



SPRING · SUMMER 2019

## THOMAS CREEK WATERSHED FOREST HEALTH PROJECT

TCWFHP

### What is the TCWFHP?

Through a century of fire suppression and land management practices, the forests of this region have increased in stand density, loss of diversity, and altered watershed functions. This shift from historical conditions has increased the scale and risk of wildfire severity while reducing forest resiliency to drought, insect, and disease. High priority resources and habitat are in jeopardy.

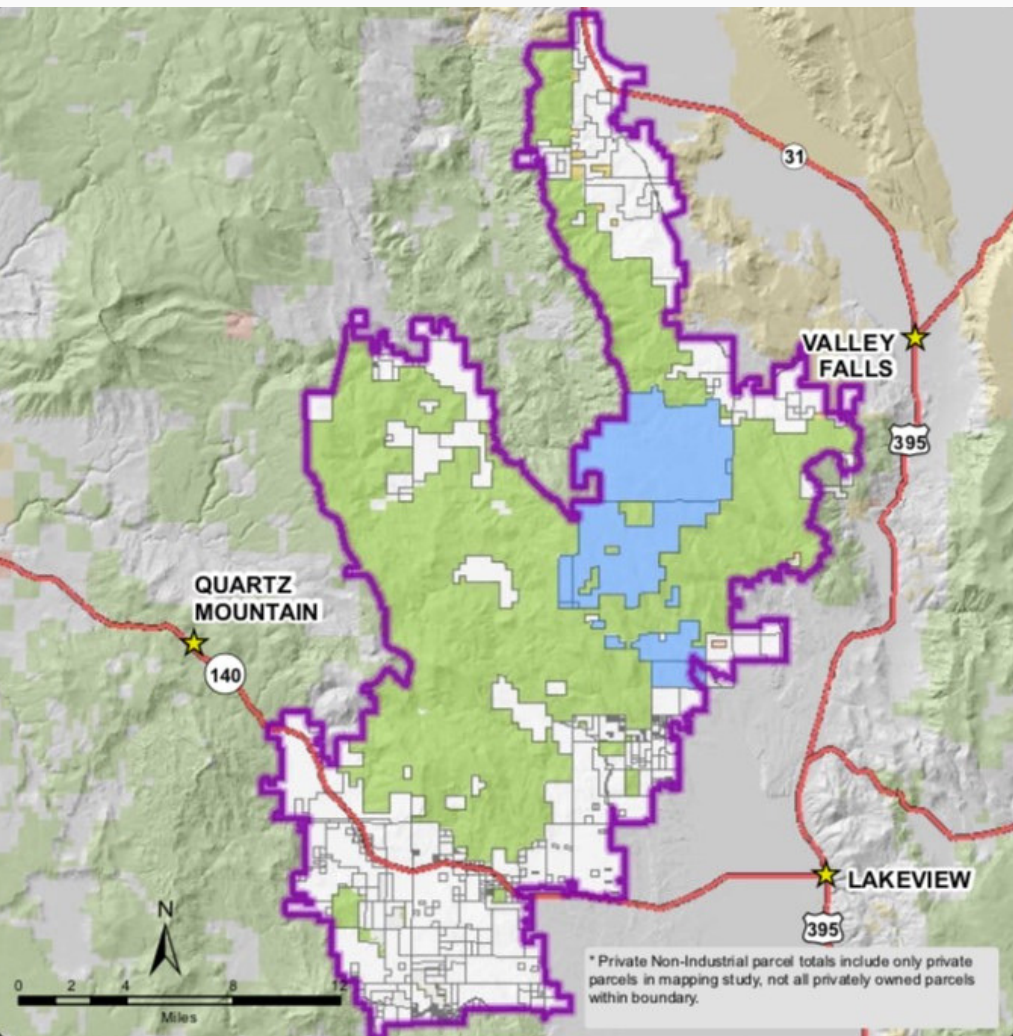
The summer of 2018 provided an example to what the future holds for private and public forestland. Collaborative partnerships, quality planning, followed by implementation make cross-boundary treatment possible - where private landowners and agencies can work together to promote forest health.

The goal of the TCWFHP is to initiate a landscape level forest management effort aimed at improving forest health conditions that will reverse the current fire trend and increase ecosystem resiliency.

### How is this project funded?

Partnership collaboration between Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), United States Forest Service (USFS) Natural Resource Conservative Service (NRCS), Oregon State University (OSU) Extension, and Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council (LCUWC) have pursued and will continue to pursue funding through Federal, State, and private resources. As of 2018, Technical Assistance funds have been secured to map and inventory this large landscape.

## TCWFHP Location and Boundaries



## How do I become involved?

As a property owner in the TCWFHP area, your involvement is voluntary. Landowners who do become involved will have the opportunity to implement forest treatment in priority areas on their forestland, and experience firsthand how each parcel of ownership really does make a difference when addressing treatment at this landscape level. Involvement now will allow for more detailed mapping and planning to occur where stand density and makeup can be further determined and aligned with current maps. Please contact one of the representatives below to learn more and become involved.

## What is the treatment strategy?

Within this large landscape, priority areas will be identified to address the severe risk of heavy fuel loading, stand density, and overall forest health.

Treatment plans included thinning of mixed conifer, non-commercial logging, and juniper removal. Slash material is hand or machine piled and burned for cleanup.



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