



ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST

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

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

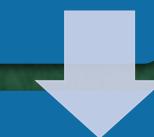
April 2025

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

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

***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



Timber

First sale March 2026

Revenue July–November 2026

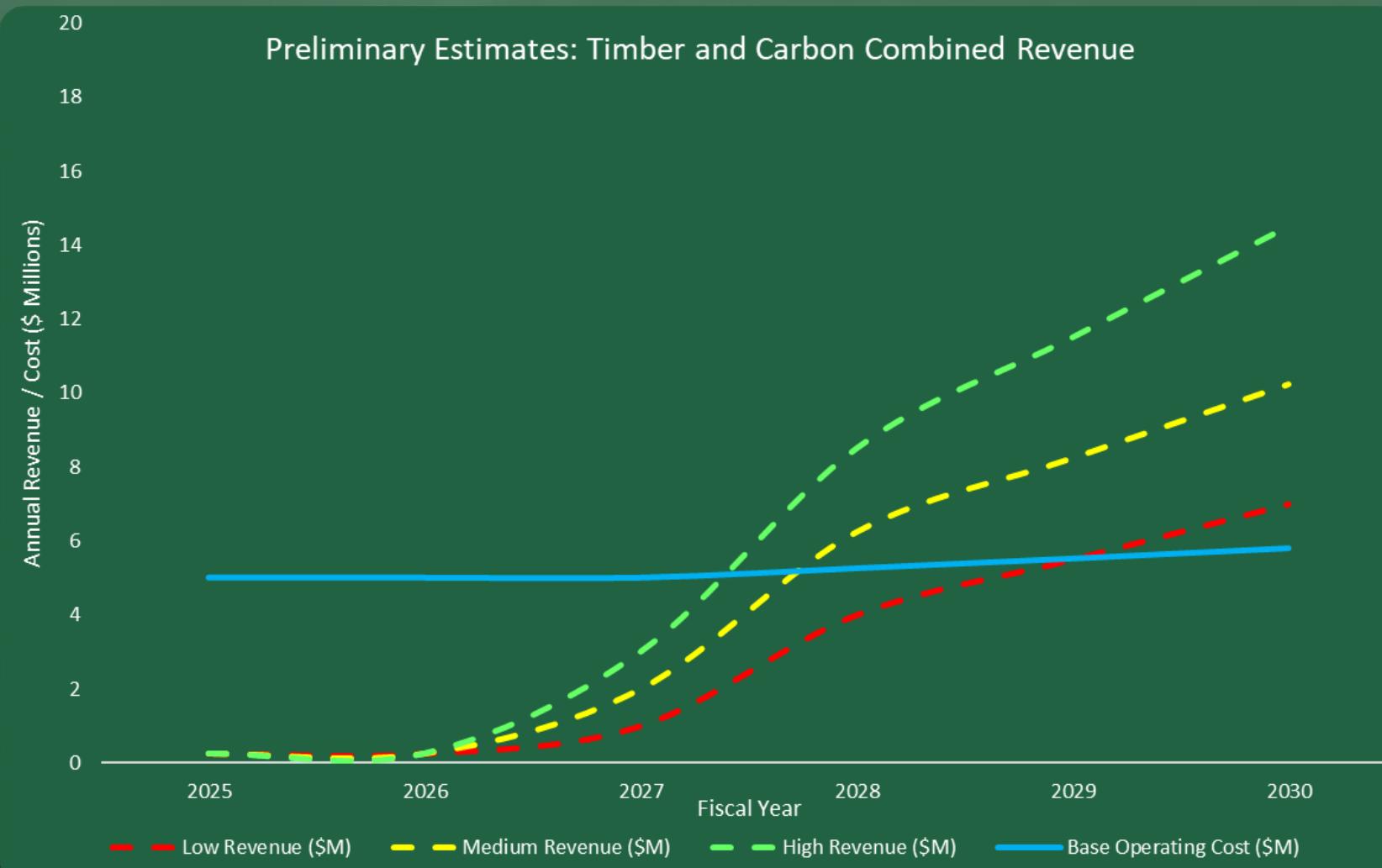


Carbon

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*

*Part of the ESRF vision
since inception*

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

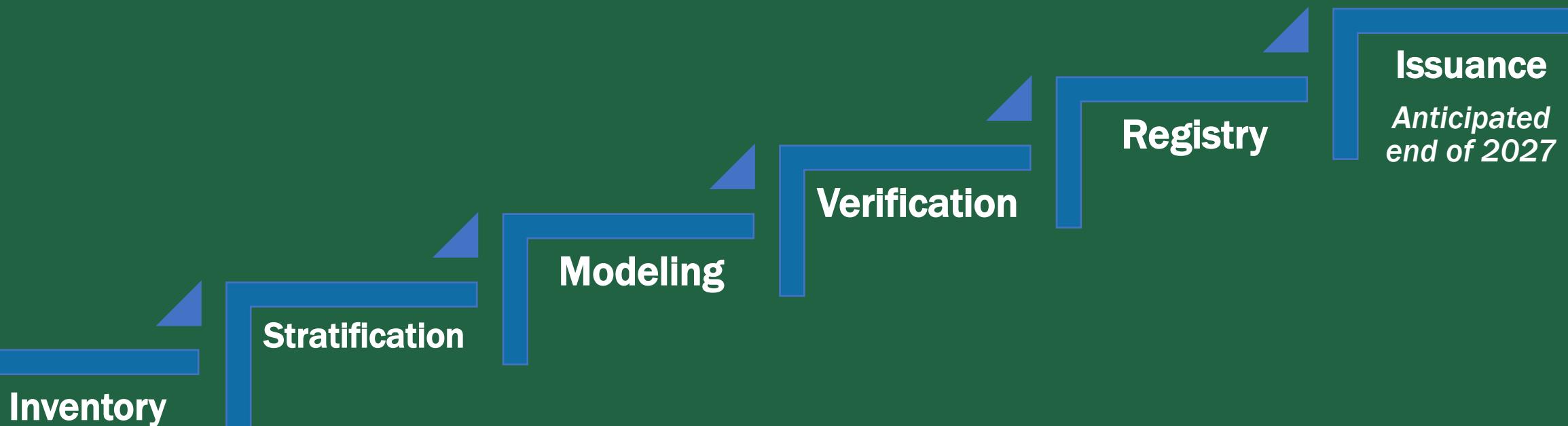
***Goal: High-quality credits—
real, verifiable, additive***



Carbon Roadmap: *Steps to Issuance*



Credits enable voluntary market sales to climate-committed companies



Research Program Development

Consortium model under evaluation

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

Research coordinator building governance, peer review, data norms





Takeaways

Delivering a working research forest with measurable progress

Financial independence structured and accountable

Momentum continues—near-term deliverables scheduled



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