

Summary of Projects Recommended for Funding

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met in Salem on July 23, 2013 to review projects requesting funding from the A&H Program. A project must receive at least four supporting votes to be recommended for funding; seven Board members attended the meeting. A brief description of the projects, funding requested, access and habitat benefits provided, and Board and Council votes are listed below. If major issues were raised they are discussed below.

The Board recommends funding the following project:

#2013-04 Abiqua Basin Access Project

- A&H Funds: \$5,250 (\$1,750 per year)
- Cooperator Funds: \$16,695 (\$5,565 per year)
- Total Project Cost: \$21,945 (\$7,315 per year)
- Applicant: Capitol Chapter Oregon Hunters Association
- Location: Santiam WMU (63% public lands)
- Access Acres: 36,565
- Access Duration: 3 years: 2013 – 2015 deer and elk rifle seasons
- Cooperators: Oregon Hunters Association, Weyerhaeuser Company
- Council Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0
- Board Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0

The Abiqua Basin Access Project would reimburse OHA volunteers at the GSA rate for miles traveled to the Abiqua Basin Access Area to open and close the mainline gate at the beginning and end of each day during the 2013-2015 deer and elk rifle seasons.

The OHA Capitol Chapter has administered this gate-opening access project in cooperation with Longview Timber Co. since 1992. Weyerhaeuser Company recently purchased the property and agreed to continue the partnership. By closing the gates at night, the volunteers help reduce poaching and minimize vandalism and damage to the gates. Weyerhaeuser Company in turn agrees to maintain motor vehicle access to the Abiqua Basin portion of their Silver Falls Tree Farm during the deer and elk rifle seasons. These industrial timberlands also provide walk-in hunting access outside of this period.

One Board member abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.