

Revised Draft OCRF Outdoor Equity Subcommittee- Statement of Purpose

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) has a broad mandate to advance conservation issues and recreation projects in support of the Oregon Conservation Strategy for the benefit of all Oregonians. Embedded within the mandate for the OCRF is a priority commitment to reach out and engage underserved people and communities who have not traditionally participated in conservation issues or outdoor recreation in the past due to various barriers and perceptions, including but not limited to ethnicity, race, language, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disabilities, and/or other cultural, religion and/or economic status, and other considerations as listed in the State of Oregon Equity Framework https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policy/Documents/EquityFrameworkCovid19_2020.pdf. The OCRF Advisory Committee further recognizes that these barriers will not be broken down coincidentally but rather need a focused and pursued endeavor sponsored by the Advisory Committee.

In support of this commitment, the OCRF Advisory Committee has established the ORCR "Outdoor Equity" subcommittee with the explicit purpose of reaching out and connecting with intentionality to people, communities and organizations that have not traditionally engaged in matters tied to ODFW's Conservation Strategy. To this end, we are dedicating a significant portion of the available funds to this purpose, and will work with these audiences and stakeholders to identify and fund opportunities and projects that mutually support the interests, the intersection, and engagement of underserved communities in Oregon with the Conservation and Recreation Fund.