Overview of the Good Neighbor Authority

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Collaborative Support
- Grants
- Technical Assistance

Project Efficiencies
- Data collection
- Treatment unit layout

Good Neighbor Authority
- Restoration Services
- Product Removal
FEDERAL FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM

FFAC Report
Collaborative approach
State-funded program

FFR Initiated
$2.88 million
No FFR staff

FFR Continued
$5 million
3 ½ field staff

FFR Permanent
$3 million
5 field staff & Program Manager

HB 4118
+$900K

Contract CEs
FW: Miller Lake (3000 ac)
WW: Catherine Creek (10 ac)
UMP: Swamp Creek (10 ac)
WI: Wall Creek (10 ac)

2009
2013
2015
2017
2018
2019
2020

Master GNA
Initial GNA Project
Initial GNA Timber Sale
Paddock Butte
2.2 mmbf

GNA Service Projects
- $3.4 million under Agreement
- Timber sale layout
- Noncommercial thinning, etc

GNA Timber Sales
- SOLD: 14.8 mmbf, 8 sales
- PIPELINE: 16.2 mmbf, 10 sales
- Estimated revenue: $5.5 million

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GNA Statutory Backstop

• **(4) Forest, Rangeland, and Watershed Restoration Services**
  
  • **In general,** the term “forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services” means—
  
  • (i) activities to treat **insect- and disease**-infected trees;
  
  • (ii) activities to **reduce hazardous fuels**; and
  
  • (iii) any other activities to **restore or improve forest, rangeland, and watershed health**, including fish and wildlife habitat.
GNA Statutory Backstop

• (3) **Retention of NEPA Responsibilities**
  
  Any *decision required to be made under the National Environmental Policy Act* of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) with respect to any authorized restoration services to be provided under this section on Federal land **shall not be delegated** to a Governor or county.
GNA Statutory Backstop

• **(C)Treatment of revenue**
  • **In general,** funds received from the sale of timber by a Governor of a State under a good neighbor agreement **shall be retained and used** by the Governor—
  • **(I)** to carry out **authorized restoration services on Federal land** under the agreement; and
  • **(II)** if there are funds remaining after carrying out subclause (I), to carry out authorized restoration services on Federal land within the State **under other good neighbor agreements.**
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Master Agreement: April 2016
GNA Projects

Services

Product Removal
**GNA Mechanics**

**GNA Master Agreement**
- Statewide
- 10-years
- No $$

**Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA)**
- Project details
- Obligates $$

**Services**

**Product Removal**

**Federal Appropriations**

**Timber Sale Revenue**

**Example services**
- Stand exams
- Heritage surveys
- Botany surveys
- Fish Bio on NEPA team
- Pre-commercial thin
- Prescribed fire
- Timber sale

**Not allowed**
- NEPA Decisions
- Public works projects

**Who Does the Work?**
- Contractors
- Timber purchasers
- State crews

**Project details**
- Recoup layout costs
- Non-timber project work
- Monitoring
- Surveys, data collection
GNA in Oregon

Timber Sale
2.6 mmbf

NCT
434 acres

Next Project Planning Area
24K acres

Rx fire
848 acres

USFS BOUNDARY

Timber Sale
2.6 mmbf
ODFW GNA Overview

- 11 Supplemental Project Agreements (SPAs)
  - 8 SPAs in 6 National Forests
  - 3 SPAs with USFS Statewide
- Total $424,000 federal funds
- Projects include:
  - Aspen habitat restoration
  - Meadow and early seral habitat maintenance
  - Fish passage (culvert replacement)
  - Riparian restoration
  - Road decommissioning
  - Wildlife surveys for restoration planning

Early Seral Habitat, Peterson Ridge, Siuslaw NF
ODF GNA Overview

• 24 Supplemental Project Agreements (SPAs)
  • Projects on 10 National Forests & one BLM District
• Total $8.9M federal funds
• Projects include:
  • Fuels reduction (thin, pile)
  • Presale unit layout
  • Stand exams & timber cruising
  • Timber sale administration
  • Invasive weed removal
Good Neighbor Authority activities administered by Oregon Department of Forestry, 2016–2018

Map showing the distribution of Good Neighbor Authority activities across Oregon, with different symbols indicating the status of the activities. Key legend includes:
- National forest
- Other federal land
- BLM district with GNA activity

GNA activities:
- GNA service work activity, completed
- GNA service work activity, in progress
- GNA timber sale, sold or in development

Map areas highlighted include:
- Mt. Hood
- Willamette
- Deschutes
- Umpqua
- Rogue River
- Siskiyou
- Medford
- Fremont Winema
- Umatilla
- Malheur
- Wallowa-Whitman

Scale bar for distance in miles (0, 50, 100) is present on the map.
GNA Timber Sales Sold to Date

Million board feet (MMBF)

- Paddock Butte (F-W)
- Cain (WIL)
- Flat (WIL)
- Strube Flats Deck (WIL)
- Fir Lo (F-W)
- Long Ridge (RRS)
- Park (WIL)
- Edge (MAL)
- KL Deck (F-W)
Project Planning

• Contracted project assessment for projects Categorically Excluded from NEPA

• Completed projects
  • Miller Lake
    • Insect & Disease CE
  • Swamp Creek
  • Catherine Creek

• 4 other current projects in ‘19-21 biennium
Looking Ahead

• Increasing GNA timber sale revenue to reinvest in additional NEPA and project implementation

• Building the FFR workforce within ODF
  • 1 FFR Coordinator and 6-10 GNA Foresters

• Shared Stewardship Implementation
  • Integrating work on private lands to achieve outcomes across ownership boundaries
  • Leveraging additional public & private revenue sources