



# ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES  
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# The Elliott State Research Forest

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*Nationally significant  
center for forest science  
and management*

*Advancing climate  
resilience, habitat  
outcomes, and rural  
economic vitality*

*2025–2026: From planning  
to visible outcomes*



# 2025 Milestones

**April 2025**

Forest Management Plan adopted into rule

**May 2025**

Habitat Conservation Plan secured

**July 2025**

Operations Plan approved, implementation underway

**September 2025**

Foundational research grants awarded

**November 2025**

Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation resumed



# Harvest Roadmap

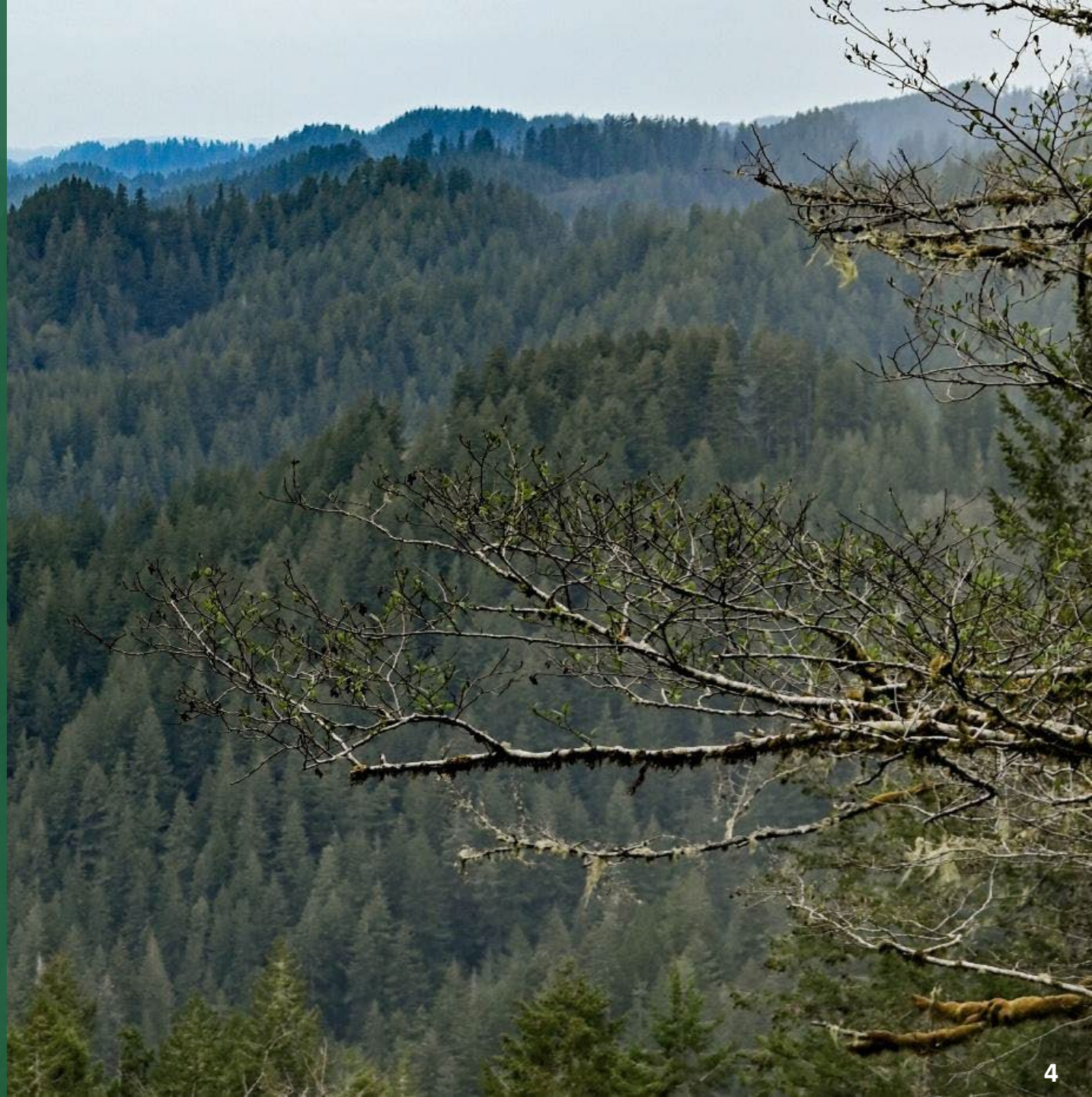
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***2,300 acres in seven sale areas (~300 acres each)***

