

Access & Habitat Program



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Access & Habitat Program

- 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

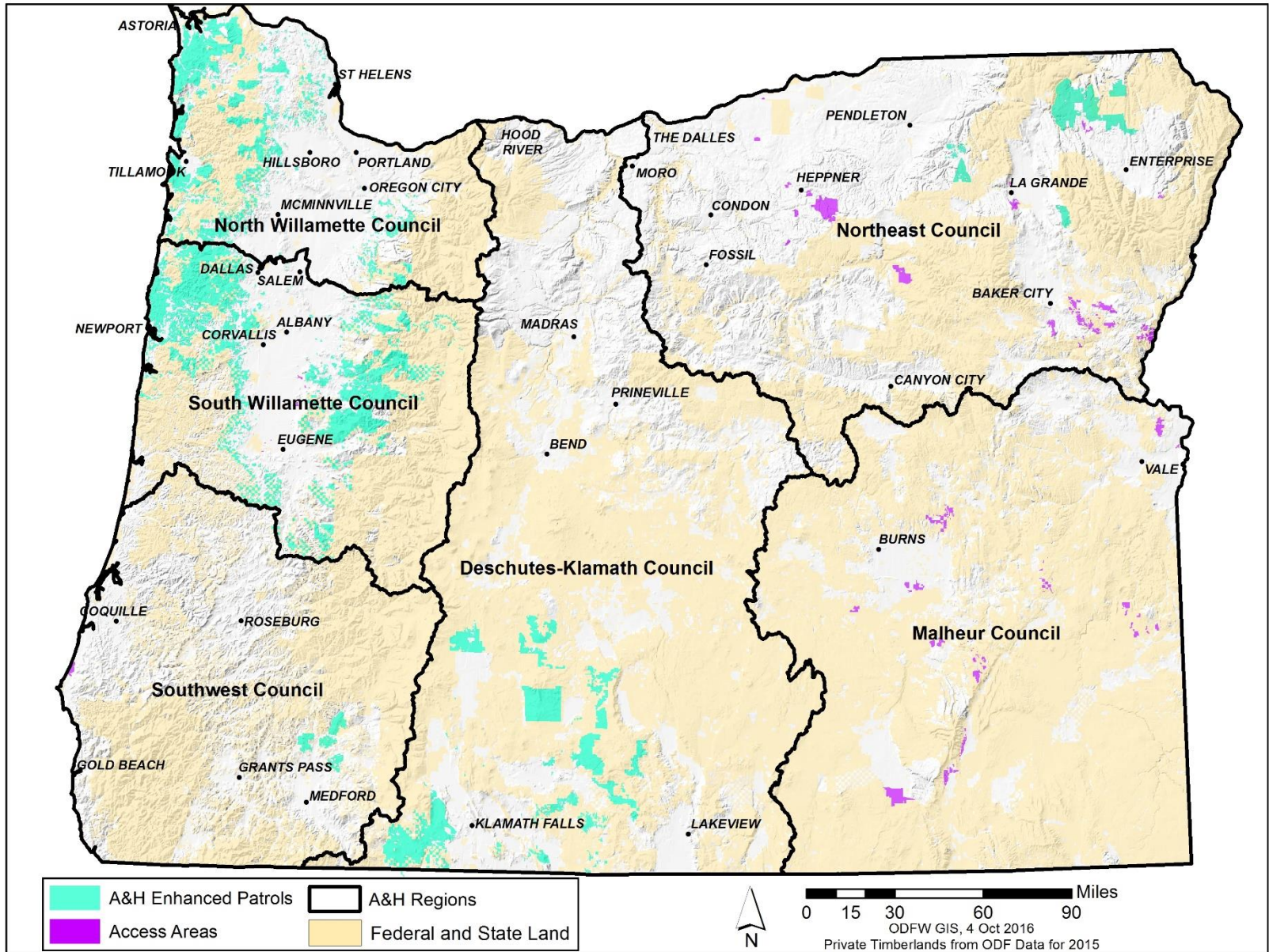


2013 - 2015
Biennium Report

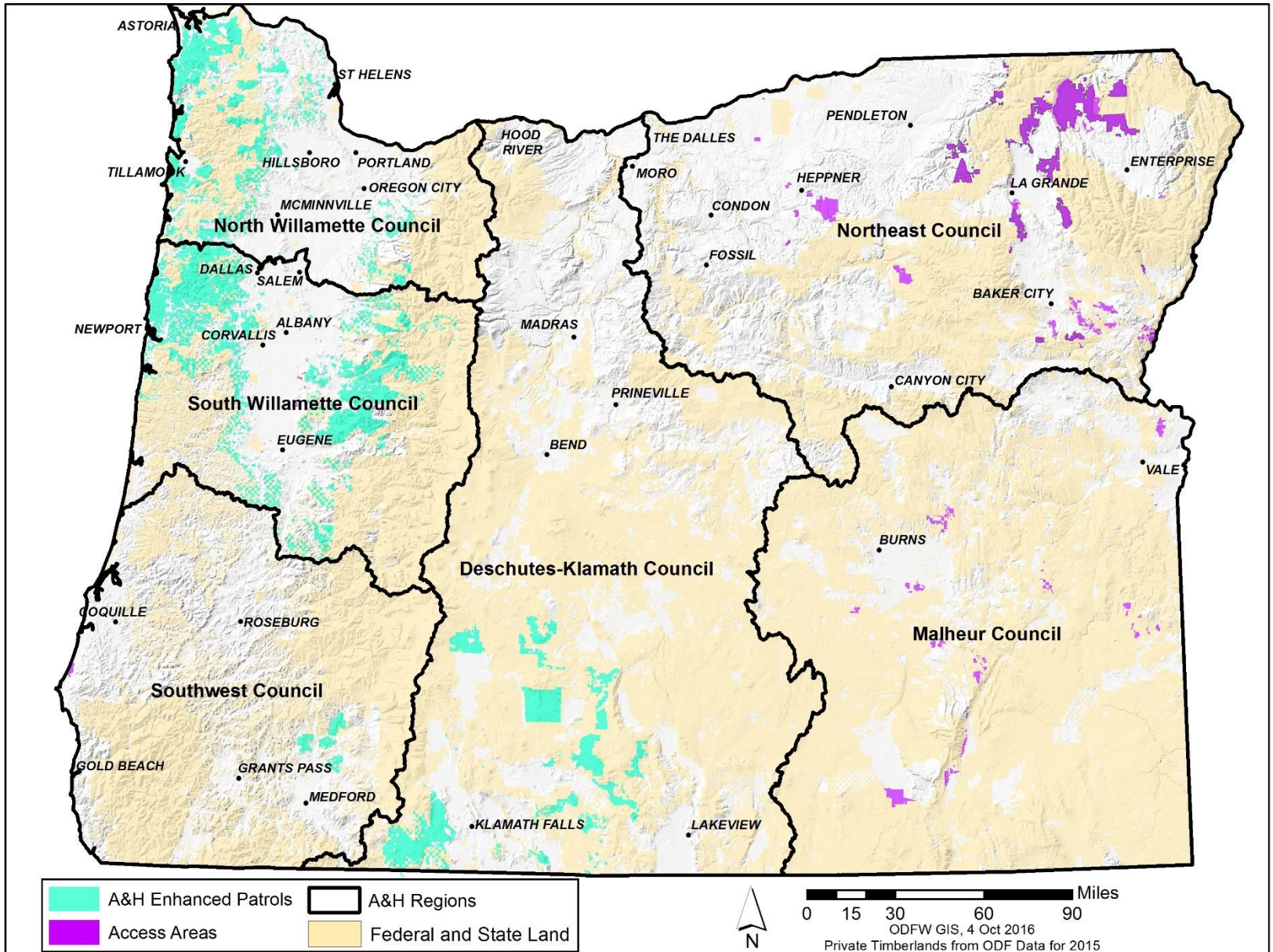


