

# 3-Year Beaver Action Plan Update

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# Plan Retrospective





# Pillars of Action

## Goal

Improve understanding of current beaver presence, constraints on beaver distribution, and the habitat needs of beavers in Oregon

## Goal

Improve beaver management



## Goal

Advance prioritized beaver habitat and beaver-modified habitat restoration in Oregon

## Goal

Increase awareness of the benefits of beaver-modified habitat & implementation of human-beaver coexistence strategies across Oregon





# **Landscape scale restoration of beaver habitat and beaver modified habitat**







# Beaver Data & Science

*The BAP put a spotlight on data collection and analysis*

**We will have better data to manage beaver and guide efforts to support work to create beaver modified habitat**



Compilation and analysis of over 7,000 existing data points



Developed training modules for staff and partners



Integrated long term monitoring into agency programs



Focused data collection in BEAs to address mgmt. questions



# Beaver Habitat Restoration

*The BAP has served as a catalyst for beaver habitat restoration practitioners*



**ODFW has made significant progress on actions to support practitioners**



Helping practitioners navigate fish passage needs



Elevating importance of beaver and beaver modified habitat in Department plans



Helping practitioners understand best practices for creating habitat for beaver





# Beaver Management

*The BAP has helped create a constructive space for science-based management*



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## **We now have full management authority for beaver**



With new reporting requirements we now have better data to understand where conflict is occurring.



This is helping us work with landowners to address conflict



Our understanding of any issues/patterns will only improve going forward

# Beaver Management

We have learned that conflict may not be as common as believed

**<10%** of damage complaints result in take



All Complaints & Take	# Complaints	# Beavers Taken
2023	126	11
2024	159	9

Private Forest Accord Complaints & Take	# Complaints	# Complaints on Large Private Forests (>5000 ac)	Corresponding District Offices	# Beavers Taken
2023	10	1	5 (40% N. Will.)	0
2024	6	1	6	0

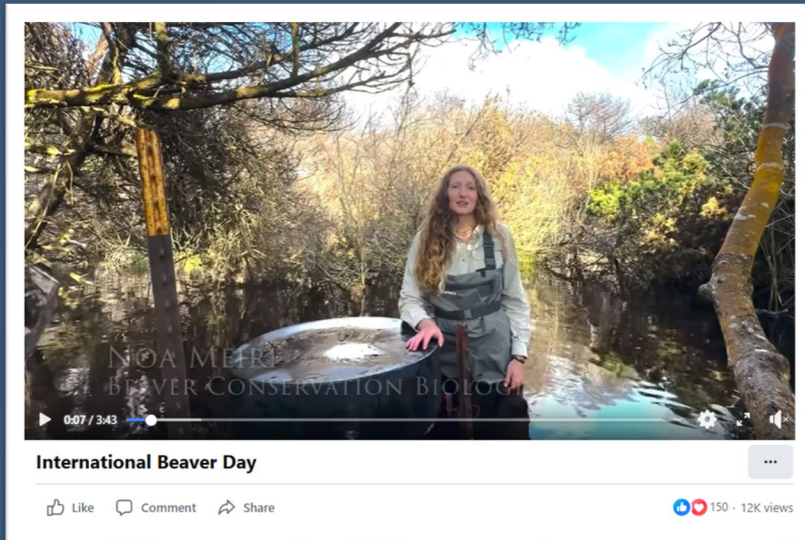






# Outreach and Communication

*The BAP has facilitated intentional engagement and new learning opportunities*



**We have increased opportunities to engage and learn with partners**



Collaborating with OSU to become more effective partners with practitioners and landowners



