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Landowner Outreach and Fact Sheets



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Dear Interested Party,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is proposing to acquire three properties (South Coyote IV, V and VI) totaling 222 acres adjacent to Fern Ridge Wildlife Area in Lane County. ODFW is hosting a virtual public meeting on **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 from 6:00 -7:30 pm** (see below for how to join) to discuss these acquisitions and answer any questions you may have.

If acquired, these properties will be managed for conservation purposes as part of the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. These properties were prioritized for permanent protection based on proximity to the wildlife area, a high potential to provide habitat and wildlife values, and their locations within a [Priority Wildlife Connectivity Area](#) and the West Eugene Area Conservation Opportunity Area as defined by ODFW's [Oregon Conservation Strategy](#).

These properties would be acquired through the [Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program](#) using Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) funding in accordance with a 2010 Memorandum of Agreement between BPA and the State of Oregon. This Agreement permanently resolves wildlife mitigation obligations related to the construction and operation of federal flood control and hydroelectric facilities in the Willamette River Basin through the protection of a minimum of 16,880 habitat acres in the Willamette Basin. If acquired, these properties would contribute towards the total acres protected in the Willamette basin. Since 2010, the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program has protected 15,290 acres on 60 properties throughout the basin, including Fern Ridge Wildlife Area's Northeast Coyote Unit and South Coyote Unit complex.

ODFW plans to conduct habitat management on all three properties and will develop land management plans to guide this work. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft land management plans. Long-term stewardship funding to support maintenance actions defined in these management plans will be supported in part by BPA. ODFW would also grant BPA a conservation easement to protect the properties' conservation values in perpetuity.

Enclosed are a fact sheet, maps, and responses to frequently asked questions about ODFW's proposed management of the properties.

Proposed Acquisition Timeline and Opportunities for Public Input

The public has several ways to provide input on the proposed acquisitions. There will be a virtual public meeting on **Tuesday, October 15th, 2024**. You may also submit public testimony to the Fish and Wildlife Commission or provide comments on-line (see links below).

DATE	MEETING	Additional Information
October 15, 2024, 6-7:30 pm	Public Meeting	Microsoft Teams Need help? Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 265 295 550 616 Passcode: zV9rBM Dial in by phone +1 503-446-4951,,558741044# United States, Portland Find a local number Phone conference ID: 558 741 044#
Through November 1, 2024	Comment on-line	https://odfw.wufoo.com/forms/proposed-property-acquisition/
December 13, 2024	Fish and Wildlife Commission	At ODFW's Headquarters office (4034 Fairview Industrial Drive, SE, Salem, OR 97302) and on YouTube. As date approaches see https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/ for link and meeting materials.
By December 31, 2024		ODFW anticipates acquiring South Coyote V by December 31, 2024 and acquiring South Coyote IV and VI by September 30, 2025.

You may also call or email any questions or concerns to:

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Scan the QR code for more information and to access the meeting invite:



Thank-you for your consideration. We look forward to your participation in this process and appreciate your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kelly Reis'.

Kelly Reis
Willamette Fish and Wildlife Policy and Program Manager
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South Coyote IV, V and VI Properties

South Coyote IV, V and VI are three property acquisitions proposed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) adjacent to Fern Ridge Wildlife Area's (FRWA) South Coyote Unit. South Coyote IV (79.4 acres) is at the corner of Cantrell and Halderson roads. South Coyote V (56.74 acres) is accessed from Cantrell Road. South Coyote VI (86.3 acres) is immediately south of South Coyote Creek V and east of the South Coyote Unit. Funding to permanently acquire these properties would be provided by the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program (WWMP). This program is funded by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) through a 15-year agreement between ODFW and BPA to settle federal wildlife habitat mitigation obligations in the Willamette Valley.

If acquired, the properties would become part of Fern Ridge Wildlife Area and will be integrated into the South Coyote Unit. ODFW would grant BPA a conservation easement to protect the properties conservation values in perpetuity, and the WWMP will provide additional funding for ongoing, long term maintenance activities that will take place on the properties.