***Four sales in 2026; seven total in the biennium***

***First sale March 2026; earliest revenue anticipated by November 2026***

***Risk-smart: stands outside murrelet habitat, under 70 years old***







## Recap of 2025-2027 Biennium Investments

- Establishment of Oregon's 83,000-acre public research forest.
- \$12.1 million in funding for operations and site development including:
  - 9 positions
  - Site Development
  - Facility Maintenance
- Key packages approved:
  - Package 090 – \$10,000,000 OF for operations and research
  - Package 214 – Shutter Creek Site: \$2,086,084 FF for site development and facility maintenance



# **Journey toward Financial Independence**

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***Updating financial plan with  
Low/Medium/High  
scenarios***

***SB 147: Independent ESRF  
account for transparency***

***Start-up phase through  
FY25–27; bridge funding  
continues***



# Primary Revenue Sources

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## Timber

First sale March 2026

Revenue July–November 2026

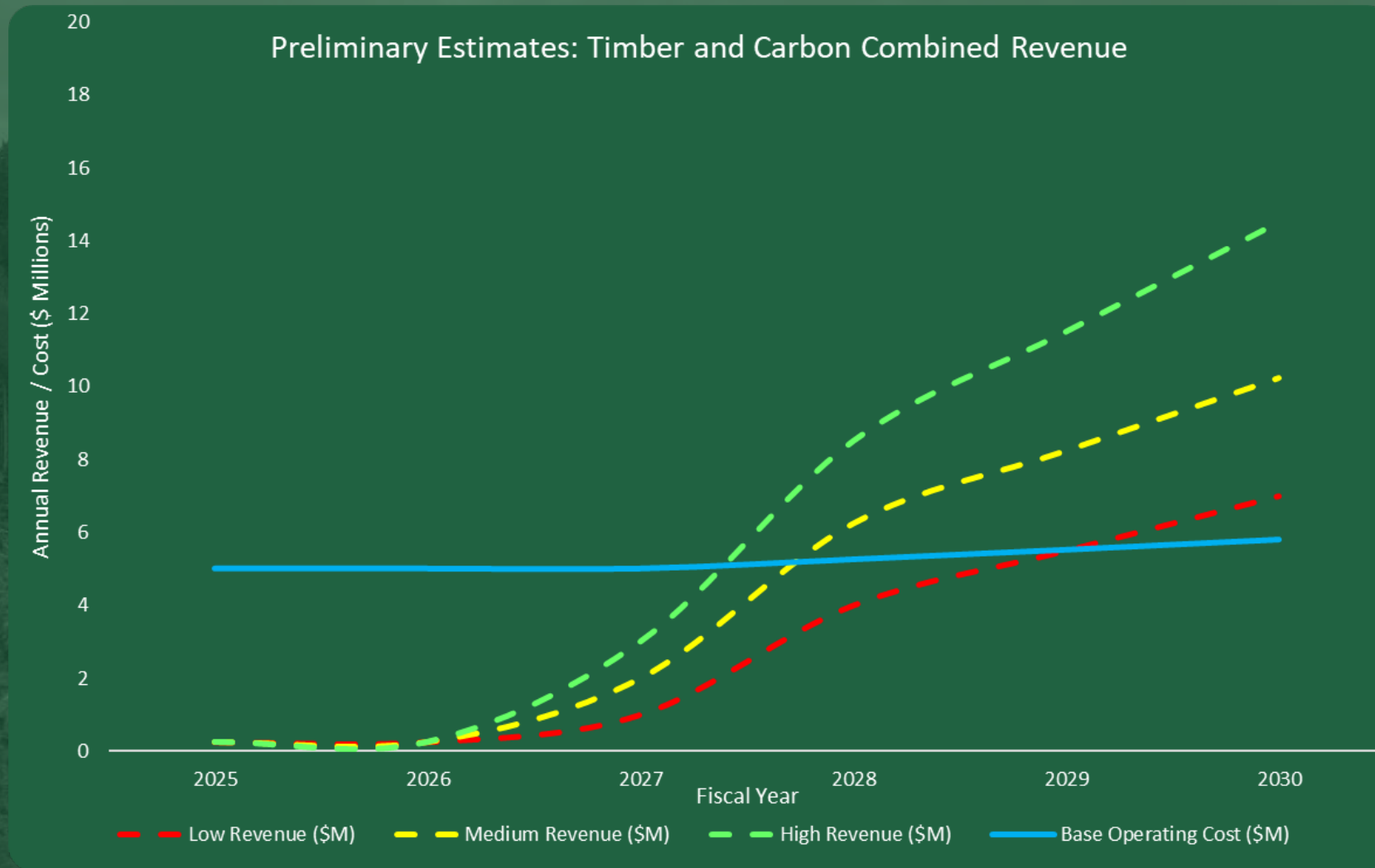


## Carbon

Inventory spring 2026

Credits by end of 2027

