

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:30am – 2:30pm



***Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund***  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**

*In-person and Virtual Meeting*  
790 W Barclay Dr, Sisters, OR 97759  
*Best Western Ponderosa Lodge*  
*Pondo Meeting Room*



*Agenda Item 1:*

***Review and Approve Meeting Minutes***

*(June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025)*

# Draft Motion Templates re: Minutes

I move to approve the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes with the continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

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## *Agenda Item 2:*

**OCRFB Project Presentation:** Oregon Desert Land Trust to present on “Trout Creek Ranch” project.

Brent Fenty, Executive Director, Oregon Desert Land Trust

## *Agenda Item 3:*

**OCRf Project Presentation:** Mount Pisgah Arboretum to present on “Improving accessibility at Mount Pisgah Arboretum” project.

Ilana Jakubowski, Executive Director, Mount Pisgah Arboretum

*Agenda Item 4:*  
***Public Comment***

## *Agenda Item 5:*

# ***Break***

*(Please be back in 10 min)*

*Agenda Item 6:*

**OCRFBudget Update**

**Round 9 Spring 2025 Summary Stats**

***Reva Gillman, OCRFBudget Grant Coordinator***

# OCRFB Budget Update – July '25

- **Base Program: \$800k**
  - Calculated using (21-23 ending fund balance) + (23-25 revenue to date) – (Admin costs) - (allocated to projects)
    - $\$892,343 + 1M + \$232,707 \text{ (ELS)} + \$327,598 \text{ (interest)} - \$285k - \$1,373,726 = \$800,422$
  - Remaining ELS donations of 25-27 : ~\$220k and future interest < current
- **Drought Package: \$773k**
  - Calculated using (21-23 ending fund balance) – (Admin costs) – (Allocated to projects)
  - $\$4,607,643 - \$80,000 - \$3,754,606 = \$773,037$
- **ARPA: \$0**
  - All Federal ARPA funds have been committed to projects
- **Wildlife Crossing Lottery Bonds: \$ 3.93 million**
  - Lottery Bond Sale occurred May 2025; \$1,069,500 committed to projects

# OCRF Donations

- ELS/POS: \$581,987
- Corporate/ Private Donations: \$1,305,642

Large Donors (THANK YOU!):  
The Nature Conservancy (400K),  
Trout Creek Ranch (150K)  
OR Wildlife Foundation (90K)

ELS / POS = Includes donations from Electronic  
Licensing System, Point of Sales

# Spring 2025 Call for Proposals – Round 9

*Closed May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025*

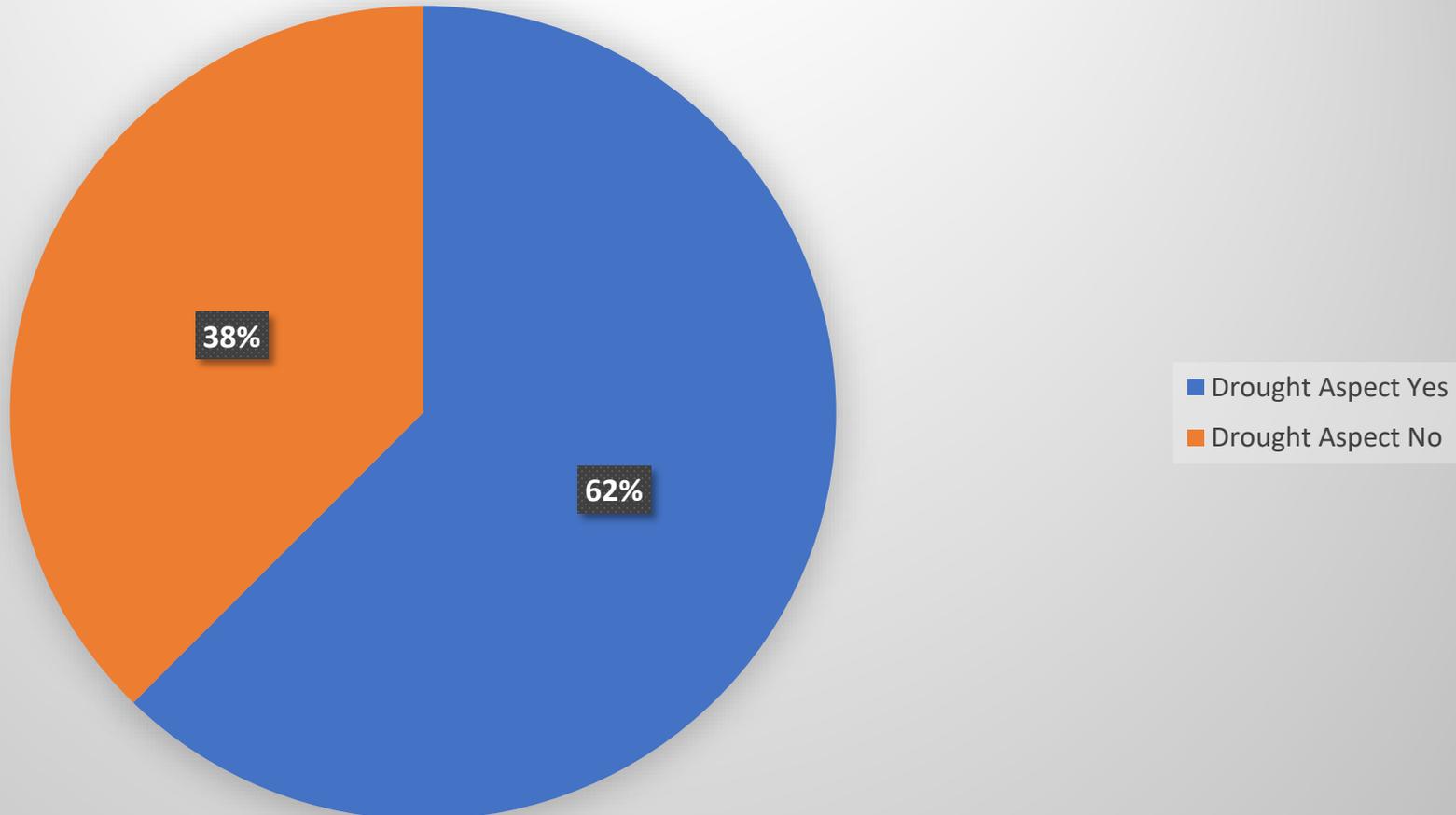
**101 complete project proposals submitted:**