Delivering guidance and outreach materials for new laws



Creating the Beaver Action Plan Partnership as a forum to maintain momentum



Participating in new partner-led projects, working groups, and outreach events



# Investing in Partners & Projects

*The BAP draws beaver-related proposals to ODFW funding sources*



**OCRF and PFA are funding projects with direct ties to beaver**

 \$1.85M in funding

 18 projects

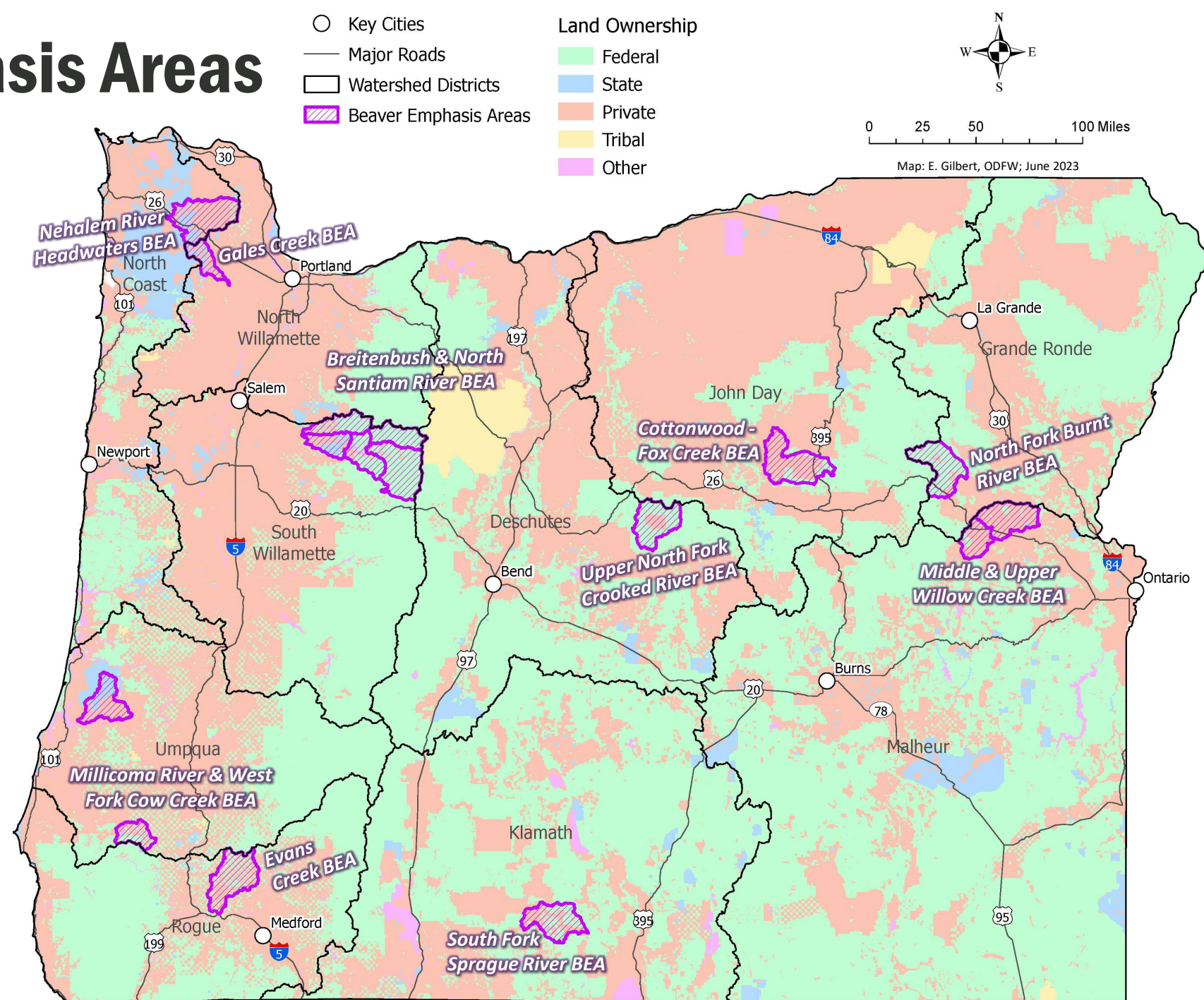
 27 counties

 3 statewide projects



# Beaver Emphasis Areas





A learning opportunity







# Implementing the BAP has given us a solid foundation as we think about next steps

-  Pillars are a good framework
-  Focused actions provide a practical workplan
-  Plan has helped strengthen partnerships
-  Creating opportunities to work with partners on shared goals at the local, state, and regional levels.



# Next Steps



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# Fall 2025 – Fall 2026

- Complete actions on 3 yr plan
- Reflective review
- 2026+ actions





**Thank you!**

