

Summary of Projects Recommended for Access & Habitat Funding

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met on April 7, 2026 in The Dalles 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 vote follows. The A&H Board recommends funding the following five projects:

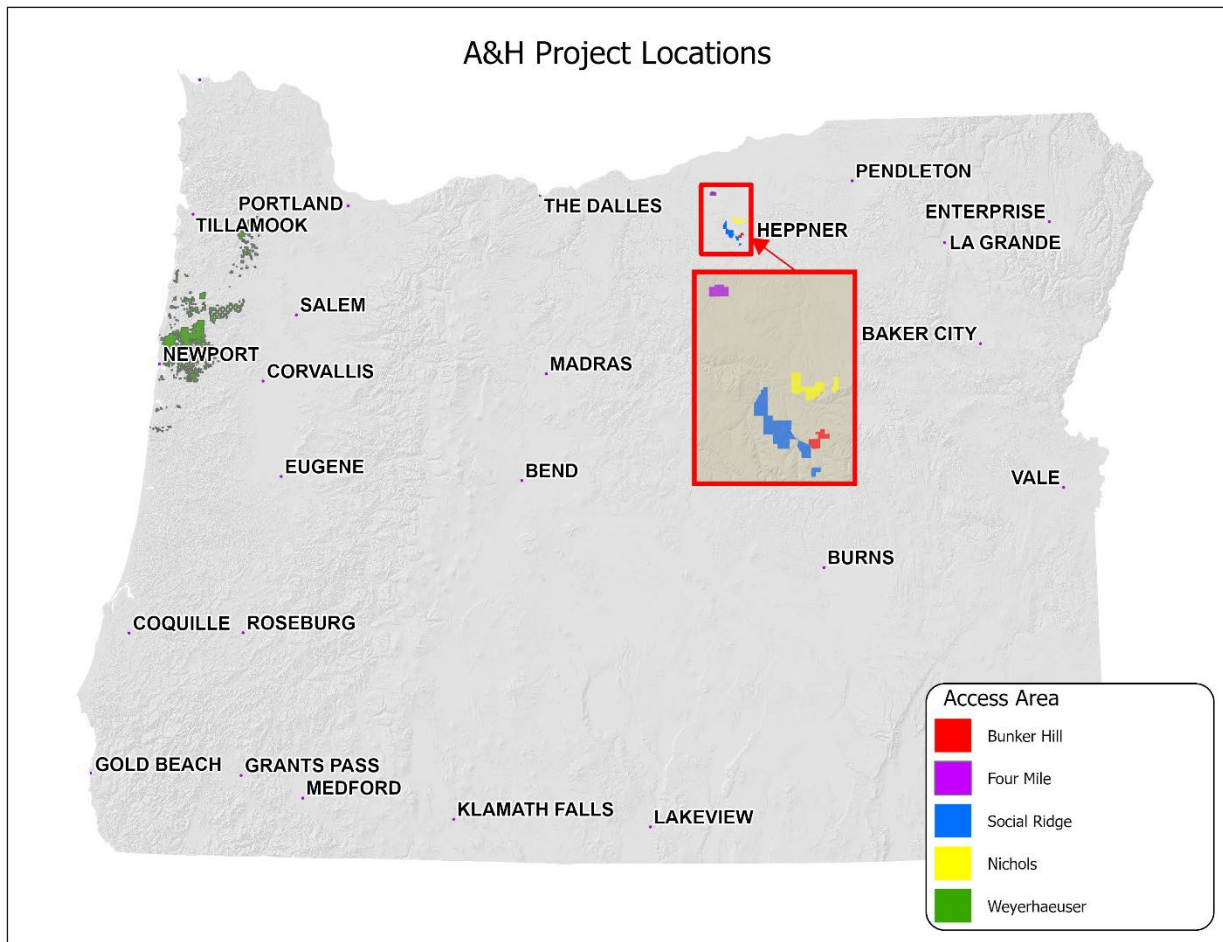


Figure 1. Oregon map highlighting the location of the five projects proposed for approval.

2026-09 Bunker Hill Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$12,160
- Applicant: Chris Brown
- Location: Columbia Basin WMU
- Access Acres: 895 acres
- Project Duration: September 2026 – January 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This is a former Open Fields funded project that provides “By-Permission” hunting access to 985 acres for upland game bird hunting in a unit that is almost exclusively private land. The access is granted via the Hunt By Reservation system. The Brown family has a long history of habitat improvement on the property, including forage and shrub plantings and guzzler installations dating back to the late 1950s, along with a longstanding tradition of allowing controlled hunting access. The property provides essential seasonal habitat for mule deer, pronghorn, upland game birds, and various nongame species.