# Pathway to Self-Sufficiency







# 2026 Priorities

**Operations:** Offer first timber sale in March; staggered sales thereafter

**Carbon:** Advance carbon inventory and modeling for verification

**Research:** Launch foundational research studies

**Consultation:** Continue Government-to-Government Tribal consultation

**Headquarters:** Begin Shutter Creek redevelopment planning



# **Carbon Program: *Built for Integrity***

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***Part of the ESRF vision  
since inception***

***Carbon Development and  
Marketing Agreement  
signed with Anew  
(November 2024), targeting  
American Carbon Registry***

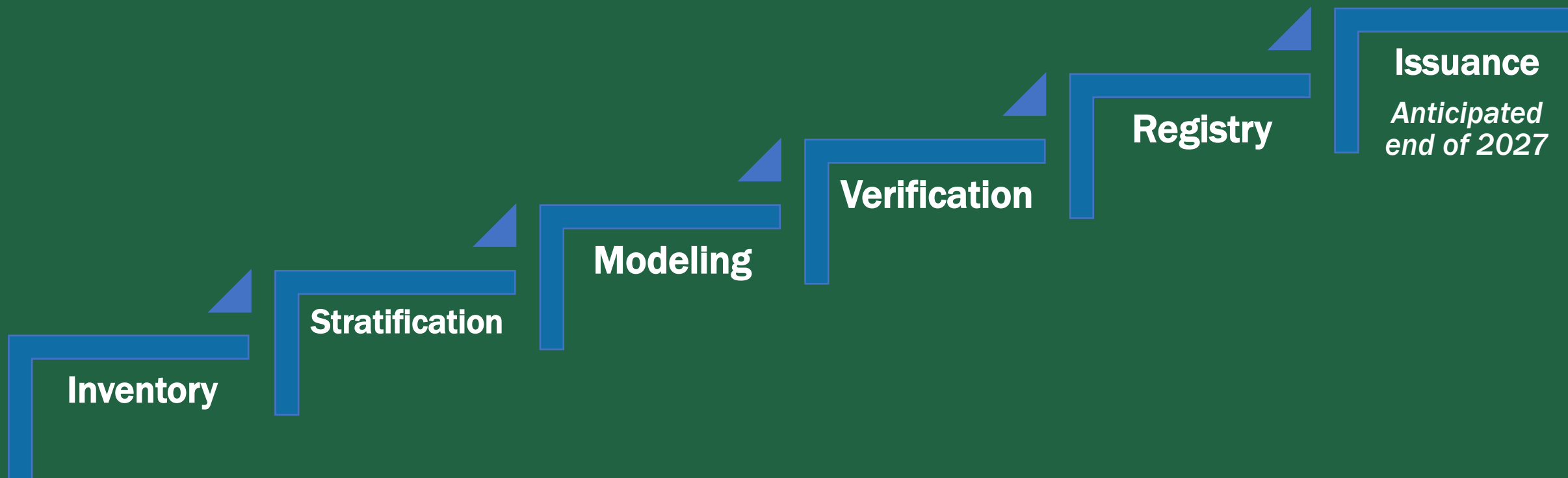
***Goal: High-quality credits—  
real, verifiable, additive***





# Carbon Roadmap: *Steps to Issuance*

*Credits enable voluntary market sales to climate-committed companies*





# Research Program Development

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***Consortium model under  
evaluation***

***Focus: Scientific rigor,  
Indigenous engagement,  
cross-sector collaboration***

***Research coordinator  
building governance, peer  
review, data norms***





# Takeaways

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***Delivering a working  
research forest with  
measurable progress***

***Financial independence  
structured and  
accountable***

***Momentum continues—  
near-term deliverables  
scheduled***





# THANK YOU

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