



**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE**



**ODFW 2027-29 Budget Development Open House**

**May 12, 2026**

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# **MISSION**

**To protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.**



# Building our Budget With Intention

- Advances the **Resiliency of Species, Lands and Waters** (E.O. 25-26)
- Anticipates climate impacts & implements **Landscape-Scale, Forward-Thinking** solutions
- Builds on **Working Lands** partnerships
- **Serves All** who live and recreate in Oregon
- Leverages **Know, Plan, Do** framework for success
- Grounded in **Collaboration**



# 2027-29 Budget Development: Instructions from Governor & DAS

- General Fund and Lottery Fund Packages must be self-funded
- Proposed investments are budget neutral (no additional revenue requests)
- Focus on maintaining core operations & customer service

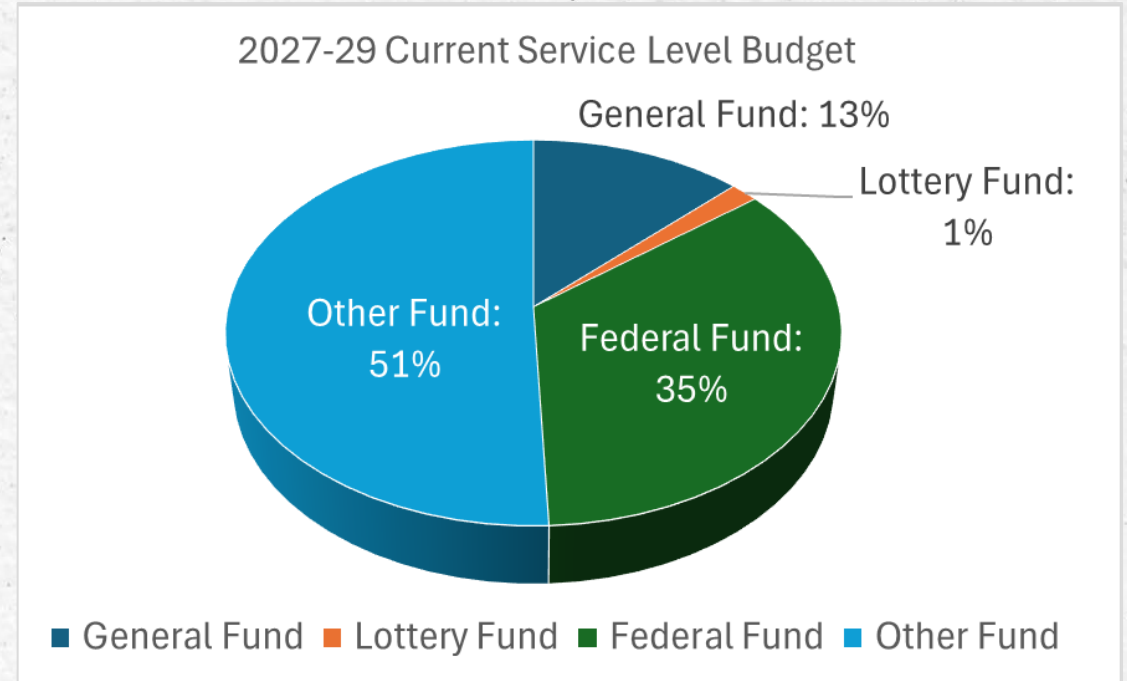


# 2027-29 Budget Development: Current Service Level

Fund Type	2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget	2027-29 Current Service Level Budget*
General Fund	\$78,521,669	\$82,842,993
Lottery Fund	\$10,143,065	\$10,964,409
Federal Fund	\$214,726,487	\$227,266,423
Other Fund	\$318,926,361	\$330,225,985
	\$622,317,582	\$651,299,811

\*Current Service Level (CSL):

Projected costs for all permanently funded programs and positions moved forward to the next biennium with an inflation factor.



