiting the pool of available recruits and eroding our military readiness."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Kevin Concanannon said that he could see obesity as a national security issue and fixing the problem now would have a host of benefits.

"We want to reduce health care costs over the long term, preserve quality of life, make sure a whole cohort of young people are healthier for their own sake, and should they elect to join the military, they'll be able to do so," Concanannon said.



NATIONAL BESTSELLER

# Last Child in the Woods

SAVING OUR CHILDREN FROM  
NATURE-DEFICIT DISORDER

Updated  
and  
Expanded



RICHARD LOUV

RECIPIENT OF THE 2007 AUDUBON MEDAL



# CONSERVATION PROSPECTS FOR THE NORTH COAST



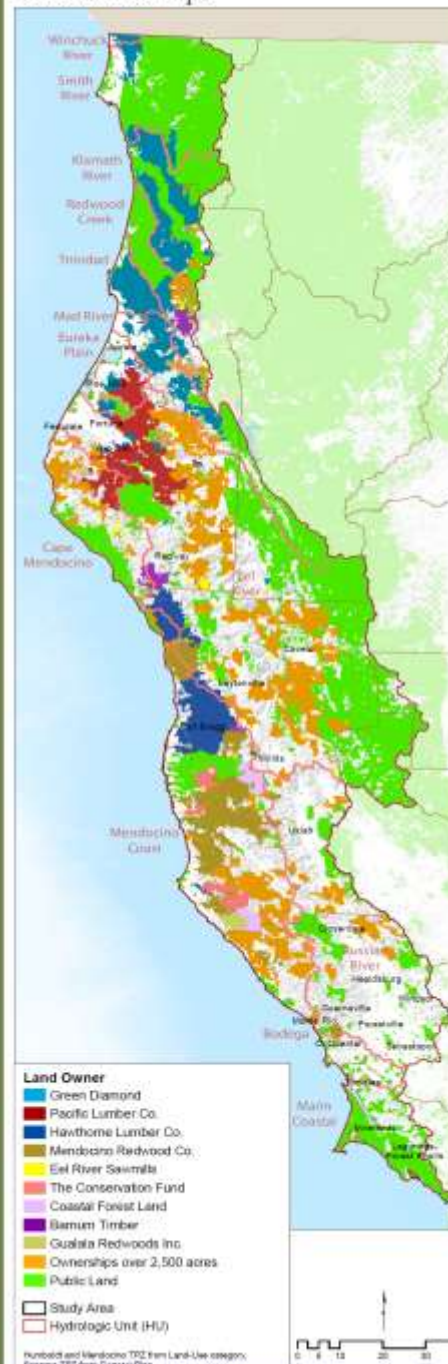
Salmon Creek Watershed, Mendocino County, California.

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## *A Review and Analysis of Existing Conservation Plans, Land Use Trends and Strategies for Conservation on the North Coast of California*

Report Prepared by The Conservation Fund  
Project Funding and Support by California State Coastal Conservancy  
August 2005

### Land Ownerships



### Conservation Priorities of Selected Plans



# Minnesota succeeds in protecting its most important forest

## Legacy deal will protect land Up North

Last update: June 4, 2009 - 12:05 AM

About 187,000 acres of northern Minnesota forest, wetlands and shoreline will be permanently protected and open to public hunting, fishing and other recreational uses under an agreement signed Wednesday by Blandin Paper Co. and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

**THE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS** purchased by the state will also provide a number of land and water safeguards, no matter who owns the land in the future, and the agreement preserves existing hiking, snowmobile and ATV trails. Blandin can still harvest timber from the land, but no development will be permitted and the land can't be subdivided.

**THE COST OF THE PACKAGE** is \$45 million, including \$36 million from funds raised by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy constitutional amendment. Another \$9 million is being provided by the Conservation Fund. The project was the cornerstone of \$68.6 million in expenditures for 19 projects recommended by the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council. The council

advises the Legislature on how to spend the dollars dedicated to fish and wildlife that are generated by the amendment.