- **\$5,834,808 – Total Requested Funds (\$2,312,423 drought)**
- **\$ 57,770 – Average Request**
- **ODFW Staff Technical Review, and**
- **OCRF Advisory Committee Review of projects is complete**
- **OCRF has two funding buckets this round:**
  - **Drought Funding (about \$750,000 to award) Project Maximum: \$100,000**
  - **Non-Drought Funds (about \$250,00 to award) Project Maximum: \$50,000**

# Spring 2025 Call for Proposals

*101 Projects*

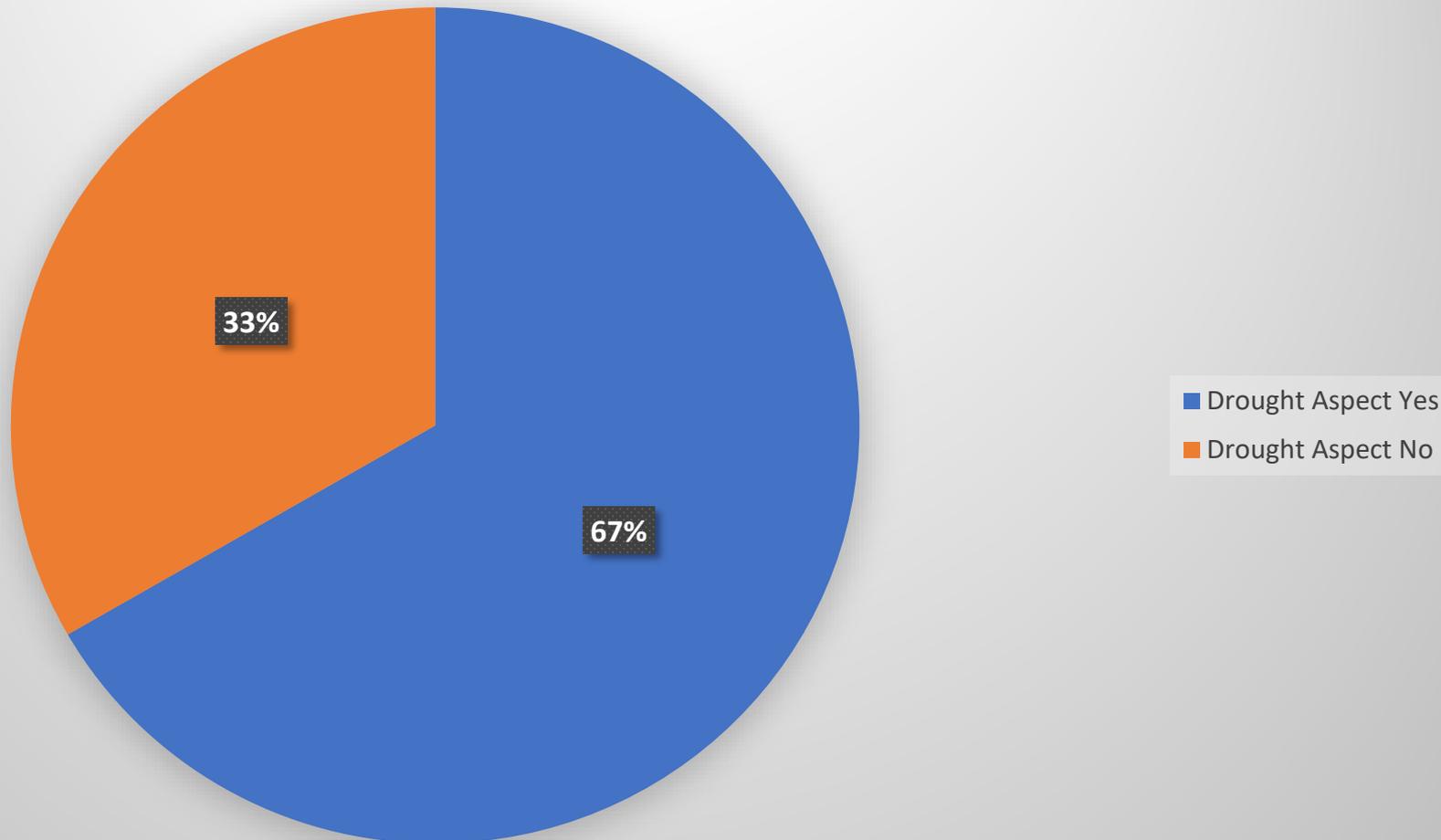
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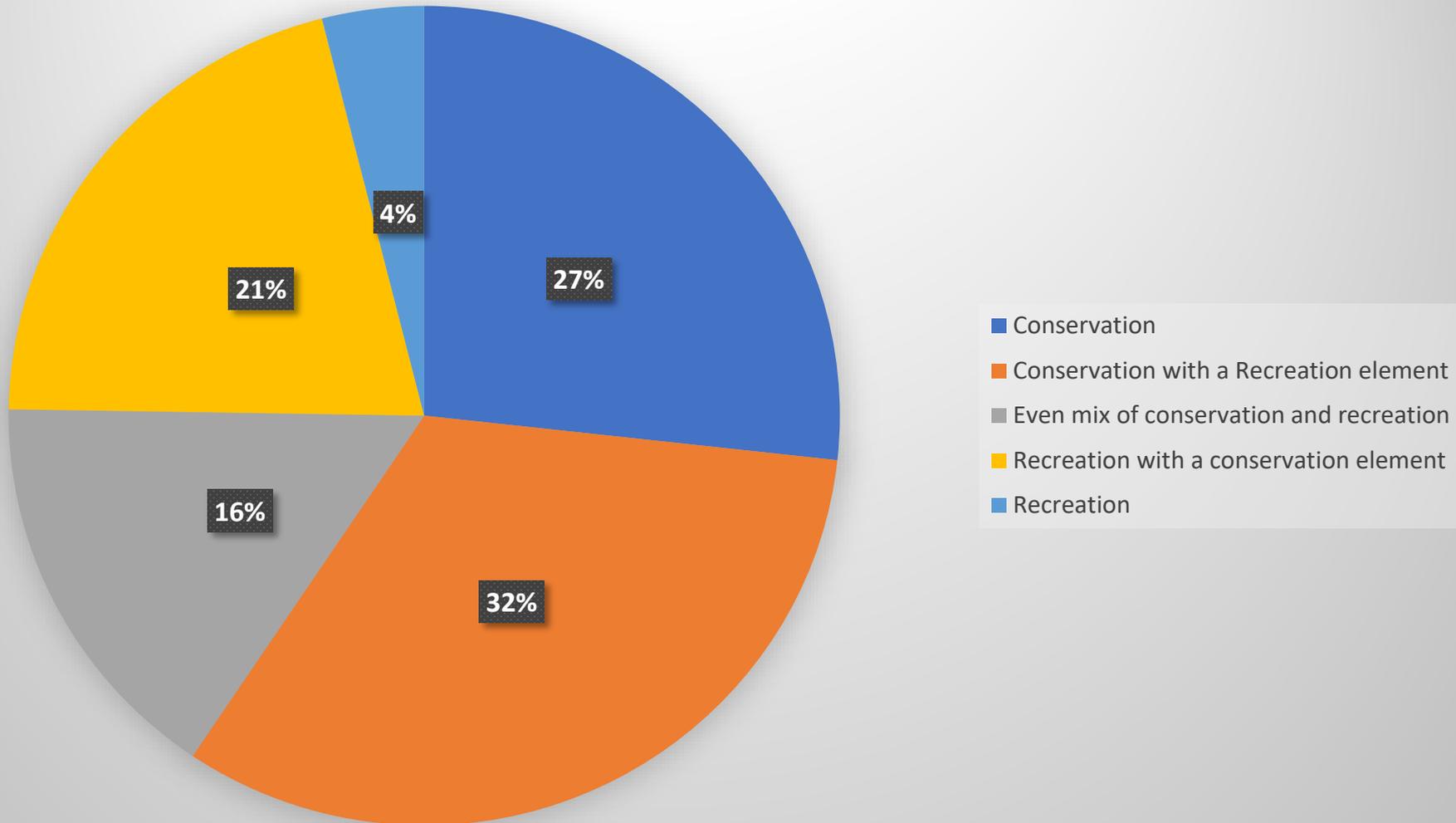
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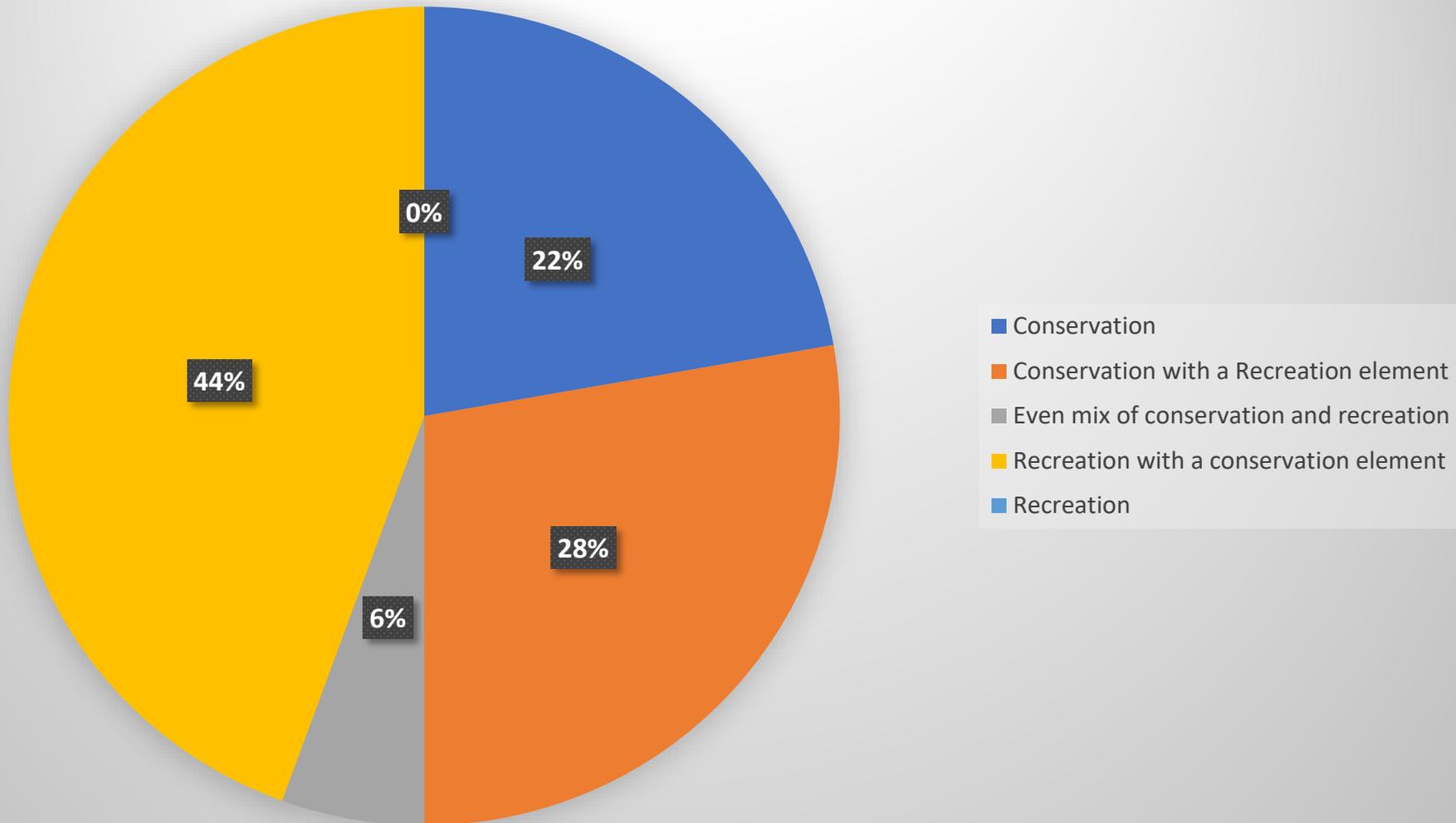
