

## Summary of Projects Recommended for Access & Habitat Funding

The Access and Habitat (A&H) State Board (Board) met January 19, 2021 via Zoom to review projects recommended for funding by A&H Regional Councils (Councils). A project must receive at least four supporting votes from the Board to be recommended for funding. A brief description of the funding requested, access and habitat benefits provided, as well as Board voting follows. The A&H Board recommends funding the following four projects:

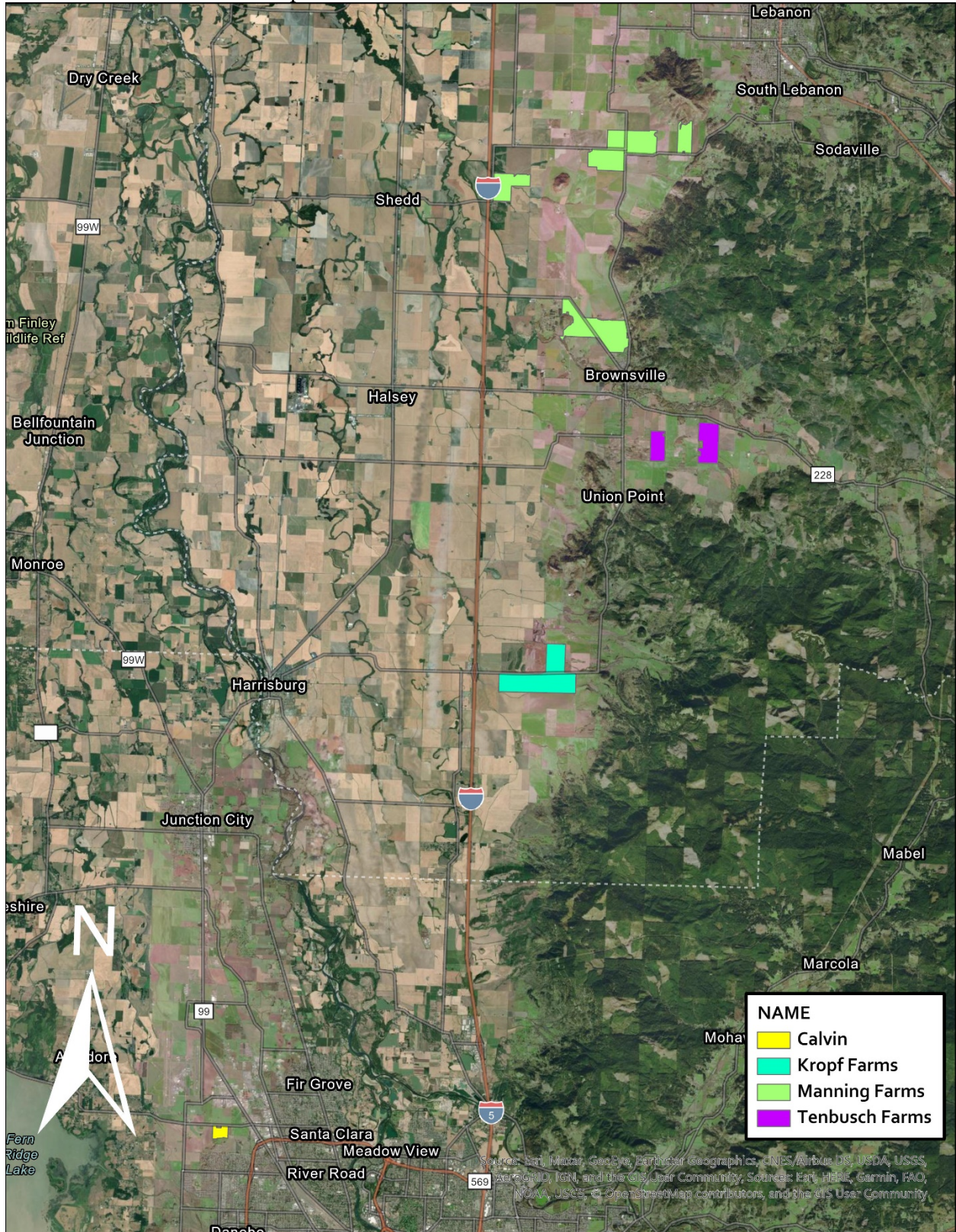
### Willamette Access Projects, Open Fields