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages



## FISH

### Species Resiliency



Shellfish Population Surveys (3 FTE; \$824k, OF-Lic)

Fish Screening & Passage (\$9M, OF-Lottery Bonds)

Columbia Basin Restoration Initiative Outreach & Implementation (\$500k OF-Foundation)

Hood River Steelhead Monitoring (3.17 FTE; \$212k, OF- HRWG and City of Portland )

Springfield Fish Sorter (1 FTE, Budget Neutral)

### Resilient Infrastructure



Hatchery Resiliency Projects (3 FTE; \$30.8M, OF-GO Bond)

Investing in Sustainable Hatchery Capacity for the Umpqua Basin (3 FTE; \$TBD for Construction; \$1.9M for operations, FF-FEMA, OF-Insurance, OF-TBD)

Klamath Hatchery Capacity (\$5M, OF-Yurok Tribe)



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages



## FISH: Resilient Umpqua River Basin Hatchery Complex

- Infrastructure to maintain CHS production @ Rock Creek Hatchery (RCH)
- New South Umpqua Facility to maintain coho/steelhead programs (SUF)
- Partnerships: Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Full pre-fire production capacity across facilities
- Increased resilience, production stability, partnerships
- Lower construction costs



### Construction (one-time)

- Insurance (\$16.9M)
- FEMA (\$TBD)
- FEMA Cost Share (~\$5-6M)

### Operations\*\*

- RCH, out-of-basin (~\$1.9M)
- SUF (~\$0.9M; *not in POP*)

\*\*Reduced options to be developed if funding sources are not identified with partners



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages



## WILDLIFE

### Species Resiliency



Continuation: Aquatic Invasive Species Position Adjustment (Neutral)

### Connecting Oregonians



Continuation: Hunt by Reservation (1 FTE; \$261k, OF-License)

### Resilient Infrastructure



Sauvie Wildlife Area Seasonal Parking (0.58 FTE; \$285k, OF-Parking Revenue)



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages



## HABITAT/FISH

### Species Resiliency



Habitat Placeholder: **Contamination Mitigation and Habitat Restoration in Priority Watersheds** (\$6.4M carryover, OF-Oregon Environmental Restoration Council-pending approval)

Fish Placeholder: **Contamination Impacts on Lamprey and Mussels** (4.25 FTE; \$3.0M carryover, OF-Oregon Environmental Restoration Council-pending approval)



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages



**ADMIN**

## Resilient Infrastructure



Capital Construction: **Deschutes Watershed Office Construction & Central Point Office Design** (\$11M, OF-GO Bond)

Capital Construction: **Non-Bond Eligible Costs** (\$100k, OF-License)



