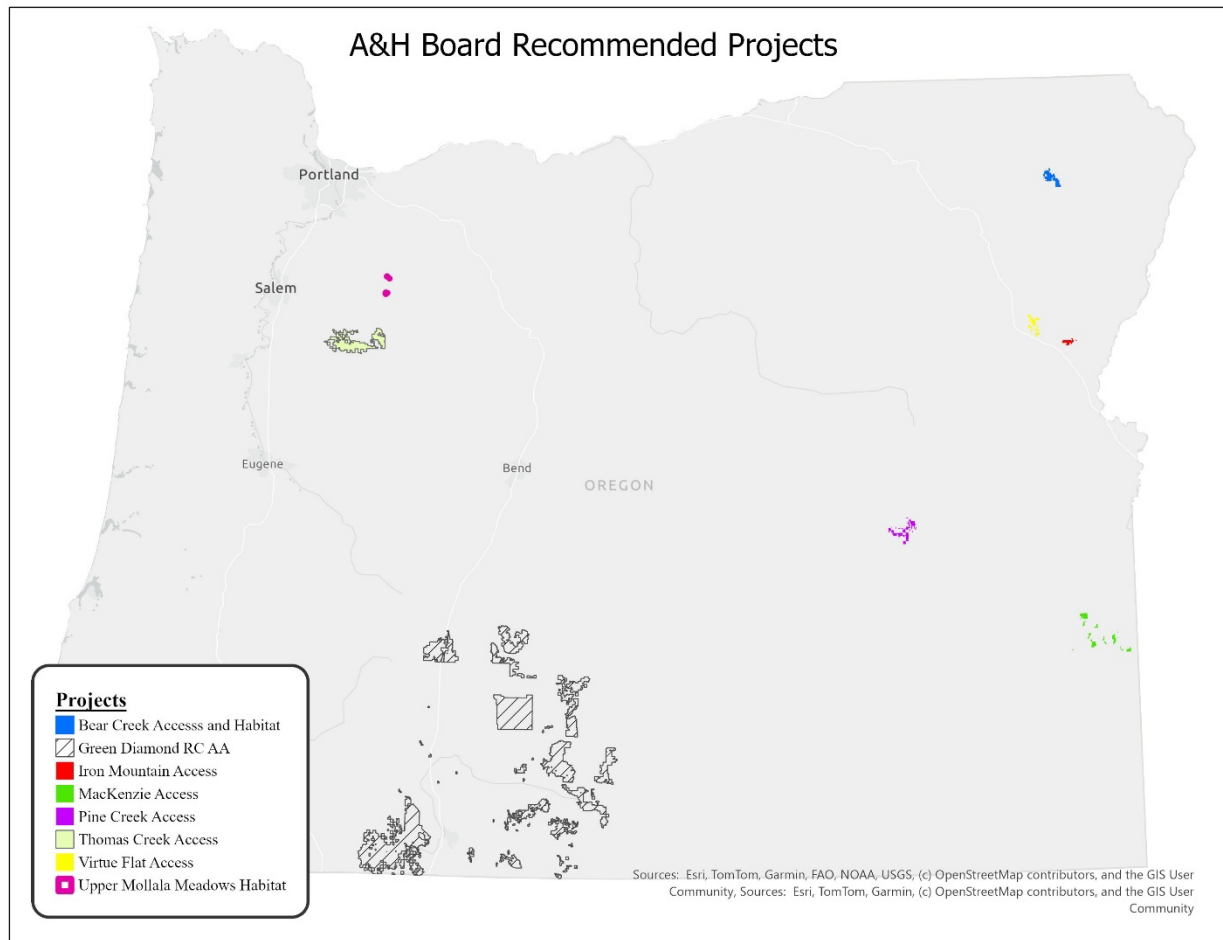


Summary of Projects Recommended for Access & Habitat Funding

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met on January 12, 2026 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, as well as Council and Board votes follows. The A&H Board recommends funding the following eight projects:

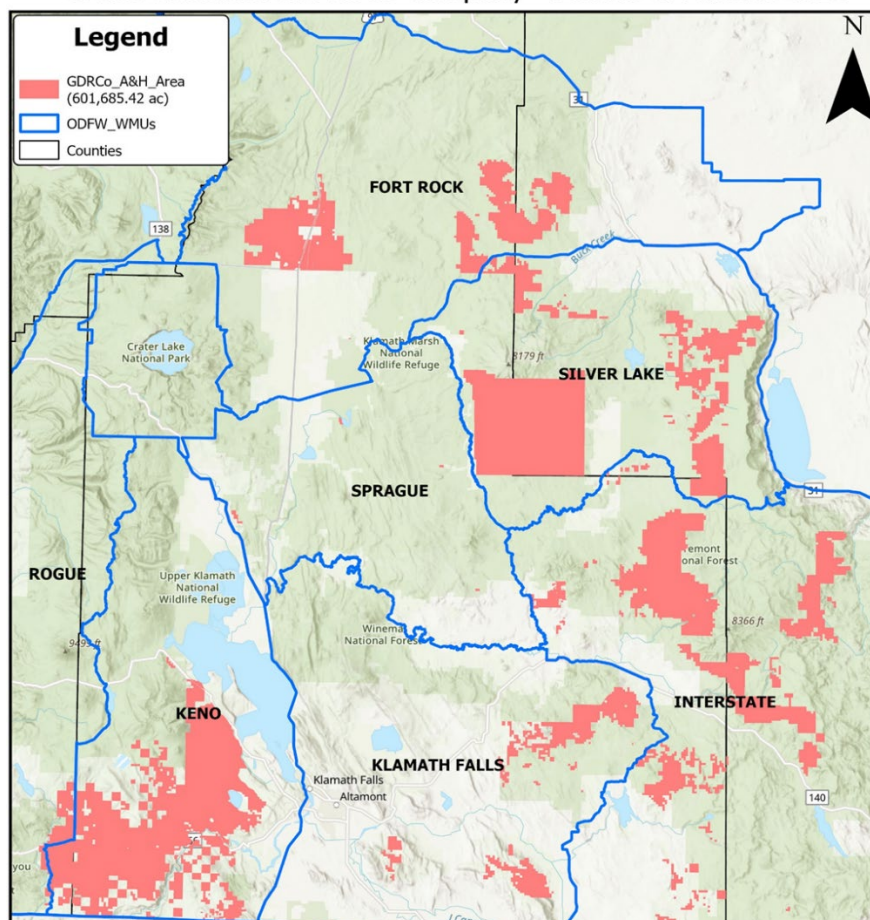


2026-01 Green Diamond Travel Management Area (TMA)

- A&H Funds: \$546,516.88
- Applicant: Green Diamond Forest Management LLC
- Location: Rogue, Keno, Klamath Falls, Sprague, Interstate, Silver Lake, Fort Rock WMUs
- Access Acres: ~601,685.42 acres
- Project Duration: April 2026 - March 2029
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project will ensure continued hunter access to 601,685 acres of industrial timberland in south-central Oregon for three years at a cost of \$180,505.63 per year. The Green Diamond TMA will provide year-round welcome to hunt access for three years. Green Diamond lands include highly valuable terrestrial and aquatic habitats. The TMA is highly utilized by hunters, anglers, wildlife watchers and other outdoor recreationists. This project only covers the access payment to the landowner as the enforcement portion is covered by the OSP Enforcement Project that the Board approved at the January meeting last year. This project is a high priority for the department.