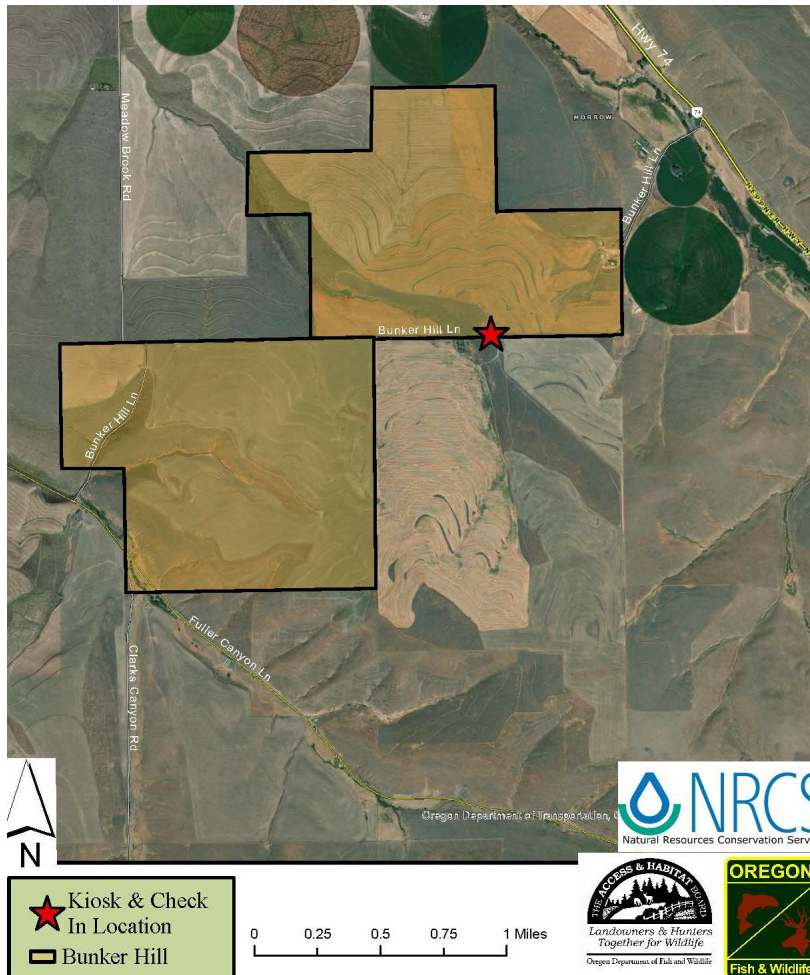


Figure 2. Bunker Hill Access Area in Morrow County, Oregon.

2026-10 Four Mile Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$20,815
- Applicant: Ralph and Anne Morter
- Location: Columbia Basin WMU
- Access Acres: 1,506
- Project Duration: September 2026 – January 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

The Four Mile Access Area, originally enrolled in the Columbia Basin Open Fields project in 2012, provides 1,506 acres of Welcome to Hunt access for five years in a unit that is almost exclusively private. The access areas' proximity to Carty Reservoir next to the Boardman powerplant makes it an awesome goose hunting area. The property has several irrigated circles and provides access for geese, upland game birds, deer, and pronghorn, in addition to wildlife viewing.