**HB 4134**

**Historic  
Advancement  
for Conservation  
in Oregon**

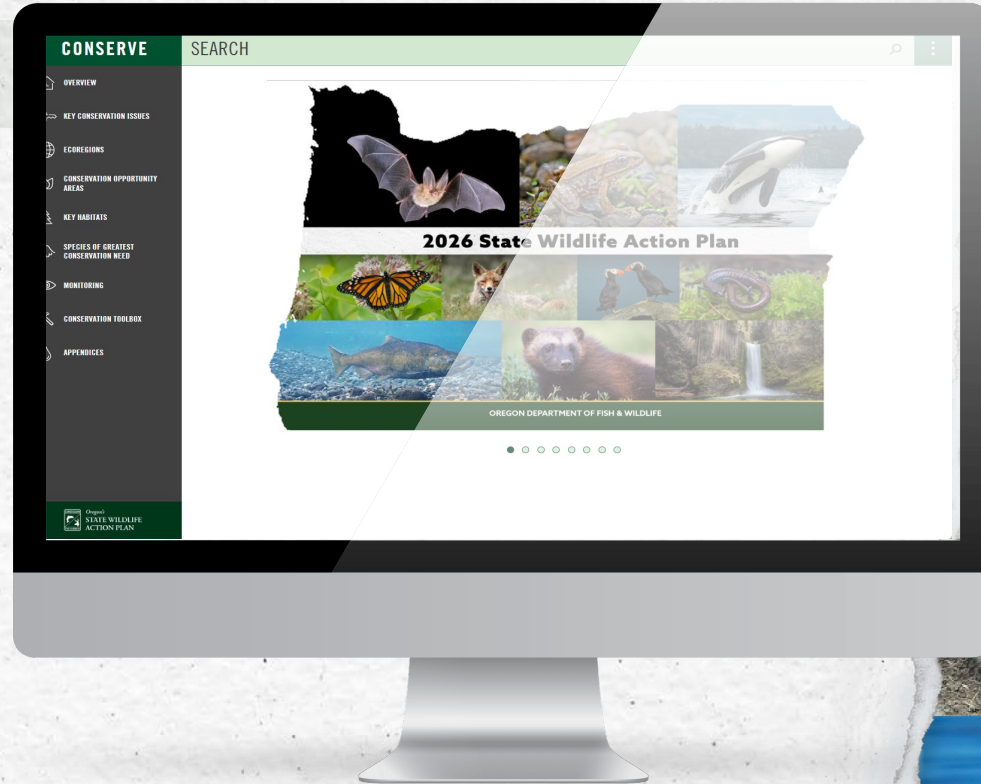


# State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)

## A Blueprint for Conservation in Oregon

### SWAP GOALS

- Maintain healthy fish & wildlife populations
- Prevent declines of at-risk species
- Reverse declines in these resources where possible



[SWAP.Oregon.gov](https://www.swap.oregon.gov)



# 2027-29 Projected HB 4134 Revenues: ODFW Programs



Wildlife  
Connectivity

**\$3.1M**



Oregon  
Conservation  
Recreation Fund

**\$3.1M**

**2027-29**

Wildlife  
Stewardship

**\$1.2M**

Recovering  
Oregon's  
Wildlife

**\$55.7M**



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages



## HB 4134

*Supporting actions to enhance connectivity of landscapes so species can fulfill their life history needs.*

### Wildlife Connectivity

**Partner-Implemented, On-The-Ground Connectivity Projects** (\$1.76M + 300K carryover)

**ODFW-led, On-The-Ground Connectivity Projects** (\$1.24M)

**Support Statewide Wildlife Transportation Advisory Committee** (\$100k)

**\$3.4M**

Wildlife  
Connectivity

**2027-29**



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages

## HB 4134

*Helping Oregon communities thrive alongside wildlife—reducing conflict, strengthening public safety, and fostering shared stewardship.*

### Wildlife Stewardship

**Grant support for Wildlife Rehabilitation Facilities**

(\$200k + 50K carryover)

**Urban Biologists** (3 FTE; \$808k)

**Wolf Biologist** (1 FTE; \$269k)

**Outreach and Education** (\$50k carryover)

**2027-29**

**Wildlife  
Stewardship**

**\$1.3M**



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages

## HB 4134

*Support for projects that protect and enhance the species and habitats identified in the State Wildlife Action Plan and creating new opportunities for wildlife watching, urban conservation, community science, and other wildlife-associated recreation.*

### Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund

**Permanent Grant Funding** (\$2.8M + \$300k carryover)

**Grant Support** (1 FTE continue; \$300k)

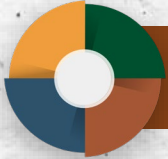
Oregon  
Conservation  
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Fund

**\$3.4M**

**2027-29**



# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages



## HB 4134

*Support implementation of the State Wildlife Action Plan so that Oregon's at-risk species and their ecosystems can thrive*

### Recovering Oregon's Wildlife



#### Capacity & Immediate Investments/Actions

Know (\$12.6M)

Plan (\$2.3M)

Do (\$13.5M)

Landscape Scale/Ecosystem Level (\$21.0M)

