



ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Regional Advisory Council Project Proposal Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: High Desert/ Malheur Council

Project Proposal Title: Jenkins Access Project

Applicants(s): Rich Jenkins

Date of Council Review: January 06, 2009

Type of Project: Access 100 % Habitat % Other *DAMAGE* %

Motion: Brain Lafollette made the motion to approve the project as submitted. Fred Hellbusch seconded the motion.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Fred Hellbusch	Chairman	Yes
Vacant	Landowner Representative	
Clare Poulsen	Landowner Representative	Yes
Vacant	Landowner Representative	
Brian Lafollette	Hunter Representative	Yes
Vacant	Hunter Representative	
Ramey Mosman	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: 4:0

Project Strengths:

- Project opens up 13,233 acres of private land to public hunting
- Area offers excellent mule deer, elk, antelope, waterfowl, upland bird, and bighorn sheep hunting
- Project opens up 15 miles of private road to public use
- Access to 60,000 acres of BLM land is significantly improved

Project Concerns:

- None



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A&H Board Project Proposal Review

Project #: 2009-01
Project Title: Jenkins Access Project
Applicant: Rich Jenkins
County: Harney
Date of Review: January 27, 2009
Type of Project: Access

Motion: Duane Bernard moved to approve the project as submitted (\$33,283), Jim Morrell seconded the motion.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve McClelland	Chair	Yes
Ron Borisch	Landowner Representative	Yes
Robert Jaeger	Landowner Representative	Yes
Barry DelCurto	Landowner Representative	Yes
Duane Bernard	Hunter Representative	Yes
Tom Alkire	Hunter Representative	Yes
Jim Morrell	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: 7:0; Motion Passed

Project Strengths:

- Opens access to 13,233 acres of private land
- Opens 15 miles of private roads that significantly improve access to 60,000 acres of BLM land.

Project Concerns:

- None



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ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: High Desert/ Malheur Council

Project Proposal Title: Jordan Access and Habitat Project

Applicants(s): Dan Jordan

Date of Council Review: January 06, 2009

Type of Project: Access 50 % Habitat 50 % Other *DAMAGE* %

Motion: Brian Lafollette made the motion to support the access and fencing portions of the project with the exception that the landowner pay for the proposed gates and gate installation. The motion was seconded by Fred Hellbusch.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Fred Hellbusch	Chairman	Yes
Vacant	Landowner Representative	
Clare Poulsen	Landowner Representative	Yes
Vacant	Landowner Representative	
Brian Lafollette	Hunter Representative	Yes
Vacant	Hunter Representative	
Ramey Mosman	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: 4:0

Project Strengths:

- The project opens up 640 acres of private land on Steens Mountain to hunting
- Land boarders Fish Lake recreation area
- Camping is allowed on area. Forty acres around Pate Lake are maintained for public camping through a BLM easement.
- Project offers good hunting for mule deer, antelope, sage grouse and some elk
- Fence will improve habitat by eliminating livestock trespass and over utilization
- Fencing allows for protection of habitat and controls grazing for the benefit of mule deer and sage grouse

Project Concerns:

- Landowner should pay for gates and gate installations to complete project



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A&H Board Project Proposal Review

Project #: 2009-02
Project Title: Jordan Access Project
Applicant: Dan Jordan
County: Harney
Date of Review: January 27, 2009
Type of Project: Access & Habitat

Motion: Barry DelCurto motioned to fund 50% of the fencing cost (\$2,750); the landowner would be required to contribute the additional \$2,750. The motion also extended the access agreement to 3 years, funded at \$1,600 per year for a total access payment of \$4,800 and a total A&H grant award of \$7,550. Robert Jaeger seconded the motion.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve McClelland	Chair	Yes
Ron Borisch	Landowner Representative	No
Robert Jaeger	Landowner Representative	Yes
Barry DelCurto	Landowner Representative	Yes
Duane Bernard	Hunter Representative	Yes
Tom Alkire	Hunter Representative	No
Jim Morrell	Hunter Representative	No

Disposition of Vote: 4:3; Motion Passed

Project Strengths:

- Opens 640 acres of private land adjacent to Fish Lake on Steens Mountain.
- Land offers good hunting opportunities for mule deer, pronghorn, and sage grouse.

Project Concerns:

- Concerns regarding Access & Habitat funds being used to fund fencing; dissenting Board members felt that fencing is the landowner's responsibility.



