



INVESTMENTS IN FOREST HEALTH

New grants help restore forests across Washington

In 2018, the Washington Legislature approved money for two new forest health grant programs to help organizations conduct landscape-scale forest restoration and management. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources selected nine of these forest collaboratives across the state to be the first recipients of the grant money, with priority given to projects that align with Washington's forest health and wildfire prevention goals.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$1.8 million

In grant money awarded

1,800 acres

Will receive forest health treatments

120,400 acres

Will be analyzed for future forest health treatments

SUPPORTING FOREST COLLABORATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES

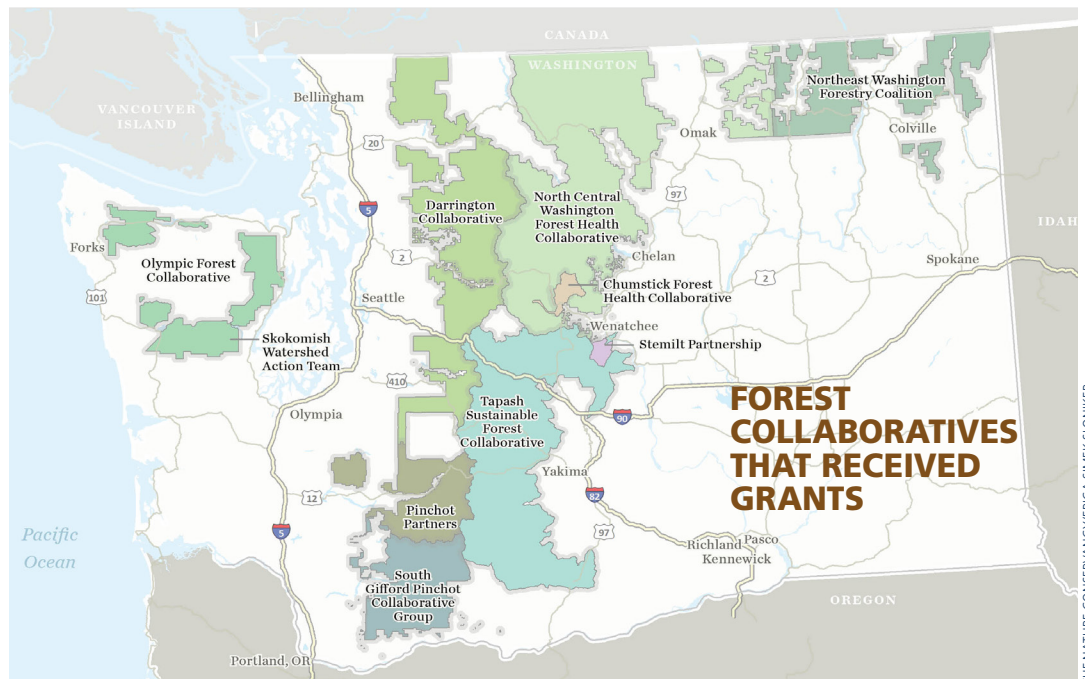
Forest collaboratives are a mix of conservation groups, government agencies, businesses, and individuals who have joined forces across property lines to improve forest health in their communities while also supporting the rural timber economy.

In 2018, DNR distributed about \$1.8 million under the new grant programs, and the agency requested \$2 million in the 2019-21 biennium to continue these programs.

Through the **All Lands Forest Restoration Grant Program**, DNR awarded \$1.6 million to help collaboratives analyze and treat the landscape through methods such as thinning overly dense forests and prescribed fire. The collaboratives in Central and Eastern Washington that received funding through this program are all working in high-priority watersheds identified in DNR's 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan. With the **Building Forest Partnerships Grant Program**, DNR awarded \$207,000 to help collaboratives engage their communities and grow their partnerships through public meetings, website development, and more.



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Overstocked, unhealthy forest in Chelan County



Same forest after thinning, pruning, and slash treatments

ADDRESSING OUR STATE'S FOREST HEALTH CRISIS, AND IN TURN MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES MORE WILDFIRE RESILIENT, WILL TAKE AN ALL-LANDS, ALL-HANDS APPROACH TO FOREST MANAGEMENT."

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SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS, TOGETHER

The Chumstick area near Leavenworth is surrounded by canyons, making wildfire response and evacuation especially difficult. DNR awarded the Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition \$125,000 in grant funding to treat a connected forest owned by 10 different property owners. Work will include mechanical vegetation removal, as well as public outreach at schools and community meetings about healthy, open forests and how they decrease the spread of catastrophic wildfires.

"Vegetation is fuel," said Corrine Hoffman, director of the Chumstick coalition. "What we are looking to do is help residents by making the woods more healthy, and making the area more fire resilient."

Grant recipient	Counties	Building Forest Partnerships Grant	All Lands Forest Restoration Grant	Activities funded
Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition	Chelan	\$25,000	\$100,000	Outreach, Planning, Thinning
Darrington Collaborative	Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom	\$25,000	\$99,328	Outreach, Planning, Thinning, Monitoring
North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative	Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas	\$25,000	\$124,270	Outreach, Planning, Thinning, Prescribed fire
Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition	Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille	\$25,000	\$400,000	Outreach, Planning, Monitoring
Olympic Forest Collaborative	Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Mason	\$25,000	\$70,580	Outreach, Planning, Thinning, Monitoring
Pinchot Partners	Skamania, Thurston, Lewis, Pierce	\$25,000	\$181,400	Outreach, Planning, Thinning
South Gifford Pinchot Collaborative Group	Skamania, Cowlitz, Clark, Klickitat, Yakima	\$25,000	\$375,100	Outreach, Planning, Thinning, Prescribed fire
Stemilt Partnership	Chelan	\$6,920	\$107,198	Outreach, Planning, Prescribed fire
Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative	Klickitat, Yakima, Kittitas, Chelan	\$25,000	\$150,765	Outreach, Planning, Prescribed fire

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