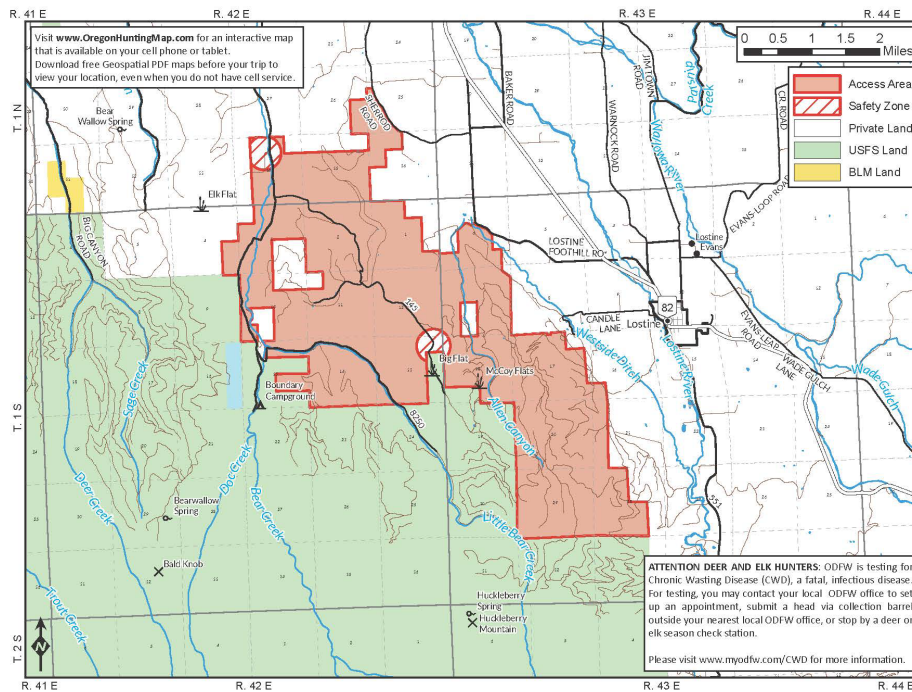
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2026-02 Bear Creek Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$122,663
- Applicant: Sauvage Family
- Location: Minam WMU
- Access Acres: 10,092
- Habitat Acres: 10,092
- Project Duration: April 2026 – December 2028
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project continues the Bear Creek Access Area by paying \$2.40/acre for "Welcome to Hunt" access to 10,092 acres of private land in the Minam Wildlife Management Unit for a period of three years to hunt big game and upland game birds. The project will also conduct habitat improvement by continuing a noxious weed control program, implementing forest health prescriptions, improving habitat connectivity through the removal of detrimental interior fencing, and working with Bonneville Power Administration to restore five miles of stream along Bear Creek and Little Bear Creek.



Bear Creek Access Area

The Bear Creek Access Area is a cooperative program between a private landowner and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Access and Habitat Program to maintain public hunting access on private lands and increase access to public land. The Bear Creek Access Area south of Wallawa, OR provides public hunting opportunities for deer, elk, predators, turkey, and grouse. All Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations and Seasons Apply.

Access Allowed:
April 1 - December 31

No permission is required to hunt on the Bear Creek Access Area. You are responsible for knowing property boundaries. Do Not Trespass on surrounding private lands.

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Area Regulations:

- No camping or night-time use of private land
- No fires, be careful with cigarettes
- Respect landowners rights and needs
- Leave all gates as you found them
- No littering, pick up any trash
- Report unlawful activities
- Welcome to Hunt
- Motorized vehicles only on open road

