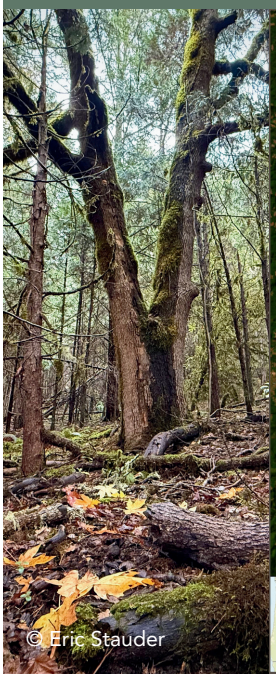
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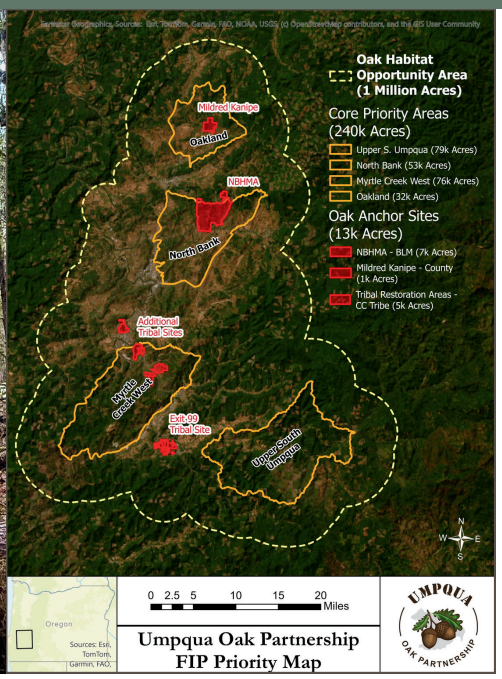
About the Partnership: The Umpqua River Basin contains some of the largest remaining tracts of Oregon white oak in the Pacific Northwest. The Umpqua Oak Partnership (UOP) uses a collaborative landscape-level approach to unite people and organizations around oaks to increase their overall extent, diversity, and resiliency in Douglas County, Oregon. UOP connects family farms and ranches to resources and funding, facilitates information sharing, and provides a forum to advance oak initiatives.


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Meet the Partners:

Alder Creek Community Forest, Bureau of Land Management, Cow Creek Tribal Fire Management, Douglas Forest Protective Association, Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District, Klamath Bird Observatory, National Forest Foundation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon Conservation Corps, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Oregon State University Extension, Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture, Partnership for Umpqua Rivers, Source One Serenity, South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership, Takelma Cultural Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Wildland Fire Service, The Understory Initiative, Yew Creek Land Alliance.


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Conservation Impact: Invasive species, conifer encroachment, and fire exclusion have degraded Douglas County's remnant oak habitat, which also faces climate-driven wildfire risk that imperils native wildlife, cultural resources, and rural communities. To address these threats, partners are collaborating towards cross-boundary oak restoration projects within and between four Core Priority Areas (North Bank, Oakland, Myrtle Creek West, and Upper South Umpqua). The Strategic Action Plan serves as a framework to reach shared goals and leverage investments for landscape-scale outcomes.

Shovel-Ready UOP Projects Ready for Investment


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Anchor Site: North Bank Habitat Management Area

Estimated Impact: 400 acres **Estimated Cost:** $1.5M

North Bank is a continuous 6,581-acre reserve open to the public but managed to protect oak savannah and mixed woodland habitat for sensitive species. Federal partners returned prescribed fire to the landscape in spring 2026 and wish to continue burning here twice annually. Partner funding is essential for site preparation, monitoring, and adaptive management to ensure lasting ecological impacts.


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Cow Creek Tribe Fuels Mitigation and Oak Restoration

Estimated Impact: 350 acres **Estimated Cost:** $1.5M

Cow Creek Tribal Fire Management fuels reduction crews will focus on selective thinning and cultural burning to restore oak savanna and woodland habitat in multiple sites that are vital for the Tribe's food sovereignty. These include traditional agriculture, hunting, and gathering sites. Crews are leading project work on Tribal lands and contributing to co-management in other Core Priority Areas.


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Oakland Core Priority Area Restoration

Estimated Impact: 500 acres **Estimated Cost:** $2M

This initiative would restore Mildred Kanipe Park as a public anchor site and regional stronghold of mixed oak habitat. Work includes collaborative fuels reduction and weed removal to promote local workforce development and build connectivity with restoration sites on adjacent private lands. Mildred Kanipe Park has already been a focal site for multiple field tours and community engagement events.

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