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# MY BLUE MOUNTAINS WOODLAND

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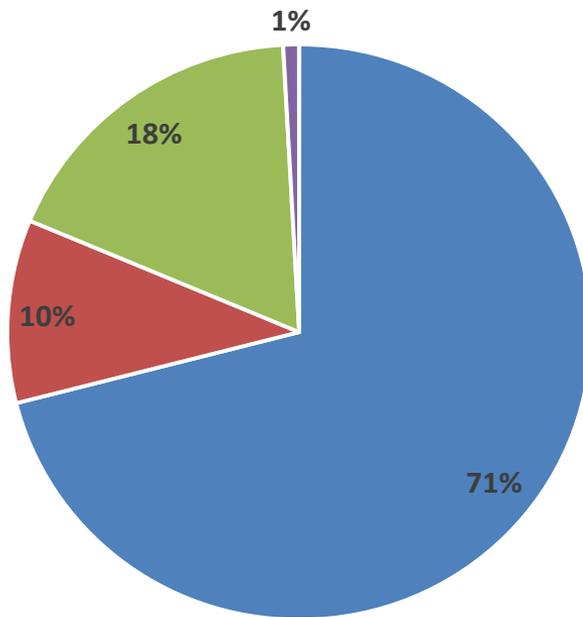
PARTNERS EMPOWERING LANDOWNERS IN NORTHEASTERN  
OREGON TO REDUCE FIRE RISK AND PROTECT THE FOREST  
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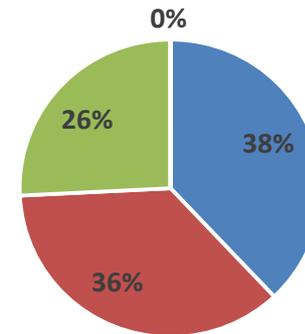
# Ownership and Relative Harvest Volumes

## Baker, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa Counties

Acreage of Ownership (1,000 acres)



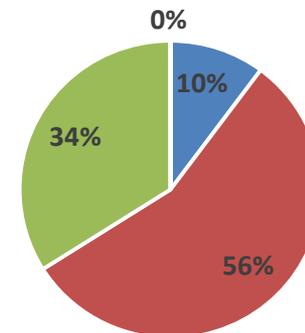
1992 Timber Harvest (MMBF)



