

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

**Access & Habitat Program
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, OR 97302**

I/We, Green Diamond Resource Company of Klamath Falls, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$ **412,441** .

The total cost of the project is **\$679,441**

I/We understand that if this project is approved for funding by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, before we receive project funds we will be required to:

- Sign a Grant Agreement containing the terms and conditions upon which funds will be released including submission of necessary permits;
- Obtain landowner and maintenance agreements if needed;
- Sign a certification to comply with state, federal and local regulations if needed;
- Submit a completion report to the Board on project performance.

I/We understand that if this application results in an access grant, ODFW will publicize my/our property via printed documents and internet for the purpose of helping hunters locate private lands that may be open to hunting. I/We will cooperate with ODFW to post signs indicating public hunting access at the project location.

I certify that either:

- I am the sole landowner of the Property where the Access and Habitat Project will occur.
- I am an authorized representative of the landowner of the property where the Access and Habitat project will occur.
- I am leasing the property from the landowner and the lease allows me to enter into this agreement.
- I have the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement for this Access and habitat project because:

_____.
(Fill in details – for example: “The project is on three parcels; one is owned by me, one is owned by my wife, and one is owned by our family farm business”).

Grantee Signature: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. **Project Title:** Green Diamond Travel Management Area
2. **Applicant:** Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRC) Phone: (541) 884-2240
Grantee: _____ (As will appear on contract/payments)
If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status
Address: 6400 Hwy 66
City/State/Zip: Klamath Falls, OR 97601 Phone:(541) 884-2240
Email: _____
3. **Location:** ODFW Region East Region
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Klamath/Lake/Rogue Districts, WMU's: Rogue, Keno, Klamath Falls, Sprague, Interstate, Silver Lake, Fort Rock
County: Klamath, Lake, Jackson Township/Range/Section: Numerous (please see maps)
4. **Type of Project:**
Habitat Improvement Access Damage
5. **Number of acres of habitat to be improved:** _____
6. **Number of acres of access to be provided:** 597,741
Welcome to Hunt By Permission Other _____
7. **Proposed Start Date:** 04/01/2023
8. **Proposed End Date:** 03/31/2026
9. **Estimated Cost of Project:** \$679,441
10. **Access and Habitat Fund Request:** \$412,441
11. **Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:**

This project will pay funds to GDRC \$137,480/year (23.0 cents/acre) for a period of **three years** for the following objective:

- Help ensure continued "Welcome to Hunt" public access to 597,741 acres of privately owned and managed timberlands in areas of Klamath, Jackson, and Lake Counties

12. **Habitat and Landscape:** Describe the habitat and landscape of the project area.

GDRC lands are privately owned and managed timberlands encompassing a variety of habitat types, including big game winter range, summer range, and year-round habitat. The majority of habitat is east-slope cascade dry conifer forest, but there is a great deal of variability of habitat type due to the large scale of the property.

The project area supports threatened, endangered, and sensitive species such as the fisher, bald eagle, spotted owl, northern goshawk, Oregon spotted frog, and bull trout. Preserving quality fish and wildlife habitat is an essential part of the Oregon Conservation Strategy (OCS). When the OCS was revised by ODFW in 2016, Conservation Opportunity Areas (COAs) were identified as areas that provide the best opportunities for conservation actions for priority species and habitats. Eleven of these COAs are found within GDRC lands (COA 27, 57, 71, 72, 79, 80, 124, 153, 159, 163, 164). GDRC has managed the timberlands from an ecosystem perspective and has been a leader in advocating the economic advantages of promoting biodiversity and fish and wildlife abundance.

13. **Background:** Describe the project area and explain the wildlife habitat and/or access challenge or opportunity this project will address. Address how current management actions benefit public access and/or wildlife and their habitat needs.

Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRC) provides open access to 597,741 acres of industrial forest lands in Klamath, Jackson, and Lake Counties (Figure 1). GDRC manages these properties in a manner that is compatible with many natural resource values, maintaining and improving habitat for game species including fish, elk, deer, bear, cougar, waterfowl, and upland game birds.