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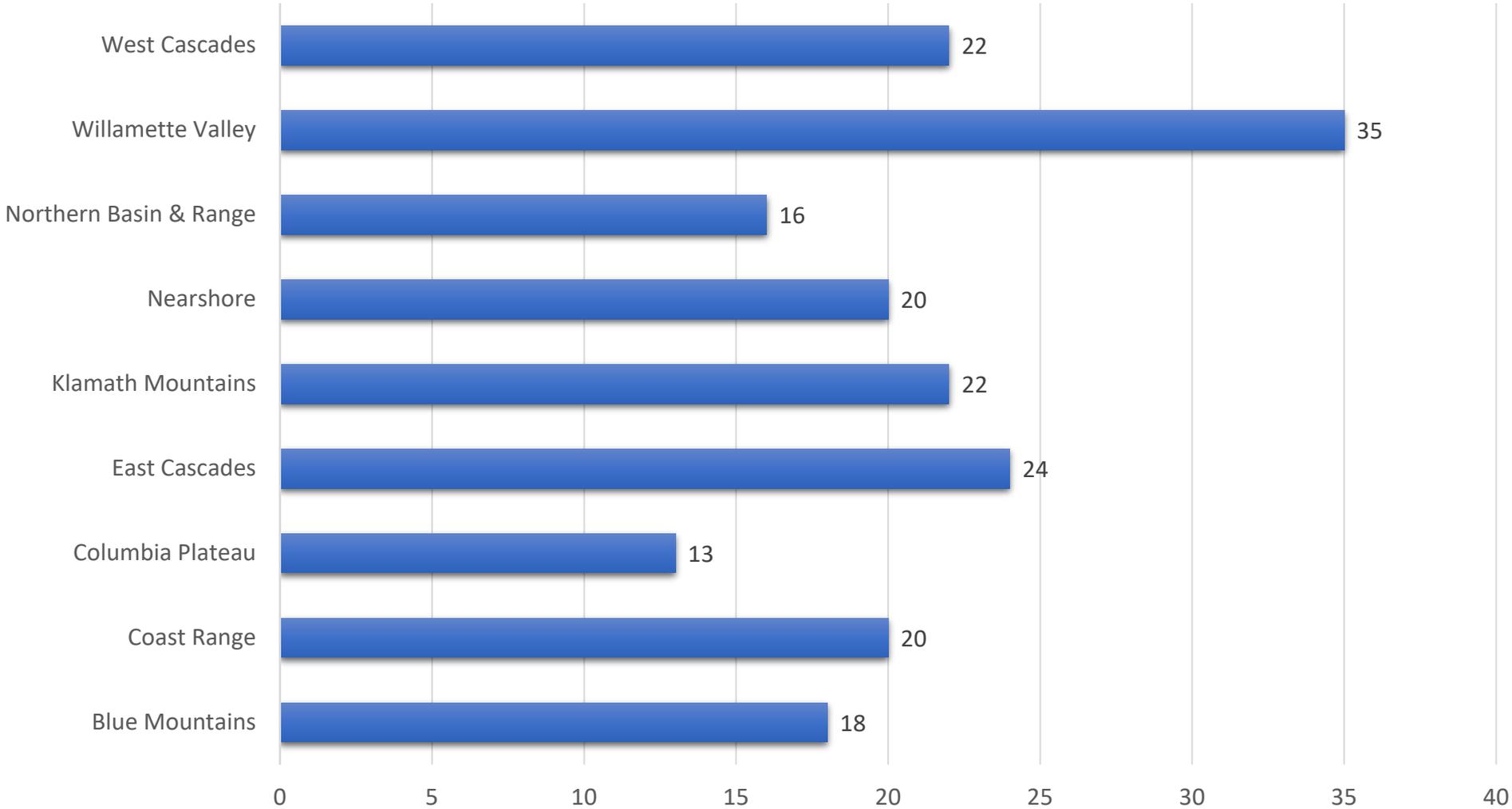
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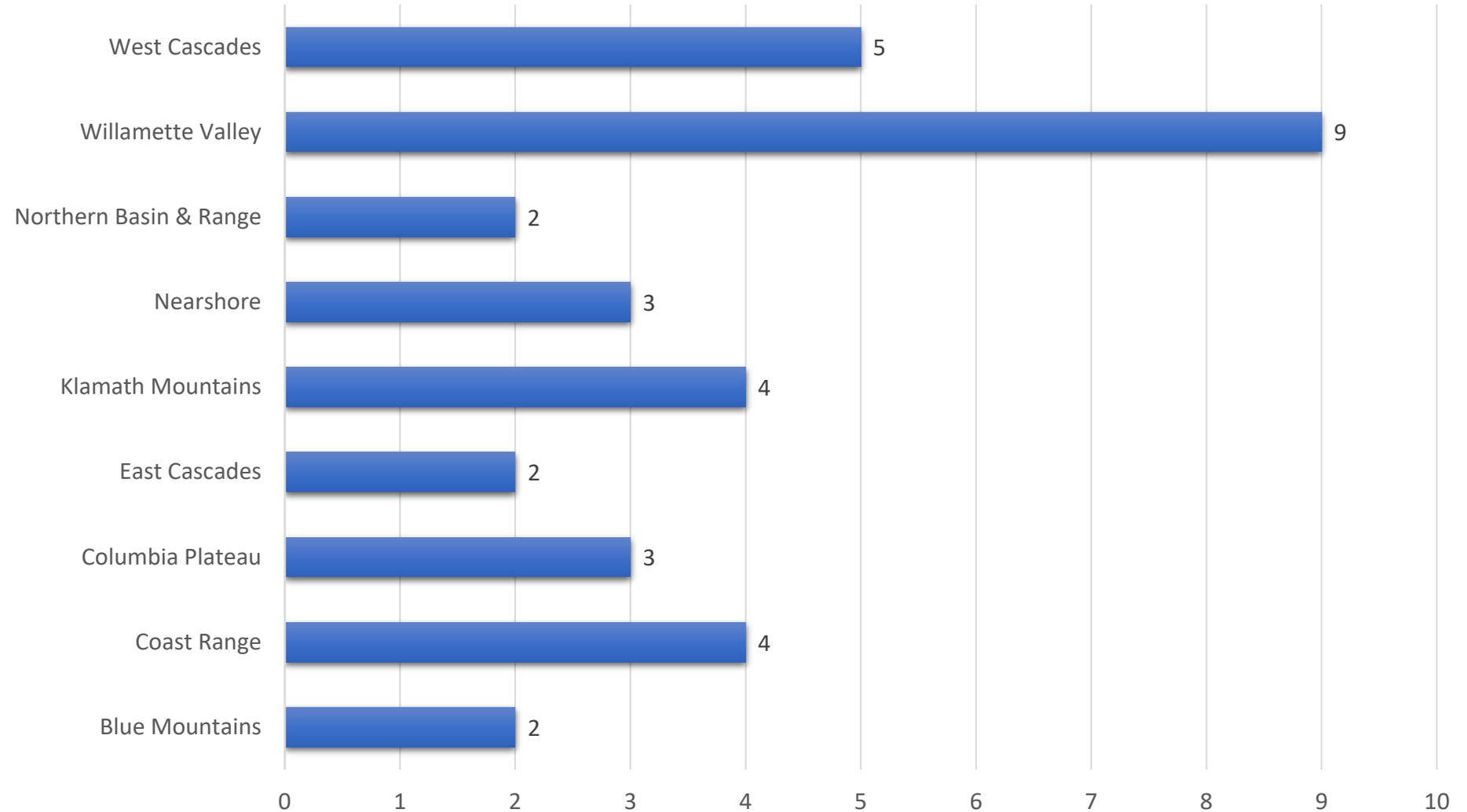