"We now have a binding agreement for the perpetual protection of some of the state's largest public access recreational lands," said DNR Commissioner Mark Holsten. He called it "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

**THE CLOSING DATE** for the deal will be next year, when Outdoor Heritage funds will be fully available.

DOUG SMITH

**SPORTSMEN  
VOTE YES**   
PROTECT THE MINNESOTA YOU LOVE

## Vote Yes to Protect the Minnesota You Love

This November, Minnesotans will have the chance to protect our Minnesota by voting "Yes" on the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. The amendment will provide funding to ensure safe drinking water sources, protect wildlife habitat, preserve our dwindling natural areas and protect our great outdoors.





## Range-Wide Conservation Plan for Longleaf Pine



Prepared by the  
Regional Working Group  
for America's Longleaf



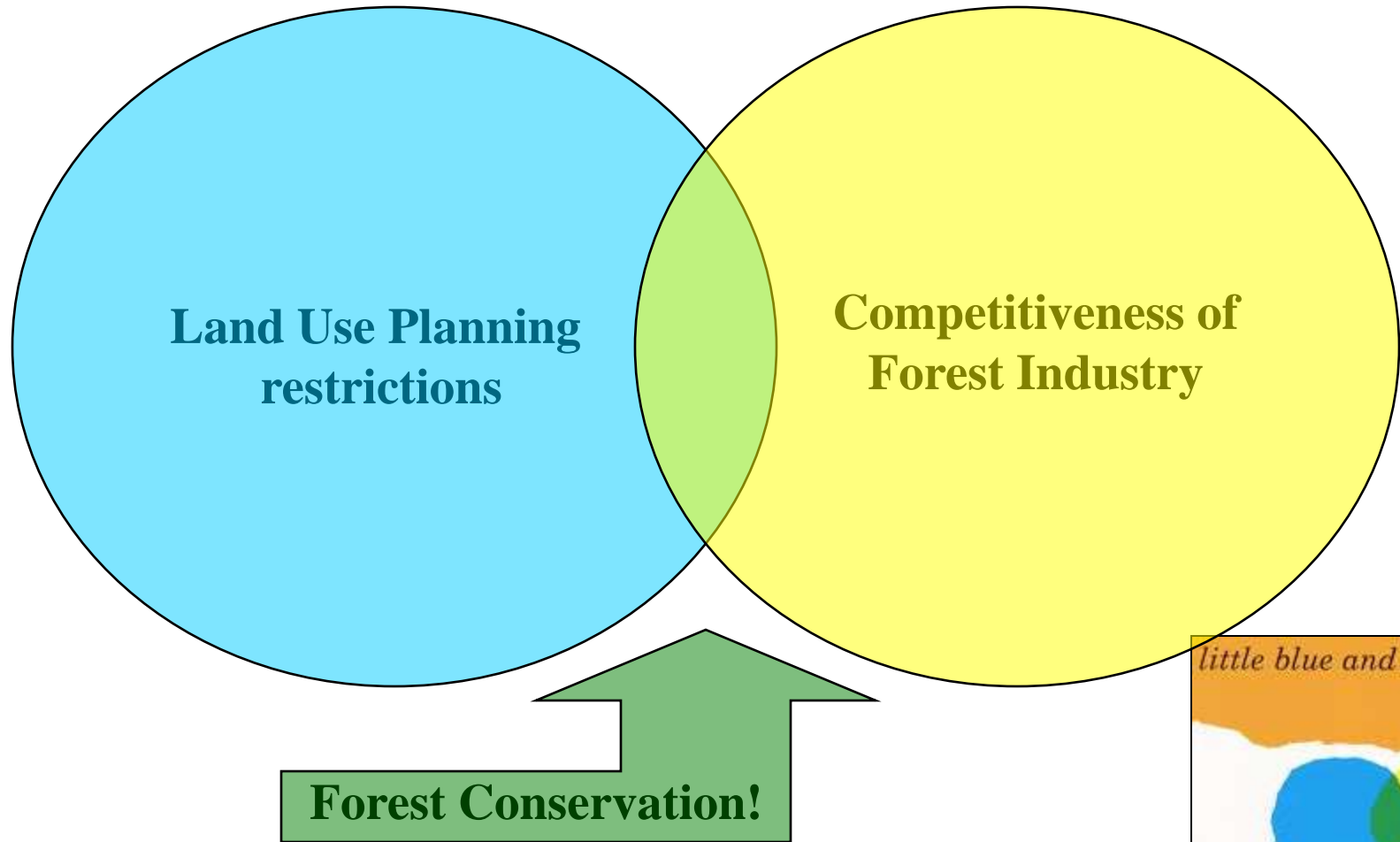
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## Progress Report 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022