GDRC lands provide critical winter range for deer and elk in the Keno, Klamath Falls, and Interstate Wildlife Management Units (WMUs). GDRC lands in the Keno Unit represent more than 80% of available big game winter range. Timber management practices on these lands often facilitate early seral vegetation which provides crucial forage for both deer and elk during the harsh winter season. Active timber management activities provide opportunity for big game animals to exist at population levels that would otherwise not be attainable. These practices have made GDRC properties popular deer hunting destinations, with 8,177 deer tags available in 2022 throughout seven WMUs that contain GDRC lands. These units include Keno, Silver Lake, Interstate, Rogue, Sprague, Klamath Falls, and Fort Rock (Table 1). Some of the best elk hunting in Klamath and Lake Counties also occurs on GDRC lands. Excellent forage conditions on these privately managed forest lands support higher densities of big game than the adjacent public lands, therefore attracting a disproportionate share of hunting pressure. In 2016, an estimated 11,424 big game and turkey hunter use days occurred on GDRC managed lands. Loss of access to these lands would require a reduction of big game tags in some WMUs and would close access to some public lands (USFS, BLM, and ODFW) that are only accessible through GDRC property.

GDRC recognizes the conservation and recreation importance of productive streams and provides both high-quality fish habitat and unrestricted angling access to these fisheries. Popular fisheries within the project area include the Klamath River, North and South Fork Sprague River, and Long Creek, as well as smaller streams such as Miners Creek, Coyote Creek, and Sand Creek; all are open to public angling. An estimated 2,000 recreational fishing days occur on GDRC managed lands annually. The property also supports Spencer Creek, the only spawning tributary to the Klamath River in the state of Oregon and a major producer of redband trout.

The summer of 2021 saw an unprecedented series of catastrophic wildfires that impacted over 500,000 acres within the Klamath Watershed. 110,694 acres of GDRC lands enrolled in the A&H program were burned. Within this footprint, approximately 350 miles of primary access roads are compromised by dead trees within the right of way. Removal of road associated hazard trees are identified as a priority to maintain public and professional access to these affected areas.

As with many private lands open to public access, a few disrespectful and unethical users have jeopardized continued access to GDRC managed lands for everyone else. Historically, problems such as trash dumping, resource damage, OHV abuse, theft, poaching, criminal activity, and unauthorized campfires. As outdoor recreation continues to grow in popularity, keeping these activities in check is imperative to sustain future access. Theft and trash dumping in recent years has led GDRC to install gates and create a seasonal closure of ~50,000 acres west of Klamath Falls in the Aspen Lake area (Figure 2). The gates are open during hunting seasons (Late August-November 15). The area is open to non-motorized access year-round.

The long-standing policy of unrestricted access to the lands has led to a common misconception among recreational users that they are recreating on public lands. During the 2006 and 2007 big game seasons, ODFW staff made a point of informally surveying recreational users as to whether they knew they were on private lands. Approximately 80% were unaware of the ownership and commented that they assumed it was public land because it was not posted or gated.

This project, in conjunction with a related OSP A&H proposal, is designed to address some of the problems that are occurring on GDRC lands through:

- 1) Increased year-round law enforcement presence focusing on various action items.
 - 2) Education for recreational users bringing awareness that their continued access on private lands is a privilege.
 - 3) Provide access payment to GDRC in efforts to maintain public access through methods such as hazard tree removal activities, fire line decommissioning, etc.
14. **Past A&H History:** Describe any past Access & Habitat project, especially if the proposed project deals with continuation or amendment to a past project.

A&H (as well as its sister program, R&E, and other entities) have previously granted funds on these lands. This application represents a renewal application to retain the enforcement presence on these lands. In addition, these properties have been the site of many previous cooperative habitat improvement projects involving ODFW, Access & Habitat Program (A&H), Resource and Enhancement Program (R&E), Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation (OWHF), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), University of Idaho (UI), Mule Deer Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) and others.

Access & Habitat Grant (#2019-07), April 2020 – March 2023

Green Diamond Resource Company Travel Management Area.

This project provided dedicated funds to Oregon State Police for focused patrol efforts on GDRC lands as well as public access payment to GDRC.

Access & Habitat Grant (#2014-10), March 2015 – March 2020

JWTR TMA --> GDRC TMA (JWTR TMA Became GDRC TMA in October 2014 when Green Diamond purchased JWTR and took over A&H agreement)

This project provided a dedicated Oregon State Police trooper to patrol GDRC lands.

2018 Access & Habitat Small Grants, Spring 2018

ODFW Klamath Wildlife District staff repaired and installed new fencing around an aspen stand on GDRC property in the Fort Rock WMU. Amount: \$1,436

Access & Habitat Grant – JWTR TMA, November 2009 – November 2014

This project provided a dedicated Oregon State Police trooper to patrol JWTR lands.

Access & Habitat Grant - Pokegama Habitat Project, May 2000-April 2001.