# Spring 2025 Call for Proposals

*18 Projects*



## Geography / Ecoregion



*Agenda Item 7:*

**Committee Recommendations from  
Spring Grant Solicitation**

Proj #	Project Title	Lead Organization	Geography/ Ecoregion	Project Classification	Prior Grant	Drought Aspects	Requested Funds	Raw Score	Rank Sum
50	From River to Action: Empowering Underserved Leaders to Implement Conservation Plans in Malheur County	Friends of the Owyhee	Northern Basin & Range	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	Yes	\$44,000	150	2
2	2026 Trail Champions: Public Engagement and Education on Drought, Wildfire and Recreation	Trailkeepers of Oregon	Coast Range; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	Yes	\$76,906	140	3
89	Salmon Watch Youth Program	World Salmon Council	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	Yes	\$45,000	143	4
62	Monitoring the Drought Resilience of Wetlands and Pond-breeding Amphibians in the Mt. Hood COA	Portland State University	West Cascades	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	Yes	\$96,526	142	4
44	Experience Your Watershed Initiative	Marys River Watershed Council	Coast Range; Willamette Valley	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	Yes	\$49,746	139	5
82	Restoring Nesting Habitat for Northwestern Pond Turtle	Institute for Applied Ecology	Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	Yes	\$99,541	136	5
71	Phase I of the Northeast Oregon I-84 Wildlife Crossing Project	Oregon Wildlife Foundation	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau	Conservation	Yes	Yes	\$85,000	136	6
51	Give Learn Explore: Community Recreation through Stewardship, Education, and Paddling	Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership	Willamette Valley	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	Yes	\$98,905	135	6
67	Oregon Motus Network Expansion	ODFW	Statewide: 9 Ecoregions	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	Yes	\$14,756	145	7