Central Services & Govt Service Charges (\$6.3M)

**2027-29**

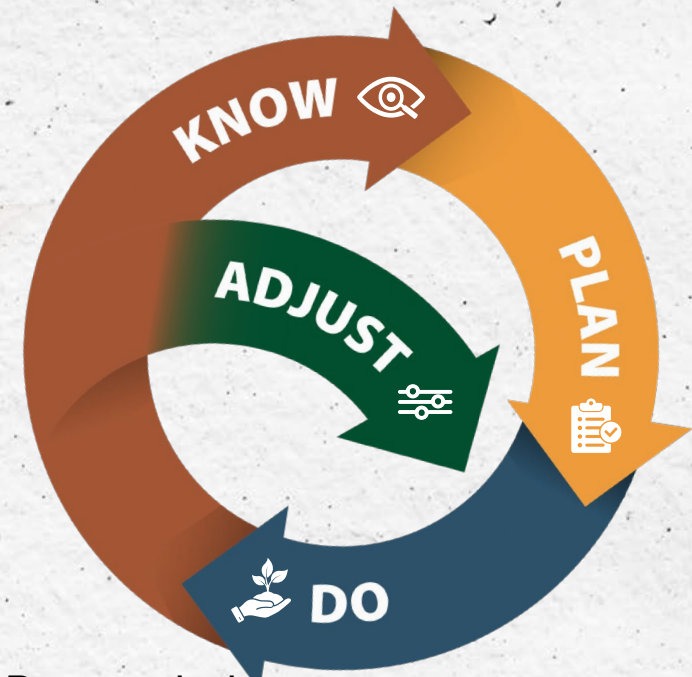
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# 2027-29 Policy Option Packages

## HB 4134: Recovering Oregon's Wildlife



### KNOW

- Population status
- Limiting factors
- Climate impacts
- Habitat conditions
- Restoration effectiveness



### PLAN

- Collaborate
- Prioritize
- Design and permit
- Contract



### DO

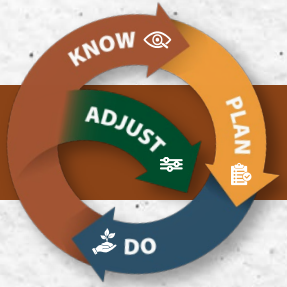
- Protect and Restore habitat, incl streamflow
- Restore Connectivity
- Address pollutants
- Mitigate development
- Translocate and Propagate
- Communicate impact of work

