



MISSION STATEMENT

Blue Mountains Forest Partners is a diverse group of stakeholders who work together to create and implement a shared vision to improve the resilience and well-being of forests and communities in the Blue Mountains.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Become a member: BMFP is open to all interested citizens
- Provide input throughout the project planning process
- Attend field tours
- Volunteer on a project committee
- Spread the word about the great work we do!

BMFP Members Include:

Community residents, elected Grant County officials, forest contractors and local forest products sector, local and regional conservation groups, federal agency representatives, and tribal representatives.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

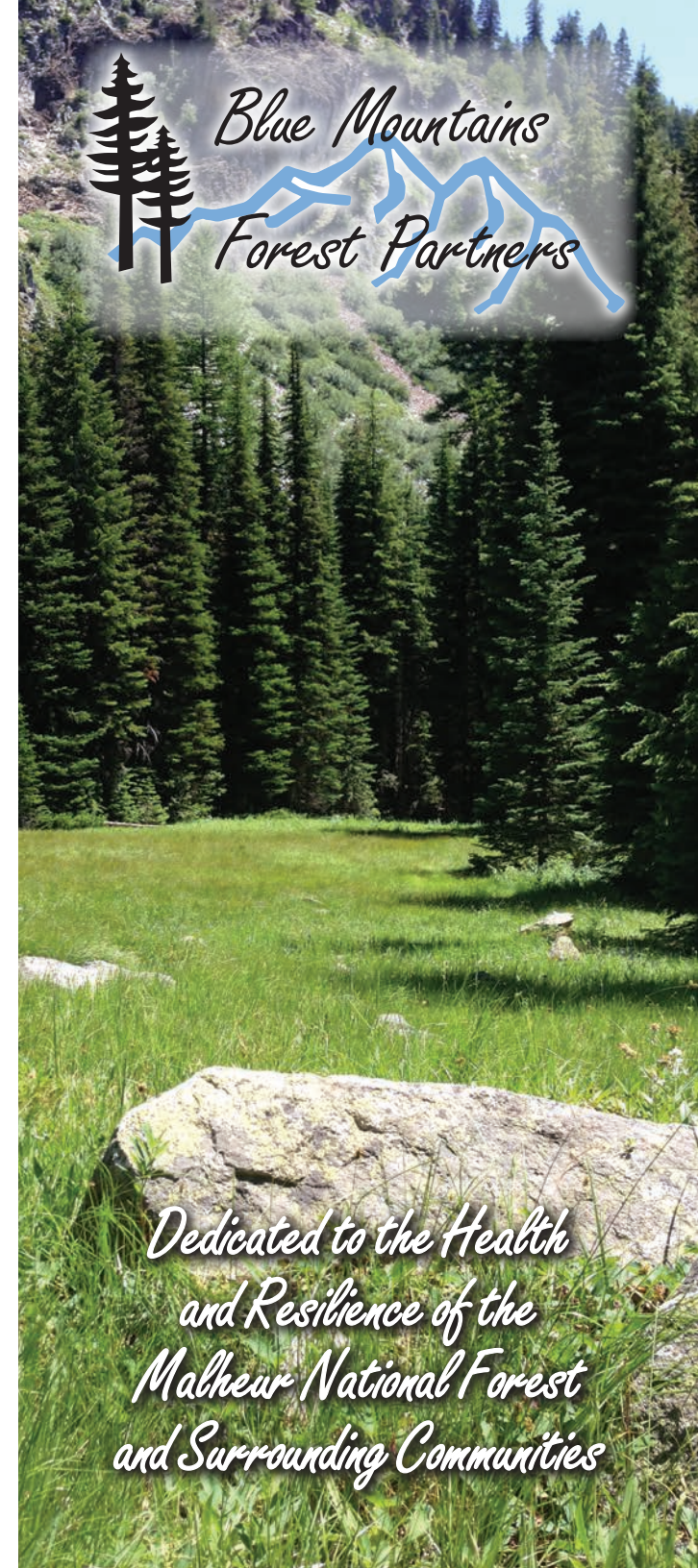
- Retain and increase the number of forestry-related jobs in the community.
- Engage in proactive forest management to reduce likelihood of catastrophic fire.
- Promote long-term forest health.
- Protect rare forest ecosystems.
- Reduce litigation.
- Improve hunting and fishing opportunities by increasing populations of wildlife and improving their habitat.
- Retain forest restoration infrastructure, including mills and small-scale forestry operations.
- Maintain and create safe and fun recreational opportunities.



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*Dedicated to the Health
and Resilience of the
Malheur National Forest
and Surrounding Communities*



Living, working, and recreating in the **Malheur National Forest** has been an important part of life in Eastern Oregon for generations. The forest is important to the region's culture and economy. In recent years, the stability of the forest and surrounding communities has been challenged by past forest management and fire suppression, which have created unnatural conditions in the forest and a high risk of uncharacteristic wildfire. In addition, contentious litigation has stalled forest management and commercial timber activity.

The **Blue Mountains Forest Partners** is comprised of motivated citizens who work together to overcome these challenges to restore the forest and local communities. Members of the **Blue Mountains Forest Partners** collaborate and propose forest management projects that will promote resilience of the forest's ecosystems and the communities that rely upon them for future generations.



Field trip participants enjoy lunch as they discuss forest restoration options.

THE ROLE OF BLUE MOUNTAINS FOREST PARTNERS

- Maintain and create jobs and economic opportunities in Grant County through forest restoration work.
- Promote projects that integrate ecological, economic, and community wellbeing.
- Work collaboratively to restore the health of forest ecosystems on public lands.
- Reduce the risk and impact of wildfire on the environment, the economic vitality of Grant County, and the long-term ecological health of our land.
- Engage with the Forest Service throughout project development processes.
- Identify general areas of agreement regarding forest management.
- Reduce litigation.
- Engage in adaptive management through the joint monitoring of the ecological, social, and economic impacts of forest restoration work.
- Have fun!

MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST FACTS

- 1.7 million acres
- Ecosystems are adapted to frequent fire
- Prevalent steelhead spawning grounds
- Headwaters of the Middle, South, and Main Stem of the John Day River

The diverse and beautiful scenery of the forest includes sage-lined high desert grasslands with juniper, pine, fir and other tree species. Alpine lakes, meadows and stands of quaking aspen are hidden gems nestled throughout the region. Elevations vary from about 4000 feet (1200 meters) to 9038 feet (2540 meters) at the top of Strawberry Mountain. The Strawberry Mountain range extends east to west through the center of the forest.



Forest Service employees share a map of a project area with Blue Mountains Forest Partners.

PROJECT WORK TO DATE

- Dads Creek: 7,200 ac.
- Damon: 19,000 ac.
- Soda Bear: 20,000 ac.
- Elk 16: 42,000 ac.
- Currently working on Big Mosquito: 36,000 ac.