

Summary of Projects Recommended for Access & Habitat Funding

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met on July 13, 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, and Board vote follows. The A&H Board recommends funding the following three projects:

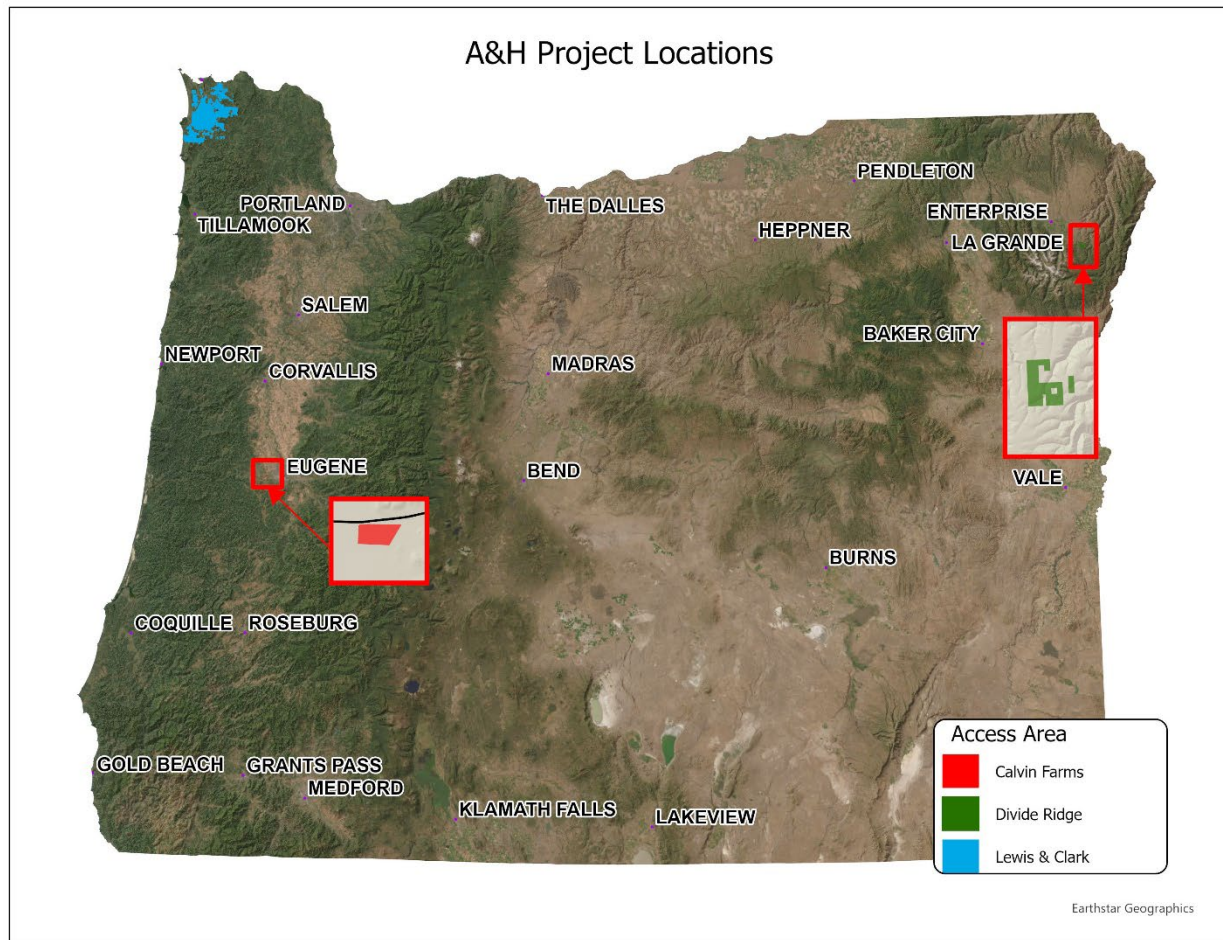


Figure 1. Oregon map highlighting the location of the three projects proposed for approval.

