

## Summary of Projects Recommended for Funding

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met in Salem on July 21, 2015 to review projects requesting funding from the A&H Program. A project must receive at least four supporting votes to be recommended for funding. 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 projects:

### #2015-01, 06, 07 Lawen Access Area – 3 Cooperators

- A&H Funds: \$28,398 (\$6,282 year 1, \$7,372 per year/years 2-4 )
- Cooperator Funds: \$800 (\$150 year 1, \$216.67per year/years 2-4)
- Total Project Cost: \$29,198 (\$6,432 year 1, \$7,588.67 per year/years 2-4)
- Applicants: Betty Opie, Ross Opie, and John Temple
- Location: Steen WMU (64% public)
- Access Acres: 3,686
- Access Duration: 4 years: Aug 2015 – March 2019
- Cooperators: Betty Opie, Ross Opie, and John Temple
- Council Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0
- Board Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0

This is a continuation of a project that has had cooperators enrolled in the A&H program since 2005 & 2006 in the Steens WMU east of Burns. This renewal will last until March 2019. This project provides access to private lands on a “Welcome to Hunt” basis for waterfowl, upland bird, mule deer, antelope, and predator hunting.

### #2015-15 Territorial Youth Hunt

- A&H Funds: \$5,394 (\$1,798 per year)
- Cooperator Funds: \$6,546 (\$2,182 per year)
- Total Project Cost: \$11,940 (\$3,980 per year)
- Applicant: Guistina Resources, LLC
- Location: Siuslaw WMU (40% public)
- Access Acres: 4,477
- Access Duration: 3 years; Nov 2016 - Dec 2018
- Cooperators: Guistina Resources, Seneca Jones Timber Co., ODFW, Umpqua & Emerald Valley Chapters OHA
- Council Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0
- Board Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0

The proposed project is a continuation of an A&H project that was first approved in 2008. This project would allow access for 10 youth deer hunters per year through the controlled hunt process to hunt black-tailed deer during weekends in November. Youth hunters and accompanying adults would be granted access to 4,477 acres of very productive industrial timberland. The hunt provides a quality buck hunting experience with few other hunters in the area.

A&H funds would be used for security, permits, and hunting access; cooperator funds would be used for security and administration.

#### #2015-16 Warm Springs Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$6,837 (\$2,279 per year)
- Cooperator Funds: \$1,500 (\$500 per year)
- Total Project Cost: \$8,337 (\$2,779 per year)
- Applicant: Bill Tsiatsos
- Location: Starkey WMU (67% public)
- Access Acres: 1,266
- Access Duration: 3 years: Oct 2015 – Sept 2018
- Cooperators: N/A
- Council Vote: Yes: 4; No: 0
- Board Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0

This is a new project that will open up 1,266 acres of private lands in the Starkey WMU on a “Welcome to Hunt” basis that will provide access to a group of elk that cause chronic damage on the Starkey flat. There is a good opportunity to harvest an animal during all of the big game season due to its proximity to public lands. This particular area is a major migrations corridor for elk.