

A forest manager wearing a red hard hat and a grey jacket is standing in a lush green forest, looking at a clipboard. The forest is filled with tall trees and dense undergrowth, including many ferns. The scene is captured in a natural, slightly overcast light.

# McDonald & Dunn Forest Management Planning Process

Spring 2022 – Early 2024



**OSU College of Forestry**  
**McDonald-Dunn Research Forest Faculty Planning Committee Meeting #19**  
**316 Peavy Forest Science Center or Zoom ([Join Zoom Meeting](#))**  
**12 December 2023, noon-2pm**

**Agenda**

*Meeting Purpose:*

- Share information on recent and upcoming modeling and writing efforts
- Brainstorm about monitoring efforts needed for adaptive management
- Consider roles in plan implementation

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
noon	<b>Review where we've been and where we're going</b>
12:05pm	<b>Discuss monitoring expectations (indicators of performance and sustainability)</b>
1:45pm	<b>Discuss roles and responsibilities</b>
1:55pm	<b>Next steps</b>
2:00pm	<b>Adjourn</b>



## MCDONALD-DUNN RESEARCH FOREST PLANNING PROCESS



The OSU College of Forestry is developing a new management plan for the McDonald and Dunn Research Forests, which is anticipated to be ready for implementation in 2025. This new plan will determine how the forests provide opportunities for teaching, research and outreach efforts of the College of Forestry. The new research forest plan will reflect the college's diverse values, and will position the McDonald-Dunn Research Forest to be a model example of multiple value forest management. Management decisions and activities on the McDonald-Dunn Research Forest will be driven by College of Forestry research agendas, education and demonstration opportunities, and considerations of an inclusive balance of forest uses and values.

The process of developing the new management plan will involve opportunities for public input, and two committees working in tandem from spring 2022 through winter 2024.

- Public input opportunities include two Community Listening Sessions, two Community Input Sessions, a [webform](#) through which written comments can be provided, and an [email](#) to which written questions can be sent. We usually respond within 21 days.
- Two committees will assist in the development of the new plan: an external Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) and College of Forestry Faculty Planning Committee (FPC). Comments submitted through the webform will be forwarded to these committees.

### **Happening Now:**

On Sept. 28, 2023, OSU and Starker Forests agreed to a land trade impacting the McDonald and Dunn Research Forests. Before this trade was complete, Starker Forests owned a Tetris block shaped tract in the middle of the McDonald Forest. After conversations spanning many years, OSU came to an agreement with Starker to incorporate this land into the McDonald Forest. In return for the Starker tract, OSU transferred the Spaulding Research Forest, as well as approximately 170 acres of the Dunn Forest to Starker ownership.

OSU is currently working through modeling for how best to incorporate and manage the now contiguous forest acreage. Part of this modeling includes determining which stands within the McDonald and Dunn Forests will be converted to managed reserves as part of the new Forest Management Plan.

Once the modeling is complete, OSU will be hosting a series of Community Input Sessions to provide public updates. More details and timing for these sessions will be communicated here as they become available.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events:**



# MCDONALD-DUNN RESEARCH FOREST PLANNING PROCESS



## Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- December 12, 12:00 - 2:00 - FPC meeting ([agenda](#))  
Zoom link: <https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/96772313273?pwd=TzJGT3FpYlZORm1ac2FxMjMrMGNrdz09>
- Jan. 17, 2024, Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting

## Past Meetings & Events:

- June 14, 2022, SAC and FPC Joint Kickoff Meeting ([agenda](#), [video](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Aug 30, 2022, SAC Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Aug. 31, 2022, Community Listening Session ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Sept. 16, 2022, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Sept. 20, 2022, Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Oct. 11, 2022, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Oct. 25, 2022, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Nov. 7, 2022, Community Listening Session ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Nov. 22, 2022, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Dec. 5, 2022, Stakeholder Advisory Committee ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Dec. 6, 2022, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))- Remarks made by an individual during the Dec 6 Faculty Planning Committee meeting do not reflect the values of the university or the College of Forestry, or our shared commitment to respectful discussion and engagement. The College appreciates all input being provided in planning the future of the McDonald-Dunn Research Forests and is committed to listening to and considering all perspectives with respect. An apology for these remarks was made during the Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting on Dec 13.
- Dec. 13, 2022, Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Dec. 20, 2022, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Jan. 18, 2023, Stakeholder Advisory Committee ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Jan. 23, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Feb. 6, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Feb. 20, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Feb. 25, 2023, SAC and FPC Joint Field Tour
- Mar. 1, 2023, Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Mar. 6, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Mar. 20, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Mar. 21 & 22, 2023, Academic User Listening Sessions (open forums)
- Mar. 27, 2023, SAC and FPC Joint Field Tour
- Apr. 13, 2023, Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation 1](#), [presentation 2](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Apr.17, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- May 1, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- June 12, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee Meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Oct. 17, 2023, Faculty Planning Committee meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Oct. 31, Faculty Planning Committee meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Nov. 14, Faculty Planning Committee meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#), [meeting summary](#))
- Nov. 28, Faculty Planning Committee meeting ([agenda](#), [presentation](#), [video recording](#))

