

Oregon's Federal Forest Health Program

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From whence it came

- 2009 Federal Forest Advisory Committee Report
 - Called for State action, including state funds
 - Identified collaboration as a path forward
- 2012 FFAC Subcommittee scopes out State funding package
- Co-funded Forest Restoration Economic Analysis
- Prioritized in Gov Kitzhaber's 13-15 budget
 - \$2.88 million in ODFs budget
- FFWG continues: supports collaboratives & informs ODF program

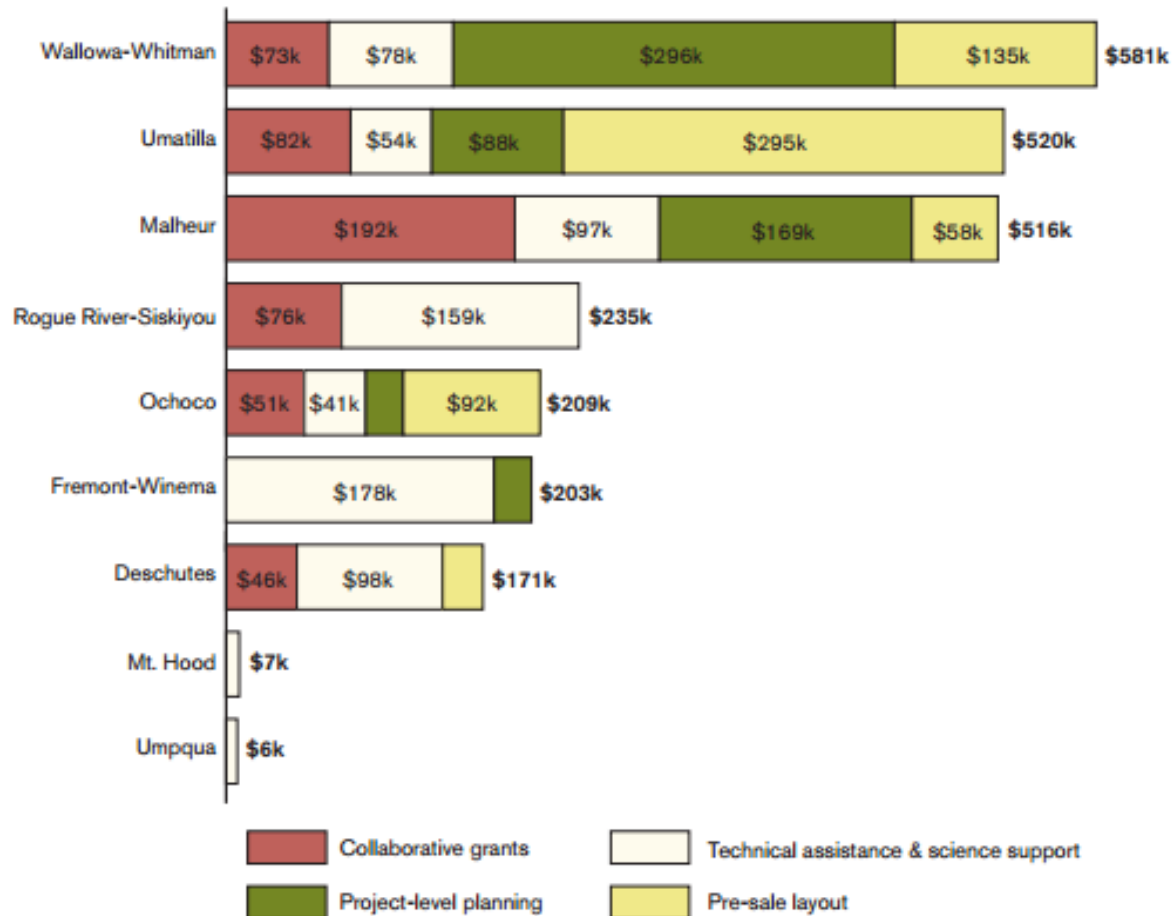
Version 1.0

- 2013-2015 biennium - \$2.88 million
 - “Dry forests” of eastern & SW Oregon
 - USFS only
 - Focus in Blue Mountains
- Staffed with existing positions at ODF; ie. no overhead
 - Relied on lead partner at USFS (Bill Aney)
- Driving assumption:
 - Significant uptick needed on social license & NEPA shelf stock
- USFS “match”: \$10 million

