

# Federal Lands Program Spring 2022 Update

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources Federal Lands Program (FLP) is midway through the 2021-23 biennium and continues to accelerate the pace of restoration projects on federal lands statewide, most often using the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA). Since inception in 2018, the FLP has evolved to include three distinct functions: **Field Operations, Engineering Services, and Environmental Planning**. As of spring 2022, the FLP is comprised of **29 FTEs**.

**Operations** is the foundation of the FLP. Grounded in sound, professional forestry skillsets, **17** restoration specialists and managers implement commercial and non-commercial restoration projects statewide, while also developing broad programs of work on U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands to meet program targets.

**Engineering** sets the DNR Federal Lands Program apart. We are currently the only state with a full-time cadre of **five** federal lands engineers focused on addressing ailing road infrastructure on federal lands. We use state tools and licensed engineering capabilities to boost this critical capacity for federal partners while working closely with the Operations staff.

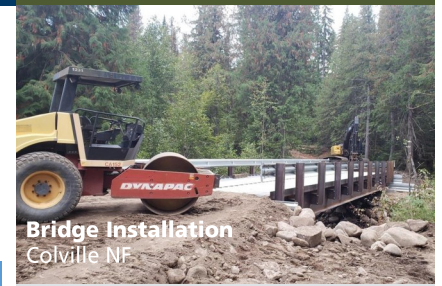
**Planning** is the newest arm of the program. It is critical to our long-term sustainability and restoration project pipeline. **Six** planning specialists focused specifically on accelerating NEPA timelines and reducing delays will conduct NEPA planning activities (including surveys and technical reports) and administer contracts to ensure signed decisions are achieved on time and in coordination with federal interdisciplinary teams. Initial focal areas of FLP planners include geology, soils, archeology, wildlife, and fisheries science.

## BY THE NUMBERS 2017-2022

- To date, the FLP has produced **13,600** acres of statewide commercial restoration projects and non-commercial fuels reduction in priority areas of DNR's 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan: Eastern Washington .
- Installations or designs of **34 Aquatic Improvement Projects** as well as about **160 miles** of road improvements and **22 miles** of roads decommissioned.
- Seventeen** sale contracts sold, totaling:
  - 73.3 MMBF**
  - 6,600** acres
- Twelve** fuels reduction contracts sold, totaling:
  - 7,000** acres
  - \$4.6M** to private contractors

## 2022-2023 Planned Work Remaining

- Nine sales; 32.9 MMBF on 3,600 acres
- Seven fuels contracts on 4,600 acres
- 18 Aquatic Improvement Projects
- 48 miles of road maintenance and seven miles of decommissioning
- Rapid increase of NEPA function will be a priority in FY23

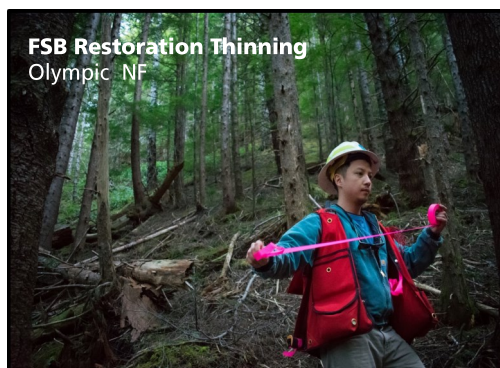


Bridge Installation  
Colville NF

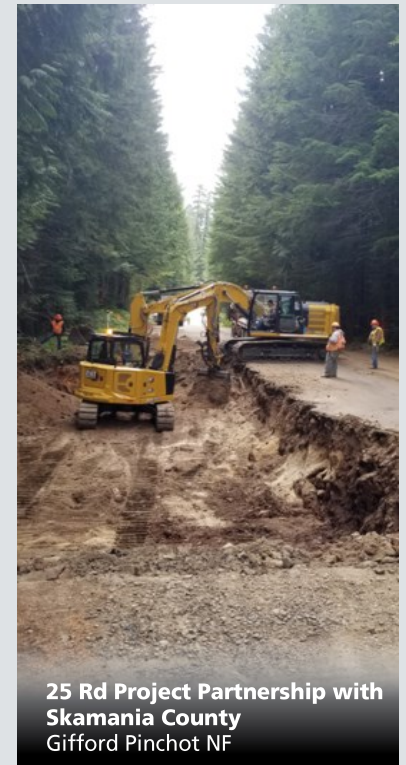
## BACKGROUND

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Federal Lands Program and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service are increasing the pace and scale of forest health treatments and restoration projects in forests across Washington state through the mutual benefits of an agreement called the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) between the two agencies.

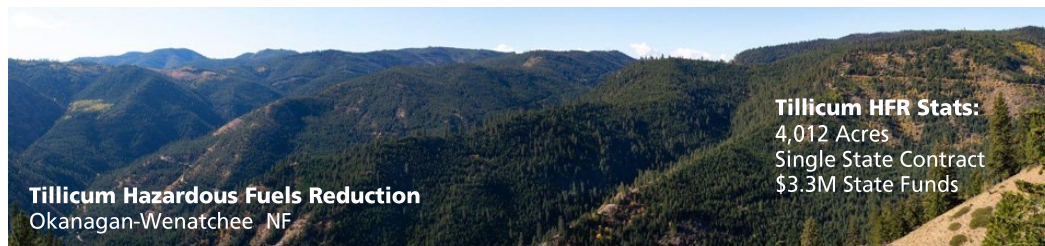
GNA authorizes the state to act as a trusted agent of the federal government to accomplish a variety of forest, range, and watershed restoration in national forests with the additional benefit of using state processes and resources.



