Full Proposal Deadline
May 4, 2015 by 5 p.m.

Program Description
The College launched the Institute in 2013 to focus research programs on innovative approaches for managing landscapes that will enhance people’s lives and improve the health of communities, businesses and vital ecosystems. It is organized under four broad thematic areas: Healthy People and Communities, Resilient Ecosystems, Intensively Managed Forests, and Competitive and Innovative Products. Initial efforts focus on the following opportunities:

• Improving the Health of Rural Communities and Citizens
• Increasing the Competitiveness of Oregon’s Private Landowners and Businesses
• Enhancing Ecosystem Health with a Landscape Approach
• Increasing Public Trust in Active Management of Public & Private Lands

For more information on the IWFL see http://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/research/institute-working-forest-landscapes-0.

Award Information
Approximately $750,000 in funding is available and three awards are tentatively planned.

Eligibility
By invitation only. Full proposals are invited from the eight teams of investigators selected by the CoF based on their February 2015 letter-of-intent (LOI).

Confidentiality
Awarded proposals will be publicly available. Proposals that are not awarded will remain confidential.

Proposal Requirements
Full proposals must follow the topic and concepts presented in the selected LOI. Team membership may be modified if desired. A lead PI is required from College of Forestry with a professorial faculty appointment at 0.5 FTE or greater. Projects cannot exceed 3 years in length, and must commence by Fall 2016. Project budget cannot exceed $250K in total. Full proposals are not bound by the budget estimate submitted in the LOI.

Please follow the format and guidelines in the proposal preparation instructions below.

Proposal Preparation Instructions (sections A – D)
A. Cover Page - 1 page, 11 point font, 1 inch margins

Include the following elements numbered and organized as follows:

1. Project Title

2. List of principal investigators and other key personnel names and affiliations
Role | Name (Last, First) | Affiliation
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Lead PI | | |
CoPI | | |
CoPI | | |

3. **Project starting and ending date**
   - Start Date
   - End Date
   - Duration (months)

4. **Total Project Costs**
   - Year 1
   - Year 2
   - Year 3
   - Total

5. **Summary Abstract – 250 words**
   In no more than 250 words, provide a brief overall description of your project. Identify how this supports the mission of the IWFL and expected major outcomes.
   - 250 words max

**B. Project Description – 10 pages maximum, 11 point font, 1 inch margins**

Please include the following elements numbered and organized as described below. Each section is associated with review criteria listed at the bottom of the RFP. Please be sure you address the appropriate review criteria in each section.

1. **Introduction and justification**
   - Describe the scientific merit and justification for the proposed work. Include the connection to IWFL themes. Discuss the potential for new knowledge.

2. **Research location and methods**
   - Describe your research methods and the location where your work will take place.

3. **Anticipated outcomes**
   - In this section, describe the planned outcomes and deliverables. Potential for near term outputs is a consideration for these initial projects. Also describe the likelihood of impact on management/policy and the benefit/impact to Oregon and IWFL stakeholders.

4. **Outreach activities**
   - Describe your planned activities for communicating results/impacts. [If you partner with an FNR Extension faculty member(s) for delivering your outreach activities, supplemental 1:1 matching funds, up to a maximum of $10,000 per project, may be available. To receive these FNR matching funds, develop a budget that describes how respective IWFL and FNR matching funds will be allocated to proposed outreach activities. Contact Jim Johnson for his approval and submit his letter of agreement with your full proposal.]

5. **Timeline**
   - Provide a timeline that summarizes research tasks and major milestones. Include outreach activities.

6. **Integration**
Describe how your team will integrate the different components of the project with respect to the IWFL themes.

7. **Partner linkages and support**
   Describe the partnerships with organizations external to the College of Forestry and their interest in and contributions to the project (e.g., cash, in kind, facilities, etc.). Letters of support from partners will strengthen your proposal.

8. **Interaction with IWFL Board members**
   List at least three IWFL members you have interacted with and describe how their input influenced the development of the proposal.

C. **Bibliography** - 1 page maximum, 11 point font, 1 inch margins

D. **Budget Information**
   Use the IWFL budget spreadsheet template which can be found at: http://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/research/useful-tools-and-information. The CoF Research Office (CoFRO) staff is available to assist you and must review your budget prior to submission (Sandi Larsen, Melora Park).

1. **Budget spreadsheet using IWFL template**
   In the main body of the spreadsheet, include all funds that are being requested from the CoF for the IWFL effort.
   - Identify the CoF Lead PI even if no salary is being requested
   - Do not include any salary for fully funded PIs in the budget
   - Summer salary or salary to bring PI up to a full 1.0FTE is allowed
   - Please contact Penny Wright if you plan to distribute or subcontract any funds outside of CoF or OSU.
   - Do not include any tuition costs in the project budget.
   - Do not include any indirect costs

   If you are receiving FNR Extension match, list the total annual outreach funds that you are requesting from CoF as well as the FNR Match in the section entitled “OUTREACH BUDGET” at the bottom of the spreadsheet.

   In the “Department Tuition Commitment” section, enter the number of terms per year for each GRA student that you expect tuition to be covered by CoF. This information is used to assist us in projecting our tuition remission spending, but it is not included in your overall project costs.

2. **Budget Justification – 1-2 pages, 11 point font, 1 inch margins**
   Use the required IWFL budget justification template. Provide a written detailed description of how you plan to achieve your project outcomes and outputs based on your budget. The template contains instructions on what information is required.

**Submission Information and Evaluation Process**

The best proposals will be funded. There is no a priori allocation of awards to IWFL themes, geographic areas, or partners.

- Proposals due by COB on **May 4, 2015**
- Submit WORD and PDF versions electronically to Steve Tesch at steve.tesch@oregonstate.edu
- Proposals will receive peer technical review to evaluate scientific merits.
- FET will review proposals and provide written recommendation to the Dean
- IWFL Advisory Board will provide qualitative input to the Dean
- The Dean will select proposals for funding and notify PIs by mid-summer 2015

**Review Criteria**
Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria (see relevant proposal sections that address the criteria):

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