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Regional Advisory Council Project Proposal Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: Northeast Region / Northeast Council

Project Proposal Title: Smutz Access Area

Applicants(s): Irwin Smutz

Date of Council Review: January 7, 2009

Type of Project: Access X Habitat Other Damage

Motion: Ron Deutz made a motion to approve the project as proposed. Keith Garoutte seconded the motion.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Ron Deutz	Chairman	Yes
Saralyn Johnson	Landowner Representative	Yes
Shawn Bingaman	Landowner Representative	Yes
Larry Snyder	Landowner Representative	Yes
Mike Rahn	Hunter Representative	*Yes
Scott Spears	Hunter Representative	Absent
Keith Garoutte	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: Motion passed 6:0

Project Strengths:

- Project provides year round access to 1,414 acres for big game, upland game bird, waterfowl and predator hunting.
- Extremely popular, highly publicized, and well used hunting area. This project adjoins other A & H program properties- Dr. Rice, RMEF, Forest Capitol Partners LLC.
- Landowner is showing a greater commitment by asking for funding for a three year time period.
- Project will receive a very high amount of use because of its close proximity to the town of La Grande and the high number of tags available to hunters throughout the numerous hunting seasons.

Project Concerns:

- None

***Council Member phoned in vote prior to Advisory Council Meeting.**



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A&H Board Project Proposal Review

Project #: 2009-03
Project Title: Smutz Access Area
Applicant: Irwin Smutz
County: Union
Date of Review: January 27, 2009
Type of Project: Access

Motion: Ron Borisch motioned to fund project for one year at \$3,985; Robert Jaeger seconded.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve McClelland	Chair	Yes
Ron Borisch	Landowner Representative	Yes
Robert Jaeger	Landowner Representative	Yes
Barry DelCurto	Landowner Representative	Yes
Duane Bernard	Hunter Representative	Yes
Tom Alkire	Hunter Representative	Yes
Jim Morrell	Hunter Representative	No

Disposition of Vote: 6:1; Motion Passed.

Project Strengths:

- Provides year round access to 1,414 acres of private land.
- Very close proximity of La Grande (approximately 4 miles) provides great youth hunting opportunities.
- Offers excellent waterfowl hunting.
- Adjacent to other A&H project lands, RMEF land, and the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area for a combined total of 11,500 acres of Welcome to Hunt property.

Project Concerns:

- Jim Morrell would prefer to fund the project for 3 years.



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ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: Northeast Region / Northeast Council

Project Proposal Title: Forsea Ranch Access Area

Applicants(s): Dan and Renece Forsea

Date of Council Review: January 7, 2009

Type of Project: Access X Habitat Other Damage

Motion: Ron Deutz made a motion to approve the project as proposed. Keith Garoutte seconded the motion.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Ron Deutz	Chairman	Yes
Saralyn Johnson	Landowner Representative	Yes
Shawn Bingaman	Landowner Representative	Yes
Larry Snyder	Landowner Representative	Yes
Mike Rahn	Hunter Representative	*Yes
Scott Spears	Hunter Representative	Absent
Keith Garoutte	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: Motion passed 6:0

Project Strengths:

- Project provides year round "Welcome to Hunt" access to 9,330 acres for big game, predator, and upland game bird hunting.
- Extremely popular, highly publicized, and well used hunting area.
- Project receives a very high amount of use during the big game hunting seasons- including the Lookout Mountain bighorn sheep hunts.
- In a unit that is 66% private lands, this project provides important access to hunters who would otherwise have a very difficult time finding opportunities to hunt.
- This is a renewal project which received a tremendous amount of use during its first six years - extremely high quality area with valuable hunting opportunities.

Project Concerns:

- None

*Council Member phoned in vote prior to Advisory Council Meeting.



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A&H Board Project Proposal Review

Project #: 2009-04
Project Title: Forsea Access Area
Applicant: Dan and Renece Forsea
County: Baker
Date of Review: January 27, 2009
Type of Project: Access

Motion: Jim Morrell motioned to fund project as submitted for \$22,992; Barry DelCurto seconded.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve McClelland	Chair	Yes
Ron Borisch	Landowner Representative	Yes
Robert Jaeger	Landowner Representative	Yes
Barry DelCurto	Landowner Representative	Yes
Duane Bernard	Hunter Representative	Yes
Tom Alkire	Hunter Representative	Yes
Jim Morrell	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: 7:0; Motion Passed

Project Strengths:

- Provides year round hunter access to 9,330 acres in the Lookout Mountain Unit.
- Provides excellent habitat for upland game birds and mule deer.
- Provides significant hunter access to one of the healthiest bighorn sheep herds in NE Oregon.

