

# Natural & Working Lands Fund



- ❖ Proposal preview today
- ❖ Full written proposal in advance of January GWC meeting
- ❖ Public comment and anticipated allocations in January by GWC
- ❖ Legislative budget adjustments in February

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# Goals

- ❖ Cohesive proposal across the four eligible agencies – 13 areas of investment
- ❖ Consistent with statutory direction
- ❖ Clear connection to tribes and environmental justice communities, landowners and land managers
- ❖ Natural climate solutions with co-benefits
- ❖ Leverage federal and other funds





# Collective Package

- ❖ Distributes funds across natural and working lands
- ❖ Funds a combination of technical assistance, incentives, on-the-ground projects
- ❖ Based on existing programs
  - Not business as usual
  - Encourage new practices
- ❖ Focus on immediate actions to sequester and store carbon while supporting forward-looking needs and solutions





# OWEB Summary

- ❖ Restoration, technical assistance, conservation management planning and implementation
- ❖ Total request: \$2.5M
  - \$1.5M for restoration/technical assistance on natural lands
  - \$750k for conservation management planning and implementation and easements/covenants on farm and ranch lands
  - \$250k admin costs



Restoration Grant: Rock Creek in post-Archie Creek Fire area.  
Credit: Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers, Jeff McEnroe.



# OWEB Summary

- ❖ Will identify appropriate projects submitted to Open Solicitation and Oregon Ag Heritage Program
- ❖ Will apply existing rules for both programs and may customize some of the guidance
- ❖ Will select projects with clearly identified climate benefits
  - Carbon sequestration
  - Ecosystem resiliency
- ❖ Priority to EJ Communities and Tribes



# ODFW Summary

- ❖ Focus: on-the-ground ecological restoration projects
  - Co-benefits for carbon sequestration, working lands, and fish and wildlife habitat
- ❖ Focus: leveraging federal funds
  - \$25M, low estimate
- ❖ Total Request: \$3,038,270
  - \$2,433,270 in projects
  - \$605,000 for 2 FTE assigned to federal fund acquisition and technical assistance





# ODFW Summary

- ❖ Balanced geographic distribution:
  - Coastal estuary, blue carbon restoration in the Umpqua Basin
  - Floodplain and oak woodland restoration in Willamette Valley
  - Perennial bunchgrass restoration and invasive species removal in Eastern Oregon - Columbia Basin
- ❖ Direct links to INR Natural & Working Lands Report recommended practices
- ❖ Tribally-led projects on tribal land
- ❖ Projects on private and ODFW land



# ODF Summary

- ❖ Implementation of Climate Change and Carbon Plan with focus on Climate-Smart Forestry
- ❖ Track A: Small landowners and forest managers – \$1.5M
- ❖ Track B: Tribal forests and traditionally marginalized landowners – \$1.0M
- ❖ Forestlands and areas of reforestation on other natural and working lands.
  - Will work with Tribes SWCDs, WC, and CBOs to work on the ground.
  - Potential for leveraging federal funds for various projects.
- ❖ Aim is to increase sequestration and adaptation while ensuring that forests remain a social and economic benefit for Oregonians.





# ODF Summary

- ❖ Build capacity for climate ready seed and seedlings
- ❖ \$750k
- ❖ Establish new orchards at existing ODF facility
  - Provide seed for adapted species
  - Diversify the variety of species that are available to Tribes and small forest landowners.
  - Built on existing, successful program.
- ❖ Increase adaptation of forests to ensure continual sequestration and maintain forests even with shifts in forest types.





# ODA Summary

- ❖ Technical assistance and regional coordination for range, ag and forest resilience projects focused on invasive annual grasses
- ❖ \$360k, leverages minimum \$1.7M+ FF
- ❖ Public, private, tribal lands
- ❖ Healthy, functional rangelands are crucial to carbon sequestration and resilience to wildfires and climate change





# ODA Summary

- ❖ Implementation of Oregon Native Seed Strategy; Ensures access to reliable supply of genetically appropriate native seed through collection, storage and production
- ❖ \$530k
- ❖ All natural and working land types
- ❖ Provides \$100k in Tribal assistance/incentives
- ❖ Native seedstock is critical to conservation and restoration of natural working lands and the ecosystem services they provide:
  - carbon sinks
  - resilience to climate change and wildfire
  - habitat





# Proposed Spend Plan

Opportunity to adjust annually

# Collective Proposal

FY2024 Budget	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Budget	FY2028 Budget	Total
\$4,197,670	\$5,017,600	\$255,000	\$130,000	\$80,000	\$9,680,270





## Estimated Spend Across Agencies

# Collective Proposal

<b>OWEB</b>	\$2,500,000
<b>ODFW</b>	\$3,038,270
<b>ODF</b>	\$3,250,000
<b>ODA</b>	\$892,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$9,680,270

13 investment areas:

11 linked to/anticipated Federal Funds (BPA, NRCS Farm Bill, NOAA, USFWS, BLM, USFS)

