

Local Capture: Bringing Strong Regional Forest Management Capacities Closer to Home

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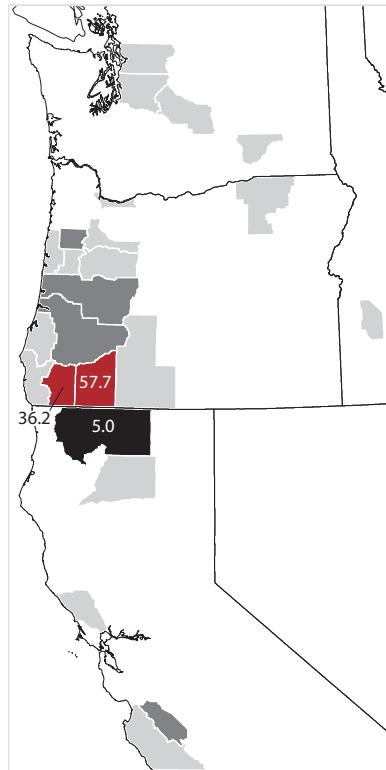
Dry Forest Zone



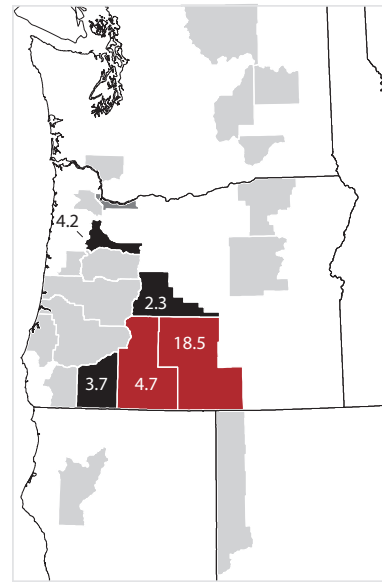
The Dry Forest Zone (DFZ) is 15 counties in eastern and central Oregon and northern California. In partnership with four other organizations, the Ecosystem Workforce Program at the University of Oregon is working to foster integrated strategies for sustainable forest stewardship in this region.

Sixty-eight percent of the DFZ is public land. The DFZ faces degraded economic and ecological conditions, but is also home to a regional forest contracting workforce and increasing restoration opportunities. If federal land management contracts are captured locally, they can be a promising tool for producing a skilled restoration workforce, local economic vitality, and job creation and retention in public lands communities.