Program Components

- Three Program components of initial FFH
 1. Collaborative Grants (**SCALE**) – focused on project development
 2. Technical Assistance and Science Support (**SCALE**)
 - Master Agreements with four service providers:
 - The Nature Conservancy, Sustainable Northwest, UO – Ecosystem Workforce Program & Ecotrust
 3. State-Federal Implementation Partnership (**PACE**)
 - Planning and pre-sale activities
 - Examples:
 - Planning: LiDAR acquisition, botany surveys, heritage data/protocol,
 - Pre-sale: unit layout, property line surveying

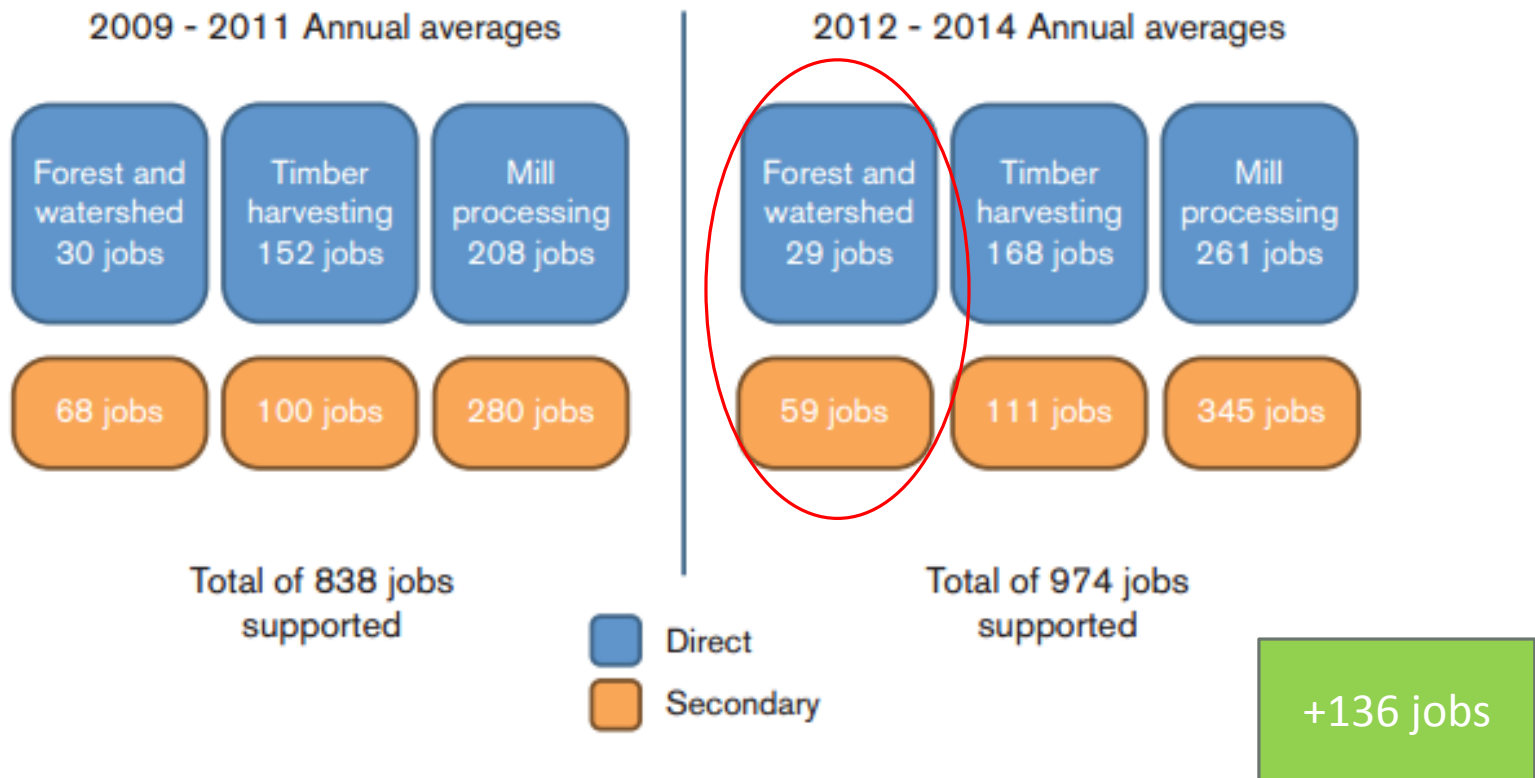
Figure 6 Oregon Department of Forestry Federal Forest Health Program funding by national forest, 2013–2015