**Total Harvest  
456 MMBF**



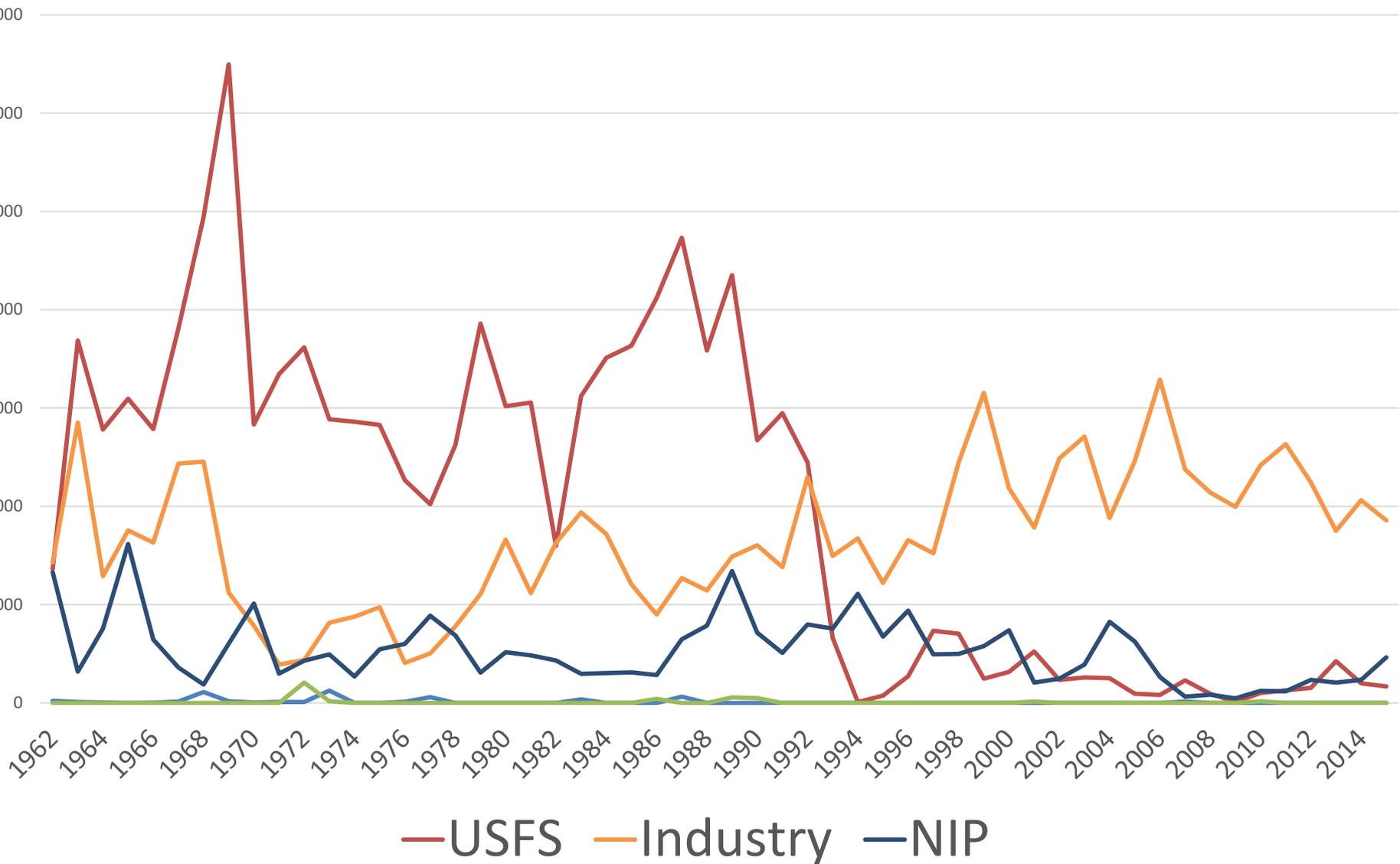
2015 Timber Harvest (MMBF)



**Total Harvest  
123 MMBF**  
*27% of 1992 Harvest*



# Wallowa County Timber Harvest (MBF) 1962-2015



# Partnership background

## Our story

As in many parts of the rural West, life is changing in Northeast Oregon. Timber production from federal land has dropped precipitously in the last 20 years, upending the economic foundation of communities. Land values and property taxes have skyrocketed as ownership patterns have changed. And the forests themselves are changing. Grand and Douglas Fir now choke stands once dominated by Ponderosa Pine. Dense, water-stressed forests are more vulnerable to insect infestations. Uncharacteristically dense forests lead to a higher risk of severe fire. And fire itself has changed. Having shaped forests for millennia, fire seasons are growing longer, fires themselves are bigger and more difficult to manage, and firefighting costs are through the roof.



My Blue Mountains Woodland is a partnership of public and non-profit organizations and private landowners working to help woodland owners like you in northeastern Oregon. We connect you to information, services, and trained professionals to help you keep your woods healthy and reduce your wildfire risk.

Invariably, action or inaction on one side of a property line has impacts on the other. And these impacts are particularly acute in this rugged country where almost half of the forest land isn't owned by the federal government, but by individuals and families. Fire on poorly managed lands threatens not only residents' homes and many forest landowners' livelihoods, but also wildlife habitat and water quality. Formed in June 2014, My Blue Mountains Woodland is dedicated to helping family forest landowners protect the values they hold for their land.

Our partners include:



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United States  
Department of  
Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service



# We've pulled together resources from multiple organizations to help historically unengaged landowners get involved.

## My Blue Mountains Woodland Forest Resources

Oregonians in general and landowners in the Blue Mountains in particular are surrounded by an abundance of natural wealth and beauty. We are fortunate to also have a tremendous wealth of information about our lands and waters, including what makes them tick, and what they need to thrive.

This page includes tips on getting started, comprehensive publications, useful contacts, and links to other online resources that can help you realize your vision for your forest.



Contact information for consultants, contractors, agencies, landowner associations & emergency services.

**Baker**

**Umatilla**

**Union**

**Wallowa**

## Getting Started

Here are some good first questions to ask and steps you can take that will help you move forward on your forest goals.

