



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Bringing Washington's Forests Back to Health

The 22 million acres of forestland in Washington state face unprecedented threats that require bold action – climate change, drought, insects, disease, invasive species, development pressures, and wildfires.

The Department of Natural Resources' capital budget request will continue to help restore forest health across Washington state, and across property boundaries – federal, state, local and private – to meet the goals of Washington's Forest Action Plan and 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan for Eastern Washington. Combined, the \$20 million request will treat more than 39,000 acres of unhealthy forests, create 42 million board feet of timber for local mills, and create nearly 800 jobs.

State Trust Lands

Funding will allow for noncommercial treatments of more than 10,400 acres of DNR-managed lands and 1,000 acres of special projects. These are critical to protecting our forests that help support school construction across Washington.

Federal Lands

This request will treat 14,000 acres of federal forests through leveraged direct investments, Good Neighbor Authority, and DNR's competitive forest collaborative grant program. In addition, funding will complete critical road infrastructure projects: remedying 23 barriers to fish passage, addressing 75 miles of deferred maintenance, and removing up to 10 miles of unnecessary roads, protecting water quality for both fish and humans.

Private Lands

This funding will deliver 10,000 acres of private fuels reduction treatments via the landowner cost-share program. Education and outreach activities will establish, support, or renew 20 Firewise USA sites and 5 Fire Adapted Communities along with developing or updating 8 Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

All Lands Treatment and Planning Efforts

This request funds 1,000 acres of state-led prescribed fire in priority landscapes that further the department's progress in using prescribed fire as a critical forest health treatment. Additionally, funding delivers planning, coordination, and implementation of forest health projects across 2,700 acres, including pre-sales work, layout of non-commercial fuels projects, and data collection and monitoring. Investments will enhance the existing forest health data tracking



From climate change and catastrophic wildfires, to invasive species, to increasing development, our forests face unprecedented threats that require bold action.

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system, including an expansion to track statewide forest health projects.