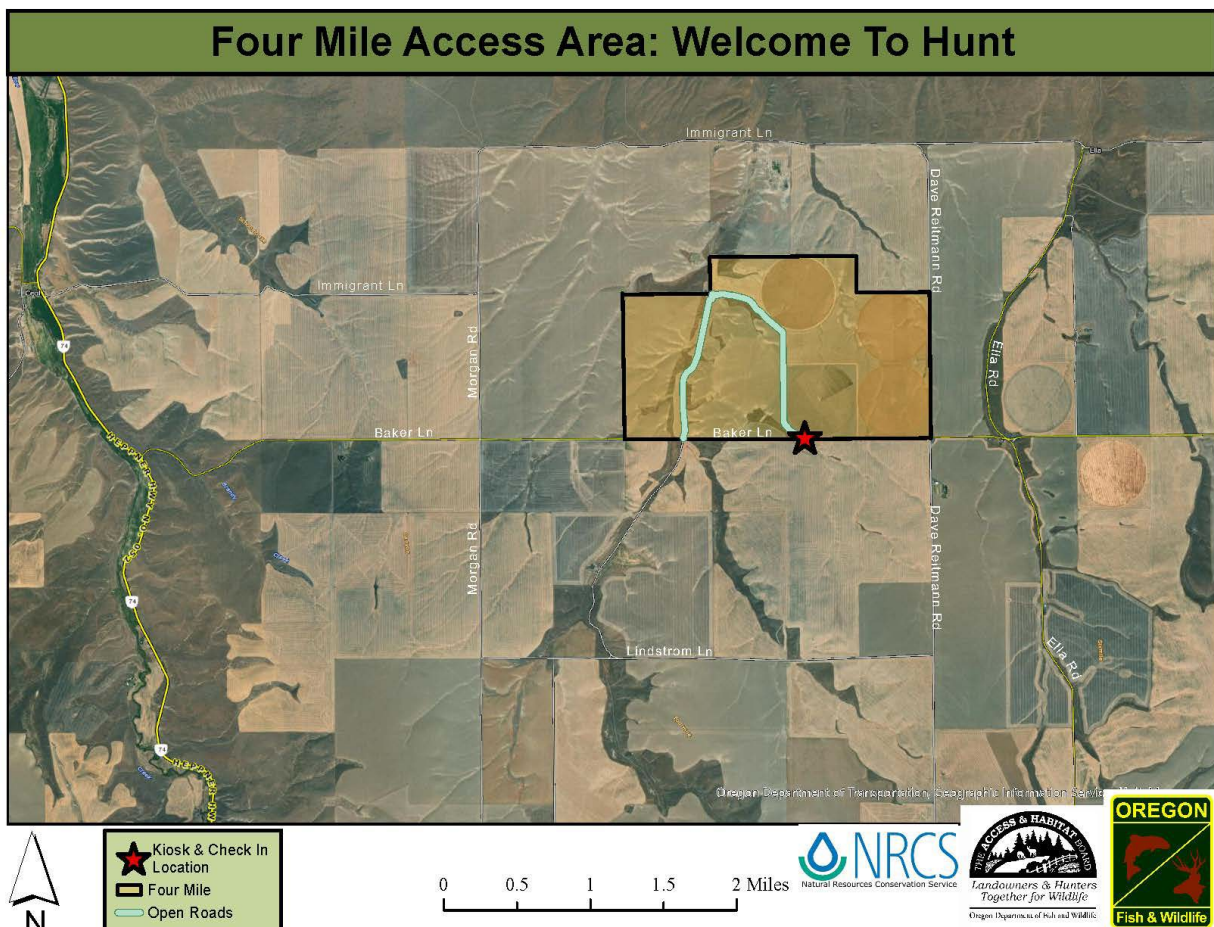


Figure 3. Four Mile Access Area in Morrow County, Oregon.

2026-11 Nichols Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$44,755
- Applicant: Bryan Padberg and Quinton Grogan
- Location: Columbia Basin WMU
- Access Acres: 3,310 acres
- Project Duration: September 2026 – January 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

A new A&H project, Nichols Access Area is a year-round “Welcome to Hunt” property, providing public access on 3,310 acres for five years in a unit that is almost exclusively private. The project habitat is made up mostly of CRP enrolled lands and provides access for upland game birds, deer, coyotes, and pronghorn. The access area provides access to pheasant making it very popular with hunters.