[READ MORE: GETTING STARTED](#)

## Additional online tools and resources for landowners

**OSU Extension Service** offers information on trees and woodlands, forest management programs, classes, publications, and other tips and resources.

**My Land Plan** can help you explore and discover how to manage your woodlands. Easy to use tools guide you to map your land, set goals, keep a



## Foresters

**Baker County**

OSU Forestry Extension

Agent: Bob Parker

(541) 523-6418

[bob.parker@oregonstate.edu](mailto:bob.parker@oregonstate.edu)

ODF Stewardship Forester

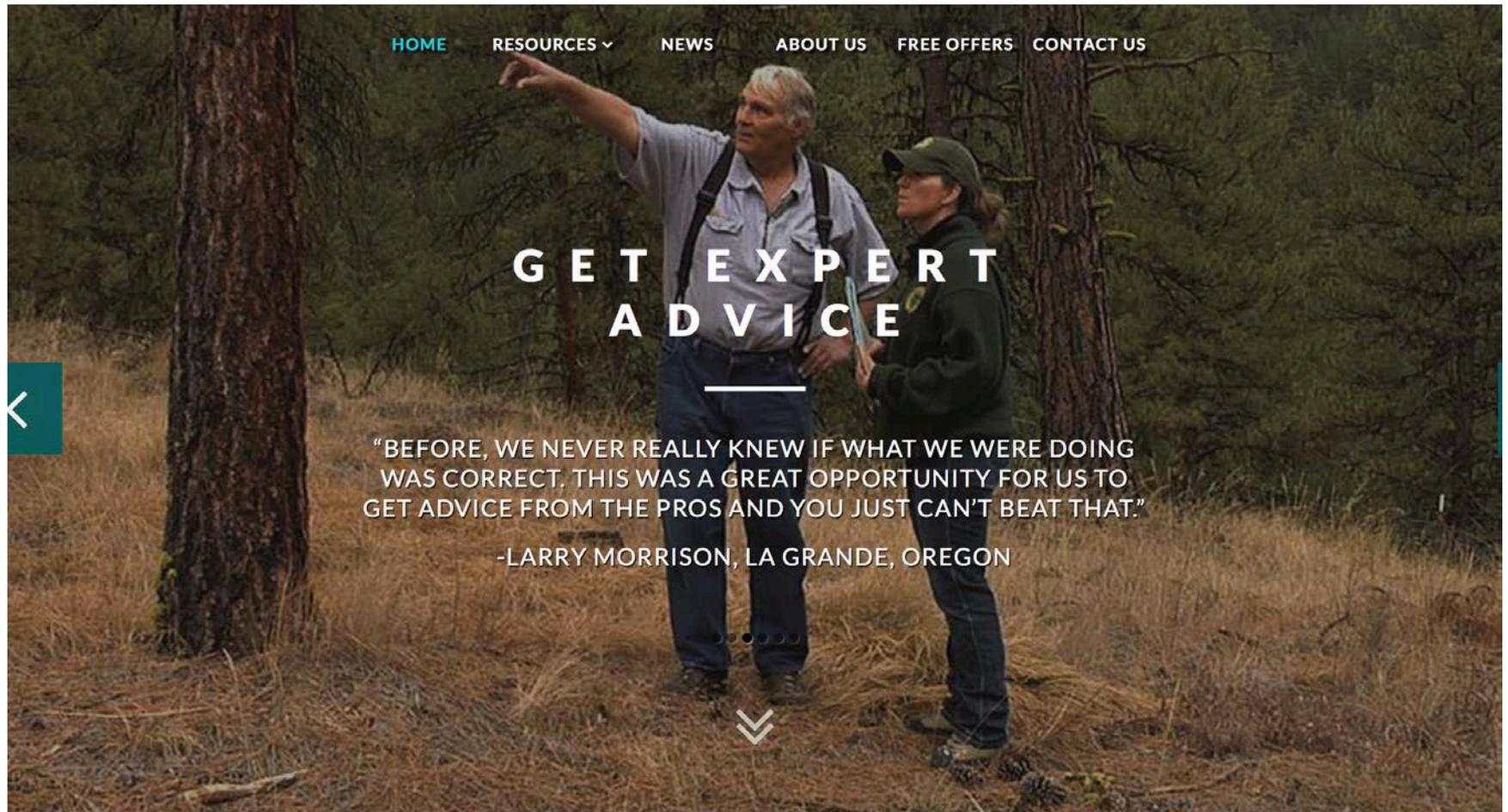
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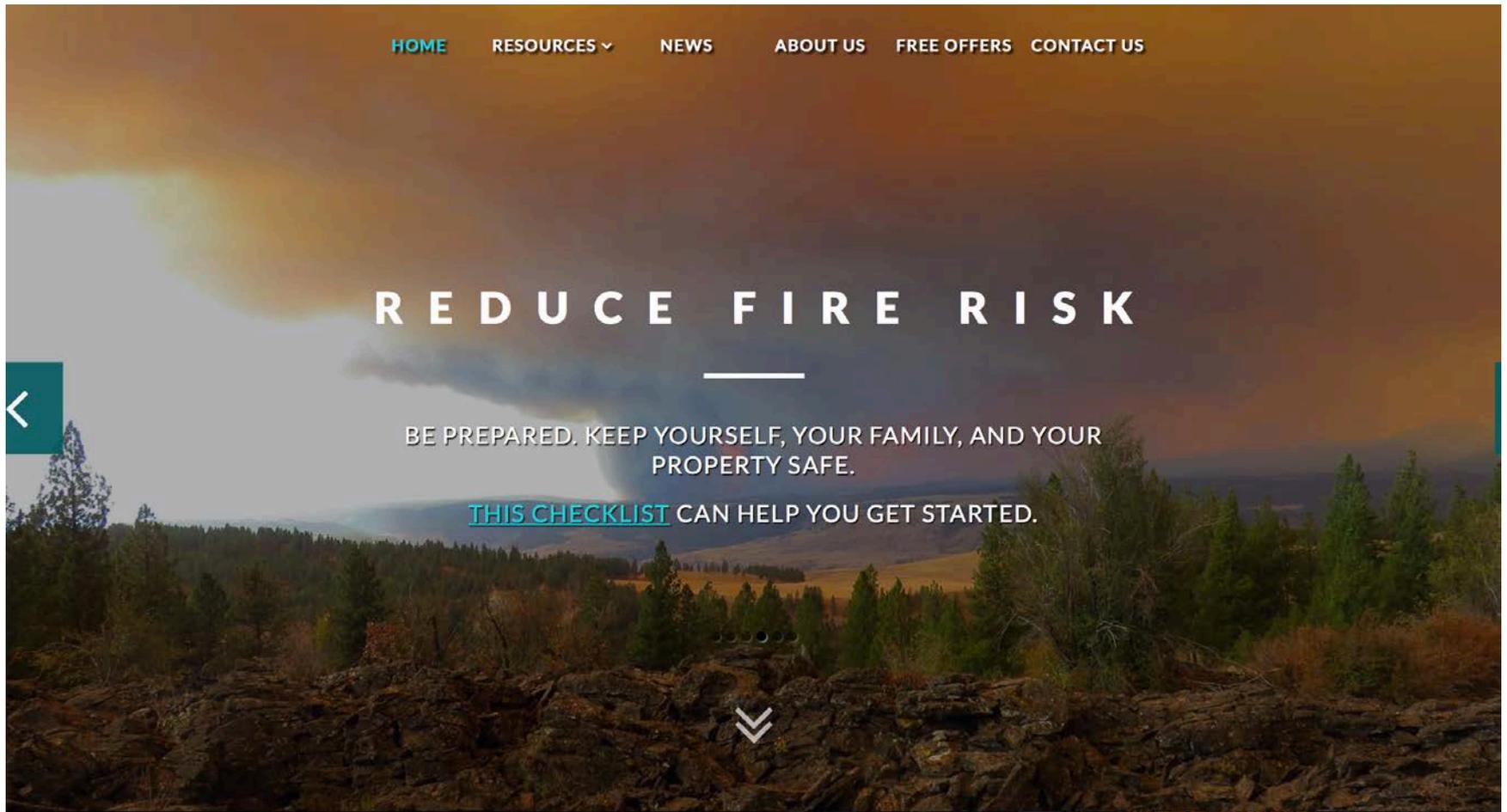
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**Umatilla County**

