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Subject: Farm Bill Insect & Disease Treatment Area Designation

To: Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region

Thank you for your letter requesting the designation of additional landscape-scale areas for the Mount Hood National Forest in Region 6 to address insect or disease threats under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591a), as added by Section 8204 of the Agricultural Act of 2014.

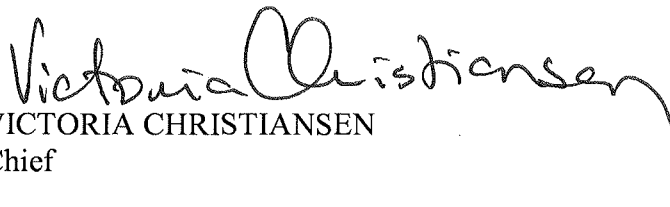
I have determined the areas that you requested to be designated under Section 602 meet one or more of the following criteria in Section 602:

- The area is experiencing decline of forest health based on annual forest health surveys;
- The area is at risk of substantial tree mortality over the next 15 years based on the National Insect and Disease Risk Map; or,
- The area is one in which hazard trees pose imminent risk to public infrastructure, health or safety.

Based on this determination, I hereby designate an additional 580,048 acres on the Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon. This increases total designated areas from 6,595,982 to 7,176,030 acres in Oregon. These designations exclude Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, and non-Forest Service inholdings. This letter of designation and the enclosed map showing the designated areas will be posted at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/farmbill/>.

Designation under Section 602 will allow us to further evaluate these landscape areas for potential treatments to reduce the risk or extent of, or increase resilience to, insect or disease infestation, in accordance with Sections 602(d).

Again, thank you for your request to designate landscape areas that are experiencing declining forest health in your region. If you have any questions about the designation, please contact Christopher B. French, Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest System, at (202)-205-1523, or by email at cfrench@fs.fed.us.

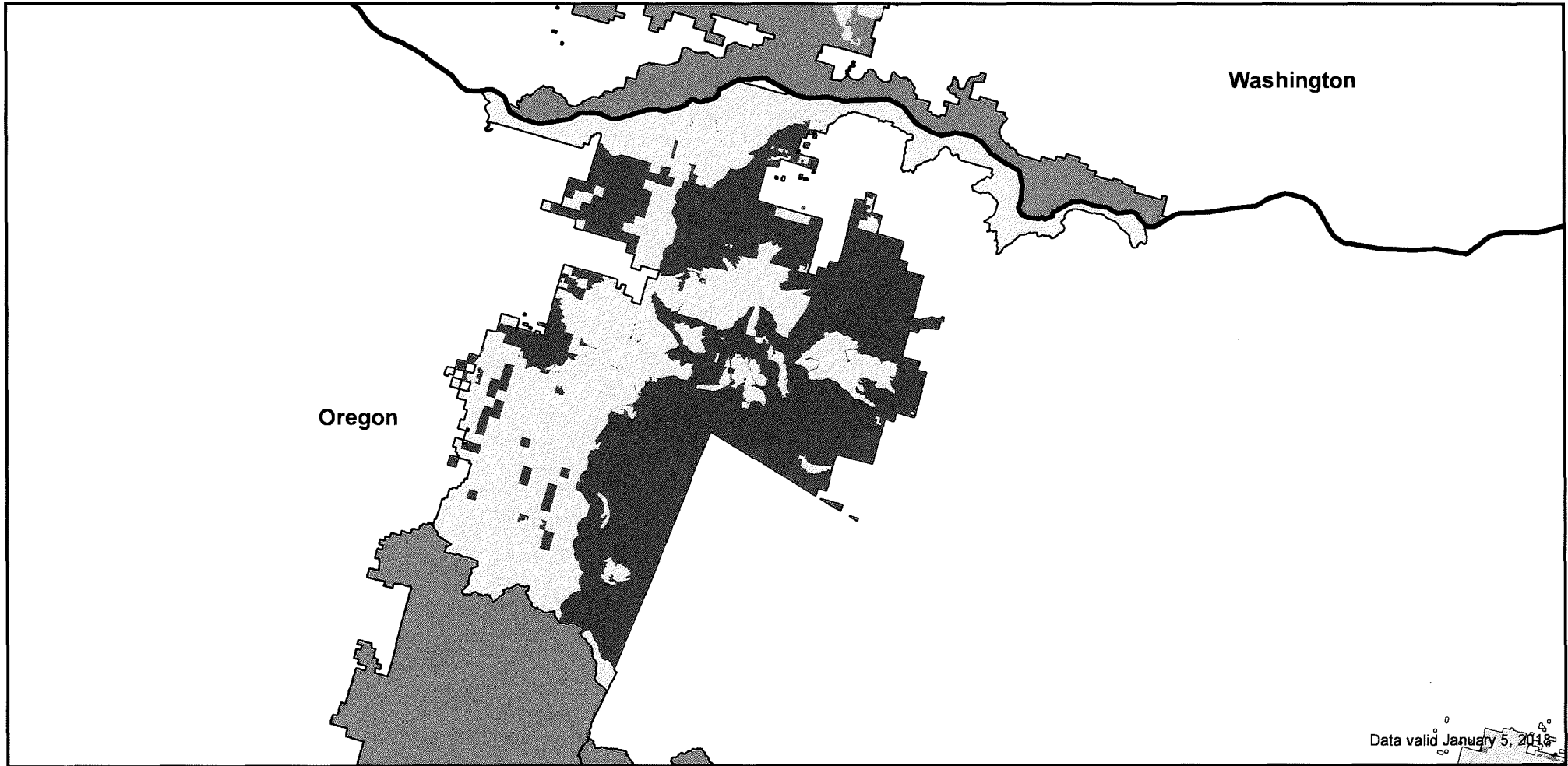

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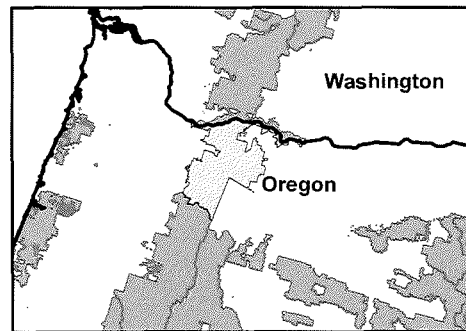
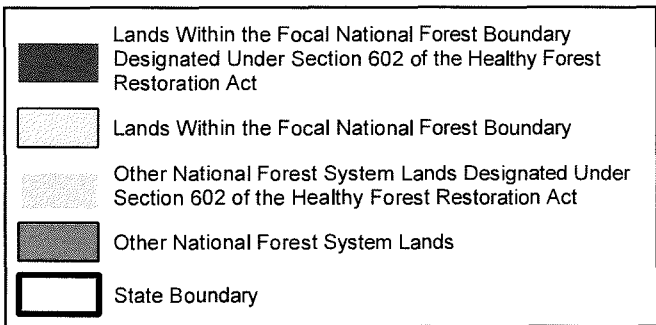




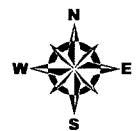
National Forest System Lands Designated Under Section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act in Mt. Hood National Forest



Data valid January 5, 2018



Note: Data displayed are for informational purposes only and depict designations made under section 602 of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act. Please contact Sunny Ng for details: sunnywng@fs.fed.us



Data Valid: Mar 4, 2019

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