## Oregon has the Recipe for Conservation Success

- Science-based • Pro-active • Adaptive • Collaborative •



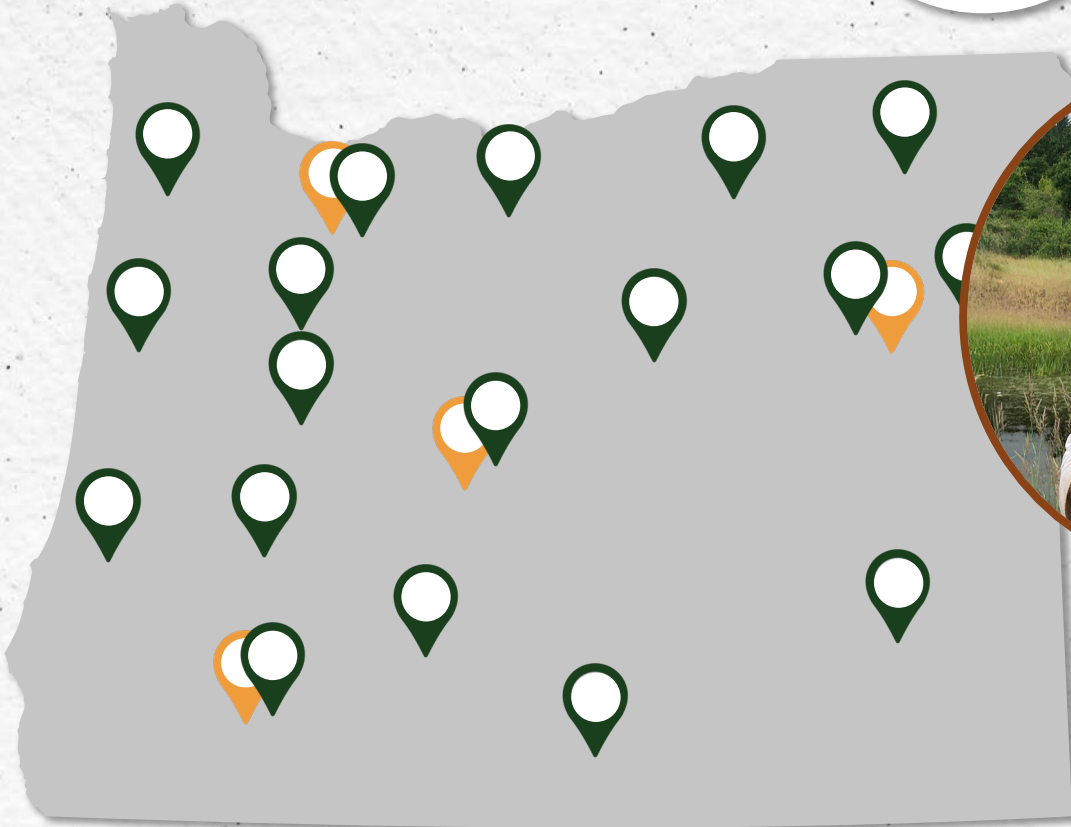
# Recovering Oregon's Wildlife



 **Know**

**\$8.8M**

**Boots on the ground:**  
Investment in Wildlife  
Diversity Biologists to  
Recover SWAP Species  
(31 FTE including supervision, \$8.8M)



 Existing  
 Proposed



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# Recovering Oregon's Wildlife



## Know

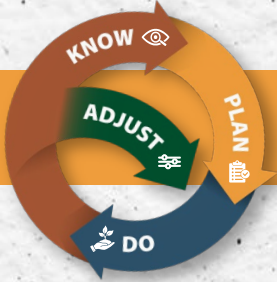
**\$3.8M**

- **On-the-ground capacity: Statewide Nongame Native Fish Biologists** (3.5 FTE, \$654K)
- **Long term monitoring for at-risk species** (\$500k)  
Third-party contract to design a framework for statewide SWAP implementation, including wildlife monitoring, research and evaluation, and data-management systems
- **Immediate capacity & investments:**
  - Filling critical data gaps for birds, herps, mammals, and fish (3.5 FTE \$2.66M)
    - Wilson's Phalarope (ESA candidate spp.)
    - Oregon Vesper Sparrow (ESA candidate spp.)
    - Red Tree Vole (ESA candidate spp.)
    - Pygmy Rabbit (ESA candidate spp.)
    - Torrent Salamander (ESA candidate spp.)
    - White Sturgeon

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# Recovering Oregon's Wildlife



## Plan

**\$2.3M**

- **Statewide Specialists for SWAP Birds, Herps, and Mammals/Bats**  
(3 FTE, \$690k)
- **Beaver Action Plan Position to Advance SWAP Species Benefits**  
(0.75 FTE, \$310k)
- **GIS Capacity to Map Habitats, Analyze Connectivity & Distribution, and Track SWAP Outcomes** (2 FTE, \$575k)
- **Archaeologist to Enable Habitat Restoration Work for SWAP Species**  
(1 FTE, \$314K)
- **Immediate investments in SWAP Species Conservation Planning:**
  - Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse reintroduction planning (\$100k)
  - Analysis/planning to support Kit Fox habitat restoration (\$300k)



