

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

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

I/We, **Mark Vollmer** of **Trail**, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount **\$4830**.
The total cost of the project is **\$6701**

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: _____

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ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. **Project Title:** Vollmer Access and Habitat Enhancement
2. **Applicant:** Mark Vollmer
Grantee: Mark Vollmer (As will appear on contract/payments)
Address: 7159 Crowfoot Rd
City/State/Zip: Trail, OR 97541 **Phone:** [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
3. **Location:** ODFW Region
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Rogue District, Rogue Unit (30)
County: Jackson Township/Range/Section: T33S-R1E-32
4. **Type of Project:**
Habitat Improvement Access Damage
5. **Number of acres of habitat to be improved:** 5
6. **Number of acres of access to be provided:** 74 (2,314 acres of hard to access BLM)
Welcome to Hunt By Permission Other _____
7. **Proposed Start Date:** 9/1/23
8. **Proposed End Date:** 6/1/25
9. **Estimated Cost of Project:** \$6701
10. **Access and Habitat Fund Request:** \$4830
11. **Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:**
Provide limited entry access to youth hunters for deer, elk, and turkey using the Hunt By Reservation application system, and improve winter range habitat by enhancing oak stands and increasing green forage on the property.
12. **Habitat and Landscape:** Describe the habitat and landscape of the project area.
The property is adjacent to the Rogue River with the lower shelf used as the residential area with irrigated grasses and wildlife seed mixes and has inundated areas during the winter that provide foraging and resting habitat for waterfowl. Upslope is another shelf with 30+ acres of oak woodland and meadow habitat which abuts 2,300 acres of BLM land. Mixed conifer and hardwoods dominate the north facing slopes, some ridges, and riparian areas along the season creek. The property is within Jackson County Especially Sensitive deer and elk winter range, is adjacent to a BLM special deer and elk management area, and is a priority area for ODFW's Rogue District.

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.

The project area is located just south of the Rogue River between Elk Creek and Lost Creek Lake, and at the base of Camel Hump Mountain. The parcel is bordered to the south by 2300 acres of BLM land; while not landlocked, travel into the BLM section is difficult to access from public roads, mostly providing public lands for the few landowners with adjacent property. Access to the Vollmer property will greatly improve access to the 2300-acre BLM section for youths to Camel Hump Mountain which is very highly regarded by the locals for wintering habitat of mature Black-tailed deer and Roosevelt elk. Mr. Vollmer is a proponent for the land and wildlife around his property, working toward enhancing the habitat to benefit wildlife, and reduce the chance of catastrophic wildfire. Thus far Mr. Vollmer has worked with ODFW to remove encroaching conifers into oak woodlands, and plant wildlife seed mixes to increase the forage availability for deer, elk, and other species. Currently, he is coordinating with ODFW and the A&H program to complete a 25-acre habitat enhancement project through the small grants program. By improving oak stand health, increasing mast crop production, and improving green forage availability, ODFW believes it can improve winter deer and elk survival, at least at the local scale; future habitat work in the area on private and public lands should see a greater benefit.

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.

25-acre habitat enhancement project through the small grants program to be completed by June 30, 2023.

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 Vollmer Access project will use the Hunt By Reservation application to schedule youth hunters on a limited access basis such as one hunter per week during hunting seasons. It is reasonable for the landowner to provide a weeks' worth of access to 20 hunters (up to 140 hunter days). The landowner will work with the SW A&H Coordinator to adjust hunters and days as needed through the first contract to achieve a quality experience for youth hunters.

16. **Project Objective(s):**

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

Provide limited entry access (and improved access to BLM lands) to youths for deer, elk, and turkey, while also providing oak habitat and green forage enhancements.

(b) How will the project benefit wildlife habitat?

Enhanced oak habitat and mast crop by removing encroaching conifers and brush. Brush removal and supplemental seeding will increase green forage availability.

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

- | <u>Big Game</u> | <u>Upland Bird</u> | <u>Migratory Game Bird</u> |
|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chukar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ducks |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Quail | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geese |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bear | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valley Quail | <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cougar | <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasants | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilsons Snipe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pronghorn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Grouse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bighorn Sheep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> Band Tailed Pigeon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Goat | <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sage Grouse | |

(d) Length of time benefits provided <3yr 3-6yr >6yr

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? Initial estimate is 20 youth hunters for 1 week each (up to 140 hunter days) will be able to access the 74 acres of private land plus greatly improved access to 2300 acres of BLM land which is not easily accessible from public roads.

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

- | <u>Big Game</u> | <u>Upland Bird</u> | <u>Migratory Game Bird</u> |
|--|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deer | <input type="checkbox"/> Chukar | <input type="checkbox"/> Ducks |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Goat | <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sage Grouse | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Other</u> : Coyote |

(g) If damage related, how will the project alleviate/eliminate the problem?
Mr. Vollmer is part of the elk damage program in the Rogue District. There is a herd that frequents the property and surrounding agriculture lands, and cause damage to fences and property. The project would help reduce damage by increasing hunting pressure and help push the elk off private lands and onto public accessible lands.