This project improved deer and elk winter range habitat in the Keno WMU, with the following objectives:

1. Protect previous habitat projects and further enhance wildlife habitat by rebuilding the fence enclosing the Stockslogger Meadow to exclude cattle and wild horses.
2. Increase forage diversity and cover within the enclosure with aspen plantings.
3. Improve range management and wildlife habitat by constructing 3.5 miles of drift fence to exclude cattle encroaching from adjacent property.

Highlights of other selected (non A&H) projects:

- June 2019/2020/2021/2022: Annually removed an average of 5,000 pounds of trash, 100 tires, and 1,000 pounds of scrap metal from GDRC lands in a clean-up project with members of OHA Klamath Chapter, Mule Deer Foundation, and other community members.
- April 2022: Awarded MDF grant to fabricate and install a gate protecting a critical winter range closure.
- Closed 175 miles of road in the Surveyor Mountain area in 2003-2005, reducing road density from 5.32 miles/section to 2.94 miles/section (RMEF).
- Fenced 11 miles of Spencer Creek in 2004-2008 to eliminate ATV/cattle use (Title II).
- Closed 220 miles of roads near streams and wetlands (JWTR).
- Fenced 22 miles of Whitworth Creek to protect it from livestock damage (JWTR).
- Fenced Indian Spring & Goshawk Spring from livestock and provided a rocked bottom watering site with piped water troughs (JWTR).
- Installed 6 new off-stream ponds (JWTR).
- Installed a drift fence on the upper part of Spencer Creek and Moonshine Spring in 2008 (Title II).
- Laid 2 miles of watering pipe to a 2000 gal tank and trough on USFS property to direct cattle usage away from the creeks (JWTR).

15. **Hunter Use Data:** New Projects: Must give estimates of expected usage and how usage will be assessed. Old Projects: Use Access Area Permit data, vehicle or pedestrian counts, hunter interviews, etc.

The GDRC TMA properties are so extensive (597,741 acres) with countless points of entry and exit across southcentral Oregon, that there is currently no effective way to collect hunter use data. Below is a minimum estimate of hunter-use days for deer, elk, and turkey hunting on GRDC property. Bear, upland bird, and migratory bird hunting days are not included due to lack of area-specific hunter data.

Table 1. 2016 Estimated Big Game and Turkey Hunting on GDRC Managed Lands by WMU.

Unit	GDRC % of Unit	GDRC Est. Acres	mi ²	GDRC Deer Hunt Days	GDRC Elk Hunt Days	GDRC Turkey Hunt Days
Keno	27%	177,655	278	2,267	1,431	180
Silver Lake	24%	150,088	235	2,715	609	*
Interstate	10%	143,926	225	1,161	248	*
Fort Rock	7%	84,605	132	1,209	426	*
Klamath Falls	5%	40,701	64	293	36	7
Rogue	1%	9,055	14	178	178	43
Sprague	< 1%	2,100	3	31	19	*
TOTAL		608,129	951	8,246 Deer	2,947 Elk Hunt	231 Turkey
		Acres	mi²	Hunt Days	Days	Hunt Days

TOTAL ESTIMATED HUNT DAYS IN 2016: 11,424

Note: The *estimated* hunter use days are calculated as the number of hunters in a given WMU divided by the portion of that WMU owned by GDRC. *This assumes an equal distribution of hunters.* Hunter use days on GDRC lands **are likely higher** than these estimates, as game (and hunter) numbers are generally higher on privately-owned and managed timberlands. Square miles are estimated by unit. Acreage calculated from mi² and may not equal total acreage shown on application. (*) Indicates a minimal population exists within a WMU.

16. Project Objective(s):

(a) What is the objective of the proposed project?

The primary objective of the project is to provide “Welcome to Hunt” public hunting access on 597,741 acres of Green Diamond Resource Company property for three years beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2026.

(b) How will the project benefit wildlife habitat? N/A

(c) Select species that will benefit from **habitat** improvements: N/A

Big Game

- Deer
- Elk
- Bear
- Cougar
- Pronghorn
- Bighorn Sheep
- Mountain Goat

Upland Bird

- Chukar
- Mountain Quail
- Valley Quail
- Pheasants
- Forest Grouse
- Turkey
- Gray Partridge
- Sage Grouse

Migratory Game Bird

- Ducks
- Geese
- American Coot
- Wilsons Snipe
- Mourning Dove
- Band Tailed Pigeon

(d) Length of time benefits provided <3yr 3-6yr >6yr : N/A

Examples of Project Benefit Duration

Noxious weed.....2yrs	Forage planting.....5yrs	Aspen fencing.....10yrs
Range fertilization...2yrs	Forest thinning.....5yrs	Aspen plant/fence.....10yrs
Rx Fire-grassland.....2yrs	Aspen (conifer removal)....5yrs	Road closure.....10yrs
Rx Fire-forested.....3yrs	Juniper removal.....7yrs	Road decommission....10yrs
Fence Removal.....10yrs	Water Dev/Enhancement.10yrs	

(Source: Blue Mountains Elk Initiative Project Evaluation Criteria)

(e) How will the project benefit public access? If limited access, how many hunters will be permitted?