ODFW acquired the 309-acre South Coyote and 224-acre Northeast Coyote units in 2013 and 2015, respectively. More recently, ODFW acquired the 100-acre South Coyote III (2022) and 40-acre South Coyote II (2024) properties. ODFW manages the overall 5,261-acre wildlife area under a 25-year agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers, which owns and operates Fern Ridge Reservoir.



Northwestern Pond Turtle (K. Kohl photo)

All three properties would be open to the public for hunting, wildlife viewing, and educational opportunities. All rules and restrictions that will apply to each property will be consistent with those of FRWA and a future permanent conservation easement.

This area is located within the West Eugene Area Conservation Opportunity Area (COA), as identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy. This COA includes the largest remaining wet prairie in the Willamette Valley, supporting Willamette valley bottom wetland, grassland, and riparian habitats. In addition, all three properties are within an ODFW-identified Priority Wildlife Connectivity Area. Critical connectivity between adjacent protected areas and along Coyote Creek would be maintained and enhanced with these purchases.

Examples of Proposed Habitat Restoration and Management

In 2015, management and restoration efforts on the South Coyote Unit began with oak enhancement to promote white oak health and abundance on 36 acres of riparian habitat. Enhancement and restoration work in subsequent years included 116 acres of wet prairie restoration. In 2020, 40 acres of wetland cells were retrofitted with upgraded water control structures, and another 80 acres of wet and upland prairie were restored with native plantings in 2021 and 2022. Beginning in 2023, work shifted to the Northeast Coyote Unit where ODFW is restoring 191 acres of wet and upland prairies.

These restoration efforts have yielded successful nesting populations of streaked horned larks, which are federally listed as threatened; increased usage by shorebirds, songbirds, and wintering waterfowl; increased usage by red-legged frogs and other amphibians; and an increase in native plant populations.

ODFW would improve wet prairie and flowing water and riparian habitats on these three proposed acquisitions with a focus on control of invasive non-native vegetation and native plant establishment. These sites would permanently protect and increase habitat for migrating waterfowl including Dusky Canada goose, northern red-legged frog, northwestern pond turtle, willow flycatcher, yellow-breasted chat, tufted hairgrass, meadow checker mallow, brodiaea, milkweed, camas and western buttercup.

For more information, visit <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/habitat/WWMP/index.asp>. You may also direct your questions or concerns to:

**Justine Brumm – Willamette Wildlife Mitigation
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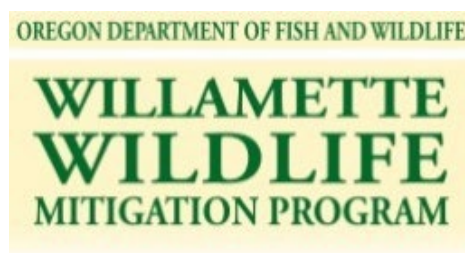
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Frequently Asked Questions about South Coyote IV, V and VI Properties

Could the public visit South Coyote IV, V or VI?

Yes! The properties would be integrated into the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area's South Coyote Unit and be subject to the same rules and restrictions administered by ODFW.

What activities would be allowed at South Coyote IV, V or VI?

Any activities that are allowed on the South Coyote Unit of Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, including hunting, wildlife viewing and educational opportunities, would be allowed on these properties.

How will these sites be managed?

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff would write a land management plan for all three sites to describe planned management activities over the next 10 years. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft land management plans. It is anticipated that efforts at all three properties would focus on restoring wetland and riparian and flowing water habitats for plants and animals such as migrating waterfowl including dusky Canada goose, northern red-legged frog, northwestern pond turtle, willow flycatcher, yellow-breasted chat, tufted hairgrass, meadow checker mallow, brodiaea, milkweed, camas, and western buttercup. Habitat enhancement would include control of non-native vegetation including reed canary grass, blackberry, thistles and non-native pasture grasses, and establishment of native vegetation.

Will Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife pay property taxes after acquisition?

Yes. It is the policy of the Department to pay in-lieu of taxes after property acquisition.

Where can I find out more information about the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program?