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

From Highway 62 headed north: Turn right onto Crowfoot Road just past Takelma Dr and the bridge over the Rogue River which comes from the dam at Lost Creek Lake. Turn right about ¾ of a mile down the road into the private driveway across from Crowfoot Falls. There will be a gate with a keypad at about ½ of a mile, code will be given to hunters for access. Continue for approximately 2 more miles to reach the Vollmer Property and access point. Please see attached map

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

Prior to hunting season in 2023: Finalize hunt area map with boundaries and access points. Develop hunt opportunity in the Hunt By Reservation Program used for scheduling. Identify days when access will not be available.

Landowner will use own equipment to plant 2 acres of food plots and irrigate as needed. A contractor will be used to thin oak and timber stands to ODFW and landowner agreed upon specifications for wildlife benefits including increased mast crops and improved green forage availability.

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.

No permits are required

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

a. Habitat Work Start Date: 9/1/23

Habitat Work Completion Date: 6/30/25

b. Access Agreement Start Date: 9/1/23

Access Agreement End Date: 6/1/25

c. List major project activities and time schedule for each:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time (month/year)</u>
1. Wildlife Food Plot	September- April 2023-2025
2. Oak and Timber Stand Enhancement	September- June 2023-2025
3. Coordinate Hunting Access	September- May 2023-2025
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____

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).

	Participant	Activity	Cost
1.	Mark Vollmer	2ac wildlife food plot, wildlife forage seed planting, burning of slash piles from oak and timber stand enhancement (2 years)	\$1,371
2.	ODFW Central Point	2ac worth of wildlife food plot seed (2 years)	\$500

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?

Hunts are coordinated by ODFW and the landowner. Landowner will maintain the 2-acre food plot.

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

Hunter participation and reviews will be monitored by ODFW using the Hunt By Reservation application. ODFW will schedule annual site visits to monitor overall improvement and food plots. ODFW will provide assistance with areas and prescriptions for oak and timber stand enhancements.

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

In-kind funding will come from personal equipment use valued using the 2023 NRCS Payment Tables for Oregon. ATV use comes in at \$19.05/hr and general labor from the landowner is valued at \$29.87/hr. The 2-acre food plot is estimated to take 8 hours per year of ATV and labor time equating to \$783 per contract; spreading and planting 2 acres of wildlife forage seed is expected to take 4 hours per contract equaling \$196. The landowner will burn slash piles generated from the oak and timber stand enhancement on 2.5 acres per year with a total of 8 hours per the 2 year contract. The access payment is derived from the payment table tab in the A&H project evaluation form based on 74 acres of private land (\$1.44/ac) and 2314 acres of accessible public land (\$0.36/ac) on a limited entry basis. ODFW Rogue District Habitat Program will pay for 4 acres of wildlife food plot seed valued at \$500 for the contract.

Project Budget (Provide as much detail as possible)

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 @ ___%			
SUBTOTAL (1)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS²			
SUBTOTAL (2)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SUPPLIES			
SUBTOTAL (3)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONTRACT SERVICES (itemize)³			
2ac Food Plot per year, 2 year contract		Landowner \$783 ODFW \$500	
2ac Wildlife Forage Seed planting/spreading		Landowner \$196	
5ac Oak and timber stand enhancement	\$2950	Landowner \$392	
SUBTOTAL (4)			
EQUIPMENT (itemize)			
SUBTOTAL (5)	\$ 2950	\$ 1871	\$ 0
Access Payment			
By-permission hunting, 280 hunter days/2 year contract.	\$1880		
PROJECT TOTALS	\$4830	\$1871	\$6701

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: Opie Access Area

Project #: _____

	Access Acres	Habitat Acres	Habitat Category: 2	Total Score: 20
"Welcome" Private	0	0	(range: 1-6; see flow chart on page 4. <i>Not applicable to access-only projects</i>)	Total Possible: 36
By-Permission Private	74			
Inaccessible Public*	2,314			
Accessible Public*	2,314			

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:	wetland forage species and forbs
Water:	East Fork of the Silvies and Malheur Lake
Cover:	Cattails, bulrush and meadow grass

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			

Project Access Fee

		Assessment			
		Score			
3. <i>Matching Funds</i>	Total matching funds (monetary and in-kind)	1			
	> 1% matching funds.....	1			
	> 25% matching funds.....	0	1	n/a	1
4. <i>Damage</i>	Project would mitigate current damage to private property:				
	Wildlife damage occurring on private property.....	1			
	Landowner participates in ODFW damage control programs.....	1			
General Total		8	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. <i>Public Land</i>	Project located in Wildlife Management Unit with <50% public land.....	0	0	n/a	0
6. <i>Private access</i>	Private land access type:				
	Project would provide access to private land.....	1			
	Private land access would be on a "Welcome to Hunt" basis.....	0			
7. <i>Public access</i>	Access through private lands would:				
	improve access to public land.....	1			
	provide access to otherwise inaccessible public land.....	0			
8. <i>Special Access</i>	Project would provide special youth or disabled hunter access opportunities.....	1	1	n/a	1
9. <i>Species Permitted</i>	Species groups include big game, waterfowl, upland birds, turkey, and predators/varmints.				
	2+ species groups available and permitted.....	1	1	n/a	1
	4+ species groups available and permitted.....	1	1	n/a	1
10 <i>Under-rep. Species*</i>	Project provides access to under-represented species in the watershed.....	0	0	n/a	0
11 <i>Harvest Restriction</i>	Landowner would not restrict sex or species permitted for lawful harvest.....	1	1	n/a	1
12 <i>Season Restriction</i>	Landowner would not restrict access to any hunting season(s).....	0	0	n/a	0
13 <i>Dispersion</i>	Property would provide access to animals pushed off of publicly accessible land during hunting season.....				
		1	1	n/a	
Access Total		7	5	0	4
<i>Access Possible</i>		12	8	8	7
Payment Fee Total			10	n/a	9

