

**FOREST MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE
ASSIGNMENTS****Northern Regional
Prioritization Group**

The Northern Regional Prioritization Group is made up of state, local, tribal and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations and is tasked with strategically prioritizing prescribed fire, forest health, and fuel reduction projects for funding consideration by the Forest Management Task Force.

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Management Goals

1. Assess regional threats and restoration needs to improve forest health and resilience, community fire protection, recreation opportunities, and the protection of ecological values.
2. Prioritize forest health maintenance and restoration areas by project type (i.e. prescribed fire, forest health, or fuel reduction), threatened natural resource, watershed, or other logical division based on potential funding streams.
3. Incentivize the creation and networking of multi-stakeholder Landscape Collaboratives to address, in cooperation, forest health threats in prioritized areas.
4. Strategically coordinate the state's investment in forest health with relevant local, tribal, state & federal partners including incentives for maintaining existing forest health and fire prevention projects.
5. Provide recommendations for highest priority regional projects eligible for state funding sources.
6. Measure progress, identify regulatory hurdles and monitor outcomes to inform future activities of the Task Force.
7. Work with the Wood Utilization Working Group on building forest product utilization infrastructure and increase incentives (Federal and State) to meet forest health.
8. Work with the Technical Education, Outreach, and Workforce Development Working Group on indentifying additional workforce resources.
9. Maintenance of existing financial investments in community fire protection, fuel breaks, and forest health activities.
10. Work with the Science Advisory Panel with scientific education combined with tribal perspectives on new/developing research.

Special Instructions

- Work with other federal, state, local, tribal, private and non-governmental entities as needed.