The project will provide “Welcome to Hunt” public hunting access on 597,741 acres of GDRC property in popular hunting locations throughout southcentral Oregon for three years.

(f) Select species for which public **access** will provided:

Big Game

- Deer
- Elk
- Bear
- Cougar
- Pronghorn
- Bighorn Sheep
- Mountain Goat

Upland Bird

- Chukar
- Mountain Quail
- Valley Quail
- Pheasants
- Forest Grouse
- Turkey
- Gray Partridge
- Sage Grouse

Migratory Game Bird

- Ducks
- Geese
- American Coot
- Wilsons Snipe
- Mourning Dove
- Band Tailed Pigeon
- Other: Coyote, bobcat

(g) If damage related, how will the project alleviate/eliminate the problem?
N/A

17. **Project Location:** Attach a map and provide description of the location and how to get there from a major highway.

The project is located throughout an extensive portion of southcentral Oregon. Please see attached maps.

18. **Procedure:** Specifically describe how the project will be conducted--use separate page for additional information, drawings, or pictures.

Year-round recreational use and “Welcome to Hunt” public access will begin April 1, 2023 and end March 31, 2026. As in years past, a color map will be produced by ODFW and available to public hunters through map dispensary, kiosk postings, and online maps.

A concurrent A&H project will appropriate funding of an OSP Trooper in a GRDC focused effort addressing chronic issues and for unauthorized activities on the property. Funding for enforcement activities is requested for a three-year period beginning in April 2023. Enforcement priorities (Table 2) will be coordinated between GDRC, and the supervising Fish and Wildlife Sgt. Ryan Tague. Close communications between GDRC and OSP will be required to ensure success of the project.

Table 2. OSP annual enforcement priorities.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Enforcement concerns</u>
<u>January</u>	<u>OHV activity, dumping, road closure</u>
<u>February</u>	<u>OHV activity, dumping, road closure</u>
<u>March</u>	<u>OHV activity, dumping, road closure</u>
<u>April</u>	<u>OHV activity, dumping, road closure, turkey hunting</u>
<u>May</u>	<u>OHV activity, dumping, turkey hunting, fishing</u>
<u>June</u>	<u>OHV activity, dumping, turkey hunting, fishing</u>
<u>July</u>	<u>Dumping, off road activity, wood cutting, fishing</u>
<u>August</u>	<u>Fire season, dumping, big game poaching, camping</u>
<u>September</u>	<u>fire season, dumping, big game hunting</u>
<u>October</u>	<u>hunting, fishing, dumping, fire season, vandalism</u>
<u>November</u>	<u>hunting, fishing, wood cutting, fishing, OHV activity</u>
<u>December</u>	<u>Christmas trees, hunting, wood cutting, road closure</u>

19. **Permits:** Have all of the appropriate permits been secured or applied for? Examples: Water Resources Department for water rights, Division of State Lands for fill-removal or wetlands projects.

There are no permits necessary for this access project.

20. **Scheduling:** What is the estimated project schedule?

- a. Habitat Work Start Date: / /
 Habitat Work Completion Date: / /
- b. Access Agreement Start Date: **04/01/2023**
 Access Agreement End Date: **03/31/2026**
- c. List major project activities and time schedule for each:

21. **Participation and Funding:** Will other organizations or individuals participate in the project? If so, list and describe participation, and attach letters of commitment or verification of grant awards. Costs listed here must be included in “Other Funds” column of the Project Budget (Section 20).

	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1.	OHA	Garbage cleanup	\$6,000/year
2.	MDF	Winter range gate fabrication	\$5,000

Have any conditions been placed on the funds listed above which may affect the completion of the project? If so, identify and explain. YES NO

22. Project Maintenance and Monitoring:

(a) Who will maintain the project and fund long-term maintenance and/or operation if needed?

ODFW, GDRC, and OSP will work cooperatively to ensure maps are available to the public and resolve any issues that may arise from public use of the property.

(b) What element(s) of the project will be monitored, how often, for how long?

Compliance with laws and regulations by recreational users will be monitored by the Oregon State Police and reported over the life of the agreement. ODFW may assist with monitoring efforts, as available.