Collaborative approach

- USFS Records of Decision were signed on **137,487 acres** of collaborative projects within the Blue Mtns region from 2012–2014
- Blue Mtns Collaboratives worked on planning an additional **465,356 acres**.
- Contracts for collaborative projects on the Malheur National Forest yielded approximately **156.8 mmbf** in volume.

Figure 11 Average annual jobs supported in eastern Oregon from restoration activities in Blue Mountains national forests during the baseline and program years



Onward!

- Legislative success
 - We didn't have to work it that hard – our partners did it!
- \$5 million for 2015-2017
- Key differences:
 - Statewide scope
 - More legislative direction on funding for components
 - Collaborative Support = \$1.3 million
 - State-Federal Implementation Partnership = \$3.3 million
 - ODF Position authority: total 7.64 FTE
 - 4 full-time + seasonal extensions
 - Includes “District Coordinators” in each EOA District

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- Three Program components of initial FFH

1. Collaborative Grants
 - a. Project Development
 - b. *****NEW***** Collaborative Planning

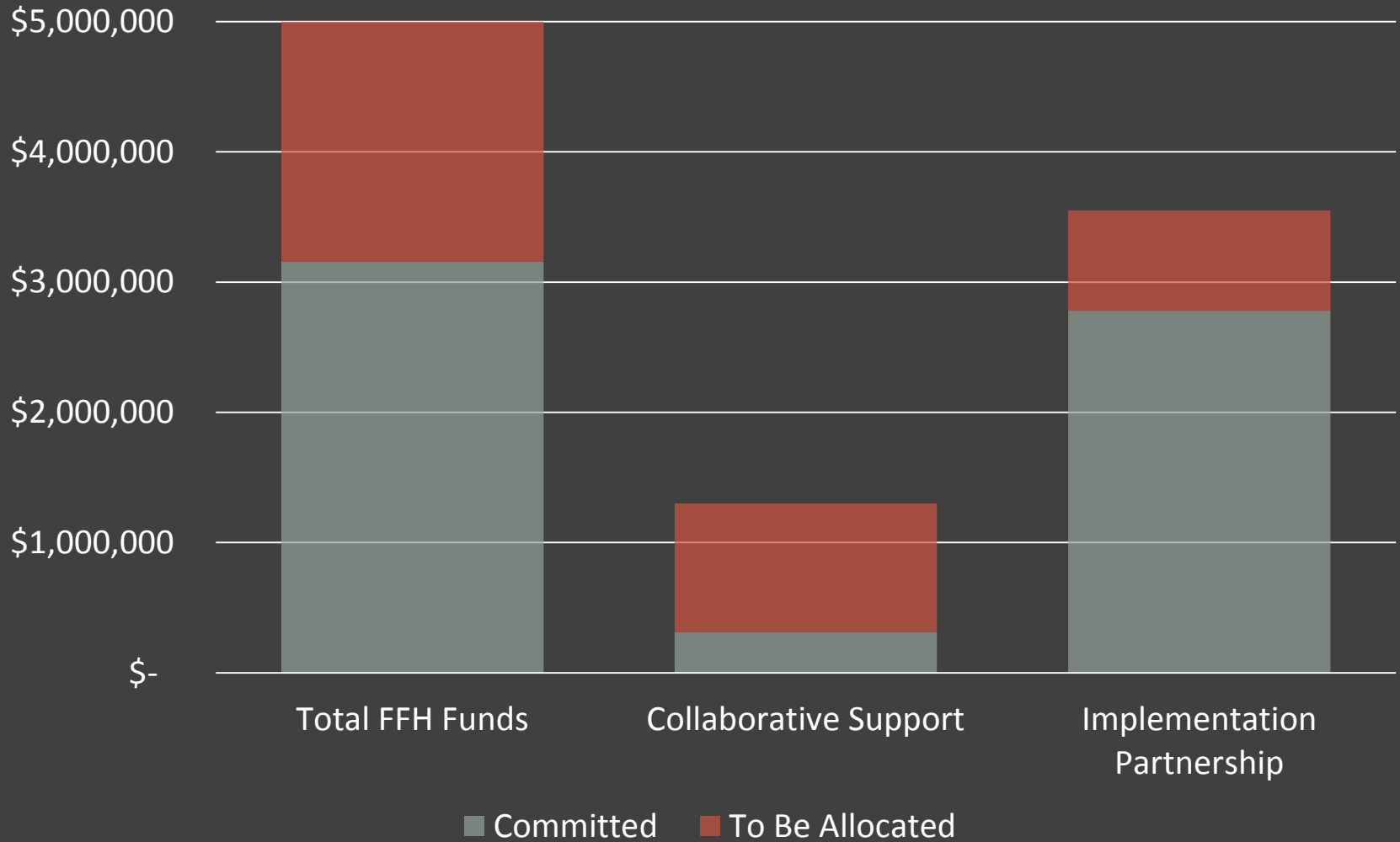
2. Technical Assistance and Science Support



**Collaborative
Support
(SCALE & QUALITY)**

3. State-Federal Implementation Partnership **(PACE & QUALITY)**
 - Call for Projects
 - 71 submissions, totaling \$13.2 million

FEDERAL FOREST HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTED FUNDS, '15-17 BIENNIUM



FFH Project Development Grant: Round 1 Funding Table

Applicant	Project Name	Requested	Priority
Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project	Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project	\$49,335	1
Hood River Collaborative Stewards (SWCD as fiscal)	Waucoma Project Development	\$49,759	2
Siuslaw Stewardship Groups (Cascade Pacific RC&D as fiscal)	Siuslaw Facilitation, Monitoring & Dunes- Smith River Stewardship Group Development	\$40,455	3
Wasco Count Forest Collaborative (SWCD as fiscal)	Rocky Restoration Planning Area	\$44,956	4
Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative	Middle Fork Willamette Stewardship Collaborative Process	\$25,850	5
Total Funding Decision		\$210,355	
Recommended for Funding , Below Funding Line			
South Santiam All Lands Collaborative	Trout Creek Resource & Cultural Landscape	\$49,967	6