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

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

Project Score

14 Department Priorities Project is located within target area and will benefit target species identified in any of these Department programs: Mule Deer Initiative, Sage Grouse Initiative, Black-tailed Deer Plan Implementation..... 1

15 Location importance: Applies to species that the habitat work will benefit. Question structured to equally weigh big game and game bird projects - score "1" if either item in each bracket is true:

{	Area populations < 90% of management objective (deer and elk).....	0
	or:	
	Project will increase wintering populations of upland birds/waterfowl.....	
{	Area populations < 75% of management objective (deer and elk).....	0
	or:	
	Project will increase breeding populations of upland birds/waterfowl.....	

16 Conservation Strategy Project addresses Oregon Conservation Strategy (OCS) concerns:

Project action benefits Strategy Habitat or Strategy Species.....	1
[above] AND action occurs in Conservation Opportunity Area (COA).....	1

17 Critical Habitat Applies to the specific GAME habitat that the project will maintain or enhance. Use accompanying flow chart and definitions to determine habitat category. Definitions are slightly amended from OAR Division 415 to be game-specific.

Project meets requirements of Habitat Categories 1-4.....	1
Project meets requirements of Habitat Categories 1-2.....	1

18 Habitat Connectivity Project will help facilitate local animal movement (fence removal, etc.).....

Project will help establish or maintain a wildlife habitat corridor or otherwise reduce fragmentation on landscape level.....	0
	0

Description of habitat connectivity benefit (required):

19 Habitat Impact Describes the predicted impact that the project will have on the habitat. Habitat work must benefit game species.

Project will increase the habitat quantity/quality >25% per unit treated.....	0
Project will increase the habitat quantity/quality >50% per unit treated.....	0

Description of habitat impact:

20 Population Impact Describes the predicted impact that habitat improvements (excluding external variables such as weather, etc.) will have on game species on the project site. Provide estimates for all targeted species.

Local abundance of at least one targeted game species should increase >25%..... 0

Estimated Abundance			
	Pre-treatment	Post-treatment	
Species			
			Habitat Total
			<i>Habitat Possible</i>
			5
			12
			Grand Total
			<i>Total Possible</i>
			20
			36

21 Miscellaneous Describe other project details that may help with prioritization or fee assessment (i.e. current market value of similar hunting leases in the vicinity)..... **NO POINTS**

Access and Habitat Project Evaluation - Appendix

Under-represented Species

Payment Tables

Table 1: Proposed Per-acre Access Payment

Total Score:	Private Welcome to Hunt (\$/acre)	Private By-Permission (\$/acre)	Inaccessible public land (\$/acre)	Accessible public land (\$/acre)
	100%	60%	40%	20%
1-3:	\$0.60	\$0.36	\$0.24	\$0.12
4-6:	\$1.20	\$0.72	\$0.48	\$0.24
7-9:	\$1.80	\$1.08	\$0.72	\$0.36
10-11:	\$2.40	\$1.44	\$0.96	\$0.48
12-13:	\$3.00	\$1.80	\$1.20	\$0.60

Table 2: Proposed Total Access Payment Calculator

Access Type	Score	\$/Acre	Acres	Payment
Private Welcome	10	\$2.40	0	\$0.00
Private Permission	10	\$1.44	74	\$106.56
Inaccessible Public	n/a	n/a	0	n/a
Accessible Public	9	\$0.36	2,314	\$833.04
Total Payment:				\$939.60



ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Regional Advisory Council Project

Proposal Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: Southwest

Project Proposal Title: Vollmer Access & Habitat Enhancement Project

Applicants(s): Mark Vollmer

Date of Council Review: 3/20/20

Type of Project: Access X Habitat X Other (*specify*) X damage

Motion: Red motions to approve the project as presented, Jamie seconds.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Rob Schab	Chair	Yea
Jamie Hanscom	Landowner Representative	Yea
Ted Birdseye	Landowner Representative	Absent
Suzi Armstrong	Landowner Representative	Absent
Red Schlichting	Hunter Representative	Yea
Brian Perkins	Hunter Representative	Absent
Zach Davis	Hunter Representative	Yea

Disposition of Vote: 4-0

Project Strengths: Improves access to 2300 acres of BLM which is not easy to access and is good hunting!

Project Concerns: How will the project be advertised? ODFW will advertise with a news release, and work with council members to develop and distribute flyers where appropriate.