23. Project Budget Narrative: (Provide details; describe in-kind funding; provide narratives here of non-itemized entries in your worksheet.)

In-kind match currently identified consists of:

- GDRC road maintenance facilitating access. Over the next three years, Green Diamond is planning on investing \$240,000 in road grading and rocking, gates, culvert repair, and administration of garbage dumping, meadow and road damage as a result of public use of GDRC lands.
- Annual OHA trash clean-up event on GDRC property.
- Mule Deer Foundation – winter road closure gate construction.
- ODFW Klamath Wildlife District administrative activities. Primarily kiosk upkeep, winter closure gate maintenance.

Project Budget

Totals automatically round to the nearest dollar. Please do not include cents.			
Expense Category	A&H Funds	Cost Share In-Kind/ Cash (Match)¹	Total Project Cost
ADMINISTRATION: Personnel and benefits @ ___ %			
GDRC road maintenance, administration		\$ 240,000.00	\$ 240,000.00
ODFW kiosk upkeep, contracting, gates, patrol, etc.		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
SUBTOTAL (1)		\$ 244,000.00	\$ 244,000.00
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS²			
Mule Deer Foundation- winter gate construction		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
			\$ -
SUBTOTAL (2)	\$ -	\$5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
SUPPLIES			
OHA clean-up event (\$6,000 annually)	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL (3)	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
CONTRACT SERVICES (itemize)³			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL (4)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EQUIPMENT (itemize)			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL (5)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Access Payment			
Access Payment to GDRC: \$0.23 cents/acre for 3 years, 597,741 acres	\$ 412,441	\$ -	\$ 412,441
		\$ -	
PROJECT TOTALS	\$ 412,441.00	\$ 267,000.00	\$ 679,441.00