FSB Restoration Thinning  
Olympic NF



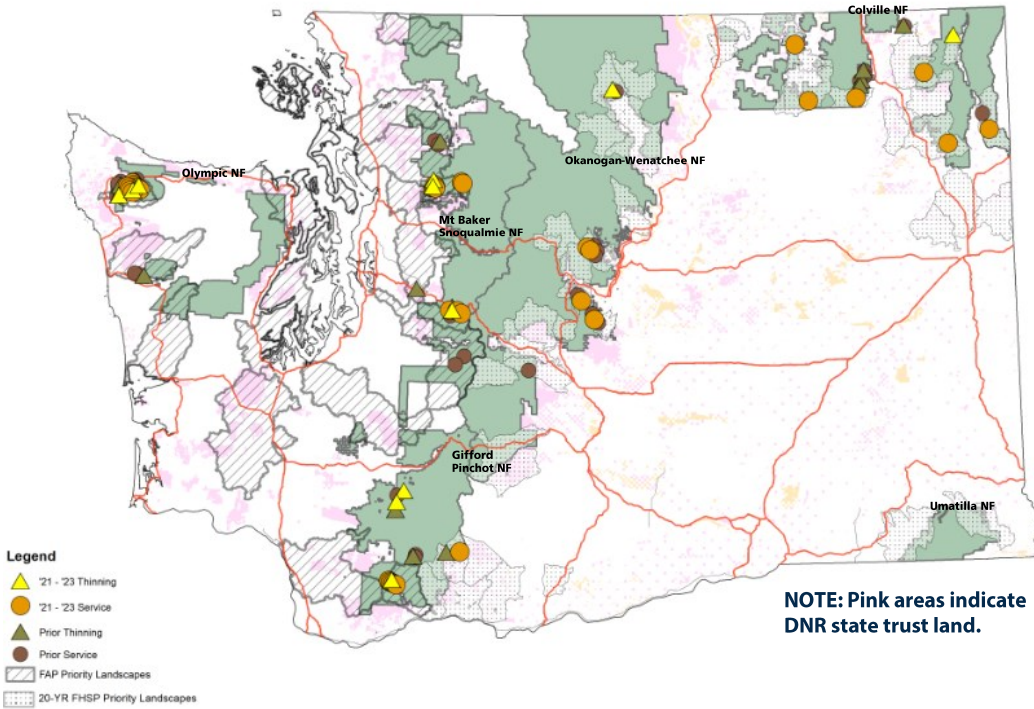
25 Rd Project Partnership with  
Skamania County  
Gifford Pinchot NF



Tillicum Hazardous Fuels Reduction  
Okanagan-Wenatchee NF

Tillicum HFR Stats:  
4,012 Acres  
Single State Contract  
\$3.3M State Funds





Federal Lands Program  
2021-23 Biennial Targets

<p><b>Statewide</b></p> <p>4.0 FTE – Program 2.0 FTE – Operations 6.0 FTE – NEPA Team Statewide Support</p>	<p><b>GPNF</b></p> <p>4.0 FTE 11,000 MBF 1,150 Acres 6 AIPs 23 Rd Miles</p>
<p><b>OWNF</b></p> <p>3.0 FTE 4,000 MBF 5,600 Acres 5 Rd Miles</p>	<p><b>ONF</b></p> <p>3.0 FTE 10,500 MBF 850 Acres 9 AIPs 22 Rd Miles</p>
<p><b>CNF</b></p> <p>6.0 FTE 15,500 MBF 7,900 Acres 6 Rd Miles</p>	<p><b>MBSNF</b></p> <p>1.0 FTE 5,000 MBF 500 Acres 8 AIPs 29 Rd Miles</p>

2023-2025 Federal Lands Program Outlook

Demands on services delivered by the FLP are anticipated to increase in the coming biennium due to increased attention on state-federal working partnerships locally and at the national level.

Key themes moving into the 2023-25 biennium:

**Target Establishment and Increase** — Initial goal of increase of statewide program targets by 10-20 percent

**Program Refinement and Strengthening** — increased efficiency and delivery of targets. Accelerated funding expenditure capabilities with strategic growth

**Maximize FLP Planning Resources** — Critical for ensuring project pipeline for federal, state, and partner implementation through contracts and staff contributions

**Increasing Partnership Function** — working across all spectrums of partners will be critical as funding sources and work portfolio exceeds program capacity. Partnerships will allow us to continue effectively delivering results.

21-23 Budget Breakdown:

State GF-S: \$9.3M

Fed Grant: \$1.3M

Fed Revenue: \$7.2M

Total: \$17.8M

MORE INFORMATION

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