2026-14 Lewis and Clark Timberlands NW Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$689,490
- Applicant: Nuveen Natural Capital, LLC
- Location: Saddle Mt, Trask, Wilson WMUs
- Access Acres: 153,220 acres
- Project Duration: September 2026 – December 2028
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project will provide “Welcome to Hunt” access on 153,220 acres within the Saddle Mountain, Wilson, and Trask WMUs for three years. Property access will continue through a free online permit system that provides maps, rules, and operating conditions that Nuveen utilized while participating in the North Coast TMA. The property is open to year-round non-motorized recreation (outside of fire season), with motorized access limited to the North Coast TMA period and to controlled cow elk hunters outside that season. Nuveen distributes more than 7,000 free permits annually, with the majority citing hunting as they primary activity. The Board modified the project from the application by reducing the payment to \$1.50 per acre consistent with other large timber landowner projects for year one of the agreement. An increase for years two and three to Nuveen’s ask of \$1.75 an acre was Board approved contingent on the A&H program securing a federal Voluntary Public Access – Habitat Incentive Program grant.

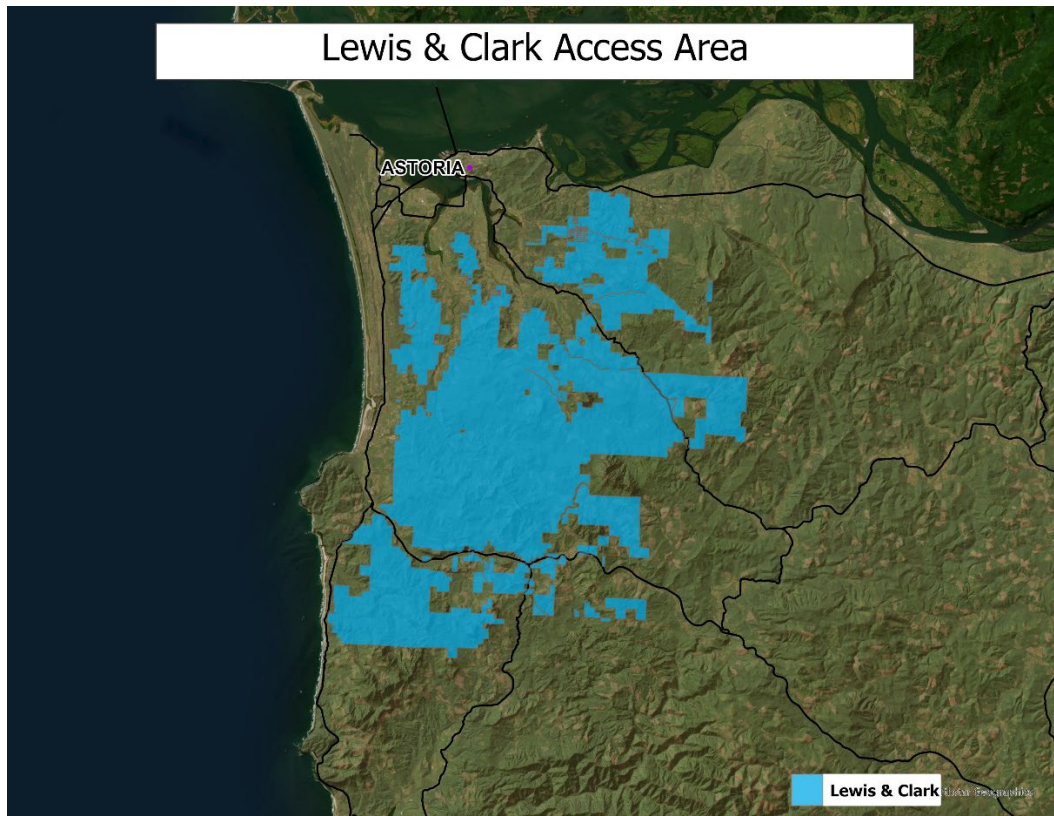


Figure 2. Lewis & Clark Timberlands NW Access Area in Clatsup County, Oregon.