Figure 1: Green Diamond Resource Co. Ownership

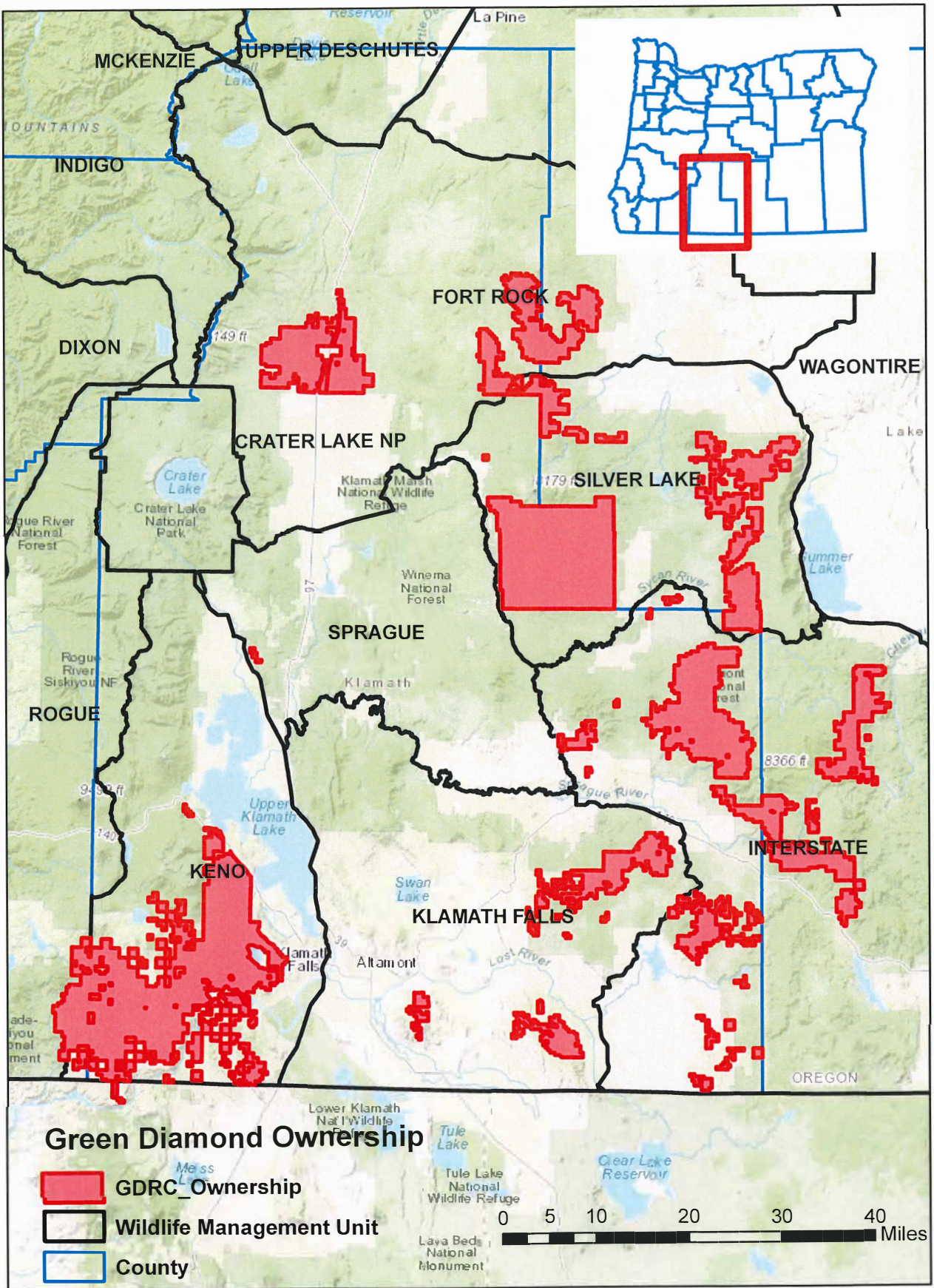


Figure 3: Cover Page of TMA Maps

Green Diamond Resource Co.



Cooperative Travel Management Area

**Period of Restriction:
In Effect Year Round**

This cooperative Travel Management Area (TMA) represents an agreement between Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRCo), Department of Fish & Wildlife, Oregon State Police (OSP), Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The objective of this project is to retain public access for outdoor recreation on these private lands and to improve fish and wildlife habitat through seasonal travel restrictions. While no permission is needed to hunt and fish on these lands, it is important for visitors to remember that this is PRIVATE LAND. To protect this unique resource, an OSP Trooper will exclusively patrol all GDRCo lands with the following specific objectives:

- 1) Reduce poaching of big game, game birds, and native fish species through personal and video surveillance, citations, and prosecutions of violators.
- 2) Reduce vandalism and garbage dumping by prosecuting those implicated in these activities.
- 3) Reduce illegal firewood cutting.
- 4) Enforce seasonal road closures to protect wildlife and habitat resources.
- 5) Reduce resource damage caused by ATV's and other illegal off-road activity.
- 6) Ensure continued public access to over 600,000 acres of GDRCo timberlands by reducing or eliminating illegal and destructive activities.
- 7) Reduce fire danger. **NO OPEN FIRES AT ANY TIME.**



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Oregon Hunters Association

Klamath Chapter

Hunter's Rights-Wildlife-Wildlife Habitat

September 9, 2022

To the A & H Committee;

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Oregon Hunters' Association, Klamath Chapter.

As in the past we appreciate and support the use of A & H Funds being used to keep the Green Diamond Resource Co. (GDRC) property in the Klamath Falls area open to the public for recreational use.

Our group plans to continue an annual clean-up of illegal dump sites on Green Diamond property as an in-kind gesture. As always we need their help in directing us to known dump sites because of the large area their land covers.

Allan Wiard

Allan Wiard
Klamath Chapter OHA President



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Kate Brown, Governor

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September 13, 2022

ODFW - Access and Habitat Program
c/o A&H State Board
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE
Salem, OR 97302



Dear A&H Program Regional, State Board Members, ODFW Commission,

The application before you is a request for funds to support public access and wildlife law enforcement on private timberlands in the Klamath Basin. Green Diamond Resource Co (GDRC) is the largest private land holder in Klamath County, and as detailed in the application material, provides access to some of the most productive hunting and fishing opportunities in the area. There is a long-standing history of providing access to these lands, however, acts of vandalism, garbage dumping, poaching, off road vehicle use, water theft, and other criminal behavior have put access to those lands in jeopardy. Loss of public access to these lands would significantly reduce outdoor recreation opportunities in both Klamath and Lake Counties. In an effort to avoid that fate, Klamath District Wildlife staff have collaborated with GDRC and come to you for assistance.

As a representative of the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and the Klamath Wildlife District, I strongly support this grant application. It is my belief that the law enforcement and access requested represents the intent of the A&H program and why it was established. Both Klamath and Lake District field staff has contributed substantially to this project over the course of four decades. Over the years, these lands have continued to create multiple opportunities to engage with various sportsmen's groups, conservation partners, and the community offering significant habitat enhancement and maintained outdoor opportunities. Our dedication to this project reflects the legacy and value these lands to are to Oregon's sportsman, as well as fish and wildlife resources in Klamath and Lake Counties.