The Cascade Agenda

# How does this relate to Oregon?



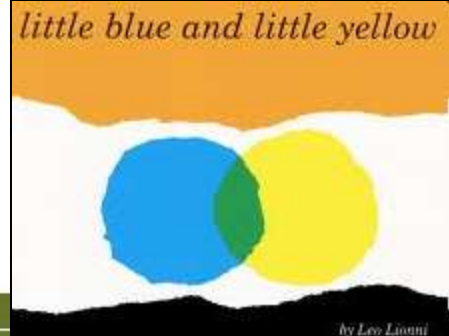


# What's been shrinking?

**Land Use Planning  
restrictions**

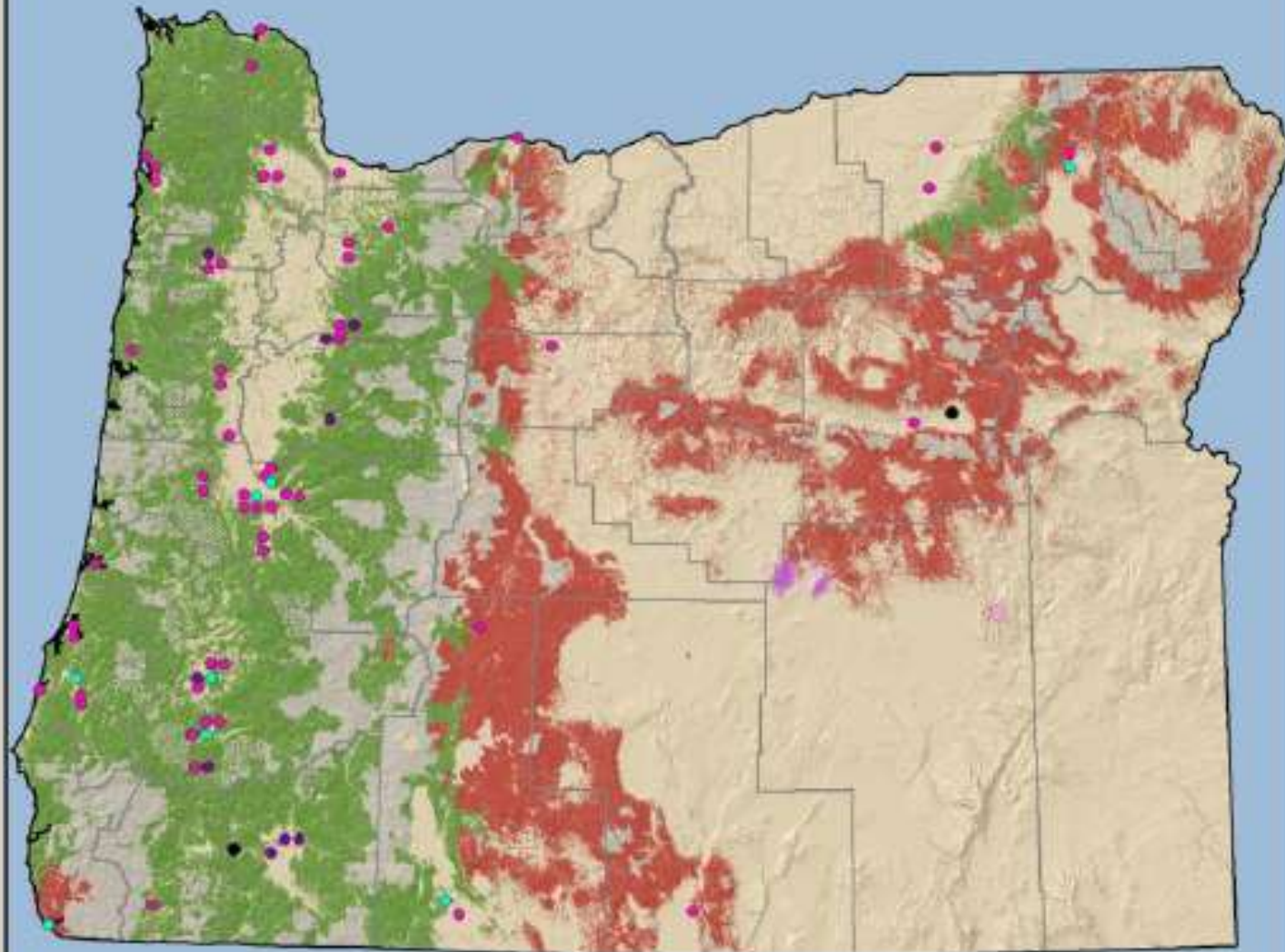
**Competitiveness of  
Forest Industry**