2026-15 Calvin Farms Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$424.03
- Applicant: Harvey and Jani Calvin
- Location: Siuslaw
- Access Acres: 151
- Project Duration: September 2026 – February 2027
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project will continue efforts to reduce goose damage on annual tetraploid ryegrass fields while maintaining public hunting access on lands that would otherwise be closed. Management responsibility for the Calvin Farms Access Area (also known as the Ken Nielsen Road property) will transfer from the Springfield Wildlife District to the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area due to its proximity to the wildlife area. The project is structured as a one-year agreement to allow staff to assess workload and management needs. While most lands previously enrolled under the Willamette Valley Open Fields project received minimal use recently and will not continue, the Calvin Farms Ken Nielsen Road property has consistently experienced relatively high hunter use. Renewal of this access agreement will support ongoing damage mitigation and provide continued hunting opportunity in a high-demand area.



Figure 3. Calvin Farms Access Area in Lane County, Oregon.

2026-16 Divide Ridge Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$17,280
- Applicant: Joyce Gover, Jerry and Karen Carlson
- Location: Imnaha WMU
- Access Acres: 1,440 acres
- Project Duration: September 2026 – July 2031
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project provides “Welcome to Hunt” access to 1,440 acres within the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit for five years. The Divide Ridge Access Area contains important forest and meadow habitats that support big game year-round and serve as key winter range. Private-land access within the Imnaha WMU is limited, making this partnership an important contributor to public hunting opportunity. The project area is adjacent to USFS lands, creating a larger block of accessible lands. The Divide Ridge Access Area is a long-standing project that has consistently received high public use. Renewal of this project will maintain an established hunter access corridor, support strong private-landowner partnerships, and continue providing high-value hunting access in an area of high demand.

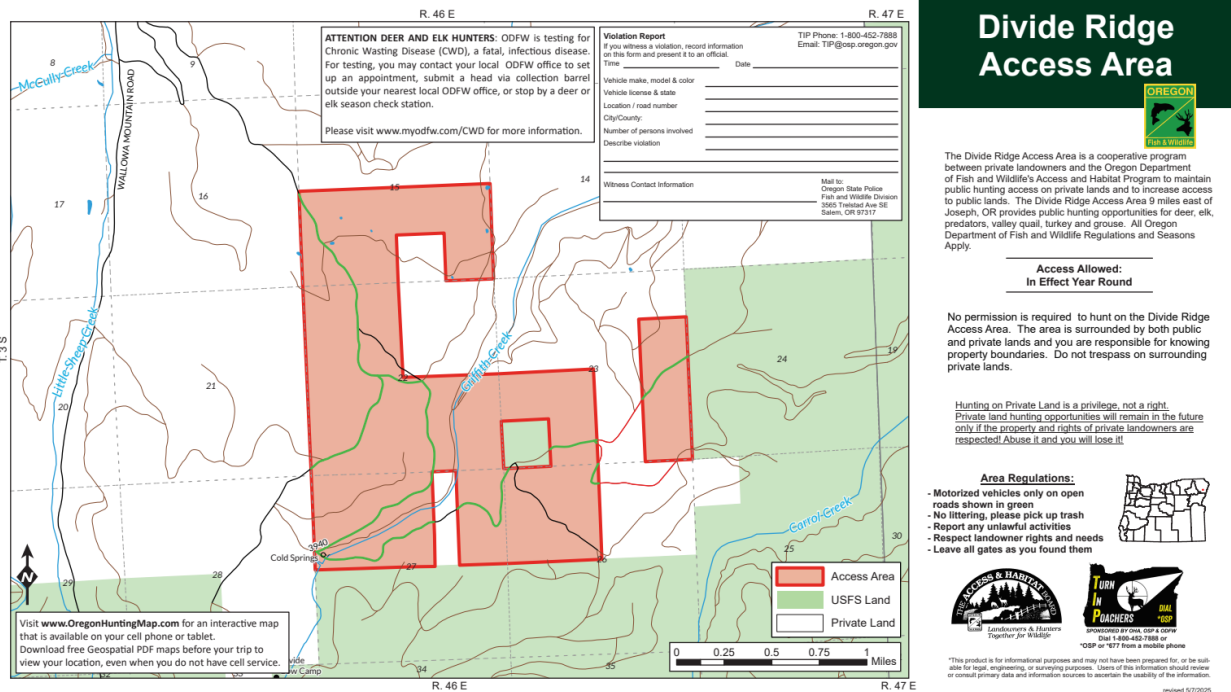


Figure 4. Divide Ridge Access Area in Wallowa County, Oregon.