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS

STAY CONNECTED

READ PUBLIC COMMENTS

HISTORIC DOCUMENTS - MCDONALD-DUNN RESEARCH FOREST PLANNING  
2004-PRESENT

# McDonald-Dunn Research Forest Management Planning Process

## Phase I: Information gathering, Discussions, Assessment of former FMP (Spring-Summer 2022)

Initial Interviews

Inventory of COF  
Academic Use

Community Listening  
Session I

Stakeholder Advisory  
Committee Meetings

Faculty Planning  
Committee Meetings

Comment / Question  
Submission

## Phase II: Synthesizing, Modeling, Writing Refining (Fall 2022-Winter 2024)

Stakeholder Advisory  
Committee Meetings

Faculty Planning  
Committee Meetings

Community Listening  
Session II

Academic User  
Listening Session

Community Input  
Sessions I & II

Comment / Question  
Submission

## Phase III: Finalizing (Early 2024)

Presentation of draft plan to the Dean &  
Forestry Executive Committee for review

Forest management plan refinement

Forest management plan approval by Dean



# Tentative Timeline (subject to change)

- FPC meetings
  - Fall term: Dec 12 is last meeting of the year
  - Winter term: monthly (once in early Jan, early Feb, early March)
- SAC meetings
  - Mid-January (Jan 17?)
  - Mid-February
- Community Input Sessions
  - Late January
  - Late February





# Indicators of Performance and Sustainability

- 2005 Plan

- defined 7 goals
- set 1-4 objectives for each goal
- proposed 1-8 indicators for each objective ( $n=58$  total)

- New plan

- FRAC defined 10 goals for all Research Forests, some of which align with 2005
- we need to set objectives and indicators for each of the 10 new goals
- the intent is to define monitoring needs ... this will enable adaptive management





# New goals in relation to those from the 2005 Plan

- Goal 1 - Learning, Discovery, Engagement ..... Goals 1 & 7 from 2005 Plan
- Goal 2 – Stewardship ..... Goals 2 & 3 from 2005 Plan
- Goal 3 – Research ..... Goal 1 from 2005 Plan
- Goal 4 - Resilient Forests ..... *No analogue in 2005 Plan*
- Goal 5 - Working Demonstration Forest ..... Goal 1 from 2005 Plan
- Goal 6 – Recreation ..... Goal 5 from 2005 Plan
- Goal 7 - Community Connections ..... Goal 6 from 2005 Plan
- Goal 8 - Financial Sustainability ..... Goal 2 from 2005 Plan
- Goal 9 – Accountability ..... *No analogue in 2005 Plan*
- Goal 10 - Continuous Improvement ..... Goal 7 from 2005 Plan