**No Forest Conservation!**




*by Leo Lionni*

# Oregon Forestland and Mill Infrastructure / Competition Trends



-  Will provide timber only under very good market conditions
-  Not in immediate danger of becoming non-competitive
-  Mill competition eroding
-  Non-Forest or Juniper
-  Reserved or Administratively Withdrawn Forest

-  Plywood / Veneer Mill
-  Veneer Mill
-  Sawmill
-  Mill that may reopen in a favorable economy

Data Source:

Resources Planning Program  
Oregon Department of Forestry

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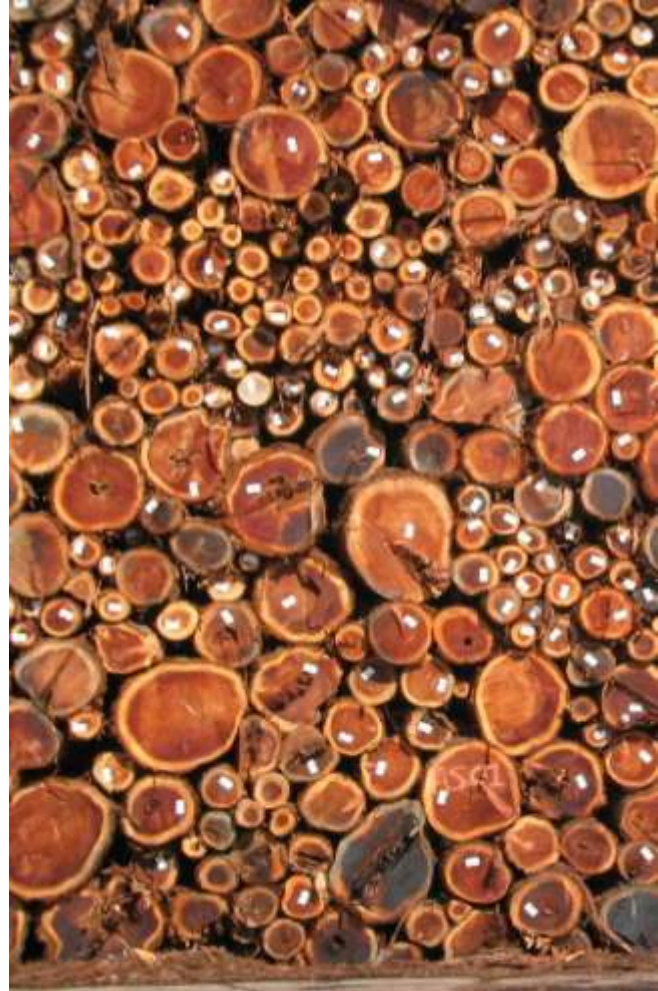


# Tactical Responses



- Forest Legacy Program
- Funding for conservation easements
- Community Forestry Bonds
- Cap-and-trade with forestry offsets
- Rural Investment Zones

# Re-integration





# Establishing cultural relevancy





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*Questions?*

