



Examples of Potential Alternative Wildland Fire Funding Revenue Sources*

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Funding Mechanisms Related to Ecosystem Services Provided by Forests

Scenic Resources

1. An additional vehicle license registration fee
2. A surcharge on photographic equipment and supplies
3. An annual vehicle pass for state forests

Water Resources

4. Surcharge on municipal water bills
5. Surcharge on fishing licenses
6. Surcharge on boat registrations

Fish, Wildlife and Biological Diversity Habitats

7. Surcharge on hunting and fishing licenses
8. Surcharge on equipment used to enjoy nature (hiking shoes, binoculars, cameras, nature reference books)
9. Fee for land converted from forests to developed uses
10. NGO- or government-funded trust fund with the interest used to enhance forest biological diversity
11. "No net loss of forest" policy to create a market for forest habitat banking

Climate Change Amelioration

12. A gas and electric utility surcharge
13. Added vehicle license registration fees
14. A "gas guzzler" surcharge
15. A "cap and trade" policy that creates a viable market for forest carbon sequestration
16. A land use development tax for green infrastructure

Funding Mechanisms More Related to Specific Government Services

The following services clearly support the delivery of ecosystem services as mentioned above. In addition, many are critical to ensuring a sustainable level of harvestable timber in the State that contributes significantly to Oregon's economic and social well-being.

Fire Protection

Forest Insect and Disease Protection

Private Forest Landowner Assistance and Regulation

State Forest Management

Federal Land Management Liaison

Urban and Community Forestry

Support Functions (Administration, Capital Improvements, Resource Planning, Information and Education)

Note: These funding mechanisms could apply to any of the services described above.

17. Landowner fire patrol assessment (currently in place)
18. A new, higher fire patrol rate structure for designated wildland-urban interface areas
19. Harvest tax (also currently in place for all harvests involving more than 25,000 board feet)
20. A fee charged on all fire insurance policies
21. A fee charged on the sale of fireworks
22. A fee charged on all land conveyances
23. A dedicated sales tax
24. A statewide charge placed on each property tax bill (if payers could opt out, it would be voluntary and not subject to Measure 5)
25. Increased charges on non-timber activities on state forests (e.g., recreation and firewood)
26. A new category of state forests in the future where revenues can be retained for all Department programs and counties receive revenue in the form of "in-lieu of property tax" payments
27. License registration fees for loggers, foresters and arborists
28. Direct charge for services (e.g., slash treatment, management planning, insect and disease consultation, etc.)