

Experimental forest program receives \$4.7 million grant

Oregon State University's long-term ecological research at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest has received a six-year, \$4.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation for fundamental and applied ecological research.

The grant, the fifth since 1980, was awarded to a group of 30 scientists from four colleges at OSU and the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station. The money will be used to conduct new research and continue long-term studies on forested watersheds.

Since the establishment of the experimental forest in 1948, Andrews forest researchers have examined topics ranging from forest fires to landslides, insect biodiversity, decomposition processes, old-growth ecosystems, streams and fisheries, and the impact of climate change.

The H.J. Andrews Forest is operated by OSU, the Pacific Northwest Research Station and the Willamette National Forest.

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