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10	Assessing Native and Non-native Salmonid Response to LTPBR in the Upper Klamath Basin	Trout Unlimited	East Cascades	Conservation	Yes	Yes	\$50,000	139	7
45	Family Fish Camp 2026	Association of Northwest Steelheaders	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	Yes	\$29,000	137	7
94	Thirtymile Watershed Beaver Recovery and Resiliency Program	Gilliam County SWCD	Columbia Plateau	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	Yes	\$73,822	135	7
59	Mapping Rocky Reef Fish Habitat to Support Sustainable Groundfish Recreational Harvest	Oregon State University	Nearshore	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	Yes	\$50,000	133	7
99	Using landscape genetics to assess drought-driven fragmentation of an Oregon Strategy Species	Oregon State University	Northern Basin & Range	Conservation	No	Yes	\$100,000	132	7
39	Disaster Peak Ranch conservation and restoration project	Oregon Desert Land Trust (ODLT)	Northern Basin & Range	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	Yes	\$50,000	137	8
98	Uplifting Anthony Creek for Native Trout and Beaver	Powder Basin Watershed Council	Blue Mountains	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	Yes	\$100,000	133	9
72	Phipps Meadow Restoration Monitoring and Outreach	ODFW - John Day Fish Research	Blue Mountains	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	Yes	\$99,010	130	9
77	Queers in the Woods: 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Engagement in Oak Habitat Restoration	Long Tom Watershed Council	Willamette Valley	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	Yes	\$49,997	135	10
76	Quantifying interactive effects of recreation and forest restoration on wildlife habitat connectivity	The Nature Conservancy	East Cascades	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	Yes	\$99,828	127	10

Sum:  
\$763,202

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85	River Discovery	Willamette Riverkeeper	Willamette Valley	with a Conservation element	No	Yes	\$50,000	124	10
14	Beatys Butte Mesic Habitat Restoration Project	Oregon Natural Desert Association	Northern Basin & Range	Conservation	Yes	Yes	\$58,368	130	11
88	Safety, Training and Outreach	On Call Community Rescue for Animals (OCCRA)	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	Yes	\$10,000	131	12
66	Northern red-legged frog ( <i>Rana aurora</i> ) use of a dedicated under-road crossing and adjacent upland habitat	Portland State University	Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	Yes	\$49,996	126	13
24	Clackamas Partnership Stream Temperature Monitoring, Analysis, Outreach and Engagement for Climate Resiliency	Greater Oregon City Watershed Council	Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	Yes	\$50,000	122	13
5	A Vegetation Atlas for the Northern Basin and Range: Mapping Plant Communities, Habitat, and Drought Resilience	Oregon State University	Northern Basin & Range	Conservation	Yes	Yes	\$99,730	133	14
79	Restoration of 20 acres of critical watershed habitat in the Klamath Mountains	Maqlaqs Geet'kni	Klamath Mountains	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	Yes	\$50,000	119	14
90	Save Our Floodplain Forest! Preserving a Key Ecosystem for Forest-Dependent Wildlife	City of Hillsboro - Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve	Willamette Valley	Conservation	No	Yes	\$99,900	109	14
64	Noninvasive Genetic Monitoring of Kit Foxes in a Drought-Prone Landscape in Southeastern Oregon	Oregon State University	Northern Basin & Range	Conservation	Yes	Yes	\$99,972	133	15

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17	Camera trap monitoring of I-5 wildlife before construction of Mariposa wildlife overpass in southern Oregon	Southern Oregon University	Klamath Mountains	Conservation	No	No	\$50,000	147	3
65	North Coast Rapid Biological Assessment and Limiting Factors Analysis Light Stream Surveys	North Coast Watershed Association	Coast Range	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	No	\$44,308	145	3
48	Fishing and shellfishing with Oregon's physical disability community	Oregon Spinal Cord Injury Connection	Klamath Mountains; Nearshore; Willamette	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	No	\$48,000	142	3
46	Filling knowledge gaps for the imperiled Oregon Vesper Sparrow	Klamath Bird Observatory	Klamath Mountains	Conservation	Yes	No	\$49,996	133	3
16	Black & Green Youth Fellowship and Internship Program	Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Willamette Valley	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	No	\$50,000	142	4
73	Plover Patrol: Building the Next Generation of Coastal Conservationists	Bird Alliance of Oregon (BAO)	Nearshore	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	No	\$31,955	142	4
49	Forb resources for restoring sage-grouse habitat	Institute for Applied Ecology	Blue Mountains; N Basin & Range	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	No	\$49,775	136	4
54	Impacts of varied wildfire age on Lewis's woodpecker reproduction	Cal Poly Humboldt	East Cascades	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	No	\$49,775	135	4
3	A collaborative approach to building Oregon's capacity for sustainable fisheries management	Oregon State University	Coast Range; Nearshore	Conservation	No	No	\$49,964	132	4

