

## CHAPTER 8.

# Agreements and authorities

Several agreements and authorities help facilitate cross-boundary landscape restoration. The guidebook *From Ideas to Actions: A Guide to Funding and Authorities for Collaborative Forestry* is an excellent resource. Refer to this document for more information on:

1. Participating agreements
2. Stewardship agreements
3. Challenge cost-share agreements
4. Memorandum of understanding
5. Good neighbor authority or agreements
6. Stewardship authority or agreements
7. Wyden authority or agreements
8. Tribal Forest Protection Act

If there is a challenge in accomplishing the project work, discuss and explore all relevant agreements or authorities. This may involve talking with agency grant and agreement specialists who can point to the appropriate tool to address the specific circumstances. It may take some creativity to determine the appropriate tool to use.

Specific agreements or authorities used in South Central Oregon include:

- **NRCS and ODF Cooperative Agreement**  
This agreement allows ODF to provide technical forestry assistance to NRCS to implement the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) on private lands.
- **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Watershed Council Contract**  
This contract facilitates the transfer of funding from ODFW to Watershed Council for private land GIS work and assessment.
- **USFS and OSU Extension Service Participating Agreement using the Wyden Authority**  
This agreement facilitates the transfer of funds from USFS to OSU Extension Service for GIS services, assessment, outreach, or education for private landowners.
- **The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and USFS Master Participating Agreement**  
This agreement supports ongoing cooperation in performing prescribed burns on or affecting federal lands, with a focus on the training of personnel from both parties.
- **USFS and Private Landowner Agreement using the Wyden Authority**  
This agreement allows the USFS to conduct restoration work on private lands if the work provides benefits to federal land.
- **USFS and ODF Good Neighbor Agreement**  
This agreement allows the USFS to transfer funding to ODF to implement forest management on federal lands.
- **Watershed Councils and OSU Extension Service Contracts**  
These contracts allow for technical service agreements that may include outreach, education, private land GIS work and assessments, and archaeological surveys.
- **American Forest Foundation and Oregon Forest Resource Institute with OSU Extension Service Agreements**  
This agreement facilitates the transfer of funds for outreach and education technical services.
- **Watershed Councils and Contractor Contracts**  
These contracts facilitate the use of grant funding (e.g., OWEB funding) to implement projects on private land.
- **ODF and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**  
This MOU documents each agency's responsibility to administer forestland debris-burning smoke management.

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- **ODF and Watershed Council Agreements**

This agreement facilitates the transfer of funds from the watershed council to ODF for forestry technical service agreements that may include forestry or stream survey services.

- **Oregon Forest Practices Act**

This Act sets resource protection standards and enforcement for all commercial-forest, tree-management practices on Oregon private forestlands. It includes Fire Protection Laws that regulate forestland debris burning and wildfire protection.

- **Oregon State Federal Forest Restoration Program**

This program dedicates funding to increase the pace and scale of restoration on federal land. Oregon is the first state in the nation to invest in national forest management.

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*“The success in large-scale projects comes from the right people involved with the right projects at the right time with the right authorities to do so.”*

Jason Pettigrew, ODF Stewardship Forester

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