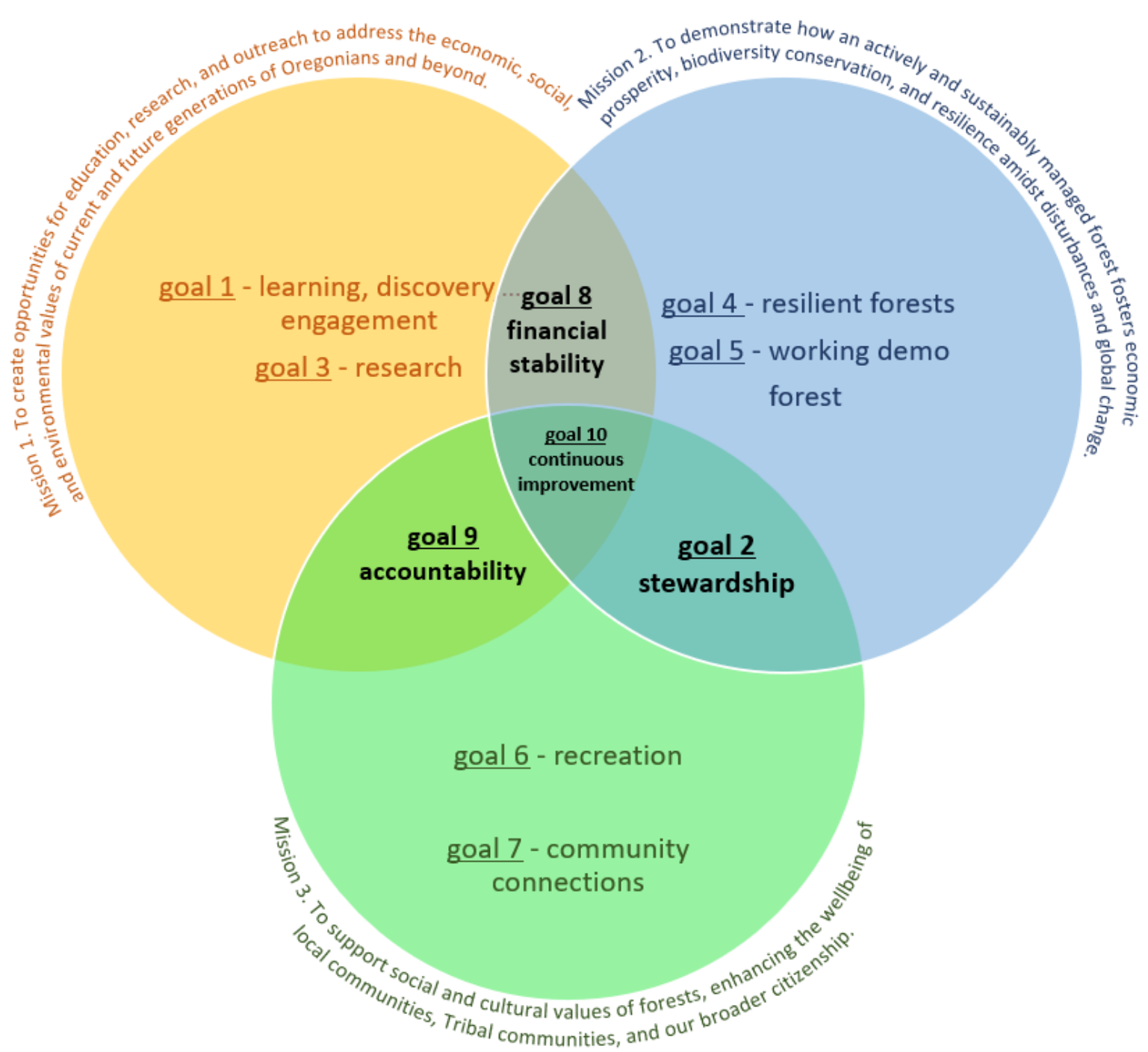
# Our Goals

- Goal 1 - Learning, Discovery, Engagement
- Goal 2 - Stewardship
- Goal 3 - Research
- Goal 4 - Resilient Forests
- Goal 5 - Working Demonstration Forest
- Goal 6 - Recreation
- Goal 7 - Community Connections
- Goal 8 - Financial Sustainability
- Goal 9 - Accountability
- Goal 10 - Continuous Improvement

Goal	Objectives	Indicators	Methodology to measure	How often to measure	Who will measure
1					
2					
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6					
7					
8					
9					
10					



# Missions & Goals





# Our Goals

- Goal 1 - Learning, Discovery, Engagement
- Goal 2 - Stewardship
- Goal 3 - Research
- Goal 4 - Resilient Forests
- Goal 5 - Working Demonstration Forest
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Mission	Objectives	Indicators	Methodology to measure	How often to measure	Who will measure
1 (n=15)	A				
	B				
	C				
2 (n=13)	A				
	B				
	C				
3 (n=19)	A				
	B				
	C				
mashup (n=10)	A				
	B				
	C				