Thank you for your time and consideration for this application.

Sincerely,

Michael Moore
Regional Habitat Biologist
Klamath Watershed

Access and Habitat Program Project Evaluation Form



Program Objective: *The Access and Habitat Program's motto, "Landowners & Hunters Together for Wildlife," conveys the program's basic mission to foster partnerships between landowners and hunters for the benefit of the wildlife they value. The program also seeks to recognize and encourage the important contributions made by landowners to the state's wildlife resource.*

Project Name: GDRC Travel Management Area **Project #:** _____

	Access Acres	Habitat Acres	Habitat Category: 	Total Score: 16
"Welcome" Private	597,741		(range: 1-6; see flow chart on page 4. Not applicable to Access-only projects)	Total Possible: 36
By-Permission Private	0			
Inaccessible Public*	0			
Accessible Public*	~10,000			

Instructions:

Project Type	Complete these sections			
	General Criteria	Access Criteria	Habitat	Criteria
Access Only	X	X		
Habitat Only	X		X	
Access & Habitat	X	X	X	

Mark 1 point in the corresponding "Project Score" box for EACH criterion that is met. Example: for question 2, if partnerships include 4 sports groups, award points for the first 2 criteria. Do not mark more than 1 point per box. Point schedule is designed to weigh access-only and habitat-only projects equally.

Definitions:

Inaccessible Public*: Access will be provided through private land to public land that is completely landlocked (surrounded) by private land, legally precluding public hunting access. Total area includes only public land within the boundary of private ownership.

Accessible Public*: Access through private land will improve accessibility to public land. Public land may be extremely difficult to access otherwise, but is not legally surrounded by private land. Total area includes only public land that is closer (in linear distance) to the landowner's access point(s) than any other public access point.

*** Access to public land MUST be provided on a "Welcome to Hunt" basis**

General Criteria

(mark a "1" in the "Project Score" box for EACH criterion that is met)

1. Habitat Condition

Score 1 point only if the property contains the resource in sufficient abundance/quality to support target species referenced in questions 11, 15, 16 and 19 (during at least one season of the year). For habitat projects, use the predicted future condition. Justify your score.

Food:	Early successional habitat created by timber management provides browse
Water:	Dugouts, guzzlers, numerous streams
Cover:	Mixed canopy cover; good diversity of stand types/ cover components

Project Score	Access Fee Assessment		
	Private Land	Inacc. Public	Acc. Public
1	1	n/a	1
1	1	n/a	1
1	1	n/a	1

2. Partnerships

Partners contributing financial or in-kind support:

1 or more Sports groups.....
3 or more Sports groups.....
Educational programs / non-governmental organizations.....
Other government agencies or ODFW programs (i.e. OWEB, R&E).....

1	1	n/a	1
0			
0			
0			

3. Matching Funds	Total matching funds (monetary and in-kind) > 1% matching funds..... > 25% matching funds..... > 50% matching funds.....	Project Score		Access Fee Assessment		
		1	0	1	n/a	1
		1				
		1		1	n/a	1
		0				
4. Damage	Project would mitigate current damage to private property: Wildlife damage occurring on private property..... Landowner participates in ODFW damage control programs.....	0				
		0				
General Total		6	5	0	5	
<i>General Possible</i>		12	5	5	5	

Access Criteria - Applies to **private land** access that would be provided under the proposed project.
(mark a "1" in the "Project Score" box for EACH criterion that is met)

5. Public Land	Project located in Wildlife Management Unit with <50% public land.....	0	0	n/a	0
6. Private access	Private land access type: Project would provide access to private land..... Private land access would be on a "Welcome to Hunt" basis.....	1			
		1			
7. Public access	Access through private lands would: improve access to public land..... provide access to otherwise inaccessible public land.....	1			
		1			
8. Special Access	Project would provide special youth or disabled hunter access opportunities.....	0	0	n/a	0
9. Species Permitted	Species groups include big game, waterfowl, upland birds, turkey, and predators/varmints. 2+ species groups available and permitted..... 4+ species groups available and permitted.....	1	1	n/a	1
		1	1	n/a	1
10. Under-rep. Species*	Project provides access to under-represented species in the watershed.....	1	1	n/a	1
11. Harvest Restriction	Landowner would not restrict sex or species permitted for lawful harvest.....	1	1	n/a	1
12. Season Restriction	Landowner would not restrict access to any hunting season(s).....	1	1	n/a	1
13. Dispersion	Property would provide access to animals pushed off of publicly accessible land during hunting season.....	1	1	n/a	
Access Total		10	6	0	5
<i>Access Possible</i>		12	8	8	7
Payment Fee Total			11	n/a	10