- Funds Requested: \$26,460 (\$8,820 per year)
- Open Fields Funds: \$23,815
- A&H Funds: \$2,645
- Cost per Acre: \$2.40 per year
- Total Project Cost: \$26,460 (\$8,820 per year)
- Applicant: Travis Schultz, ODFW, on behalf of cooperating landowners
- Location: Willamette and McKenzie Wildlife Management Units
- Access Acres: 3,675 on a “Welcome to Hunt” basis
- Project Duration: September 2021-March 2024
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This is a continuation of a project consisting of the Calvin Farms, Kropf Farms, Tenbusch Farms, and Manning Farms access areas, which began in 2012 with Oregon’s first Open Fields grant. The project is one of the Open Fields grant’s priority areas. The fields are currently in annual ryegrass providing geese with food, water, and cover. The Willamette valley has very little public access for waterfowl hunting. The Oregon Open Fields grant provides a coordinator to enroll, post, and patrol the access areas. The project provides hunter access to waterfowl, primarily geese, and assists the landowners by utilizing hunters to address damage the geese are causing.

The 10% final payment will be funded by A&H funds and federal Open Fields grant will fund 90% of the project costs. This is structured to utilize the Open Fields to the greatest extent as Open Fields funds must be spent by September 1, 2023. Additionally, this payment structure allows for the 10% payment to be withheld to the end of the project as required by administrative rule.