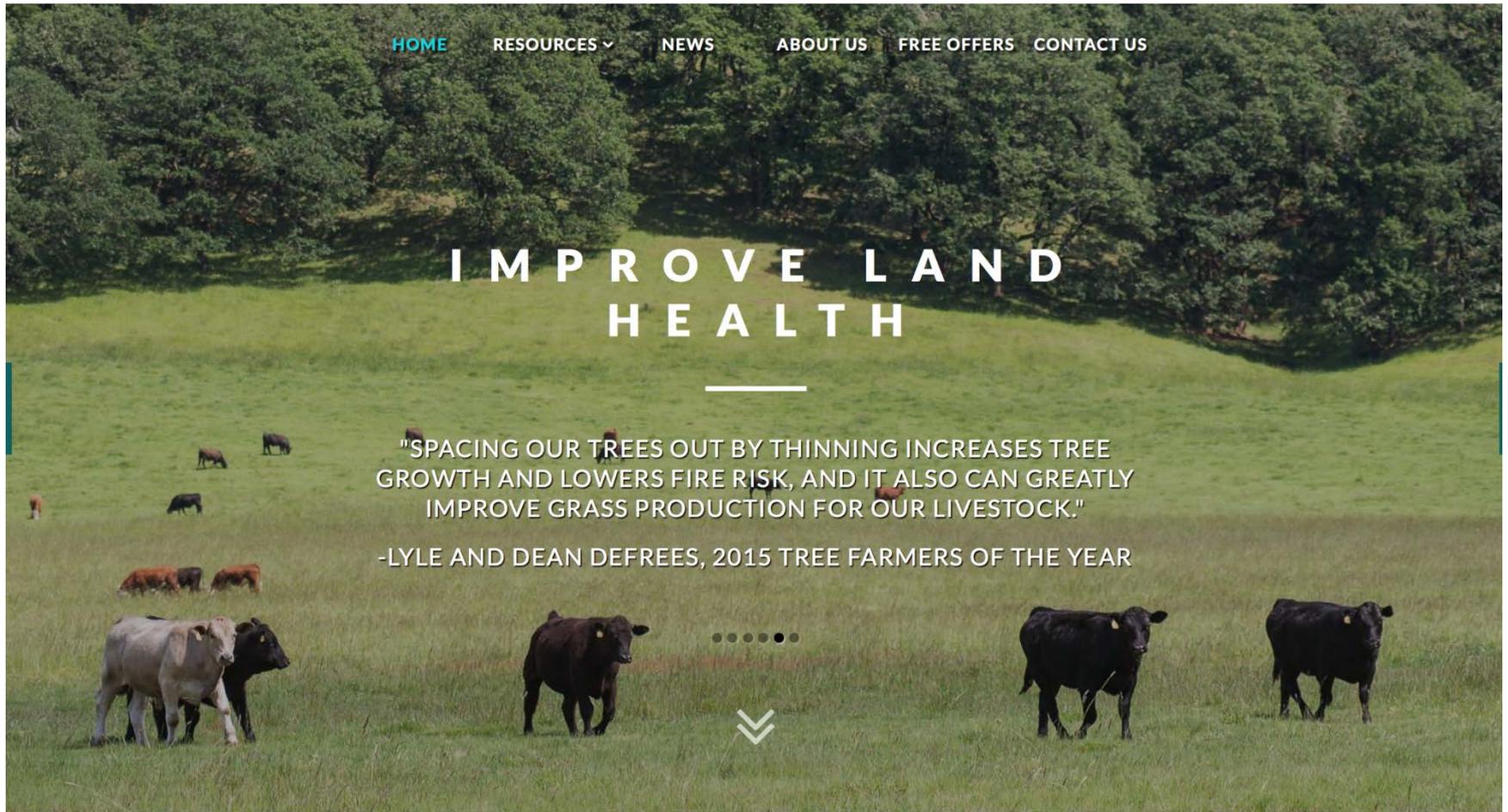
We give landowners support for active land management by offering information, forester visits, and mentors.



A major emphasis is on fire risk reduction, both for individual properties and on a landscape level



We are working to appeal to people on multiple fronts and to build on existing interests and community strengths.