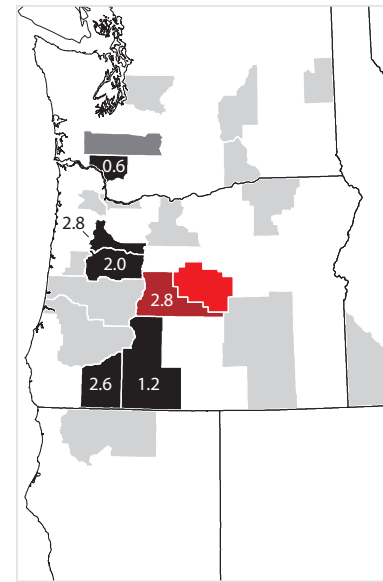
Josephine - Jackson



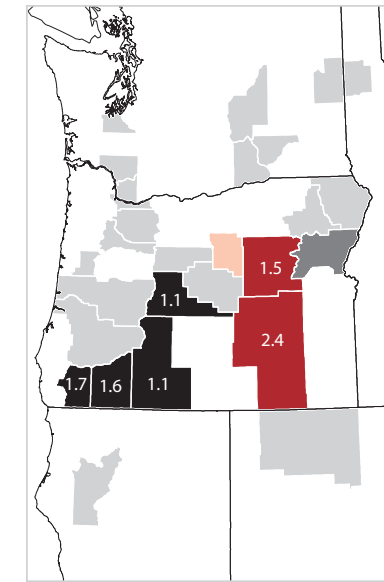
Klamath - Lake



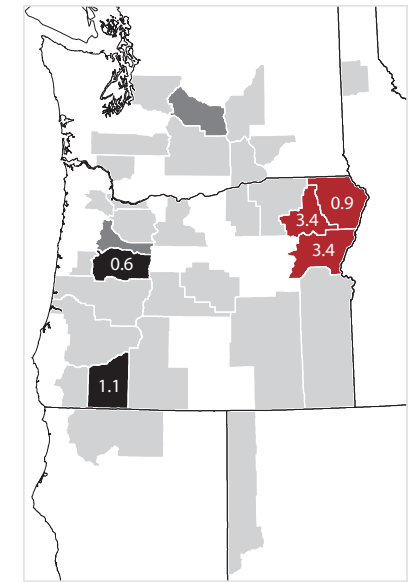
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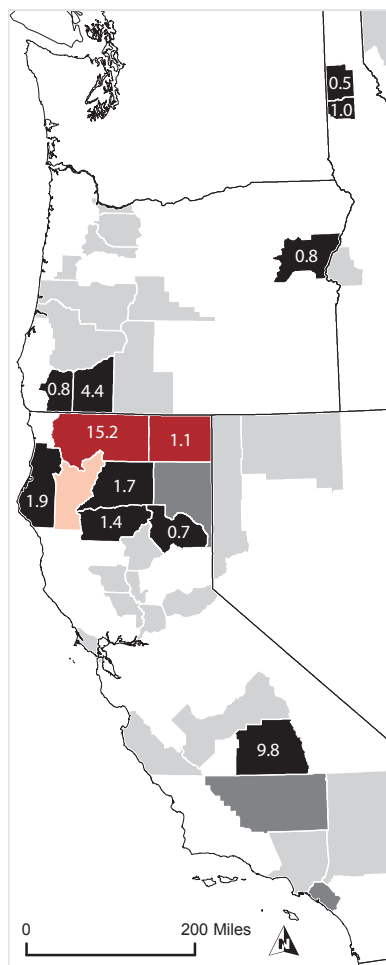
Wheeler - Grant - Harney



Union - Wallowa - Baker



Trinity - Siskiyou - Modoc



Non-Local Capture



Local Capture



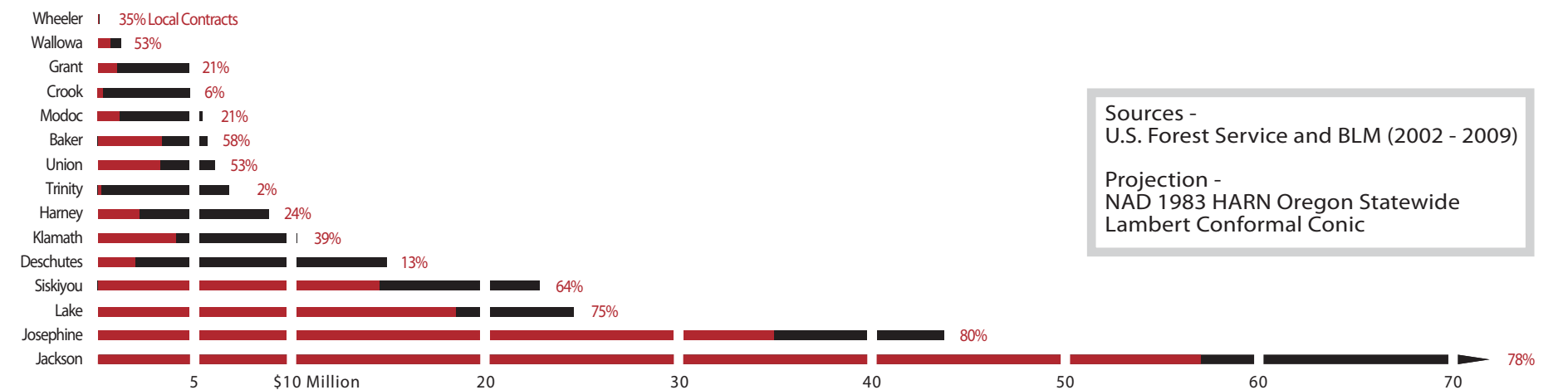
Regional Contracting is Substantial

Contractors from the DFZ perform the majority of forestry-related work in the DFZ. Most contract obligations are awarded to contractors located in Jackson and Josephine counties, and DFZ counties comprise nine of the 15 top counties where contractors receiving awards are located. Contractors originating outside of the DFZ are commonly located in Oregon and California along the Interstate 5 corridor. Only a small proportion of contract obligations in the DFZ are awarded outside of the western states of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and Idaho.

Improvement to Local Capture is Needed

Jackson, Josephine, and Lake counties have the highest local capture rates in the DFZ, with local contractors being awarded at least 75% of the total contract obligations for work in their respective county. In contrast, contractors in eight of the 15 DFZ counties capture less than 50% of total contract work in their counties. Local contracting in north-eastern Oregon is marginally more than 50%. Non-local contractors perform more than 75% of the work in Trinity, Crook, Deschutes, Modoc, Grant, and Klamath counties.

Less than Half of DFZ Counties Rely on Local Businesses for Federal Land Management Contracting



Sources -
U.S. Forest Service and BLM (2002 - 2009)
Projection -
NAD 1983 HARN Oregon Statewide
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