



The Willamette Valley Oak Accord

Catalyzing Stewardship into Private Land Conservation

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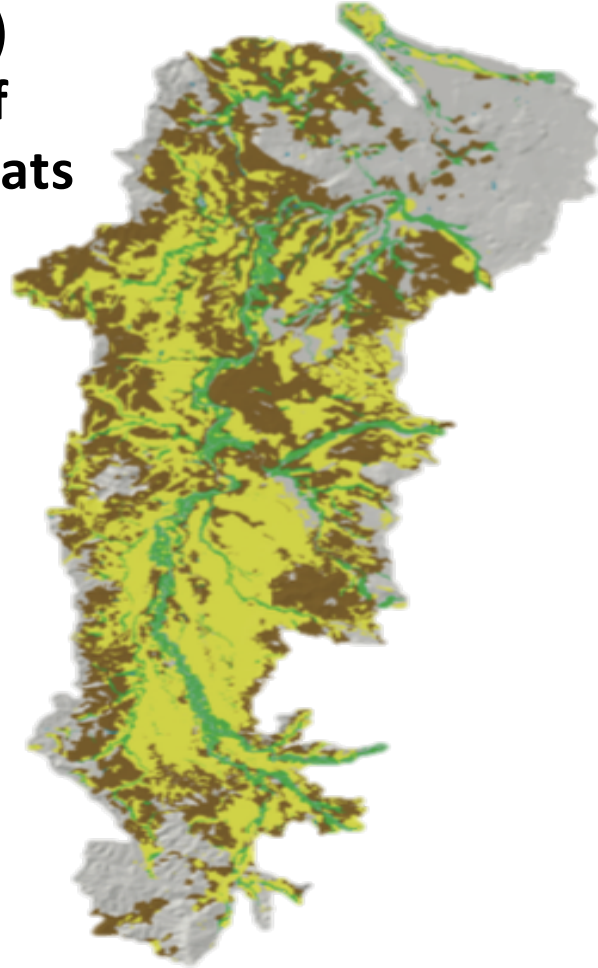


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**Historic (1850)
Distribution of
Strategy Habitats**

