Access & Habitat Program

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• Established through legislation in 1993; reauthorized in 2009 to extend program benefits to Oregon citizens and wildlife resources through December 2019

• Six Regional Councils

• State board
  – 7 volunteer members appointed by Commission
  – Geographic and constituency representation

• Statutory direction for projects that provide a balance between access and habitat benefits and encourage matching funds from other sources
Access & Habitat Program

Oregon’s Access & Habitat Program

2013 - 2015
Biennium Report

Prepared by the
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
and
Access & Habitat Board
January 2015
A&H Project Proposal: Desolation Creek Access Area

Annual Project Cost: $86,892
- A&H Funds: $32,256
- Cooperator Cost Share: $54,636

Total Project Cost: $260,676 (3 year agreement)
- A&H Funds: $96,768
- Cooperator Cost Share: $163,908

Applicant: Ecotrust Forest Management
Location: John Day Watershed
Acres: 13,440 Welcome to Hunt acres
Access Duration: Year round; October 2016-September 30, 2019
Board Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0
2015 Season Hunter Satisfaction Ratings for Desolation Creek LLC Access Area (N=151)

- **Not Satisfied:** 1
- **Satisfied:** 2
- **Very Satisfied:** 5

Principle Purpose of Visit from 2015 Access Permits (N=151)

- **Big Game:** 17%
- **Upland/Turkey:** 34%
- **Predator:** 7%
- **Other Recreation:** [VALUE]

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A & H Access Area Daily Permit

1) Complete Part A, detach, and leave in box.
2) Complete Part B and deposit in box when leaving area.

Date: __________________ Vehicle Lic #: __________________
Name: __________________
Address: __________________
City: __________________ State: __________________ Zip: __________________

B & H Access Area Daily Permit

Please remember to deposit when leaving area

**Principle Purpose of Visit:**

- Waterfowl hunting
- Upland hunting
- Big Game hunting
- Predators/Small Game hunting
- Other: __________________

What did you harvest?: __________________

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Hancock Forest Management NE Access Area

Annual Project Cost: $450,000
• A&H Funds: $100,000
• Open Fields Funds: $150,000
• Cooperator Cost Share: $200,000

Total 5 year project cost: $2,250,000
• A&H Funds: $500,000
• Open Fields Funds: $750,000
• Cooperator Cost Share: $1,000,000

Applicant: Hancock Forest Management, NE Operations

Access Duration: Year round January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2021 (5 seasons)

Acres: 250,000 acres of private timber land

Board Vote: Yes 7 : No 0

Annual Cooperator Cost Share includes:
• $68k year for dedicated security patrol
• $60k year in estimated expense for installation and maintenance of gates and roads
• $60k year in forgone revenue due to reduced livestock grazing levels
• $12k year in administrative cost
Proposed Projects
Select Hunter Use Data for Sled Spring Wildlife Management Unit

• 2015 deer and elk mandatory hunt reporting data for Sled Springs WMU (25% of unit is HFM property)
  – 59% average success rate for deer hunters with 310 4pt or better bucks reported taken (1247 total animals taken)
  – 43% average success rate for elk hunters with 128 6pt or better bulls reported taken (593 total animals taken)

• 7,088 2016 applications for controlled hunts in Sled Springs WMU
  – 46% of applicants were from eastern Oregon
  – 49% of applicants were from western Oregon
  – 5% of applicants were nonresidents
Staff Recommendation

• Approve Desolation Creek Access Project

• Approve Hancock Forest Management Access Project
Questions?