Project Concerns:

- None



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ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: Northeast Region / Northeast Council

Project Proposal Title: Widman Access Area

Applicants(s): Mike Widman

Date of Council Review: January 7, 2009

Type of Project: Access X Habitat _____ Other Damage _____

Motion: Ron Deutz made a motion to approve the project as proposed. Larry Snyder seconded the motion.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Ron Deutz	Chairman	Yes
Saralyn Johnson	Landowner Representative	Yes
Shawn Bingaman	Landowner Representative	Yes
Larry Snyder	Landowner Representative	Yes
Mike Rahn	Hunter Representative	*Yes
Scott Spears	Hunter Representative	Yes
Keith Garoutte	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: Motion passed 6:0

Project Strengths:

- Project provides year round "Welcome to Hunt" access to 8,430 acres for big game, predator and upland game bird hunting.
- Project will receive a very high amount of use during the big game hunting seasons and upland game bird seasons.
- In a unit that is 66% private lands, this project provides important access to hunters who would otherwise have a very difficult time finding opportunities to hunt.
- This is a project renewal which received a tremendous amount of use during its first year- extremely high quality area with valuable hunting opportunities.

Project Concerns:

- None

***Council Member phoned in vote prior to Advisory Council Meeting.**



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A&H Board Project Proposal Review

Project #: 2009-05
Project Title: Widman Access Area
Applicant: Mike Widman
County: Baker
Date of Review: January 27, 2009
Type of Project: Access

Motion: Barry DelCurto motioned to fund project as submitted (for \$17,460); Duane Bernard seconded.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve McClelland	Chair	Yes
Ron Borisch	Landowner Representative	Yes
Robert Jaeger	Landowner Representative	Yes
Barry DelCurto	Landowner Representative	Yes
Duane Bernard	Hunter Representative	Yes
Tom Alkire	Hunter Representative	Yes
Jim Morrell	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: 7:0; Motion Passed

Project Strengths:

- > Opens 8,430 acres of private land in the Lookout Mountain Unit (66% private lands) from August 1 to December 1, 2009
- > Property currently receives high hunter use.
- > Provides the opportunity for increased tag numbers where elk herds are at 200% of the wildlife management unit objectives.

Project Concerns:

- > None



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Regional Advisory Council Project Proposal Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: Northeast Region / Northeast Council

Project Proposal Title: Bloomer Access Project

Applicants(s): Gary Bloomer

Date of Council Review: January 7, 2009

Type of Project: Access X Habitat Other Damage

Motion: Ron Deutz made a motion to approve the project as proposed. Shawn Bingaman seconded the motion.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Ron Deutz	Chairman	Yes
Saralyn Johnson	Landowner Representative	Yes
Shawn Bingaman	Landowner Representative	Yes
Larry Snyder	Landowner Representative	Yes
Mike Rahn	Hunter Representative	*Yes
Scott Spears	Hunter Representative	Absent
Keith Garoutte	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: Motion passed 6:0

Project Strengths:

- Project provides year round "Welcome to Hunt" access to 2,724 acres for big game, upland game bird and predator hunting.
- Important piece of land in terms of providing hunter access to a group of elk that have caused chronic damage to agricultural lands. Potential that the project would help alleviate damage, increase hunter success, and improve ODFW's ability to influence elk numbers and distribution.
- Project area would improve access to 120 acres of landlocked public land.

Project Concerns:

- Council members would like to have had a better map - color, topography, etc...

*Council Member phoned in vote prior to Advisory Council Meeting.



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A&H Board Project Proposal Review

Project #: 2009-06
Project Title: Bloomer Access Area
Applicant: Gary Bloomer
County: Baker
Date of Review: January 27, 2009
Type of Project: Access

Motion: Duane Bernard motioned to fund project as submitted (for \$6,048); Jim Morrell seconded.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve McClelland	Chair	Yes
Ron Borisch	Landowner Representative	Yes
Robert Jaeger	Landowner Representative	Yes
Barry DelCurto	Landowner Representative	Yes
Duane Bernard	Hunter Representative	Yes
Tom Alkire	Hunter Representative	Yes
Jim Morrell	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: 7:0; Motion Passed

Project Strengths:

- Opens 2,724 acres of private land from August 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010 to hunt mule deer, pronghorn, elk, and chukar.
- Landowner has been leasing his land as part of a fee hunting operation; this project would remove the property from fee hunting and open it up to public hunters.
- Additional hunting pressure will help mitigate current elk damage issues that the landowner has been working with the local ODFW District to resolve.

