



# ECONOMIC IMPACTS FROM BLUE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL FORESTS RESTORATION

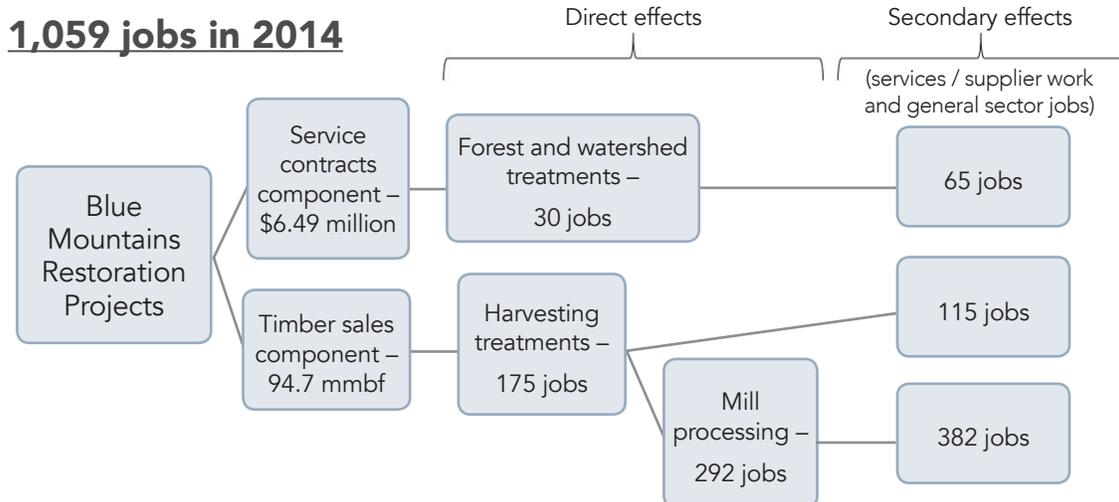
## TRACKING INVESTMENTS IN EASTERN OREGON

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**R**estoration projects on national forests can have significant economic impacts in addition to the ecological benefits they provide. To better understand the economic impact of increased restoration in Blue Mountains national forests, we examined timber sales and service contract records for timber harvesting and forest and watershed restoration activities on the forests. We compared economic outcomes from years 2013 and 2014 to baseline years of 2009 through 2012. We found that service contract values and timber sale volumes from the Blue Mountains national forests have increased relative to the baseline, resulting in greater economic activity in eastern Oregon in recent years. In 2014, Blue Mountains restoration projects awarded to eastern Oregon businesses supported more than 1,000 jobs and created more than \$195 million in business sales in eastern Oregon.

### Comparing 2013–2014 to 2009–2012:

- 1,059 jobs in eastern Oregon were supported by restoration projects; a 16% increase.
- Restoration-related business sales in eastern Oregon exceeded \$195 million; an increase of 3%.
- Federal investments in forest and watershed restoration treatments increased 10%.



**Figure 1** Employment from restoration projects completed by eastern Oregon businesses in the Blue Mountains National Forests, 2014.

(Jobs are reported as a year's worth of employment and are limited to businesses located in eastern Oregon)



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