

# Working together we are making changes ... towards healthier forests



## Current Forest Conditions

Today our forests in Lake and Klamath Counties are in jeopardy. Insect infestations, overstocked Western juniper, and an altered fire regime have all led to heavy fuel loads. A single lightning strike today has a greater probability of creating a catastrophic wildfire that will burn hotter and more intensely than historical natural fire. Our forests need **YOUR HELP** to be restored to their once-resilient state and reverse these trends.

## The Landscape Approach

Private landowners, along with state and federal entities, must work together across jurisdictional boundaries to effect change on a landscape level. To restore ecological resiliency to our forests and ensure economic viability of our communities, Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership (KLFHP) is providing technical and financial support to forest landowners in critical areas with the greatest opportunity for impact across public and private land.

## What Do We Do?

The KLFHP utilizes an 8-step process to implement private forestland restoration ([catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw707](http://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw707)). We work with landowners to map their forest resources and fire risk at no cost or obligation to them. We can provide information about the condition of your forest and recommendations on how to reduce your wildfire risk, and discuss treatment options best-suited for your property management goals and the landscape.



BEFORE



AFTER

## What Can You Do?

### ◆ Participate

Have your forest land inventoried and mapped to better understand the current conditions and potential risk of wildfires.

### ◆ Reduce Fuels

Implement forest thinning, juniper removal, and brush clearing as recommended to improve health and reduce risk.

### ◆ Maintain

Develop a management plan for your forest to maintain treated areas through mechanisms such as thinning and prescribed fire.



Wildfires are **increasing** and wildfire season is getting **longer** in the Western U.S.



Average number of large wildfires per year bigger than 1,000 acres



1980-1989  
~140



1990-1999  
~160



2000-2012  
~250

Average length of wildfire season

Early 1970s: 5 months



Today: 7+ months

[www.ucsusa.org/westernwildfires](http://www.ucsusa.org/westernwildfires)



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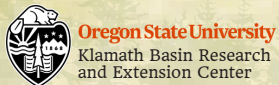
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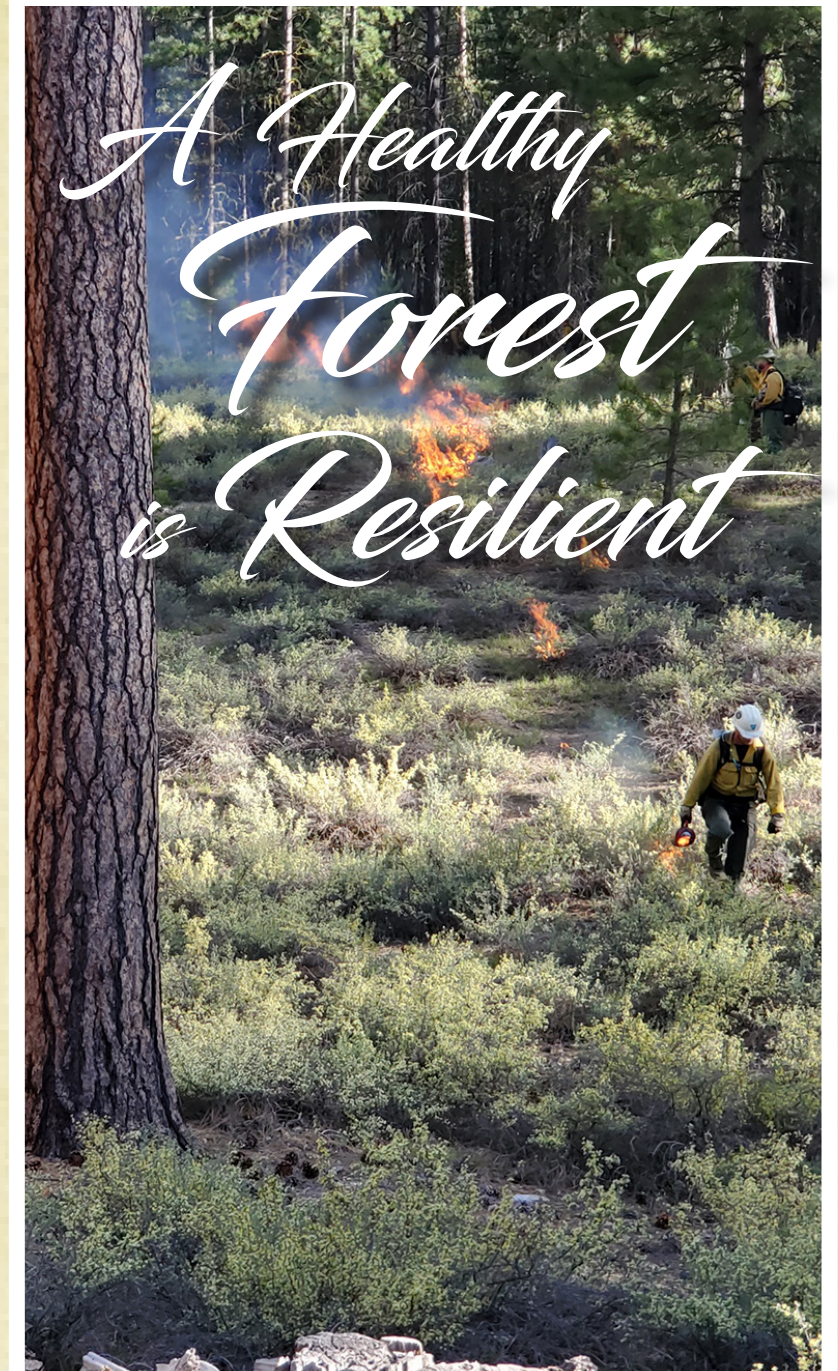
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