Visit the WWMP website: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/habitat/WWMP/index.asp>

If you have additional questions or would like to discuss any of the projects further, please contact:

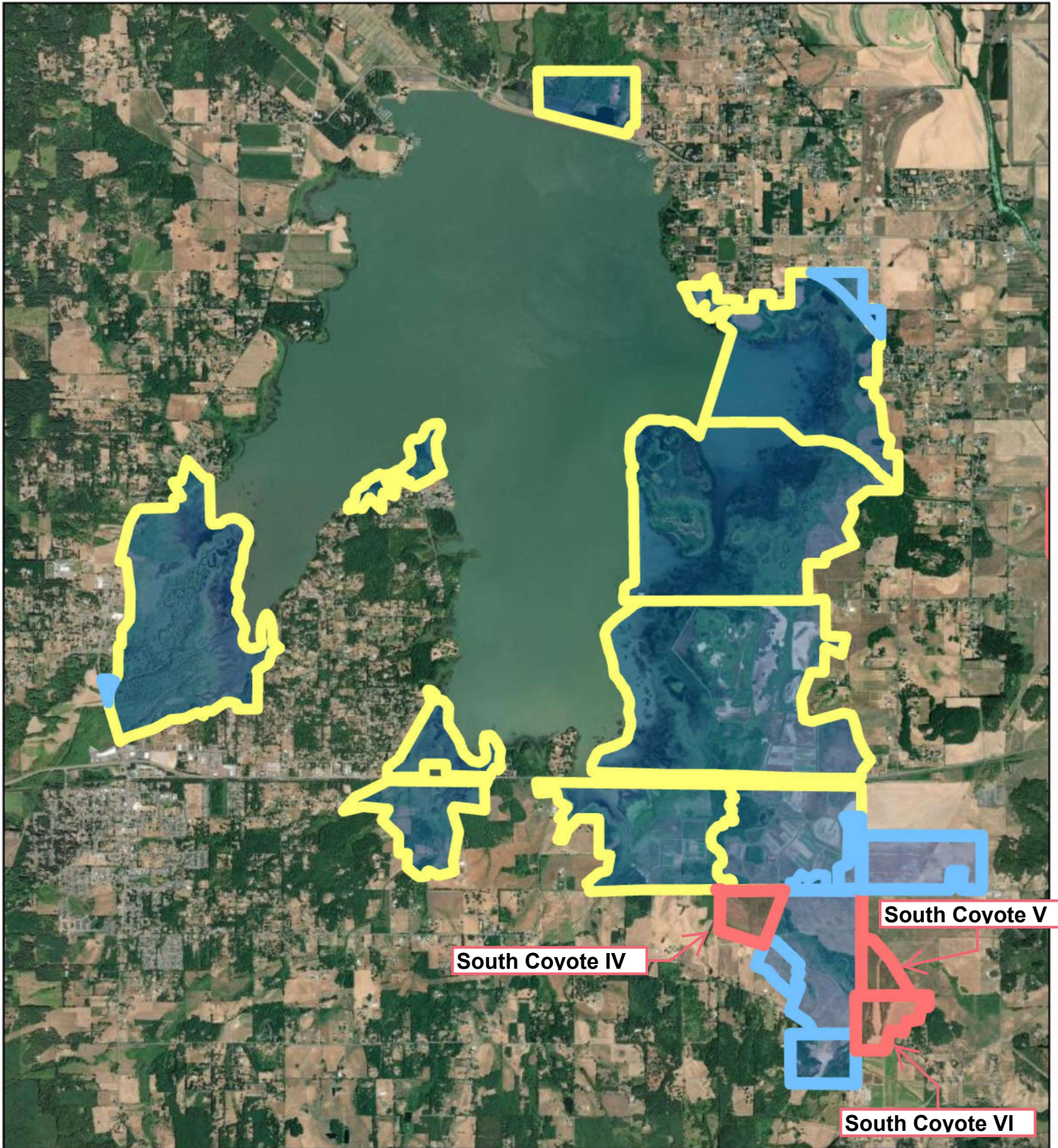
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Fern Ridge Wildlife Area



-  ODFW Managed
-  ODFW Owned
-  Proposed ODFW Acquisition