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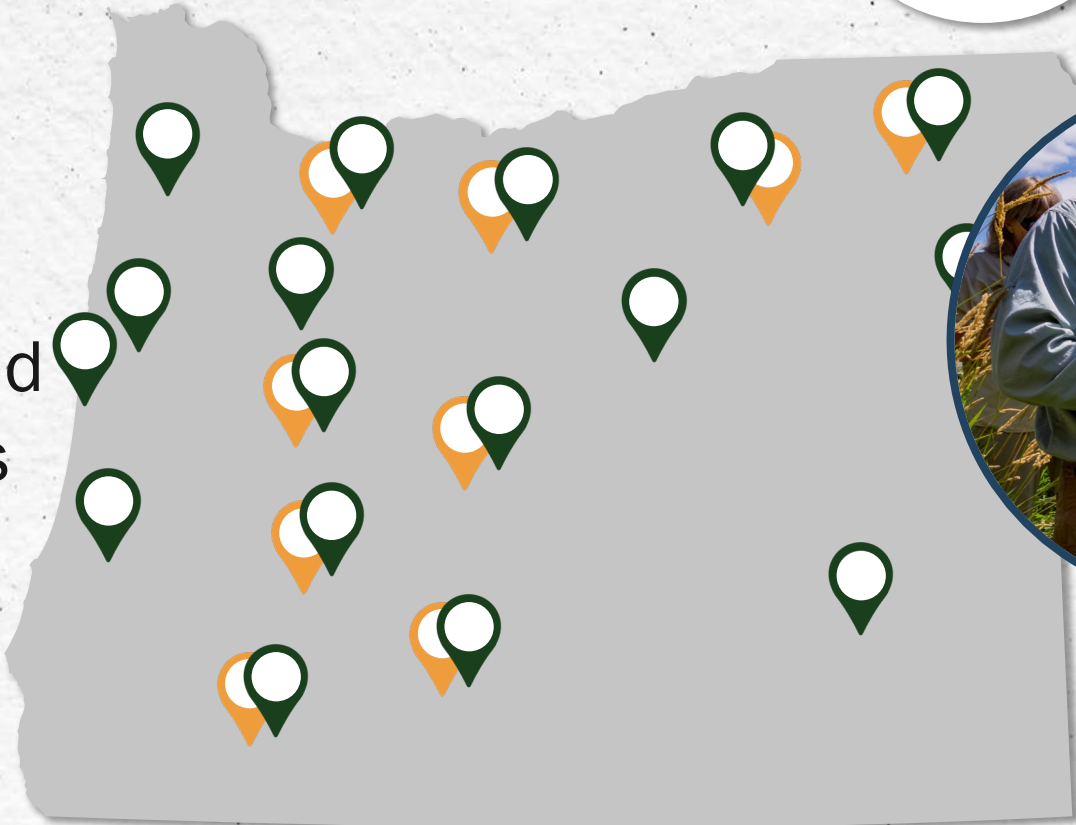
# Recovering Oregon's Wildlife




 **Do**

**\$6.1M**

**Boots on the ground:**  
Investment in Habitat  
Biologists to Protect and  
Restore SWAP Habitats  
(21 FTE including supervision, \$6.1M)



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 Proposed



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# Recovering Oregon's Wildlife



 **Do**

**\$7.4M**

- Working Lands for Wildlife Program (7 FTE, \$2M)
- Public Lands Good Neighbor Biologist (1 FTE, \$310k)
- OSP Enforcement (1 FTE, \$600k)
- Comms Capacity & Outreach (1 FTE, \$520K)
- Immediate on-the-ground actions:
  - Habitat restoration demonstration projects in Portland Metro area (\$760k)
  - Implementation of Pacific Fisher Reintroduction in SW Oregon (1.8M)
  - Habitat restoration for Burrowing Owl in Umatilla (\$200k)
  - Invasive Species Control in NW Oregon to benefit NW Pond Turtle (\$500k)
  - Chinook production for Orca (\$500k)
  - Habitat restoration demonstration project for beaver (\$200k)