# More than 250 landowners in Baker, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa Counties have joined MBMW.



— YES, I'm interested in the following My Blue Mountains Woodland resources!\*

- A Handbook and Fact Sheets about managing eastern Oregon forests
- A free visit from one of our trained forest professionals
- I want to connect with the Blue Mountains Neighbor Network of local landowner volunteers

\*If you take advantage of one or more of these FREE offers, you'll also receive a complimentary 12-month subscription to *Woodland Magazine*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Clain OK 74827

Email dcross@wccai.com

Phone 541-786-5325

Contact preference (please check one):

- Email
- Mail
- Phone

If by phone, what time works best? daylight



Yes! I'm ready to take steps to protect my land from wildfire. I'm interested in the following FREE resources and services:

- Information and tips:  
A monthly email of tips and advice for landowners, like me.
- Events and workshops:  
Invitations to workshops and events in my community.
- An expert:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

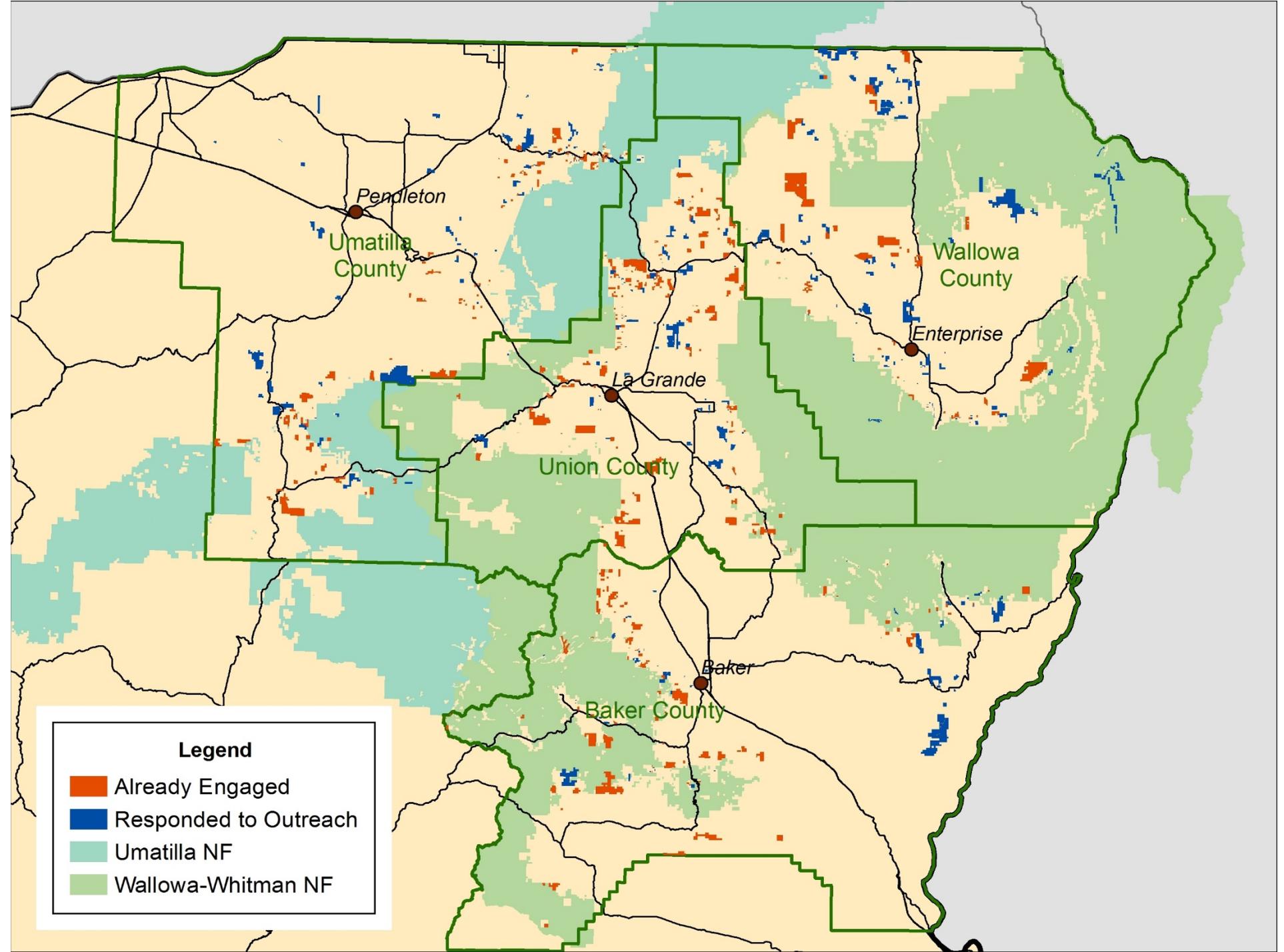
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Workshops and tours offer landowners an opportunity to learn more about specific issues and resources, ask questions, and benefit from the experiences of their neighbors.