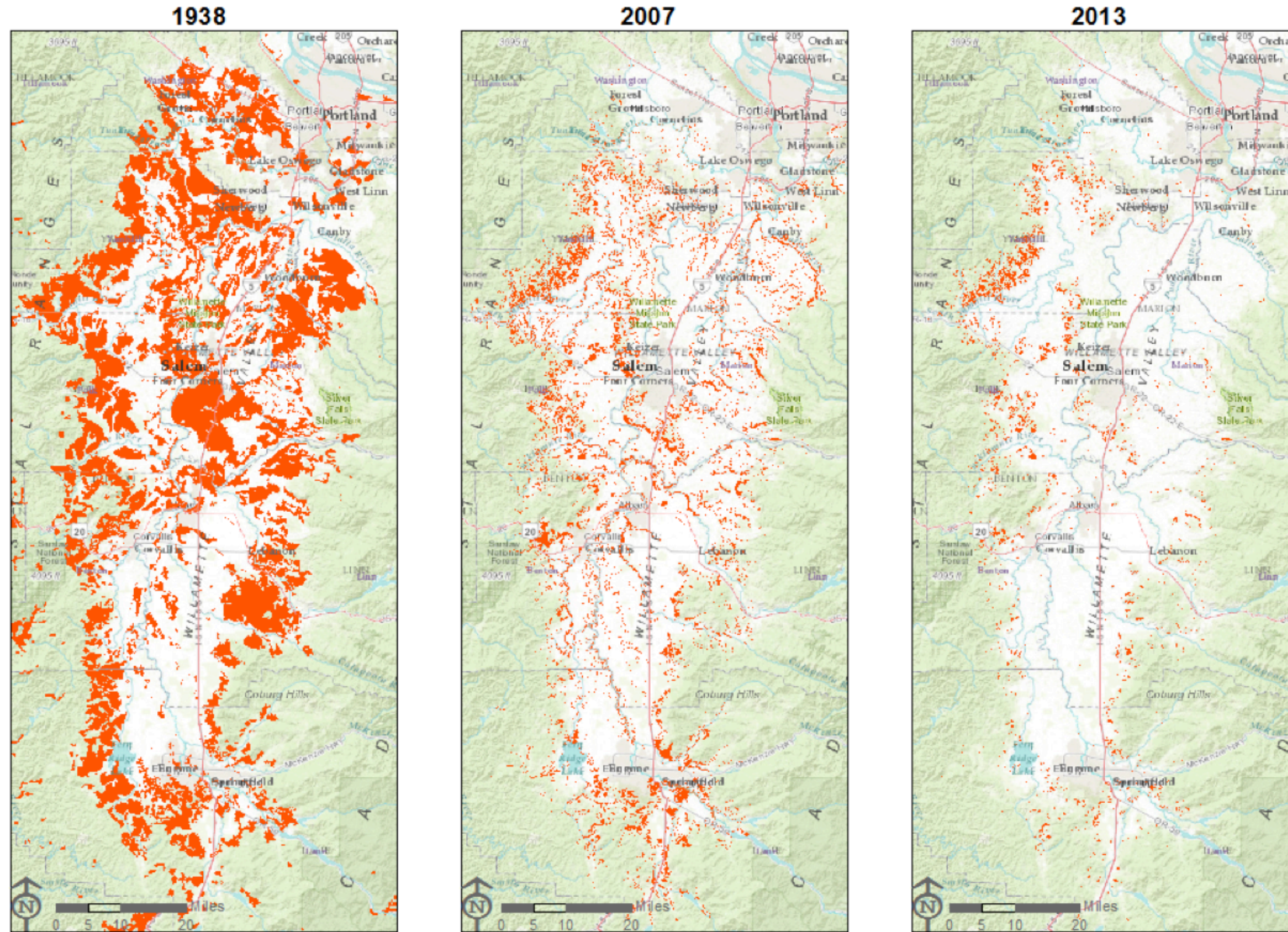


**Current (2004)
Distribution of
Strategy Habitats**



Data Source: Oregon Natural Heritage
Information Center , 2004

Willamette Valley Oak Habitat, 1938-2013



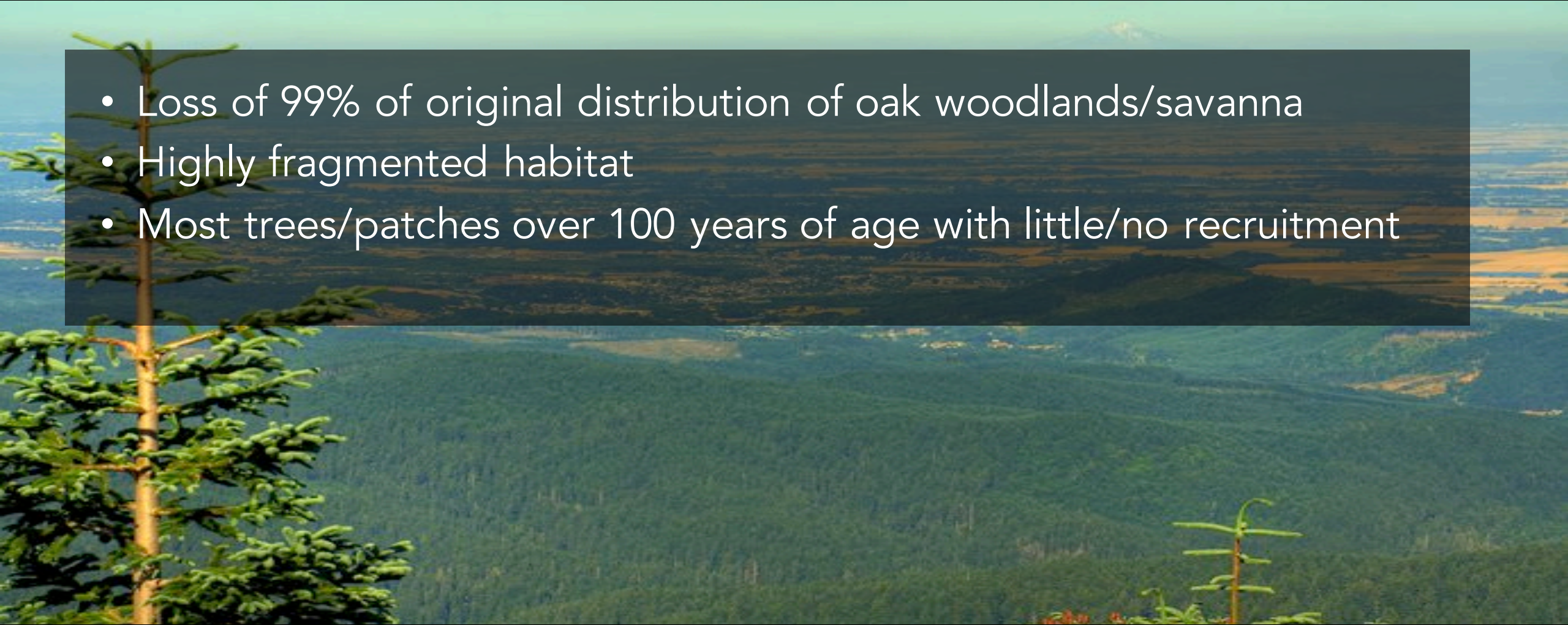
 Oak Habitat

Projection: UTM, zone 10N, NAD 83

Data provided by Esri, DeLorme, USGS, NPS, USFWS, NWHI, and OSU.
Map produced by Laura Wood, Willamette Partnership, August 2016.

Oak Habitat in the Willamette Valley