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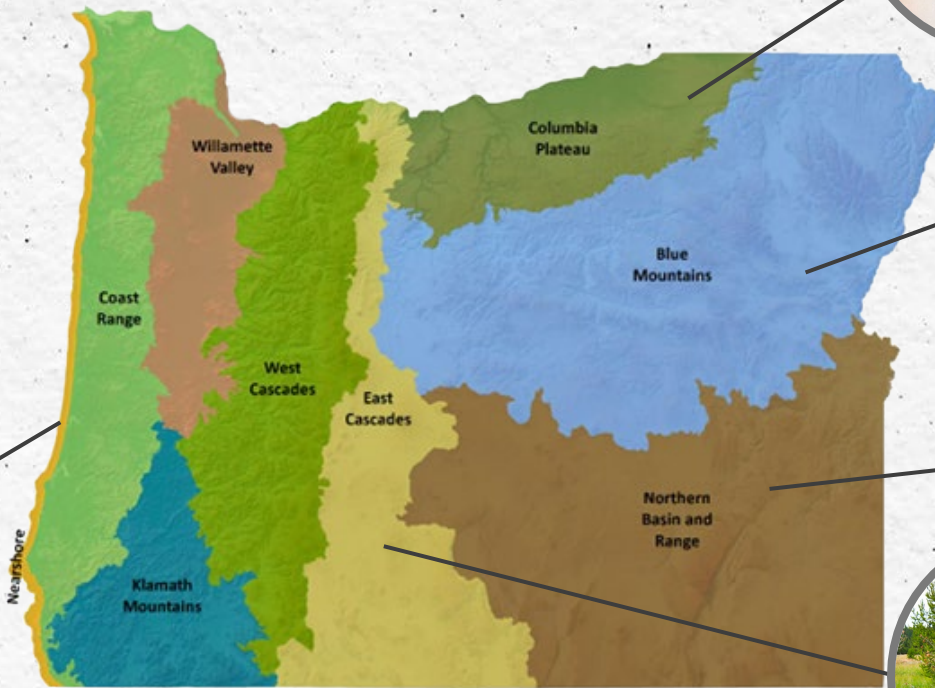


# Applying a Landscape-Scale, Climate Lens To Know, Plan, Do

## Across all SWAP Ecoregions:

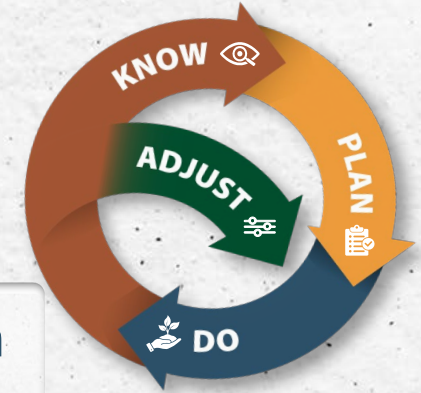
- Boost capacity to drive projects forward,
- Support partners,
- Stay ahead of new challenges

\$1.5M per ecoregion (\$13.5M)



