Disease, insects, drought and neglect have made Washington’s forests vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires. This puts homes, communities and firefighters at risk and costs the state hundreds of millions in wildfire suppression costs. Some 2.7 million acres of these forests are ailing, and current efforts to address the problem are not enough. Current rates of treatment will take decades to improve forests clogged by diseased trees. Further investments in capital dollars are needed to accelerate that process. DNR needs funding to have experienced staff plan and carry out these projects.

This package will improve Washington’s forests and communities by:
- Reducing fire risks in four key areas
- Strengthen existing and new relationships with forestry partners
- Expand the state’s use of prescribed fire to improve forests
- Recover lost forest revenue and set a trajectory for future healthy forests
- Retain experienced staff on vital forest restoration projects

**FUNDING PACKAGE**

**THINNING**
- $12,400,000
- Mechanically thin 30,000 acres of state and private land in four strategic areas
- Create 80 new Firewise communities

**SUPPORT FOR PARTNERS**
- $5,500,000
- Support federal fuel reduction efforts on 22,800 acres
- Plan 10,000 more

**PRESCRIBED BURNS**
- $453,000
- Reintroduce prescribed fire to state lands
- Have DNR staff work with experienced partners on 1,000 acres of prescribed burns outside Spokane

**REFORESTATION**
- $1,700,000
- Replant young forests destroyed by catastrophic wildfires
- Replace $13.7 million in lost timber revenue

**VETERANS & YOUTH CORPS**
- $5,000,000
- Invest in veterans and youth to make 3,000 homes Firewise

**DEDICATED FOREST HEALTH WORKFORCE**
- Continue funding 13 staff positions to carry out forest health work, and add 3 critical planning positions

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Washington's Forest Health Landscapes

Project Area 1: Republic-Wauconda
- 251,000 acres need active forest restoration
- 5,554 acres pre-commercial thinning
- 2,600 acres of forest improvement treatments
- 1,680 acres of private cost-share treatments
- 20 new Firewise communities on private land
Total: 9,834 Acres $2.6 Million

Project Area 3: Kittitas-Manastash
- Joint-planning landscape with 123,000 acres in need of active forest restoration
- 2,000 acres pre-commercial thinning
- 4,000 acres of forest improvement treatments
- 40 miles of strategic fuel breaks on trust lands
- 2,500 acres of private cost-share treatments
- 20 new Firewise communities on private land
Total: 9,469 Acres $4.3 Million

Project Area 4: Klickitat-Goldendale
- Over 100,000 acres in need of forest restoration work
- Large dispersed wildland urban interface
- 2,500 acres of private cost-share treatments
- 20 new Firewise communities on private land
Total: 2,500 Acres $2.0 Million

Partner Support Landscapes
- 20,000 acres of thinning and prescribed fire on federal land
- 2,800 acres of private fuels reduction work in conjunction with a newly established Fire Adapted Community in Lake Wenatchee
- 10,000 acre planning effort
Total Investment: $2.25 Million

Project Area 2: Spokane North
- 44 Communities at high-risk to wildfire
- 3,920 acres of fuels reduction work on private land
- 20 new Firewise communities
- 2,460 acres of pre-commercial thinning on state land
- 600 acres of Forest Improvement Treatments on state lands
Total: 7,980 Acres $3.5 Million

Statewide Projects
- State Trust Land Reforestation
  Total Investment: 4,400 Acres $1.7 Million
- Veterans and Youth Core
  Total Investment: 3,000 homes $5.0 Million
- Forest Collaborative Infrastructure Support
  Total Investment: 8 Full-time facilitators $500,000

Prescribed Fire on State Trust Lands
- Units located adjacent to residential areas and have received thinning treatments
  Total: 1,000 Acres $453,000

Cross Boundary Competitive Grant Program
- Forest collaborative identified projects throughout the state
- Competitive and inclusive project selection process
  Total Investment: $2.75 Million