More than 100 landowners have joined our email list; they receive bi-monthly tips as well as information about upcoming community events.

**COMPOSE**

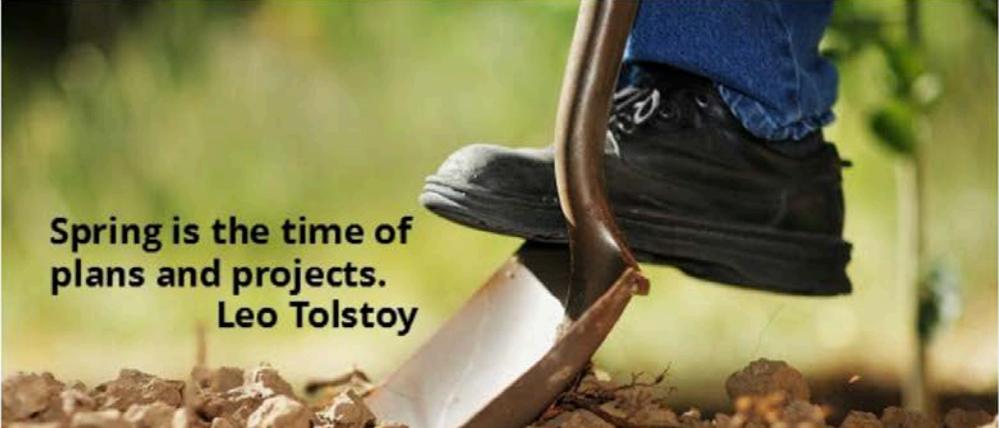
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**Tips for Landowners** 

 **My Blue Mountains Woodland**

 **Spring is the time of plans and projects.**  
**Leo Tolstoy**

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# 2017 outreach is focused on opportunities for technical/financial assistance and Wellness Reports

Is your  
**woodland**  
**healthy** and  
**firesafe?**

*"My Blue Mountains Woodland has the information and resources to help landowners in northeast Oregon."*

Marge and Gene Bieraugel, Willowa County  
MBMW Volunteer

Managing your woods can provide all kinds of benefits, including fire resistance, improved wildlife habitat, and long-term health and value.

**My Blue Mountains Woodland** can connect you with a forester, provide a Wellness Report for your woodland, and get you the information you need to ensure the well-being and enjoyment of your property.

**Sign up for a free visit with a professional forester and a Wellness report for your woodland!**

Just check the boxes and fill out your information, drop it in the mail, and we will contact you to set up an appointment.

**My Blue Mountains Woodland** services are free and made possible by a partnership of non-profit organizations and agencies. For more information, call us at 541-426-8053 (Ext 28).



