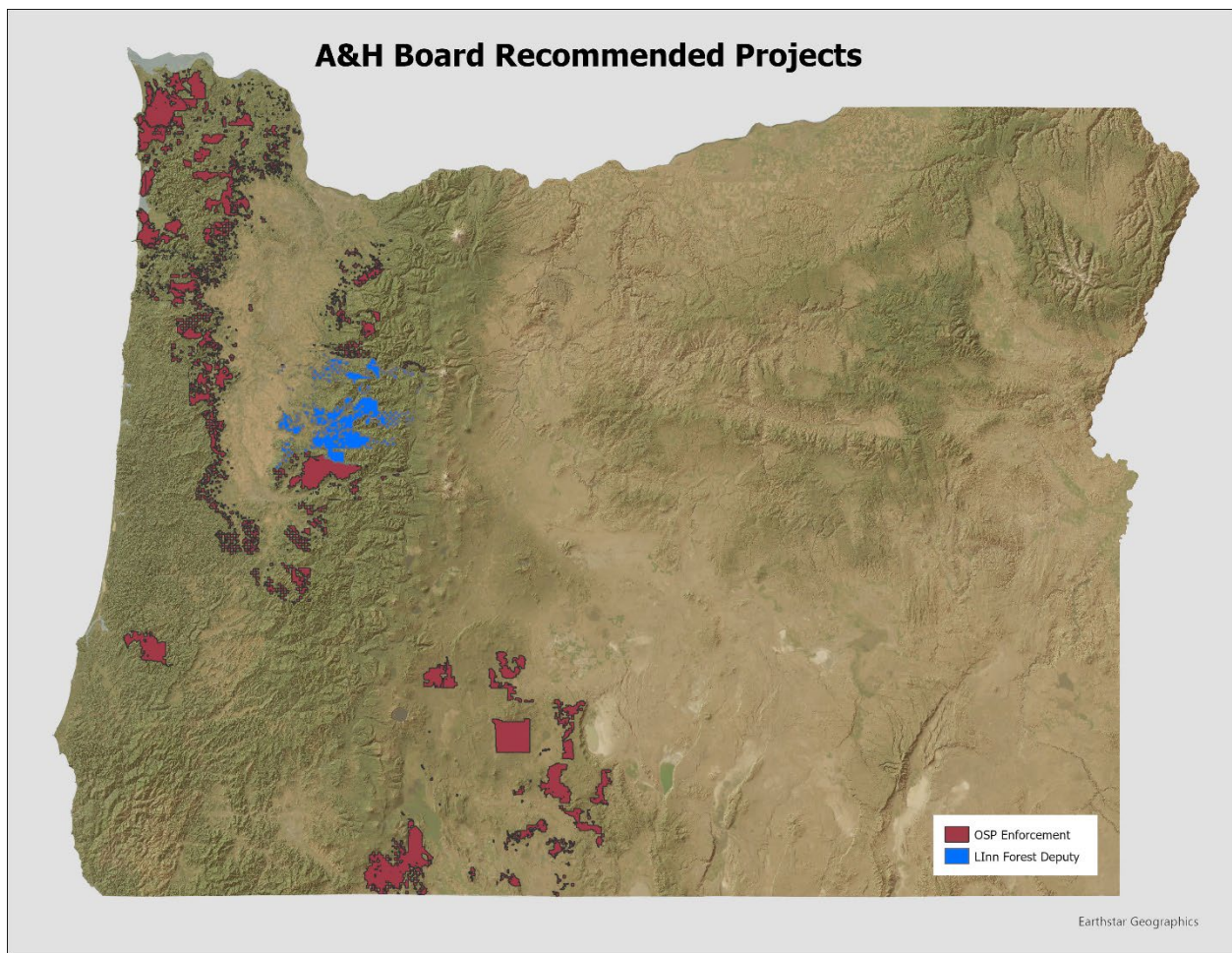


Summary of Projects Recommended for Access & Habitat Funding

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met on January 13, 2025 in Salem 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 through the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. A brief description of the funding requested, access and habitat benefits provided, as well as Council and Board votes follows. The A&H Board recommends funding the following two projects:



2025-01 OSP Enforcement 2025-2027

- A&H Funds: \$966,248
- Applicant: ODFW on behalf of access cooperators
- Location: Defined by each A&H TMA (see below)
- Access Acres: ~1.5 million acres
- Project Duration: July 2025 - June 2027
- Board Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0

This project will continue funding for Oregon State Police (OSP) enforcement of four A&H Travel Management Areas and extending the Willamette Private Lands and East Lane TMA projects through June 30, 2027. The enforcement will maintain public access to private and public timberlands during hunting seasons through June 2027. OSP will use the A&H funds to maintain two fish and wildlife trooper positions, however multiple OSP troopers will provide coverage for the enforcement of the A&H access projects. The four A&H projects are North Coast TMA, Willamette Private Lands, East Lane TMA, and Green Diamond Resource Company Access.

One Board member felt the funding for critical wildlife enforcement should not be coming from A&H, preferring additional general fund allocation for OSP.

2025-02 LFPA Forest Deputy Program (Linn County Forest Deputy)

- A&H Funds: \$125,000
- Applicant: Stacey Whaley for the Linn Forest Protective Association Forest Deputy Program participants
- Location: Linn County
- Access Acres: 510,800, (389,500 Private)
- Project Duration: July 2025 – June 2030
- Board Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0

This project will provide law enforcement funding for a Sheriff Deputy to patrol private timberlands during the hunting seasons. The project also encompasses approximately 121,300 acres of public land. Access to most of the public lands is controlled by the applicants. The Forest Deputy is a full-time position with the Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO). The A&H funds will cover 11% of the Deputy's salary and benefit costs,

This program provides hunters with more options on where to hunt while allowing Landowners to feel more comfortable about the risks involved with providing access to the public. Without this year-round enforcement coverage, many of the lands now made available for hunting access would be closed during hunting seasons.