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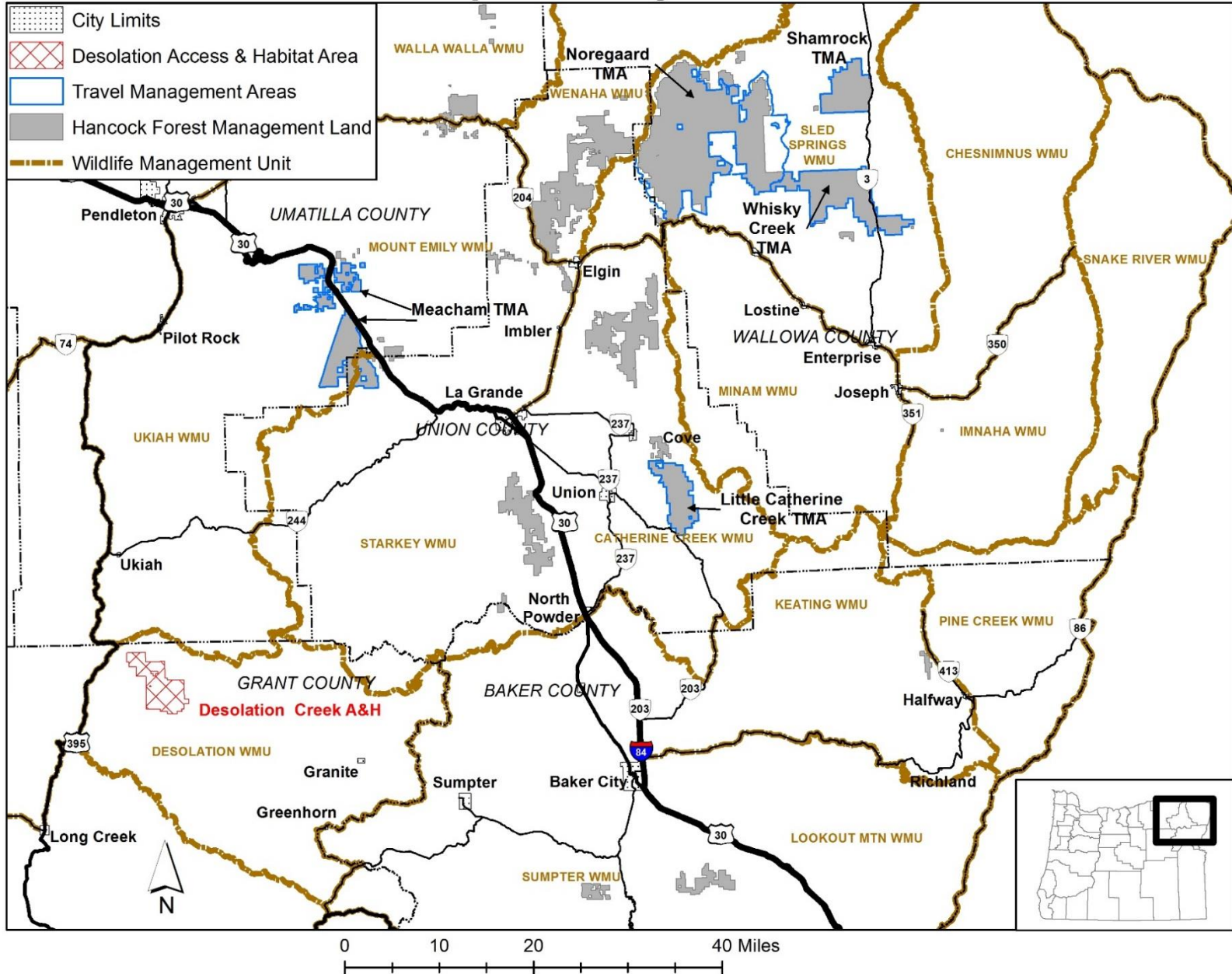
Current A&H Access Areas and Enhanced Patrols



Proposed A&H Access Areas and Enhanced Patrols



Proposed Projects



A&H Project Proposal: Desolation Creek Access Area

Annual Project Cost: \$86,892

- A&H Funds: \$32,256