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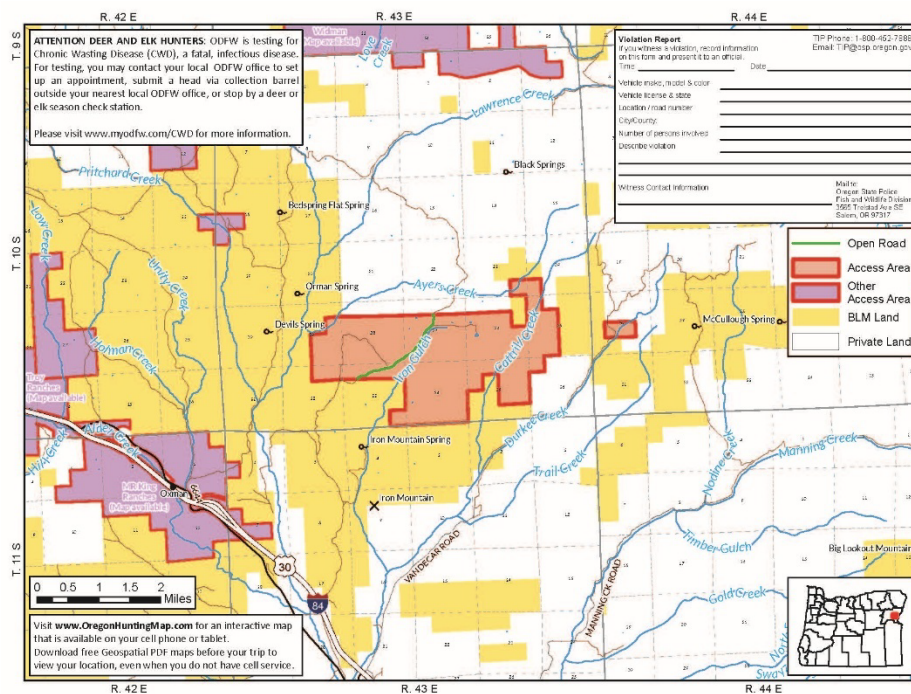
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2026-03 Iron Mountain Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$40,105
- Applicant: Gary & Kathy Bloomer
- Location: Lookout Mountain WMU
- Access Acres: 3,342 acres private and 4,215 acres landlocked BLM
- Project Duration: August 2026 – January 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

The Iron Mountain Access Area will continue to provide "Welcome to Hunt" access on 3,342 acres of private land in the Lookout Mountain Wildlife Management Unit for a period of five years to hunt big game and upland game birds. The access payment is \$2.40 per acre per year. Additionally, the access area also provides the only access point to 4,215 acres of otherwise inaccessible public lands.



Iron Mountain Access Area

The Iron Mountain Access Area is a cooperative program between a private landowner and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Access and Habitat Program to maintain public hunting access on private lands and increase access to public land. The Iron Mountain Access Area southeast of Baker City, OR provides public hunting opportunities for deer, elk, pronghorn, predators, chukar, Hungarian partridge, forest grouse, and quail. All Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations and Seasons apply.

Access Allowed:
Aug. 1 - Jan. 31

No permission is required to hunt on the Iron Mountain Access Area. The area is surrounded by both public and private lands and you are responsible for knowing property boundaries. Do not trespass on surrounding private lands.

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Area Regulations:

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- Respect landowners rights and needs
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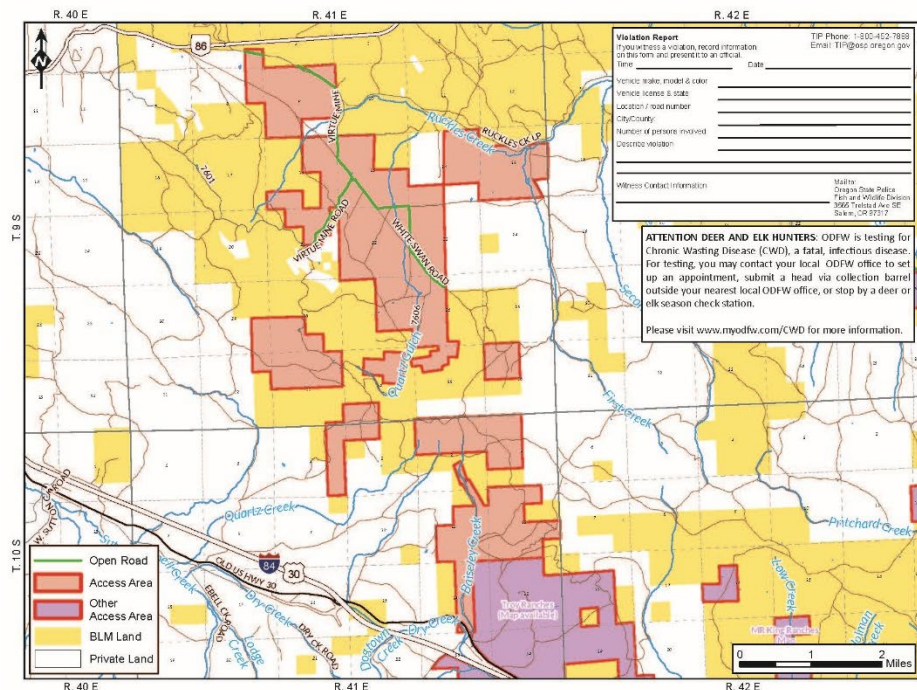
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2026-04 Virtue Flat Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$70,870
- Applicant: Rex Nelson
- Location: Lookout Mountain WMU
- Access Acres: 7,087
- Project Duration: August 2026 – January 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project provides an access payment of \$2.00 per acre for "Welcome to Hunt" access on 7,087 acres of private land in the Lookout Mountain Wildlife Management Unit for a period of five years to hunt big game and upland game birds. The access area improves access to adjacent Access and Habitat program lands; Troy Ranches and 10,848 acres of BLM lands.

Mr. Nelson works cooperatively with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management Area and the department to conduct habitat improvements for sage-grouse on his property. Those improvements include wildlife friendly fencing, noxious weed control, water developments, and grazing management supporting forage retention and enhancement. These improvements have directly benefited mule deer populations and other upland game bird populations.



Virtue Flat Access Area



The Virtue Flat Access Area is a cooperative program between a private landowner and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Access and Habitat Program to maintain public hunting access on private lands and to increase access to public lands. The Virtue Flat Access Area, 4.5 miles east of Baker City, OR, provides public hunting opportunities for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, predators, Hungarian partridge, forest grouse, and quail. All Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations and Seasons Apply.

Access Allowed:
In Effect Year Round

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Area Regulations:

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- No camping or night-time use of private lands
- No fires, be careful with cigarettes
- No littering, please pick up trash
- Report any unlawful activities
- Respect landowner rights and needs
- Leave all gates as you found them