Sum: \$274,259

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6	Accessible Infrastructure Project	Mount Pisgah Arboretum	Willamette Valley	Recreation	Yes	No	\$49,678	140	5
35	Crumb Clean Educational Video	American Bird Conservancy	Coast Range; Nearshore	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	No	\$41,559	135	5
101	Wolverine Tracking Project	Cascadia Wild	East Cascades; West Cascades	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	No	\$35,005	109	6
7	Annual youth fishing events and Salem state prison fishing event	Association of Northwest Steelheaders	Willamette Valley	Recreation	No	No	\$3,000	136	7
40	Dive Into Science - Oregon	The Oregon Kelp Alliance	Nearshore	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	No	\$42,000	138	8
23	Circle Creek Trail Accessibility and Expansion Project	North Coast Land Conservancy	Coast Range; Nearshore	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	No	\$50,000	129	8
29	Confluencia: Latine Youth Engagement in the Deschutes Watershed	NatureConnect Central Oregon	East Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	No	\$42,942	140	9
93	Strategy Species Management and Community Conservation on Greenbelt Lands	Greenbelt Land Trust	Willamette Valley	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	No	\$49,966	135	9
31	Connecting Communities for Conservation	Coquille Watershed Association	Coast Range	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	No	\$15,000	126	9
68	Oregon Multivariate Ocean Climate Indicator (MOCI)	FARALLON INSTITUTE	Nearshore	Conservation	No	No	\$48,960	124	9

# Draft Motion : Selection of Recommended Projects (Drought Projects)

“I hereby move to approve the top ranked 12 Drought Projects from the OCRF Round 9 Spring 2025 RFP, totaling \$763,202 in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.”

# Draft Motion : Selection of Recommended Projects (non-drought)

“I hereby move to approve the top ranked 6 non-drought projects from the OCRF Round 9 Spring 2025 RFP, totaling \$274,259 in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.”

*Agenda Item 8:*

***Lunch Break***

***(Please be back in 1 hour)***

*Agenda Item 9:*  
**2025 Legislative Outcome**

*Agenda Item 10:*

**State Wildlife Action Plan Revisions**

**Carolyn Eckrich, Research Biologist, ODFW**

## *Agenda Item 11:*

### **OCRFB Communications Planning Update**

# Quinn Thomas Update 7/29/2025

- OCRF grantee questionnaire sent out to collect stories
  - NW Bat Hub – success story, social post and earned media pitch for Bat Week in October
  - People of Color Outdoors – success story and social post
  - OHA – success story, social post
  - Salmon Watch – success story and social post
- Reviewed grantee reporting process
- updated grantee toolkit



**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife** ✓  
March 21 at 9:53 AM · 🌐

ODFW's Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) has opened its 2025 call for grant proposals 🎉

OCRF can help your organization make a real impact on conservation, wildlife and outdoor recreation goals across the state. Projects large and small are encouraged to apply, and submissions are open until May 9.

Learn how to apply here:  
<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservation.../OCRF/grants.html>



The graphic features a scenic background of a mountain range with snow-capped peaks and a green valley. In the center, a dark blue map of Oregon is overlaid with the text 'FUND YOUR CONSERVATION & RECREATION PROJECT!' in bold orange and white letters. Below the map, a white pill-shaped button contains the text 'Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund'. In the top left corner of the graphic is the Oregon Fish & Wildlife logo, and in the top right corner is the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife logo.

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*Agenda Item 12:*  
***OCRF Business Items***

# OCRF Spring 2025 RFP - Timeline

**Request for Proposals (RFP) – Open March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*Official RFP Guidance made public (open for 50 days)*

**Request for Proposals (RFP) – Close May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Technical Review Period – May 16<sup>th</sup> - June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**OCRF Advisory Committee Review Period – June 17<sup>th</sup> - July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

*(Release early – more lead time)*

**OCRF Advisory Member follow-ups w/ tech reviewers – July 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Opportunity for OCRF Advisory Members to have Q/A with the ODFW technical reviews on an as needed basis*

**OCRF Advisory Committee Recommendations – July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting**

**ODFW Commission Voting – September 12, 2025**

**Release of funds following contracting process – November 2025**

# Wildlife Crossing Request for Interest – Phase 2

- timeline:

RFI Timeline:

Open for 60 days

Closed on July 11,  
extended to Sept 19th

- Please spread the word!



# Upcoming Meetings

Next Meeting: September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-4pm

- Oregon Coast Aquarium : Oceanscape network virtual exploration and conservation education
- Virginia Pritchard: Middle Fork Watershed Council

*Agenda Item 13:*

***Meeting Wrap Up and Next Steps***