# Willamette Access Areas Map



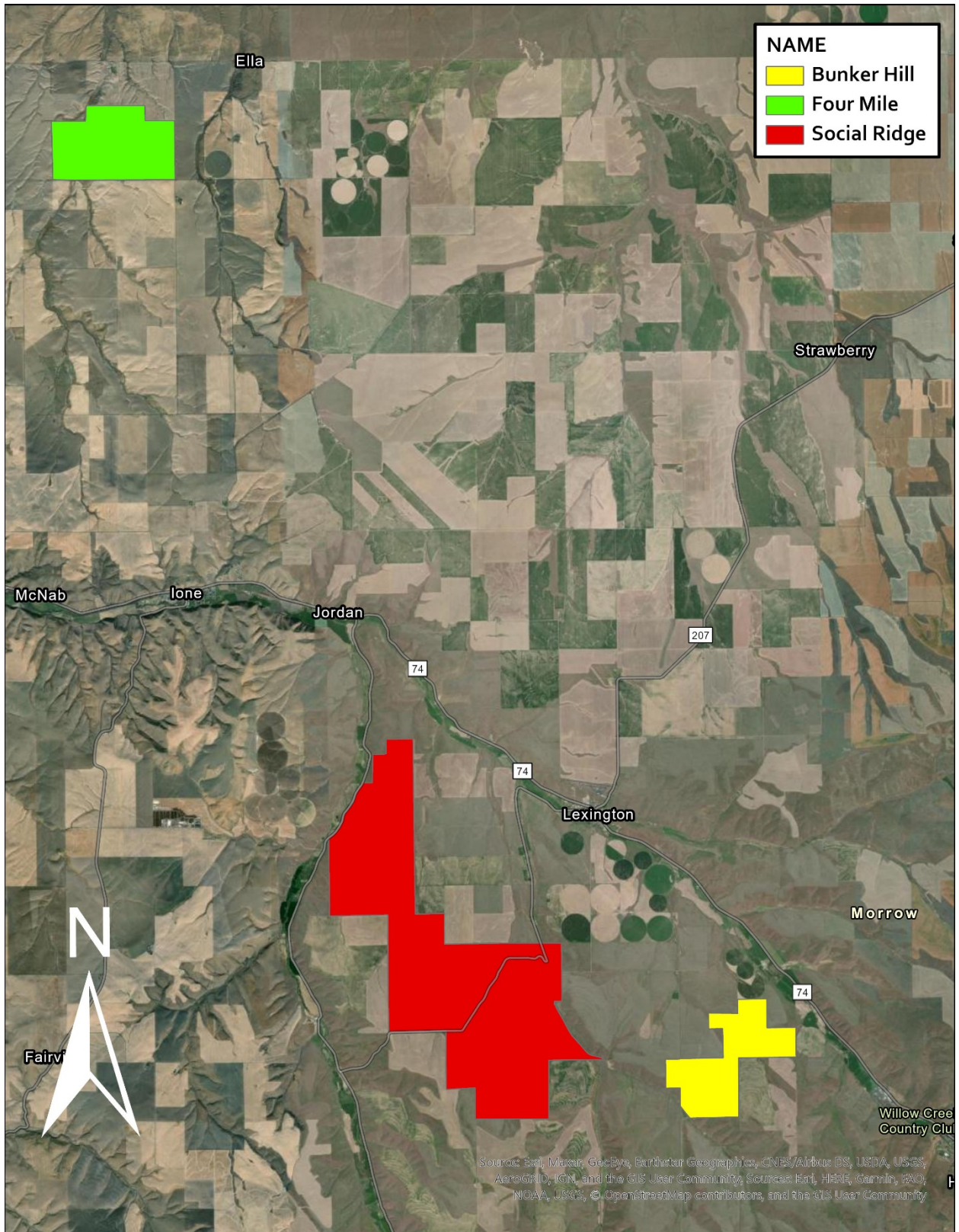
## Columbia Basin Access, Open Fields

- Open Fields Funds: \$30,861
- A&H Funds: \$3,429
- Cost Per Acre: ~\$1.55 per year
- Total Project Cost: \$34,290 (\$11,430 per year)
- Applicant: Travis Schultz, ODFW, on behalf of cooperating landowners
- Location: Columbia Basin Wildlife Management Unit
- Access Acres: 8,545 “Welcome to Hunt” & 1,345 “By Permission”
- Access Duration: September 2021 - January 2024
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This is a renewal of Columbia Basin Open Fields project which began in 2012. The project includes the Bunker Hill, Four Mile, and Social Ridge access areas. The access areas within the Columbia Basin Open Fields project have received a tremendous amount of use, both hunting and viewing. The Columbia Basin Open Fields project is a priority area for the federal grant. The access areas are mostly working dryland wheat farms near Heppner, Oregon. The access areas contain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrolled acreage, canyons, and areas of bitterbrush and rabbit brush in addition to the wheat fields. The access areas provide hunting access to pheasant, huns, chukar, and quail. Social Ridge also allows access for mule deer and coyote hunting. A note on the acreage totals and payment, total acres enrolled is 9,890, however the payment is based on 7,390 acres. This is due to the necessity of dry land farming to fallow a field for a year. Rather than change the acreage and payment each year an average was calculated for 2,500 fallow acres. This is done to be consistent with our other access programs as the fallowed acres are not considered wildlife habitat for payment purposes.

The 10% payment will be funded by A&H funds and federal Open Fields grant will fund 90%.