 Access Area Boundary

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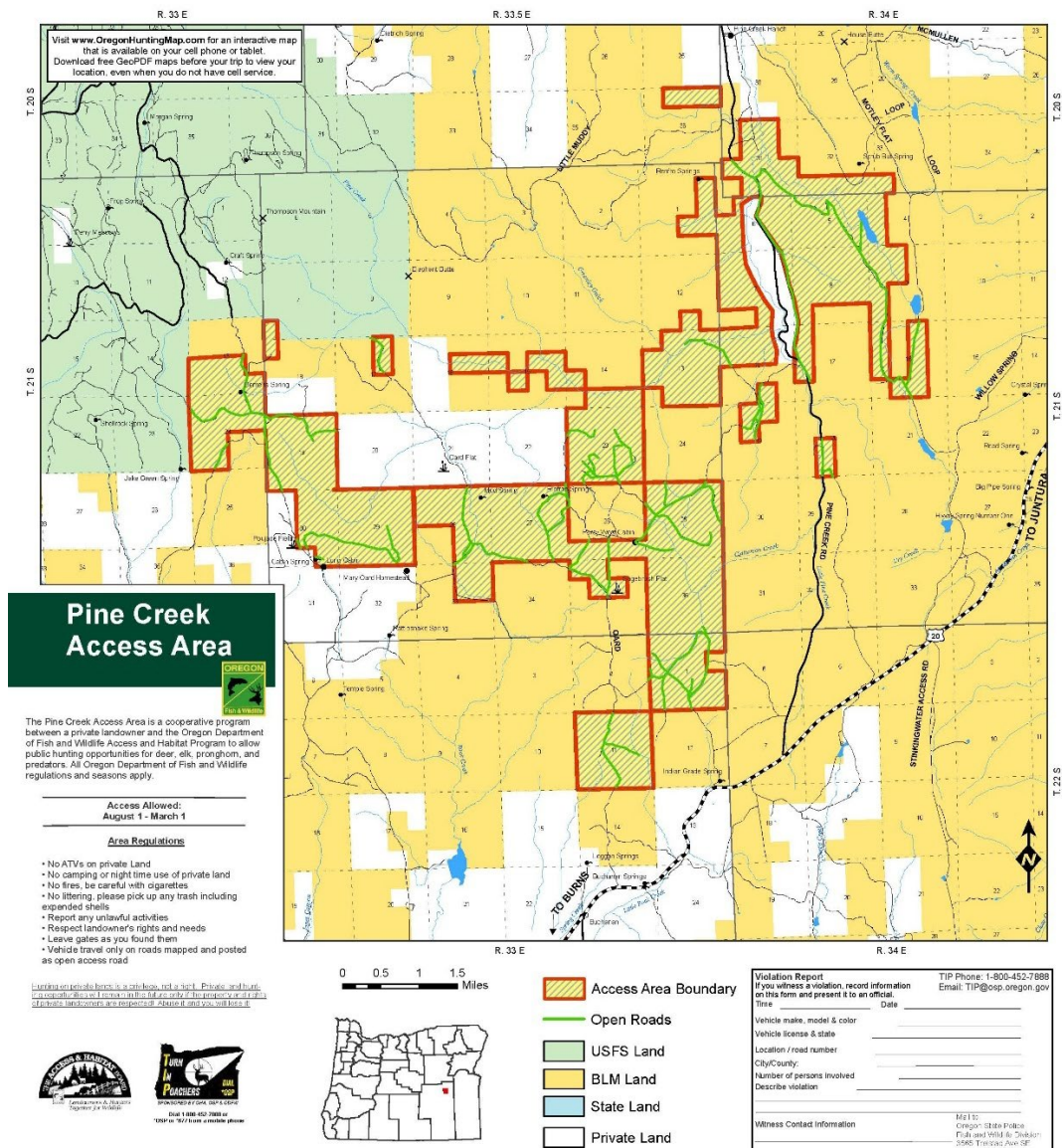
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2026-05 Pine Creek Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$145,250
- Applicant: Donald Dryer
- Location: Malheur River WMU
- Access Acres: 12,104
- Project Duration: August 2026 – March 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project provides "Welcome to Hunt" access in the Malheur River Wildlife Management Unit near Drewsey, OR and has done so since 2011. The project provides a payment of \$2.40 per acre for 12,104 acres of access for five years. The access period is from August 1 to March 1 each year. The Pine Creek is composed of aspen stands, conifer forest, juniper, mountain shrub, and meadow habitats. The access area provides hunting opportunities for big game, turkey and predators.