- Loss of 99% of original distribution of oak woodlands/savanna
- Highly fragmented habitat
- Most trees/patches over 100 years of age with little/no recruitment

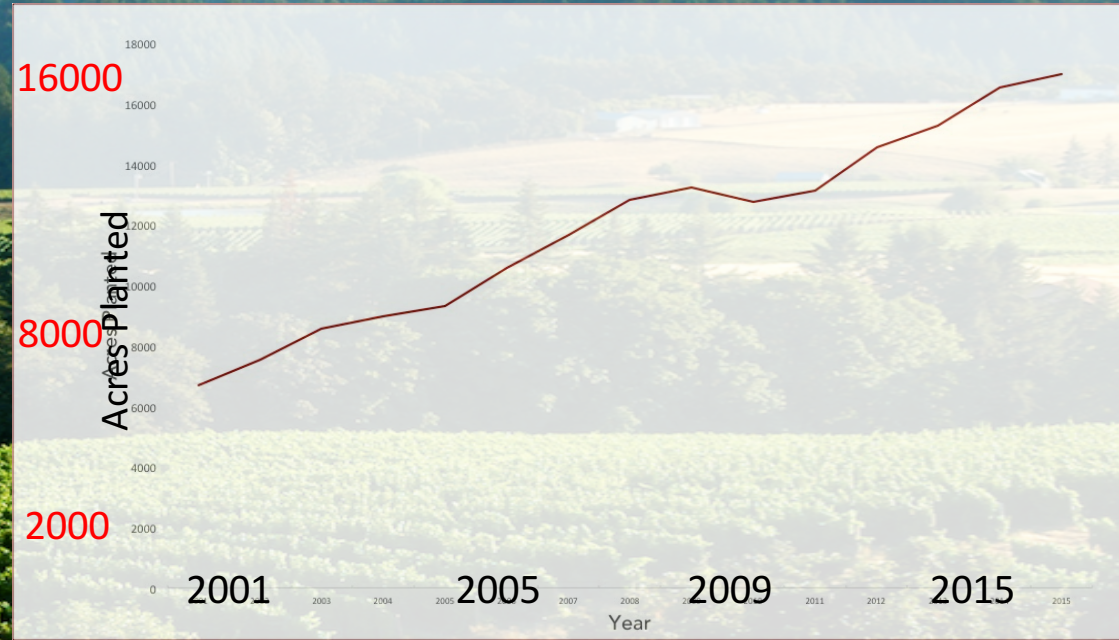


Threats

The background image shows a dense forest of green trees on a hillside, with a field of tall grass in the foreground. A semi-transparent dark rectangle is placed over the middle of the image, containing a list of threats in white text.

