



# Good Neighbor Authority in Oregon

## Program Update

**Overview** *The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill, allows the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to enter into agreements with state agencies to accomplish forest restoration on Federal lands.*

*The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the Pacific Northwest Region of the USFS (R6) have been developing project-level agreements across Oregon since March of 2016, when Governor Kate Brown signed a Master Good Neighbor Agreement. ODF is also developing projects in western Oregon with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).*

### **GNA Project Highlight: Paddock Butte Project**

The Paddock Butte project includes Oregon's first GNA timber sale and is located on ODF's Klamath Lake District and the southern end of the Fremont-Winema NF (FWNF). Paddock Butte is an excellent example of leveraging GNA to expand the scale of treatments across ownership boundaries.

A "dry site", characterized by dense ponderosa pine and encroaching juniper, the Paddock Butte project is located within the Insect and Disease designation identified as part of the 2014 Farm Bill. The FWNF used Farm Bill Insect and Disease Categorical Exclusion authority and issued a decision for the project in June 2016. ODF will administer a timber sale and use the revenue generated to complete future restoration work (see below). Adjacent private land has already received similar treatments using funding from the National Resource Conservation Service.

### **Project Details**

- 712 acre timber sale, estimated 2.3 Million board feet (MMBF)
- Local collaborative involvement through Klamath Lake Forest Health Partners
- ODF role include:
  - Drafting silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides
  - Timber sale marking and layout
  - Advertise, award and administer timber sale
- Restoration priorities includes:
  - Activity fuels treatment
  - Road maintenance and decommissioning
  - Juniper removal
  - Noxious weed treatment
- Estimated Program Income: \$196,000

### **Master Agreement between State of Oregon and USFS signed in March 2016.**



**Good Neighbor Authority: Allows the State to act as an agent of the Secretary to carry out 'authorized forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services' on National Forests.**

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## GNA and the Federal Forest Restoration Program

GNA is applied through ODF’s Federal Forest Restoration Program (FFR) which is now permanently funded as part of ODF’s budget.

GNA provides a tool for agencies to collaborate on project implementation to efficiently complete work. FFR District Coordinators work with local R6 staff to develop local projects benefitting both agencies.

## Funding

Initiation of GNA in Oregon has taken a joint investment from both ODF and R6. The GNA is a method to transfer federal funds and resources to the state for completion of work on federal land. ODF has used FFR funds to jump-start GNA projects like Paddock Butte.

A summary of GNA projects to date:

- Six Restoration Services agreements have transferred over \$1 million of federal funds to ODF for project implementation (see table below).
- FFR District Coordinator positions are cost-shared by ODF and R6 to develop and implement projects.

ODF invested roughly \$92,000 in the 2015-2017 FFR program to initiate Oregon’s GNA program. Funding was used to develop contracts, agency workflows, and to develop the Paddock Butte pilot timber sale project.

## GNA Restoration Services Work by National Forest or BLM District

Location	Acres (to date)	Budget – Federal Funds	ODF role	Project goals
Fremont- NF	5346	\$619,816	ODF will perform or contract activities including monitoring, pre-sale layout and marking, inspections, cruising, logging and economic feasibility analysis, and juniper cutting.	Additional capacity for the FWNF to accomplish timber and restoration work, which would otherwise remain uncompleted.
Malheur NF	754	\$136,962	ODF will hire a hand crew to conduct fuels reduction work including thinning, pruning, piling, line construction and maintenance.	Hazardous fuels reduction and white bark pine restoration.
Deschutes NF	233	\$84,827	ODF will hire a crew to complete fuels reduction work including thinning, piling, and line construction and maintenance.	Wildland Urban Interface fuels reduction.
Mt Hood NF	1,050	\$79,107	ODF hand crew will complete pre-sale layout and fuels reduction.	Thinning and layout.
Medford BLM District	150	\$33,511	Unit layout, tree marking, and tree tallying for a commercial thinning treatment.	Prepare timber component of a stewardship project.
Region 6	NA	\$174,924	Work with FS to identify and implement restoration projects across Oregon.	Build partnerships and expand communication between FS, ODF, and other state agencies to better leverage resources and complete restoration work across Oregon.
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,129,147</b>		