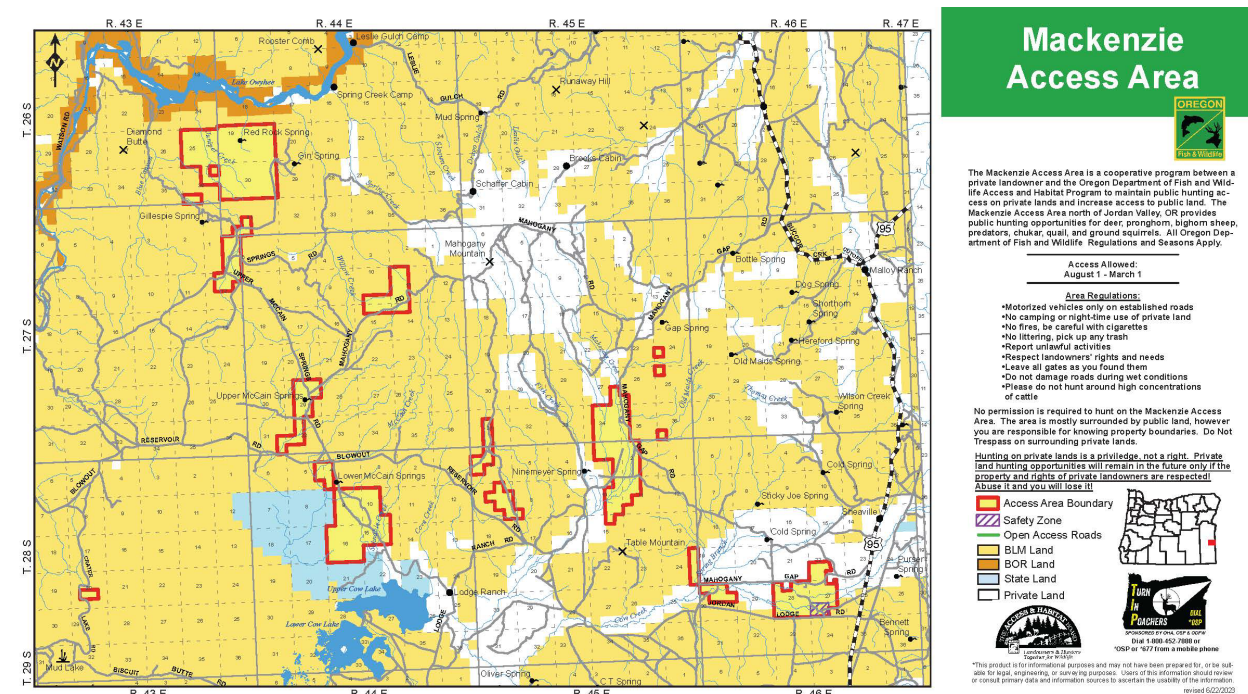


2026-06 Mackenzie Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$132,348
- Applicant: Duncan Mackenzie, Mark Mackenzie, Sam Mackenzie
- Location: Owyhee WMU
- Access Acres: 11,029
- Project Duration: August 2026 – March 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 5; No: 1

The Mackenzie Ranch has been enrolled in the Access and Habitat program since 2006. The project provides 11,209 acres of Welcome to Hunt access on the east side of the Owyhee River just northwest of Jordan Valley. The access project provides a payment of \$2.40 per acre for five years. The access period each year runs from August 1 to March 1. The access area is composed of rocky outcroppings, juniper stringers, desert seeps, shrub steppe and grasslands. The access area receives heavy use from hunters pursuing deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, predators, and upland game birds.

Landowner Representative John Dehler voted “No” because the regional coordinator did not adequately explain why the access area was valued at \$2.40 per acre as it was surrounded by BLM lands. To address this concern, the Mackenzie Access Area provides critical hunting opportunities in a landscape where springs and key habitats are primarily on private lands. Additionally, multiple habitat improvements and restoration projects have enhanced habitat quality beyond that of the surrounding BLM lands. Therefore, the Regional Council and the other members of the A&H Board supported the valuation of \$2.40 per acre.

