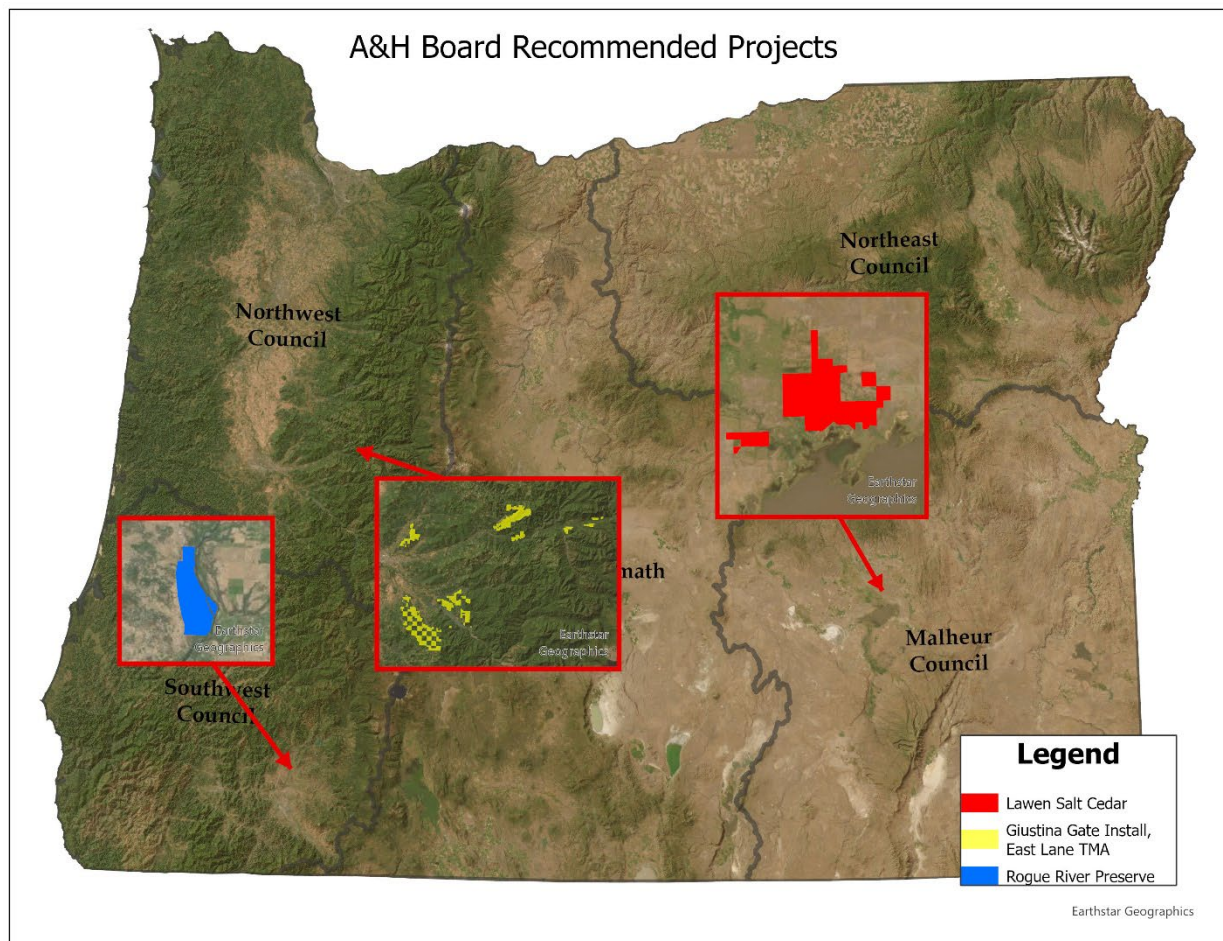


Summary of Projects Recommended for Access & Habitat Funding

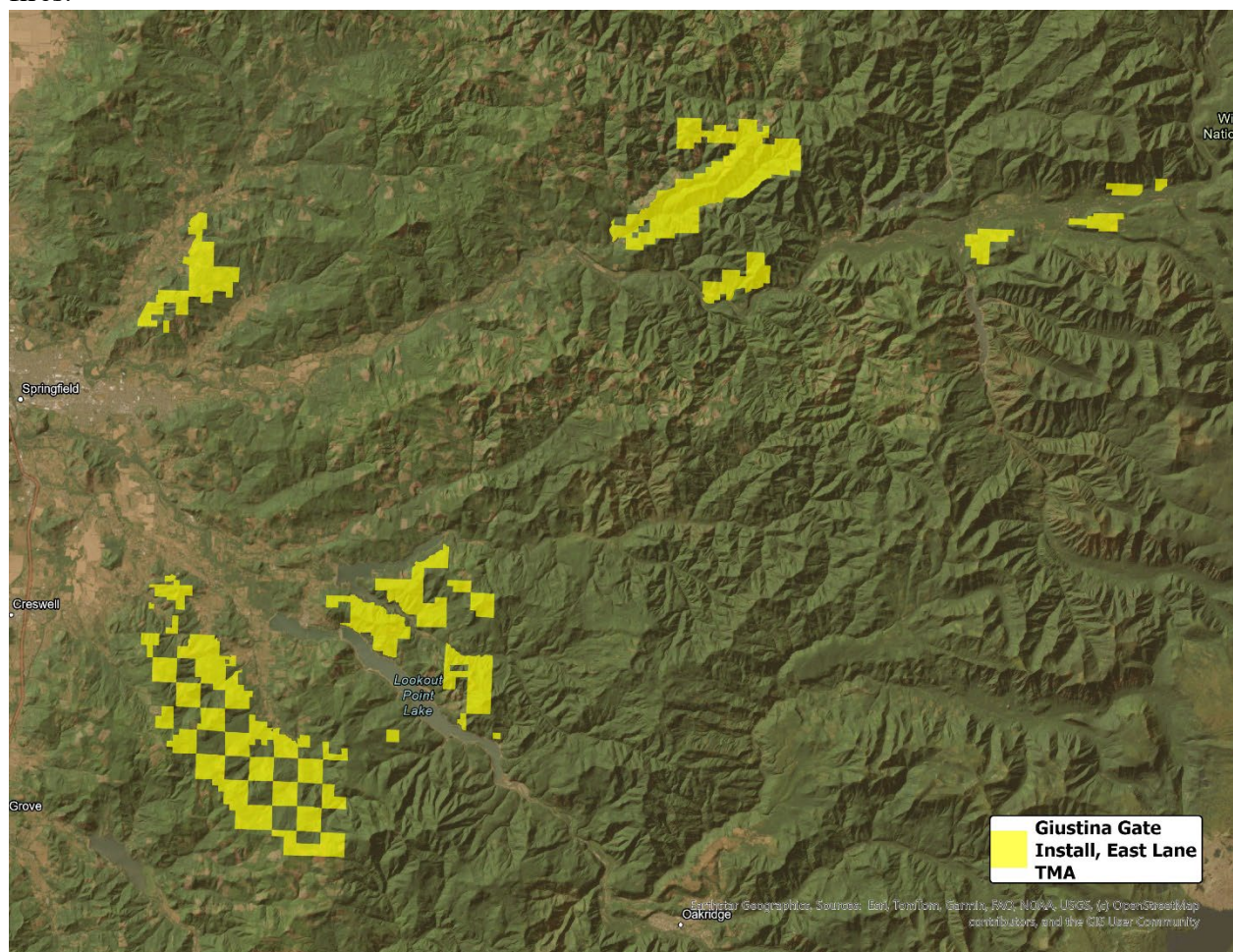
The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met on July 15, 2025 in Salem to review projects recommended for funding by A&H Regional Councils (Councils). A project must receive at least four supporting votes from the Board to be recommended for funding through the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. A brief description of the funding requested, access and habitat benefits provided, and Board votes follows. The A&H Board recommends funding the following three projects:



2025-05 Giustina Resources Gate Install 2025

- A&H Funds: \$2,978
- Applicant: Giustina Resources
- Location: Santiam and McKenzie WMUs
- Access Acres: 39,000 (East Lane TMA)
- Project Duration: September 2025 - November 2027
- Board Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0

The project will fund Giustina Resources and Giustina Land & Timber's purchase of materials to install gates on the East Lane Travel Management Area (TMA). Giustina will fund the work of contractors to install the nine gates on the TMA. The gates will help ensure that walk-in only areas do not have motorized vehicles on them. Additionally, the improved road management will reduce resource damage, diminish disturbance to wildlife, and potentially improve hunting experience. The TMA has seen increased use by hunters the last few years, possibly due to other private timberlands in the area closing to public access and area closures related to Labor Day fires.