# Columbia Basin Access Areas Map

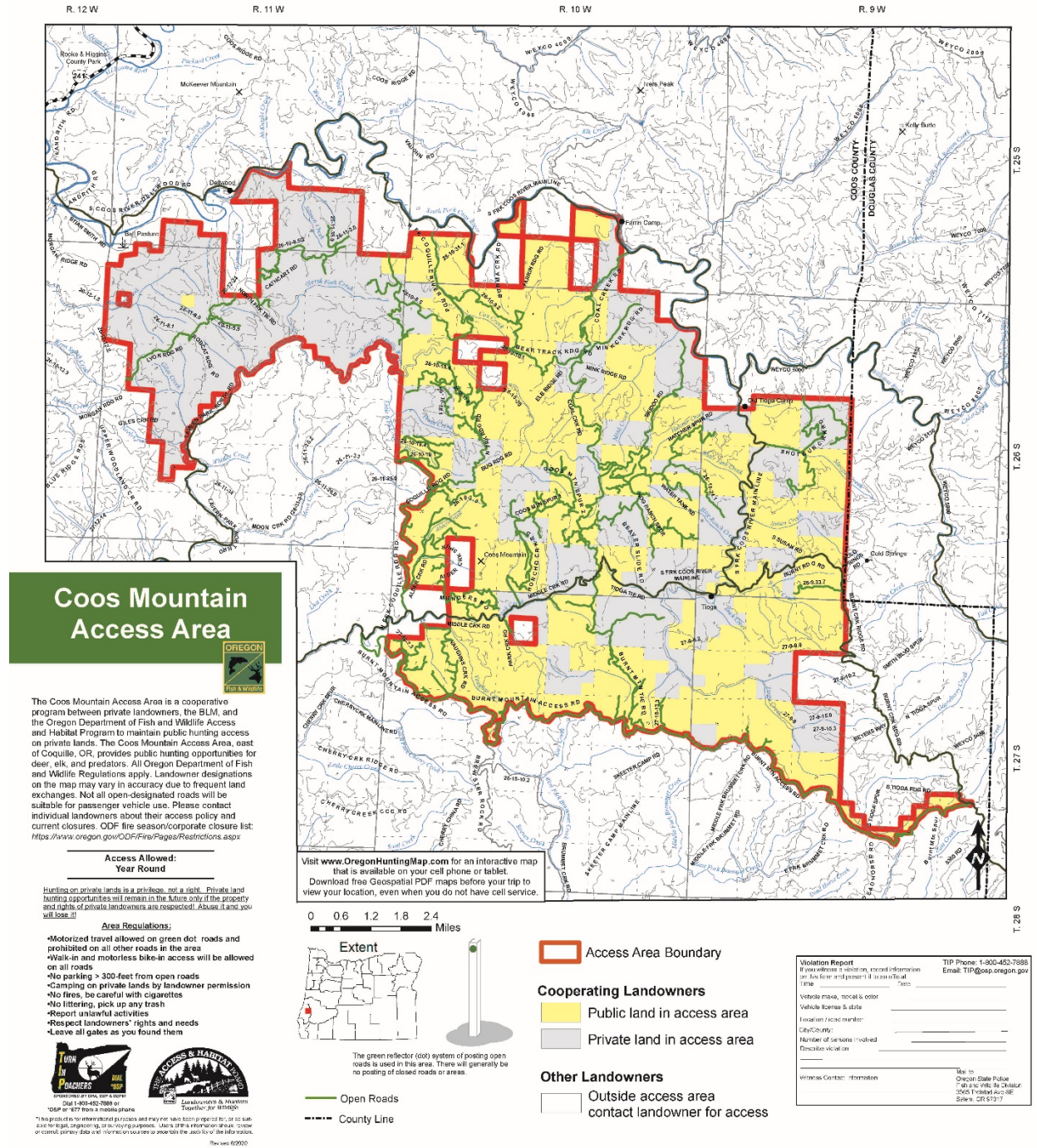


## Coos Mountain Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$133,884, (\$44,628 per year)
- Cost per Acre: \$0.68 per year
- Cooperator Funds: \$18,567
- Total Project Cost: \$152,451
- Applicant: Barnes & Associates, Inc.
- Location: Tioga Wildlife Management Unit
- Access Acres: 65,420 (25,723 private) on a “Welcome to Hunt” basis
- Project Duration: August 2021-December 2023
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This is a renewal of a project that began in 2018. The Coos Mountain Access Area would provide Welcome to Hunt recreational access to both commercial timberlands and to Bureau of Land Management sections only accessible via private logging roads. Motorized access to this area would be along arterial roads and additional walk-in access would be provided on spur roads. A&H provides \$24,628 of funding per year to enforce Access Area restrictions for the project area. An access payment of \$20,000 per year would be provided to Forest Investment Associates (FIA) companies, FIA Timber, Bavarian, and CatchMark, to partially offset the costs of maintaining roads within the Access Area. Other funds include volunteer hours from Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) for project implementation, and ODFW staff hours to administer the project.

# Map of Coos Mountain Access Area Map



## Jackson Access and Cooperative Travel Management Area

- A&H Funds: \$85,800 (\$42,900 per year)
- Cost per Acre: \$0.77 per year
- Cooperator Funds: \$86,250
- Total Project Cost: \$172,050
- Applicant: Dylan Edwards, ODFW, on behalf of the cooperators
- Cooperators: Hancock Forest Management, Inc., Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rogue River Basin Project, Lone Rock Resources, and Chinook Partners
- Location: Rogue, Dixon, and Evans Creek Wildlife Management Units
- Access Acres: 55,592 (13,564 private) on a “Welcome to Hunt” basis
- Habitat Acres: 65 (independently funded by the private landowners)
- Project Duration: August 2021-June 2023
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project is a continuation of the Jackson Access and Cooperative Travel Management Area, which began in 1995. The project area includes diverse wildlife habitats; early and late seral forests, buckbrush meadows, grass prairies, oak woodlands, wet meadows, and riparian areas that provide forage for wildlife.

The project will allow “Welcome to Hunt” access to Hancock Forest Management, Chinook Partners, and Lone Rock Resources lands. The project area also includes public lands managed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, BLM, and State of Oregon. Road closures and law enforcement presence will increase habitat effectiveness for wildlife, reduce disturbance to deer and elk on important winter range, and reduce soil erosion, road maintenance, vandalism, illegal fires, timber theft, and illegal dumping. Selected roads within the project area will be closed to motor vehicle access in winter; OSP troopers will be contracted to patrol the area. Additionally, 65 acres of oak woodland will have the conifers thinned from the stands to protect and enhance this critical habitat type.

# Jackson Access and Cooperative Travel Management Area Project Map

