“coming together for healthy forests and communities”
Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative

Promote local forest management solutions that foster ecological resiliency and promote socioeconomic health for the southern Willamette forest and communities
Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative Organization

- SWFC Steering Committee
  - Rigdon Collaboration Committee
  - Implementation Advisory Committee
  - Recreation Committee
  - Community Firewood Program
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What is Collaborative Restoration?

Restoration: the process of assisting the recovery of ecosystems

- Reestablish ecosystem characteristics
- Integrate social and ecological objectives
- Provide economic opportunities
Zones of Agreement

• Statement of shared goals and desired approaches for planned activities
• Help decision makers understand stakeholder interests and what is socially acceptable to stakeholders
• Inform recommendations

How to think of ZOAs

Landscape

Project

Stand or site
This memo is intended to provide recommendations to the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest for implementing the GP stewardship contract in fiscal year 2019.

Stewardship contracting includes natural resource management practices that promote a closer working relationship with local communities in a broad range of activities that improve land conditions. These projects shift the focus of federal forest and rangeland management towards a desired future resource condition. They are also a means for federal agencies to contribute to the development of sustainable rural communities, restore and maintain healthy forest ecosystems, and provide a continuing source of local income and employment.

The Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative, Implementation Advisory Committee (Committee) came together to propose local workforce area and embedded service items for the FY2019 GP integrated resource timber contract (IRTC).

The committee has reached consensus on the following for the FY2019 IRTC:

1. **Local Workforce**

The Committee recommends four local area priority zones. Both prime contractors and subcontractors located within a zone should be considered for “local workforce area” preference priority based on each zone. Please see attached stewardship area map.

   **Priority Zone #1** priority for business located in the Upper Middle Fork Willamette Watershed, including all rural communities in the Upper Middle Fork watershed: Dexter, Lowell, Jasper, Pleasant Hill, Oakridge and Westfir.

   **Priority Zone #2** priority for businesses located in Lane County.

   **Priority Zone #3** priority for businesses located in counties: Benton, Deschutes, Douglas, Linn, Marion, and the northern portion of Klamath County (north of State Hwy 138).

   **Priority Zone #4** priority for businesses located in Oregon.

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Rigdon Collaboration Committee

- Collaborative landscape planning
- Increase the scale of restoration
- Develop zones of agreement for potentially contentious issues
- Outreach to stakeholders and public

- ✔ 12 Field Trips
- ✔ 5 Learning Sessions
- ✔ 9 Roundtables
- ✔ 5 Joint meetings with Forest Service interdisciplinary team
History of Rigdon Fire Suppression

- Active fire suppression since 1900’s
- 1000 suppressed fires 1970 – 2015
- Approximately 75% lightning caused
- Active suppression (most <1 acre)
SWFC Goals for the Rigdon Landscape:

- Provide for diverse habitats, structure of streams and vegetation, wildlife, and landscape resilience in the face of wildfire and a warming climate
- Vegetation and wildlife habitat should be restored to previous, more open conditions in the Dry Mixed Conifer
- Streams and waterways should be restored for natural processes and function necessary for all native species and life stages
- Consider economic opportunities and social and cultural values
Youngs Rock Rigdon EIS

- Rigdon landscape level ZOAs signed by 21 members
- **Oregon State** fire history study
- **University of Oregon** post implementation monitoring
- 2021 Youngs Rock Rigdon implementation
- 2-3 future NEPA projects
Implementation Advisory Committee

- Implementation collaboration – Stewardship, GNA
- Leverage partnerships and funding to increase the pace of restoration
- Triple bottom line

- 5 Field Trips
- 2 Learning Sessions
- 20+ Roundtables
- 5 Joint Forest Service workshops
Stewardship Contracting

- Exchange goods for services
- Use best value criteria
- Earn retained receipts
- Leverage partner resources for additional work
Good Neighbor Authority

• National Forests may enter into cooperative agreements or contracts with State agencies
• Oregon Dept. of Forestry implements timber management
• Timber revenue reinvested on-forest for restoration
• State administers agreements or contracts via Forest Service guidelines
The Human side of Restoration

*How human communities and individual values, public opinion, and social structures interface with ecological restoration*

**Humans:**
- Define the values and goals of restoration
- Prioritize values at risk
- Determine the timeline and scope of restoration work
Additional Qs

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