Project Concerns:

- None



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Regional Advisory Council Project Proposal Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: Northeast Region / Northeast Council

Project Proposal Title: Owsley Canyon Access Area

Applicants(s): Don Shaw

Date of Council Review: January 7, 2009

Type of Project: Access Habitat Other Damage

Motion: Shawn Bingaman made a motion to approve the project as proposed. Ron Deutz seconded the motion.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Ron Deutz	Chairman	Yes
Saralyn Johnson	Landowner Representative	Yes
Shawn Bingaman	Landowner Representative	Yes
Larry Snyder	Landowner Representative	Yes
Mike Rahn	Hunter Representative	*Yes
Scott Spears	Hunter Representative	Absent
Keith Garoutte	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: Motion passed 6:0

Project Strengths:

- Project provides year round "Welcome to Hunt" access to 435 acres for big game, upland game bird and predator hunting.
- Project will receive a very high amount of use because of its close proximity to the town of La Grande and the high number of tags available to hunters throughout the numerous hunting seasons.
- Important piece of land in terms of providing hunter access to a group of elk that have caused chronic damage to agricultural lands.
- Project area would adjoin other open access lands: Mt. Emily Recreation Area and USFS lands.
- Project provides an access opportunity in the Mt. Emily Wildlife Management Unit where there are very few A & H properties.

Project Concerns:

- None

***Council Member phoned in vote prior to Advisory Council Meeting.**



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A&H Board Project Proposal Review

Project #: 2009-07
Project Title: Owsley Canyon Access Area
Applicant: Don Shaw
County: Union
Date of Review: January 27, 2009
Type of Project: Access

Motion: Robert Jaeger motioned to fund project as submitted (for \$1,870); Duane Bernard seconded.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve McClelland	Chair	Yes
Ron Borisch	Landowner Representative	Yes
Robert Jaeger	Landowner Representative	Yes
Barry DelCurto	Landowner Representative	Yes
Duane Bernard	Hunter Representative	Yes
Tom Alkire	Hunter Representative	Yes
Jim Morrell	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: 7:0; Motion Passed

Project Strengths:

- Provides year round "Welcome to Hunt" access to 435 acres.
- Project is very close to La Grande and would provide great youth hunting opportunities.

Project Concerns:

- Project is located on a relatively small parcel of land with the landowner's residence on the property.



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Regional Advisory Council Project

Proposal Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: Northwest – North Willamette

Project Proposal Title: Abiqua Basin Hunter Access Project - 2009

Applicants(s): Capitol Chapter, Oregon Hunters Association

Date of Council Review: January 8, 2009

Type of Project: Access **Habitat** **Other (specify)**

Motion: Greg Oriet made the motion to fund the proposal as presented; Jim Buchanan seconded.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Greg Oriet	Chairman	Yes
Keith Klecker	Landowner Representative	Yes
Eric Marsh	Landowner Representative	Yes (by email)
Norm McLaren	Landowner Representative	Yes (by email)
Wendell Locke	Hunter Representative	Absent
Jim Buchanan	Hunter Representative	Yes
Brian King	Hunter Representative	Yes (by email)

Disposition of Vote: 6:0

Project Strengths:

- > Ongoing project with great value to funding ratio (36,535 acres of access).
- > Good project that gets OHA members involved.

Project Concerns:

- > None



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A&H Board Project Proposal Review

Project #: 2009-08
Project Title: Abiqua Basin Access Project
Applicant: Capital Chapter, Oregon Hunters Association
County: Marion
Date of Review: January 27, 2009
Type of Project: Access

Motion: Jim Morrell motioned to approve the project as written, with the exception that the mileage reimbursement would be calculated at the current rate (\$0.55/mile), for a total A&H grant award of \$2,050; Robert seconded.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve McClelland	Chair	Yes
Ron Borisch	Landowner Representative	*
Robert Jaeger	Landowner Representative	Yes
Barry DelCurto	Landowner Representative	Yes
Duane Bernard	Hunter Representative	Yes
Tom Alkire	Hunter Representative	Yes
Jim Morrell	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: 6:0; Motion Passed

* Ron Borisch abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Project Strengths:

- Good partnership between landowners, hunters, A&H, and the Oregon Hunters Association.
- Maintains Welcome to Hunt access to 36,535 acres of industrial timberland.

Project Concerns:

- None