

College Research Forests: Draft Vision, Mission and Goals

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Oregon State University and the College of Forestry own and manage 10 separate tracts of land around the state. This document articulates the collective vision, mission, and goals for the College of Forestry's Research Forests. It reflects how we view our forests and the benefits we want to derive from all current and future forest holdings. Just as college and unit strategic plans feed into OSU's Strategic Plan 4.0, individual forest management and tactical plans will strive to meet the goals in this document to ensure the Research Forests achieves its vision and mission.

Vision:

We aspire to be a world-class, sustainably-managed working forest that supports the College of Forestry's mission to evolve forestry through scientific inquiry and the application of new knowledge and management approaches.

Mission:

- To create opportunities for education, research, and engagement to advance practices related to our forest landscapes and ecosystems.
- To demonstrate a healthy, sustainable working forest that provides examples of management approaches that address a wide range of resource management goals and objectives.
- To support social and cultural values integral to a healthy working forest.

Goals:

Learning, Discovery, Engagement

Provide diverse opportunities for learning, discovery, and engagement related to forest ecosystems and management for timber and non-timber values for students, teachers, scientists, and the general public.

Stewardship

Create and maintain diverse, healthy, resilient, and productive forests that demonstrate sound forest stewardship principles while managing for multiple values.

Working Demonstration Forest

Based on the best available science and technology, demonstrate contemporary and innovative aspects of a working forest.

Recreation

Provide safe, diverse, and inclusive recreation opportunities that build forest connections and contribute to community well-being.

Continuous Improvement

Demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement in the management and stewardship of the Research Forests.

Community Connections

Establish, maintain and enhance relationships and communication with the community and those connected with the Research Forests.

Financial Sustainability

Provide revenue that sustains Research Forests operations and supports the College of Forestry's education, research, and outreach mission.

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