

OSWA 2015 Legislative Priorities

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The 2015 Legislative Session is a regular session. OSWA's strategy will be to build on the successes we achieved in 2013 and oppose unfair tax increases. The focus for 2015 will be:

- 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 ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
2. SUPPORT INHANCED FUNDING FOR OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY FORESTRY EXTENSION SERVICES
3. SUPPORT LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY ALLIES SUCH AS OFIC WHICH ARE CONSISTANT WITH OSWA POLICIES
4. SUPPORT ISSUES RELATED TO THE USE OF WOOD PRODUCTS

MONITOR

5. MONITOR WATER ISSUES
6. MONITOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE: FOREST LAND TAXATION
7. MONITOR ALL TAX LEGISLATION
8. MONITOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY PROPOSALS
9. MONITOR LAND USE PARITY ISSUES
10. MONITOR CLIMATE CHANGE and CARBON PROPOSALS
11. MONITOR FIRE CHEIFS LEGISLATION DEALING WITH FIRE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
12. MONITOR LINKING INHERITANCE TAX IN OREGON WITH FEDERAL LAW
13. MONITOR CATASTOPHIC FIRE REFORESTATION ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS
14. MONITOR BILLS ADDRESSING USE OF PESTICIDES

ACTIONS

DRAFT A BILL FOR THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO START A REVIEW OF LAND USE REGULATIONS IN FOREST USE ZONES COMPARED TO FARM USE ZONES. SEEK POSSIBLE HEARINGS BEFORE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES ON THIS ISSUE TO DISCOVER CONCERNS AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR PARITY.