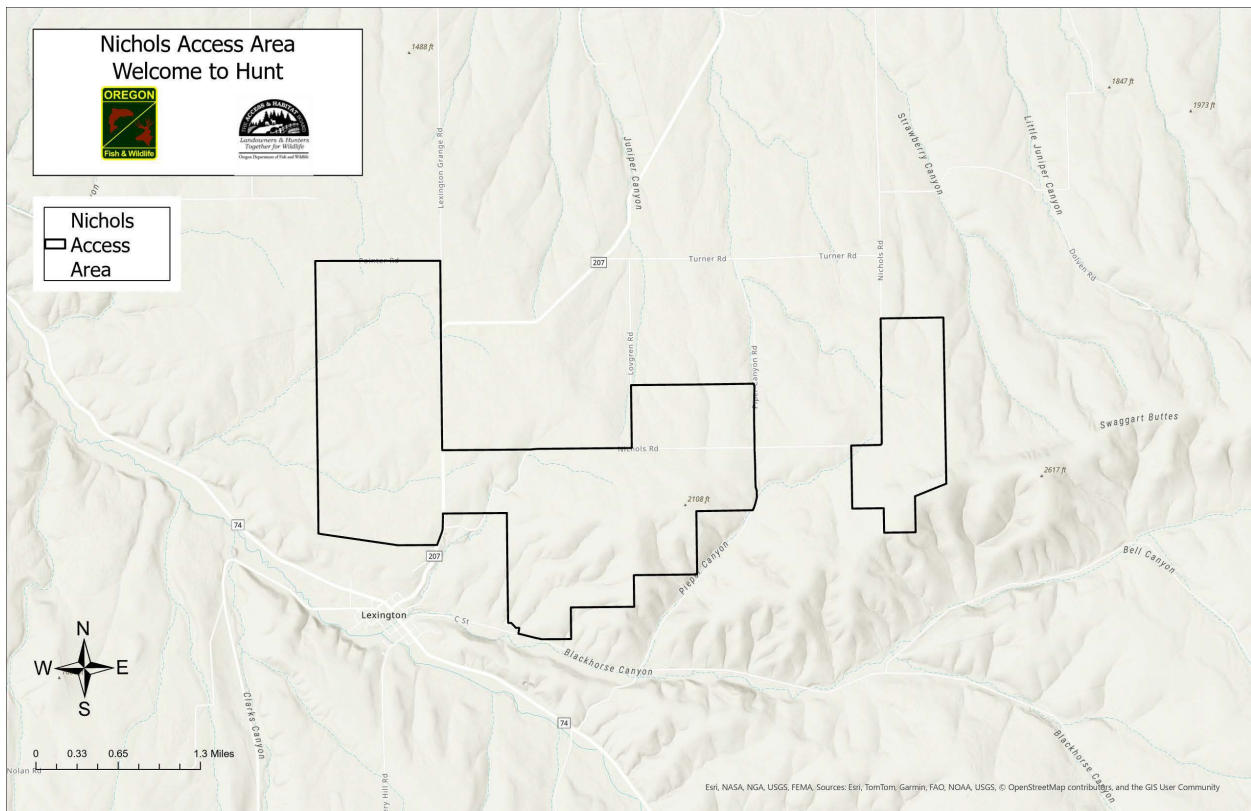


Figure 4. Nichols Access Area in Morrow County, Oregon.

2026-12 Social Ridge

- A&H Funds: \$85,305
- Applicant: Dustin and Amelia Haguewood, Gary Hunt, Curtis Robinson & Gary and Suzanne Rea
- Location: Columbia Basin WMU
- Access Acres: 6,219
- Project Duration: September 2026 – January 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

Social Ridge Access Area provides 6,219 acres of “Welcome to Hunt” access on private land for five years in a unit that is almost exclusively private. It is a former Open Fields funded project that provides opportunities for big game, upland birds, small game, and predators. It experiences high hunter use for deer and upland birds each year. Upland game bird hunters travel to the area from all over Oregon. The property is active dryland wheat farm, the project does not pay an access payment for fallowed ground.