Grant programs

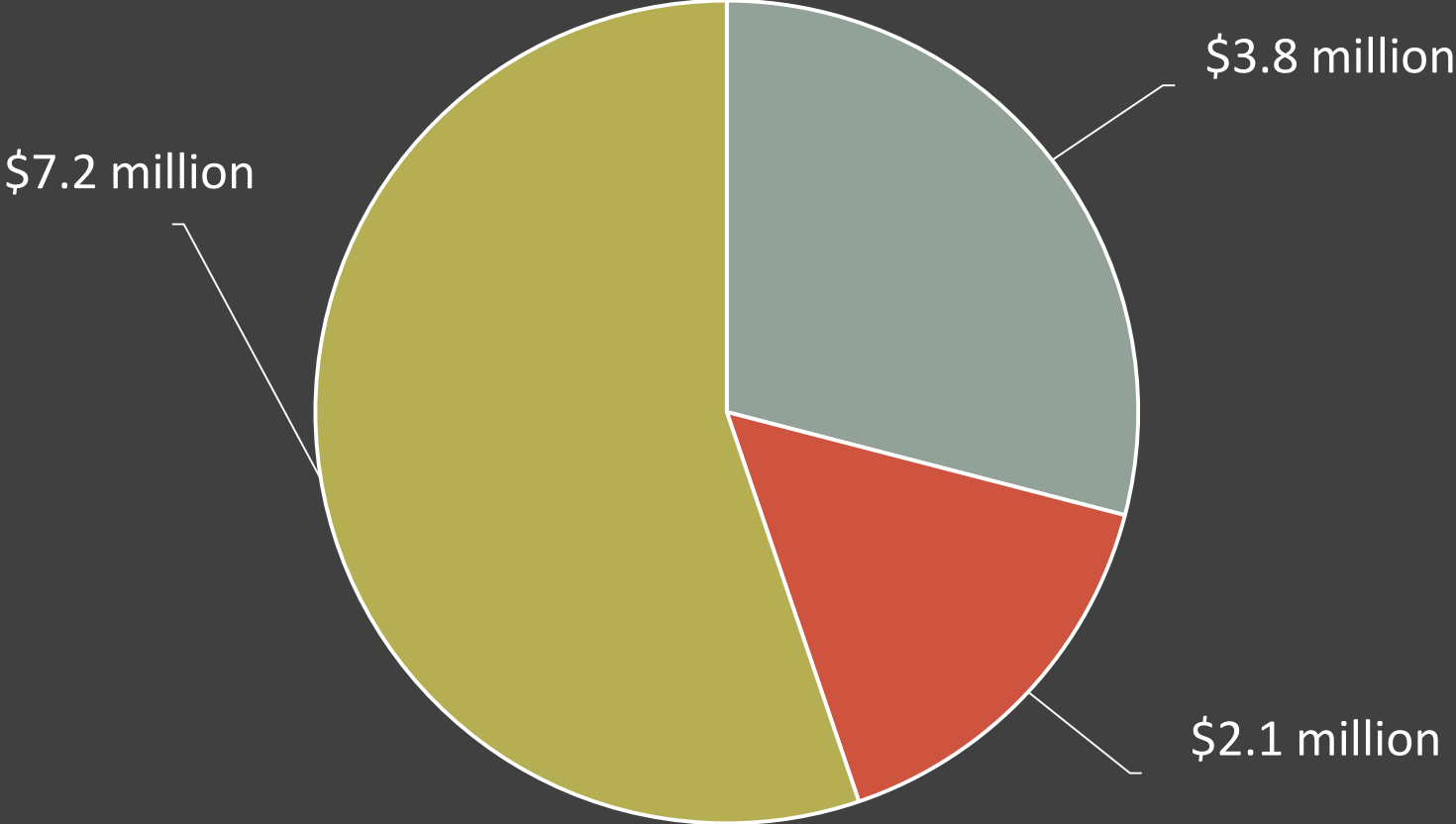
Project Development

- Tied to explicit Planning Area
- Grant activities to increase size and/or complexity
- Includes implementation monitoring if purpose is adaptive management
- \$50K grants
- Only one open grant
- 2nd SOLICITATION: Feb – April

Collaborative Planning

- Not tied to a Planning Area
- Answers question: what process/structure do we need to take the next step?
- Not “base capacity”, ie. rent
- One of three products:
 - Strategic Action Plan
 - Monitoring protocol or Socio-Economic Add-On
- SOLICITATION: March – June