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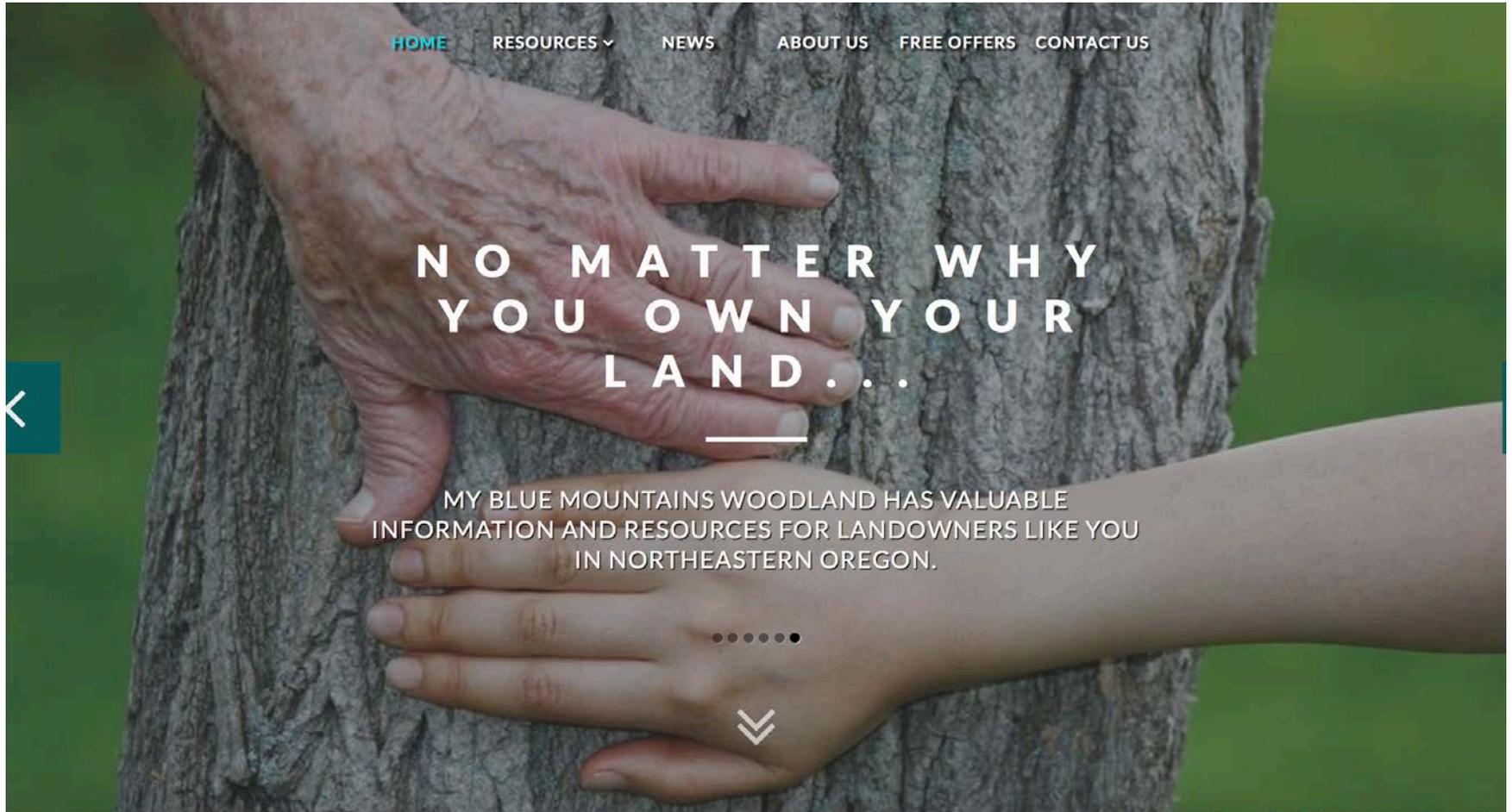


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**MyBlueMountainsWoodland.org**

Landowners own woodlands for many different reasons, but it is in everyone's interest to have more resilient forests.



# Lessons Learned

- Challenges for Landowners
  - Cost of management (and lack of markets)
  - Time for management
- Takes multiple contacts to engage landowners
- A lot of absentee landowners (about 30%)
- Many want assistance developing a management plan – getting it on paper!
- Landowners demonstrate strong market sensitivity – don't manage when markets are down
- Growth on small private lands greatly exceeds harvest levels.

# Lessons Learned

- We are still improving our ability to leverage strengths of each partner and coordinating this for easy access and use.
- One stop shop – great ideal – but takes time to build strong execution
- Fear of fire not enough to motivate landowners
  - Need positive actions and incentives
  - For example - Interest in Tree Farm Certification

# Lessons Learned

- Landowners are interested in sharing equipment, tools, contractors
- Neighbor mentors are a powerful resource.
- Landowner cooperation is good for landowners, contractors and our mills.

“Win-Win”

# Questions

- Why are you - or are you not – managing your forest today?
- What sort of assistance, training or support would be most helpful to you?
- What support is lacking today? What's your biggest challenge or obstacle?
- Is trying to coordinate technical assistance valuable?
- How can we help landowners work together?
- What more could we do as a group – a team – committed to the health of our forest landscapes, landowners, and workforce?