- Cooperator Cost Share: \$54,636

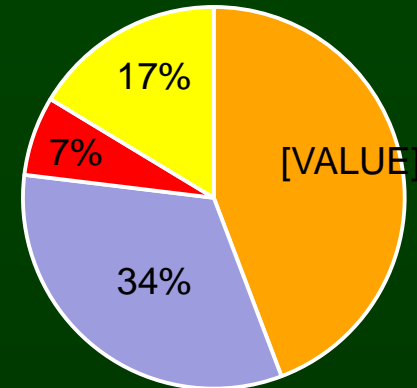
Total Project Cost: \$260,676 (3 year agreement)

- 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

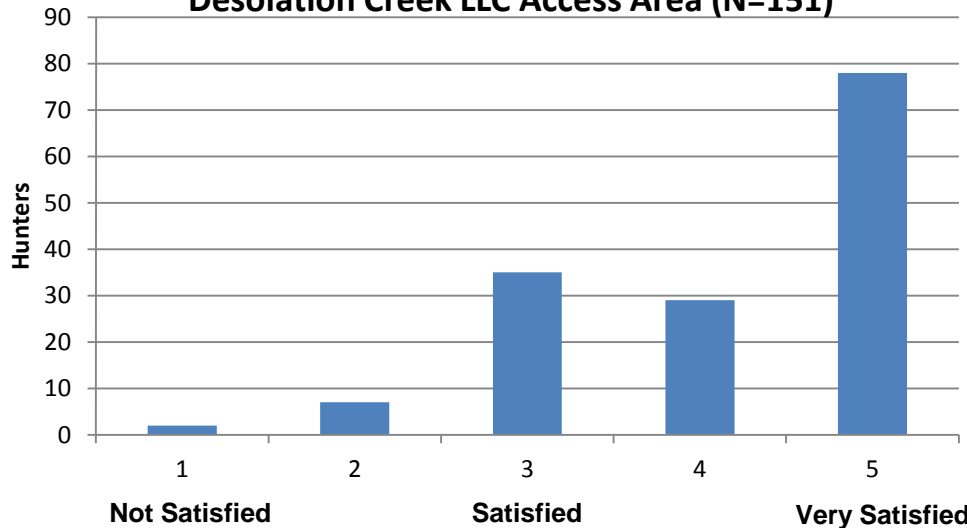


Principle Purpose of Visit from 2015 Access Permits (N=151)



