

OSWA 2014 Legislative Priorities

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The 2014 Legislative Session is a short session. The legislature will likely be focusing on State budget issues. OSWA's strategy will be to protect the funding we lobbied for in 2013 and oppose unfair tax increases. We will use the 2014 session to introduce legislative concepts that we will focus on in the 2015 session. The focus for 2014 will be to prepare for 2015 and:

- Support, when consistent with OSWA Policies, legislation proposed by Oregon Forest Industries Council and other Natural Resource partners
- Secure adequate funding for OSU Forestry Extension and Oregon Department of Forestry
- Monitor all proposed legislation with potential to impact small woodland owners in Oregon

KEY OSWA LEGISLATION PRIORITIES

SUPPORT

1. SUPPORT SECONDARY FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING ON FOREST LANDS
2. SUPPORT ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
3. SUPPORT ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY - FORESTRY EXTENSION SERVICES
4. SUPPORT LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY ALLIES SUCH AS OFIC
5. SUPPORT ISSUES RELATED TO THE USE OF WOOD PRODUCTS

MONITOR

6. MONITOR WATER ISSUES
7. MONITOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE: FOREST LAND TAXATION
8. MONITOR ALL TAX LEGISLATION
9. MONITOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY PROPOSALS
10. MONITOR LAND USE PARITY ISSUES
11. MONITOR CLIMATE CHANGE and CARBON

ACTIONS

BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH PARTNERS ON LEGISLATION IN THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO ALLOW A SECOND FAMILY WOODLAND OWNER HOME IN FOREST USE ZONES, USING CRITERIA SIMILAR TO SUCH USE ON LANDS IN EXCLUSIVE FARM USE ZONES. SEEK POSSIBLE HEARINGS BEFORE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES ON THIS ISSUE TO DISCOVER CONCERNS AND POSSIBLE OPPOSITION.