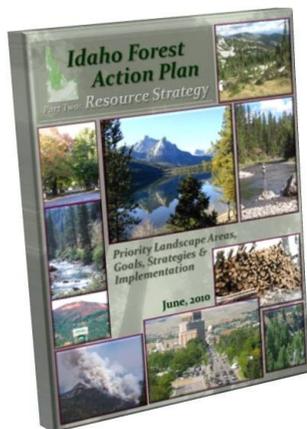


Idaho's Landscape Scale Restoration Projects



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Partners Find Solutions



Idaho's Forest Action Plan is pro-active and points to projects

25 million acres of Idaho forests are under threat by insects, disease, wildfire, and development, and so are the benefits we get from our forests; clean water and air, homes for wildlife and jobs.

The good news is that partners from across the state are working together to enhance, protect and conserve our forest resources.

Idaho's Forest Action Plan, developed by a broad group of stakeholders, identifies the threats to and benefits from our forests.

The plan helps landowners

and managers find opportunities to work together to create healthy forests that are resilient to threats and maximize benefits.

Across Idaho, 13 Priority Landscape Areas are designated as the highest priority places to target work.

Strategies listed in the plan generate ideas for successful partnership projects.

[Idaho's Forest Action Plan](http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/forest-action/index.html)
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A Snapshot of Successful Projects

Grant funds are available to the Idaho Department of Lands and our partners to address resource issues identified in Idaho's Forest Action Plan. Eligible projects can be in rural or urban areas.

Projects that compete best are those involving a variety of partners working together across ownerships to address forest resource issues at a scale that can

make a positive impact on the landscape.

Past and current project partners include Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Resource Conservation & Development Councils, cities, counties, state and federal agencies, professional organizations, utility companies, foundations, educational institutions and many more.

The following page provides a small sample of the types of Idaho projects funded through these grants.

If you have a project idea in mind, would like more information about the IDL grants or have questions, please contact Mary Fritz mfritz@idl.idaho.gov or phone 208-666-8667

Managing forest resources now provides healthy forests in the future

- Grant funds have supported 18 projects in Idaho since 2008
- Over 148 partners are engaged in these projects
- Total grant funds awarded for projects near \$3.5 million
- Partners leveraged nearly \$7 million dollars

Local groups provide opportunities to address local problems

Funds provided by US Forest Service State and Private Forestry, an equal opportunity employer. To see all [Idaho projects](http://spfnic.fs.fed.us/redesign/index.cfm?fuseaction=public.default) go to: <http://spfnic.fs.fed.us/redesign/index.cfm?fuseaction=public.default>

Landscape Scale Restoration Projects

Valley County Wildland Urban Interface Development Protection

Large fires spurred Valley County to create an ordinance requiring subdivision applicants to submit and implement WUI Fire Protection Plans (WFPP), which address forest health and fire risk management actions. The project identifies and prioritizes subdivisions at risk to fire, develops 30 WFPPs, treats 4,875 strategic private and public acres, and educates stakeholders on the need for planning and treatments before

development occurs.

Project partners:

Valley County, Cities of McCall and Cascade, Yellow Pine Fire Department & Donnelly, Cascade Rural Fire Protection Districts, Payette and Boise National Forests, forest landowners, SW Idaho Woody Biomass Utilization Partnership, Fire Working Group, and the Payette Forest Coalition



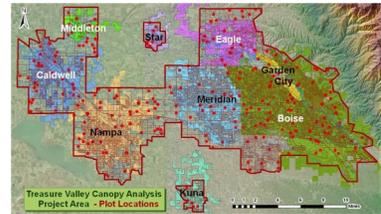
Treasure Valley Canopy Analysis and Shade Tree Projects

This project leverages resources and expertise of energy producers, air quality experts, planners and foresters to design and implement a cost-effective energy conservation program that plants ~7500 trees in specific locations to maximize energy efficiency. Data and tools from a geospatial tree canopy assessment identify the planting sites

and models benefits over time.

Project partners:

City Foresters, City Planners, Economic Development, Department of Environmental Quality-Air Quality Managers, Idaho Power Energy Sustainability Team, County Highway Districts, GIS Specialists, and private foundations



The Geospatial Canopy Assessment was the first project completed.

Big Bear Watershed Restoration

Watershed management plans identify this tributary as important for steelhead restoration. This project focuses on the most critical 10-miles of stream and adjacent forestlands and includes a detailed stream assessment.

Landowners will develop Forest Stewardship and Conservation Plans and conduct treatments to improve stream function, riparian and forest health.

Project partners:

Latah Soil & Water Conservation District, Idaho's Fish and Game, Department of Environmental Quality, and Office of Species Conservation. West Fork of Big Bear Creek forest landowners, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Bonneville Power Administration



Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area

Unique to central Idaho is the Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area, home to abundant wildlife and several rare and sensitive species. This diverse landscape provides critical forest habitat and important public recreation benefits to the region. Local agencies and landowners, both private and public, have implemented over 300 acres of treatments to improve wildlife

habitat and forest resilience. Areas were thinned to reduce mountain pine beetle threats while fuel breaks were developed and hazard fuel reduction treatments implemented.

Project partners:

Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, Nez Perce County Fire Mitigation, forest landowners