- Population growth
- Fire suppression and fir encroachment
- Invasive species
- Lack of recruitment
- Land use conversion

Viticulture development



Challenges

- Ownership (private)
- Lack of protection
- Lack of awareness
- Lack of conservation programs and tools





Willamette Valley Oak Accord

- Voluntary agreement to protect, restore and enhance oak stands on private lands
- Engaging vineyards, forest landowners, and Tribes
- Coordinated, collaborative and practical approach to landscape scale conservation



Willamette Valley Oak Accord

1. Sign Agreement
2. Baseline assessment
3. Commitment to protect existing oak habitat and restore either onsite or offsite to mitigate impacts (net benefit)
4. Restoration/conservation plan
5. Repeat assessment every 5 years





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USER'S GUIDE

A rapid assessment measuring
oak woodland and savanna
habitat quality for improved
conservation outcomes

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COMPOSITE INDICATORS TABLE FOR OAK HABITAT

Category	Maximum Weight in Oak Habitat Quality Final Score	Composite Indicator Description	Composite Indicator Subscore	Composite Indicator Name
Vegetation	3	Invasive species of vegetation	16.67%	Invas
Vegetation	1	Vegetation structure	77.78%	Veg
Practices	1	Management Practices	16.67%	Mgt
Risk	2	Risks/stressors	12.00%	Risk
Average Score			30.78%	





Willamette Valley Oak Accord

- Accord Secretariat
- Tracking & accounting
- Landscape level effect/outcomes



Willamette Valley Oak Accord

- 46 signatories (and counting)
- 1500 acres under conservation management



OAK ACCORD REACHED



Groups pledge to protect,
restore vanishing oak habitats

HOME

NEWS/FEATURES

FOOD

COMMENTARY

CELLAR SELECTS

EMPOURIUM

CALENDAR

◀ NEWS / FEATURES



Keeler Estate in the Eola-Amity Hills AVA has signed the Willamette Valley Oak Accord, assuring the community the Oregon white oaks on the property are protected.

Photo by Andrea Johnson

May 1, 2017

Disappearing Act

Willamette growers sign accord to save Oregon white oak

In California, conservationists face off with vineyard owners

Alastair Bland

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 - 12:45am

Does Napa Need to Choose Between Oak Trees and Vineyards?