- Big Game
- Upland/Turkey
- Predator
- Other Recreation

2015 Season Hunter Satisfaction Ratings for Desolation Creek LLC Access Area (N=151)



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A 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: _____

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B A&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?: _____

Overall Satisfaction: 1 2 3 4 5
(circle number) Not Satisfied Satisfied Very Satisfied

Hancock Forest Management NE Access Area

<u>Annual Project Cost:</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>	<u>Total 5 year project cost:</u>	<u>\$2,250,000</u>
• A&H Funds:	\$100,000	• A&H Funds:	\$500,000
• Open Fields Funds:	\$150,000	• Open Fields Funds:	\$750,000
• Cooperator Cost Share:	\$200,000	• 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)

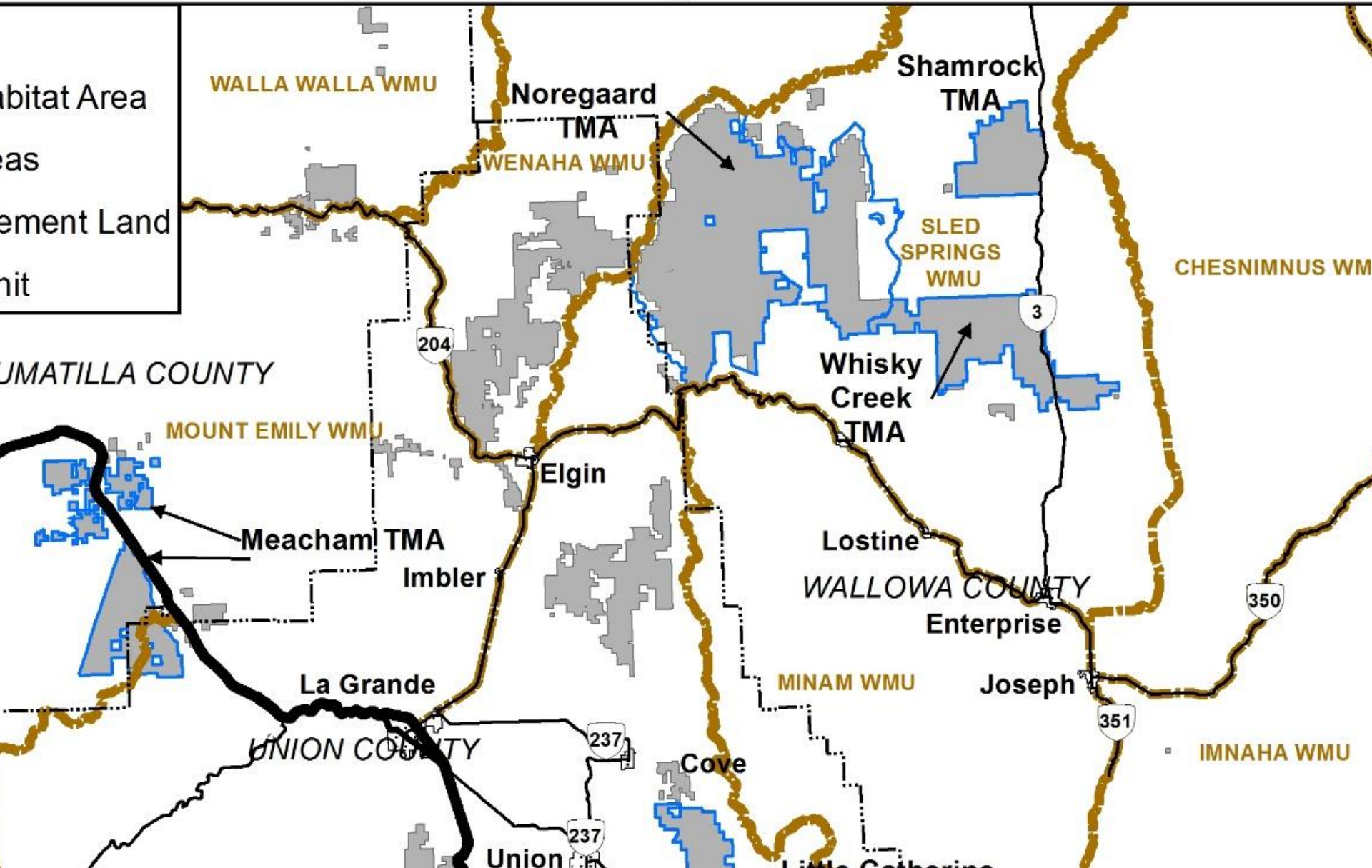
Acres: 250,000 acres of private timber land

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?