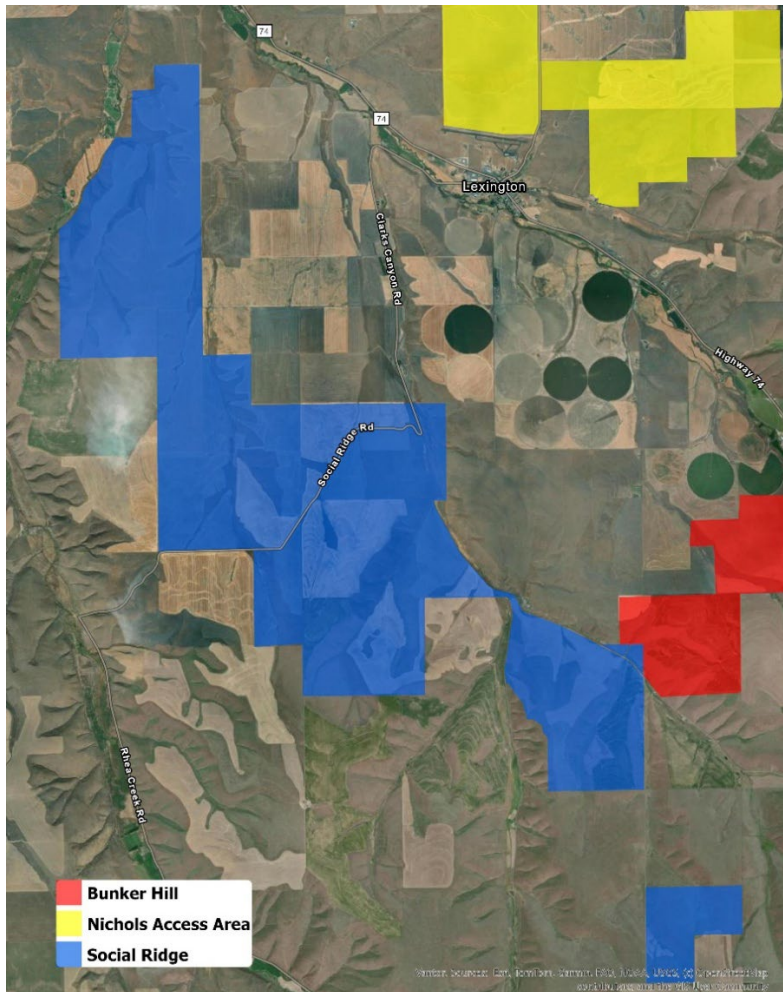


Figure 5. Social Ridge Access Area in Morrow County, Oregon. Nearby Bunker Hill and Nichols Access Areas are also highlighted.

2026-13 Weyerhaeuser Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$771,174.45
- Applicant: Trevor Cassidy for Weyerhaeuser
- Location: Trask, Stott Mt, Alsea WMUs
- Access Acres: 173,372
- Project Duration: July 2026 – June 2029
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This former Open Fields project will provide public access to approximately 171,372 acres of Weyerhaeuser managed forests for a period of three years. Access would be a combination of motorized use and non-motorized use. Access during designated fire season, as declared by the Oregon Department of Forestry, will include motorized use during Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) 1 and 2, limited to walk-in access in IFPL 1-3 and all public access would be closed for IFPL4. The Mill Creek and the S-Line gates will be closed during the entire duration of fire season. The access project will also provide increased access to BLM, USFS and State Lands. Other recreational activities besides quality hunting include fishing, sightseeing, hiking, biking, foraging for berries and mushrooms, and swimming.

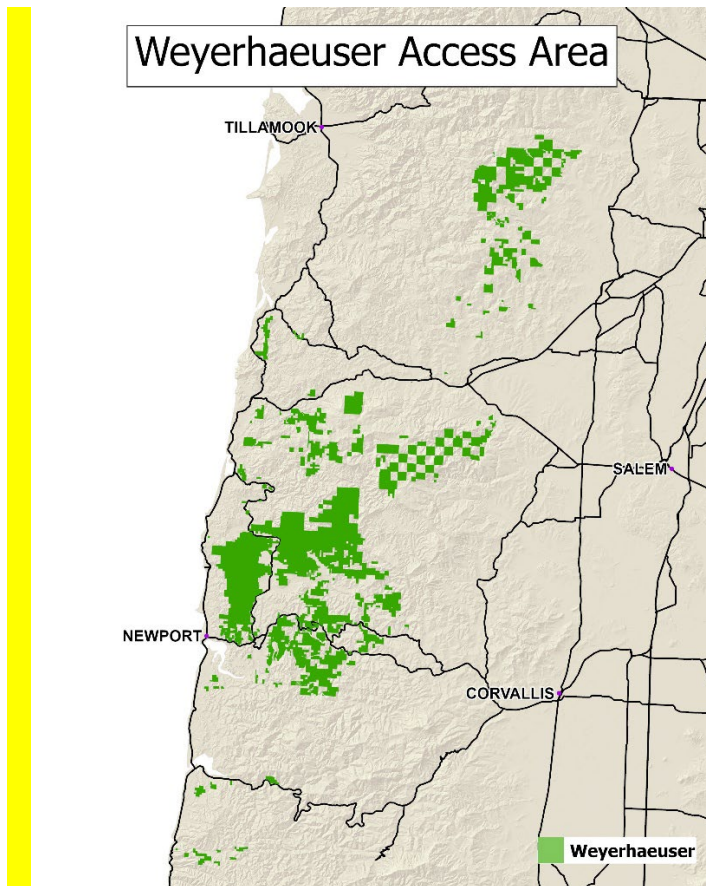


Figure 6. Weyerhaeuser Access Area in Lincoln and Polk Counties, Oregon.