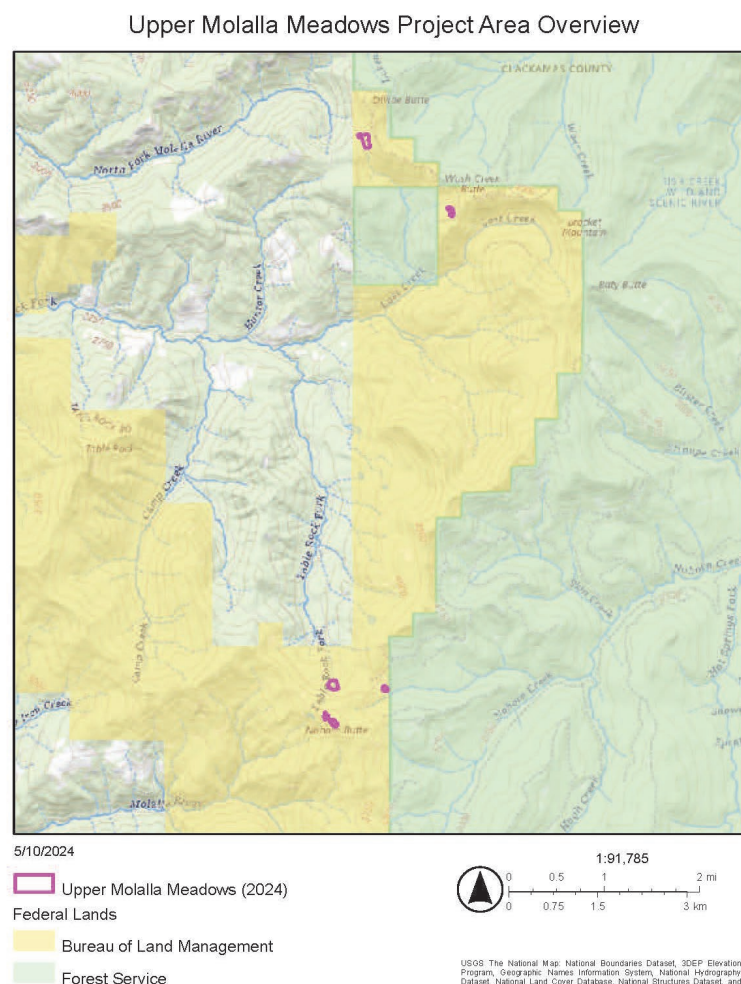


2026-07 Upper Molalla Meadows Restoration

- A&H Funds: \$37,720
- Applicant: Mule Deer Foundation
- Location: Santiam
- Habitat Acres: ~20
- Project Duration: May 2026 – July 2026
- Board Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0; Abstained: 1

The Blacktail Deer Foundation (BDF) will restore headwater mountain meadows within the Upper Molalla watershed on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cascades Field District managed lands. The treatments will focus on improving forest resilience and watershed health. The work will target habitat improvement for black-tailed deer, but all species that utilize early seral stage/open meadow habitat types will benefit. The meadows include diverse plant and wildlife communities that are of high ecological importance. The targeted meadows are recognized for their high ecological value and are a priority for restoration to maintain biodiversity and ecosystem resilience. Landowner Representative Ron Borsch declared a potential conflict of interest in the project and abstained from the vote.

Generally, the A&H program does not fund work on public land. However, this project was approved because it is adjacent to private land, helps BDF initiate a habitat project, includes BLM and MDF as funding partners, and no other proposed project was going to be declined due to funding concerns.



2026-08 Thomas Creek Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$214,624
- Applicant: Trevor Cassidy (Weyerhaeuser), Edith Knight (Avery Family Forest)
- Location: Santiam
- Access Acres: 47,694.28
- Project Duration: July 2026 – June 2029
- Board Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0

This project provides public access to Avery and Weyerhaeuser lands, approximately 47,694 acres of privately owned commercial timberlands, for a period of three years. Motorized access is allowed during IFPL 1 or lower from September 1st - December 15th. Walk-in access during IFPL 2 and 3. Closed access to all during IFPL 4. This project provides recreational opportunities for the public instead of the landowners creating fee permit access or lease areas. The access plan provides a longer access period over the TMAs in the area. Additionally, the project will synchronize access across the westside paid access properties simplifying enforcement by Linn County Sheriff and Oregon State Police. Landowner Representative Jeff McNerney had to leave the meeting and was unable to vote.