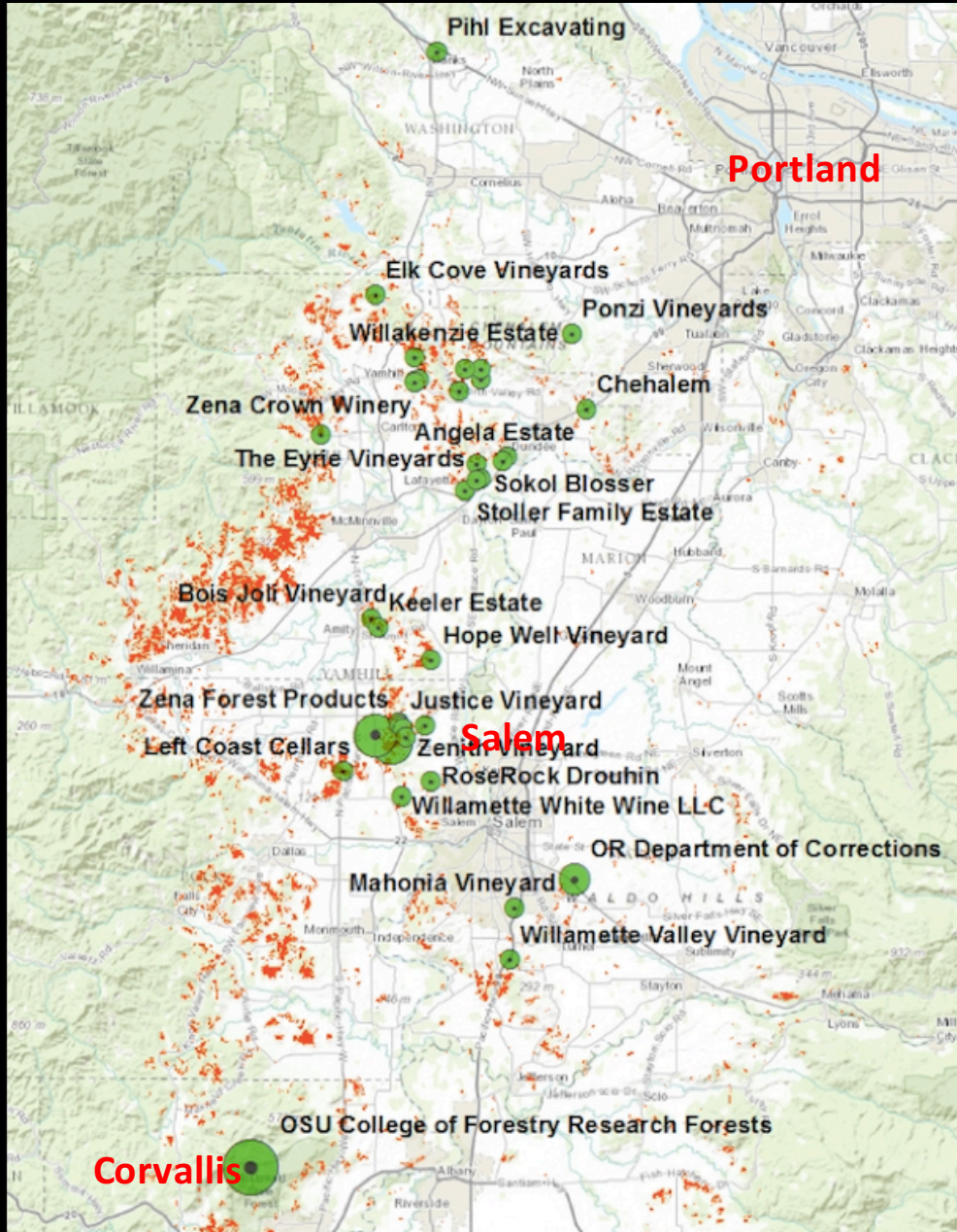
A proposal to protect oak trees and streams in Napa Valley



winery in California's Napa Valley, where about 500 acres are being converted annually into vineyards. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

In Napa Valley, Vineyards and Conservationists Battle for the Hills

Oak Accord Signatories



Adelsheim Vineyard
Angela Estate
Bergström Wines
Bethel Heights Vineyard
Bois Joli Vineyard
Brick House Vineyard
Chehalem
Cristom Vineyards
Domaine Drouhin OR
Elk Cove Vineyards
Fairising Vineyard
Gran Moraine Vineyard
Gran Moraine Winery
Hope Well Vineyard
Hyla Woods
Hyland Estates
Justice Vineyard
Keeler Estate
Koosah Farm
Left Coast Cellars
John & Betsy Messer
Mahonia Vineyard
OR Department of
Corrections
OSU College of Forestry
Research Forests

Penner-Ash Wine Cellars
Pihl Excavating
Ponzi Vineyards
Ribbon Springs Vineyard
RoseRock Drouhin
Sokol Blosser
Soléna Estate
Stoller Family Estate
The Eyrie Vineyards
Willakenzie Estate
Willamette White Wine
Vineyard
Willamette University
Willamette Valley
Zena Crown Vineyard
Zena Crown Winery
Zena Forest Products
Zenith Vineyard



Willamette Valley Oak Accord – Program Goals

- ✧ A net benefit (10%) of oak habitat in the Willamette Valley
- ✧ Increase awareness/understanding of oak conservation needs
- ✧ Target restoration \$\$ to where they will be most effective
- ✧ Develop a network of resilient oak habitat on private lands through protection & restoration & connect to public lands



Thank you!

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