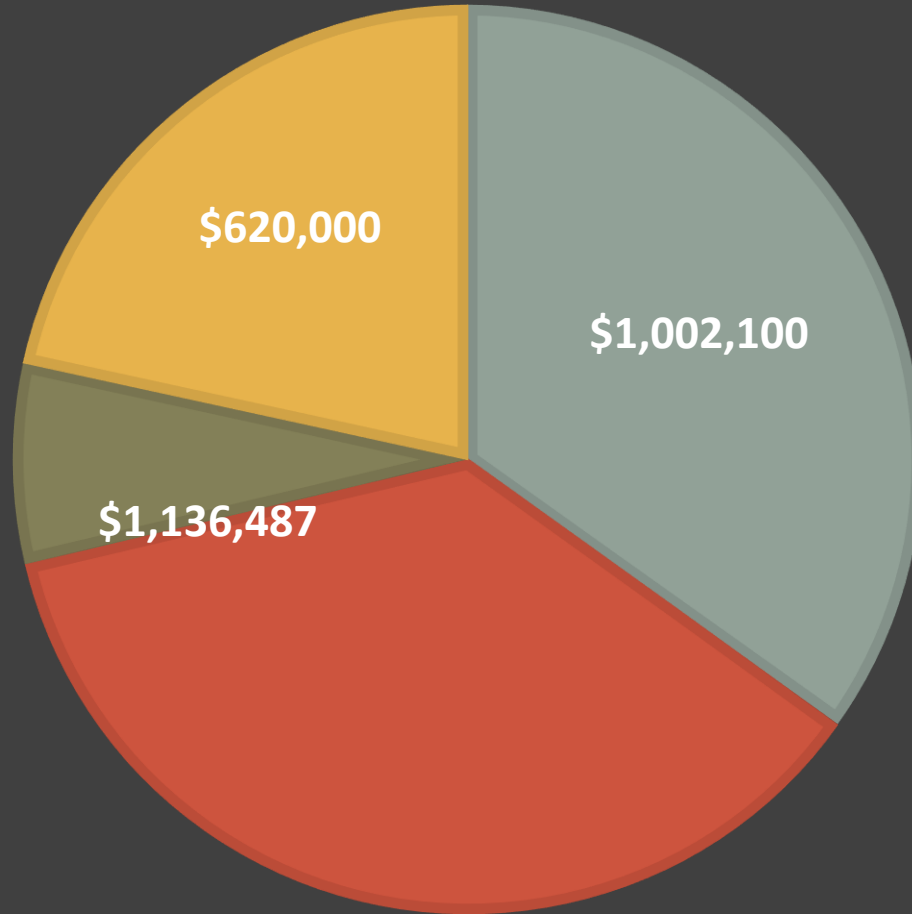
SFIP Submissions by Project Type



□ Planning □ Prep □ Treatments

SFIP PROJECTS TO DATE

■ Planning ■ Presale ■ Fall 15 layout ■ ROUND 2



SFIP PROJECT SELECTIONS: SIUSLAW NF

Project Name	Requested \$	Funded \$	NEPA date	Notes
Various Road Maintenance	\$200,000	\$100,000	Complete	Condon, Farmer, Red Creek, Frank & Tiger thins
Tiger Thin Layout & GPS	\$13,700	\$13,700	Complete	presale asst: unit layout & GPS
MAMU surveys: North Nestucca, Indian Creek, & Millwright Beaver	\$217,000	\$115,000	Complete or early 2016	State funding for MAMU surveys only; not corvid studies

A new ODF program

- Core business statement:
 - Accelerate the pace, scale and quality of forest restoration to increase the resilience of Oregon's federal forests, in a manner that leverages collaborative efforts and contributes to the long-term vitality of regional economies and rural communities.
- Program principles:
 - Partnership-oriented
 - Transparent decision making
 - Flexible and adaptable
 - Increase system capacity
 - Measurable metrics
- A home for Good Neighbor Authority projects



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