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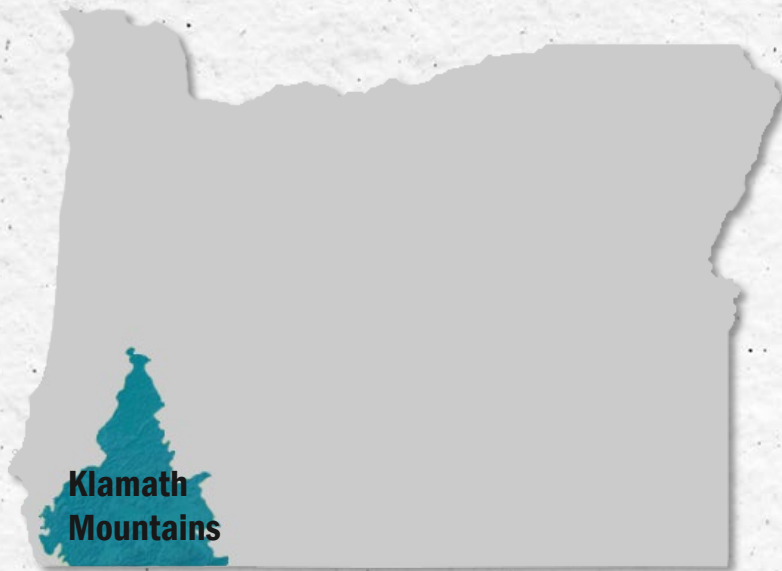
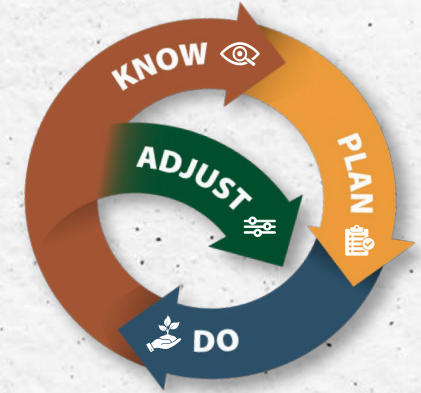
## Nearshore Ecoregion: Targeted investments in to build long term resilience of kelp/rocky ecosystems

- Coastwide monitoring of kelp/rocky habitat (3 FTE, \$670k)
- Marine Resource Coordinator for efforts on sea otter restoration and Southern Resident Orca recovery actions (1 FTE; \$300k)
- Social science research to support Sea Otter reintroduction (\$100k)
- Outreach and research on Sunflower Seastar culture (\$200k)



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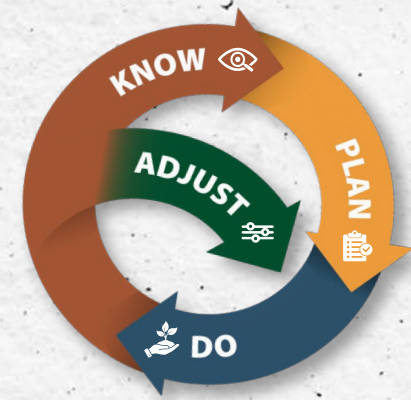
**Klamath Ecoregion: Targeted investments to sustain rare species and reintroduce those no longer present, as long-term landscape-scale restoration progresses**

- Mazama newt culture and translocation (\$300k)
- Support for Klamath sucker conservation (\$200k)
- Spring Chinook reintroduction (\$300k)
- Establish position to maintain screens and leverage federal investments (1 FTE, \$900k)
- Ecosystem restoration to recover rare bull-trout populations (\$500k)



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# Applying a Landscape-Scale, Climate Lens To Know, Plan, Do



## Eastern Ecoregions: Targeted investments to build rangeland resilience for SWAP species

- Sagebrush Sparrow, Desert Horned Lizard, Brewer's Sparrow, Washington Ground Squirrel, American Pika, Great Sage-grouse
- Drive a unified plan to mobilize partners and direct resources to top priority areas (\$500k)
- Tackle invasive annual grasses at landscape scale (\$2M)
- Support native seed supply for restoration and post-fire recovery (\$100k)
- Incentivize virtual fencing to restore habitat connectivity and support operations (\$1.7M)
- Rangeland monitoring & science partnerships (\$200k)



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# Recovering Oregon's Wildlife



## Central Services / Govt Service

\$6.3M

- Central Services  
HR, Contracting, Accounting (5 positions; \$1.4M)
- Habitat Division & Field Operations (3 positions; \$975k)
- Gov't Service Charges (\$1M estimated)
- General S&S (\$2.9M)



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# 2027-29 Budget Development: Next Steps & Opportunities to Engage