* lists of under-represented species will be created by A&H state coordinator and approved by A&H Board

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Under-represented Species

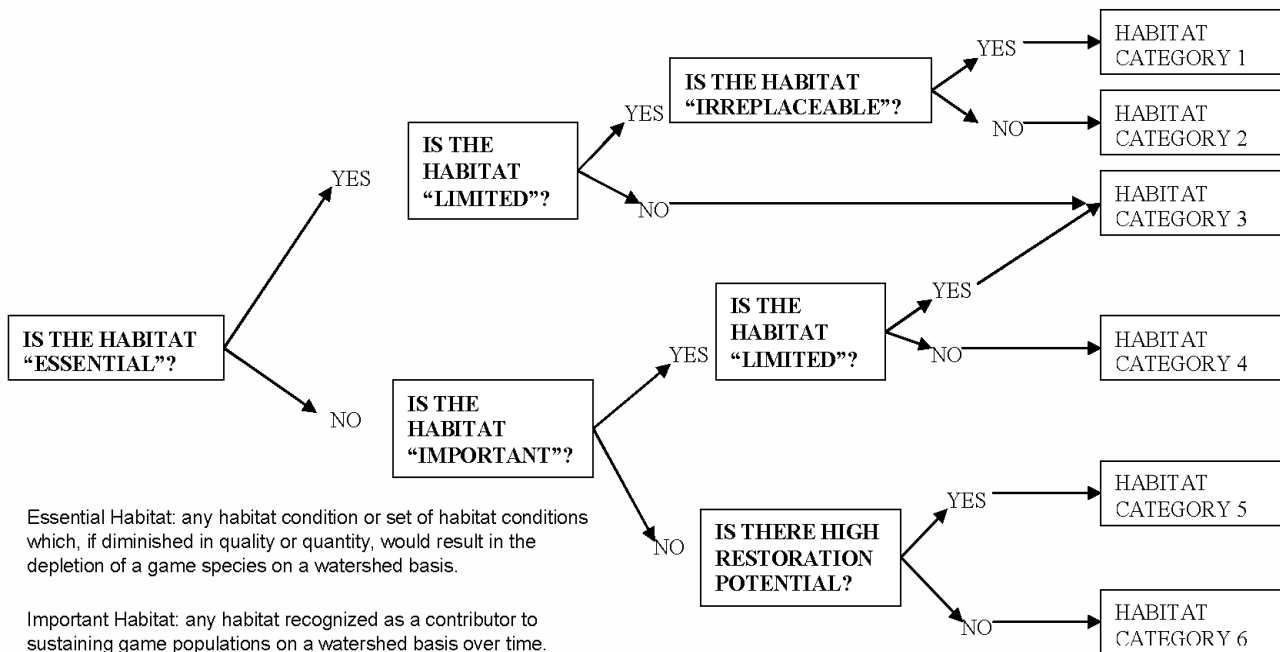
Definition: game species that exist in the watershed district in huntable numbers, but that the general public does not have reasonable hunting access to (via public land, current A&H properties, etc.)

Watershed	Species
Malheur	pheasant, waterfowl, turkey
South Willamette	waterfowl, turkey, valley quail
North Coast	predators, waterfowl
Grande Ronde	upland game birds
Rogue	dove, waterfowl

Watershed	Species
Deschutes	waterfowl, valley quail, chukar, dove
John Day	upland game birds
Umpqua	waterfowl, dove, turkey
Klamath	waterfowl, quail
North Willamette	waterfowl

A&H Habitat Category Flow Chart

Note: These definitions have been amended from OAR Division 415 to be game-specific and applied on a watershed basis. Habitat Category designations made on this Evaluation Form are for Access & Habitat Program use only, and do not have any legal implications associated with OAR 415.



Essential Habitat: any habitat condition or set of habitat conditions which, if diminished in quality or quantity, would result in the depletion of a game species on a watershed basis.

Important Habitat: any habitat recognized as a contributor to sustaining game populations on a watershed basis over time.

Limited Habitat: an amount of habitat insufficient or barely sufficient to sustain game populations on a watershed basis over time.

Irreplaceable Habitat: successful in-kind habitat mitigation to replace lost habitat quantity and/or quality is not feasible within an acceptable period of time or locations, or involves an unacceptable level of risk or uncertainty, depending on the habitat under consideration and the game populations that are affected. "Acceptable", for the purpose of this definition, means in a reasonable time frame to benefit the affected game species.