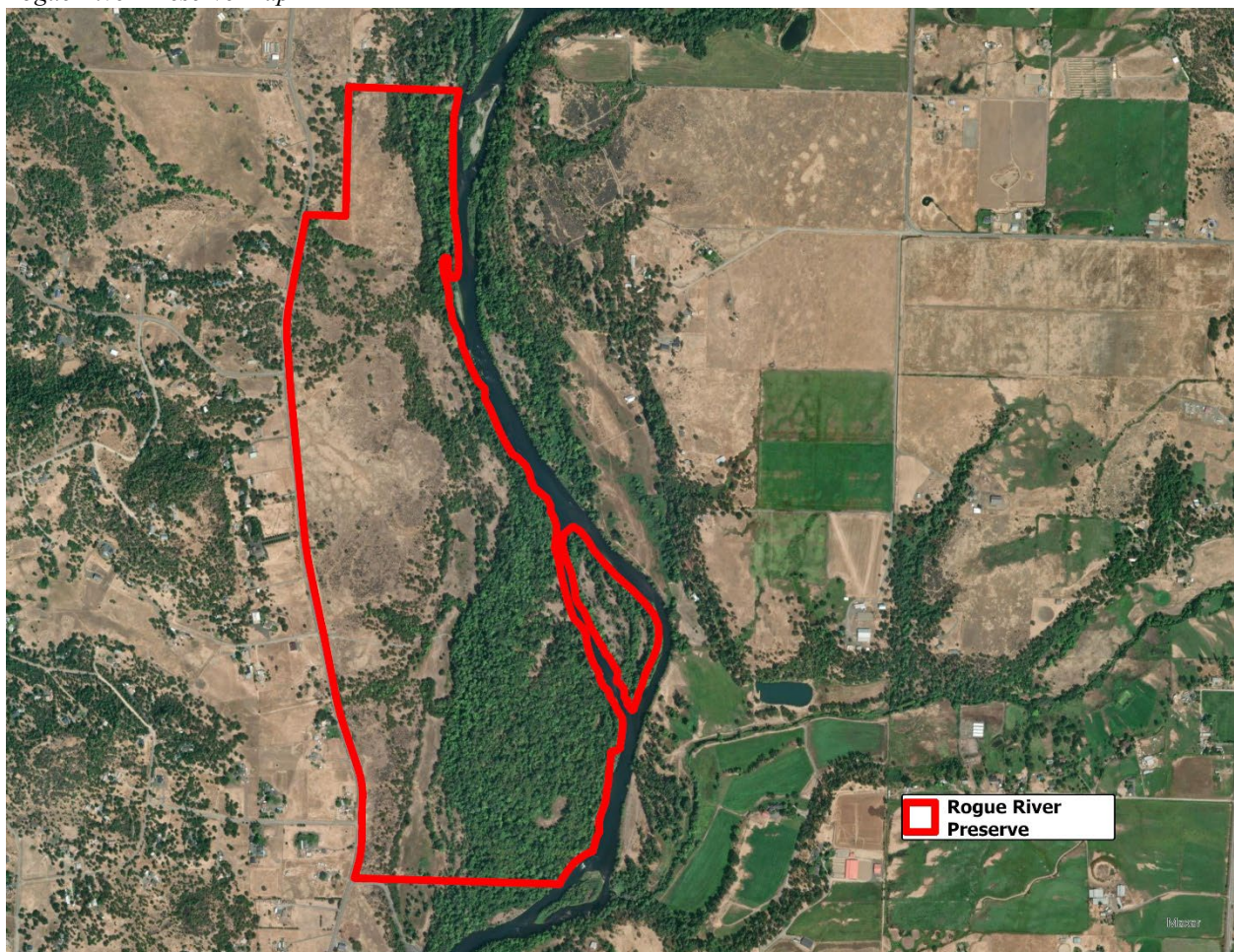


2025-06 Rogue River Preserve Habitat and Turkey Hunting

- A&H Funds: \$13,089
- Applicant: Southern Oregon Land Conservancy
- Location: Evans Creek WMU
- Access Acres: 336
- Habitat Acres: 9
- Project Duration: October 2025 – September 2028
- Board Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0

The project will provide access for spring turkey hunters through the Hunt by Reservation system for three years, with four hunts plus one youth hunt available each year. Youth hunters will be mentored by OHA volunteers, and the other hunts will each have a maximum of six hunters. Habitat work will consist of up to nine acres of riparian enhancement; primarily blackberry control and re-establishment of native vegetation. Habitat work will possibly include preparation work for prescribed fire in the oak woodlands. The Rogue River Preserve includes floodplain gallery forest, wetland, vernal pool, mounded prairie, oak woodland and savanna, and open meadow habitats that are utilized by numerous wildlife including sensitive species.

Rogue River Preserve Map



2025-07 Lawen Salt Cedar 2025

- A&H Funds: \$14,633
- Applicant: Harney SWCD
- Location: Steens Mountain WMU
- Access Acres: 3,928 (Lawen Access Project)
- Habitat Acres: 3,928
- Project Duration: October 2025 – June 2027
- Board Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0

The project will survey for and treat Salt Cedar wherever found on the Lawen Access project properties. Although Salt Cedar is widespread in eastern Oregon, this is the first occurrence in Harney County. Recent weed treatments on the Lawen access area found a rapidly expanding infestation of Salt Cedar. Large seasonal flooding events occur in the Harney Basin with some flooding thousands of acres and aiding in the expansion of Salt Cedar. This project holds the potential to eradicate Salt Cedar before it gets a foothold in the Harney Basin. Harney Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) has several partners working on eradicating Salt Cedar in the area including the Oregon Department of State Lands, the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and neighboring private landowners. The Harney Strategic Weed Attack Team (SWAT) will increase area patrols to locate and treat Salt Cedar.

