



# Access and Habitat Board Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2024  
Virtual.

1 *This Access and Habitat Board meeting minutes is considered as a draft until*  
2 *approved by the Board.*  
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4 Notice of these meetings had been published through Oregon Transparency Website and ODFW  
5 Website. <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/index.asp>,  
6 <http://www.oregon.gov/transparency/Pages/PublicMeetingNotices.aspx>  
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8 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Amy Patrick -Chair	Travis Schultz – ODFW A&H Coordinator
Jeff McNerney- Landowner Rep	Marcus Thompson -ODFW A&H Assistant
John Breese- Landowner Rep	Trenton Gianella -ODFW
Ron Borisch- Landowner Rep	Hilary Doulos- ODFW
Morgan Olson- Hunter Rep (ad hoc Chair)	Thomas Segal -ODFW
Nic Callero- Hunter Rep	Mike Davis – Project Cooperator
Truman Stone- Hunter Rep	

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10 **Meeting**

11 Started at 9:02

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13 **A&H Budget Report**

14 Travis Schultz, A&H State Coordinator

15 Presented the A&H budget to the Board. The budget files are located in the Board packet materials  
16 and can be viewed at the following link:

17 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/November/Budget%20for%20the%20web.pdf>  
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22 **Project Review –**  
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1 **Tygh Ridge Mule Deer Migration Corridor Emergency Reseeding**

2	Name of Project:	Tygh Ridge Mule Deer Migration Corridor Emergency Seeding
3	Project Area Size:	2,100
4	Seed Mix/Cost/lb.:	<i>Tygh Ridge Mix:</i> \$5.64 per lb.
5		<i>Friend Mix:</i> \$4.82 per lb.
6		<i>Firebreak Mix:</i> \$6.11 pe lb.
7	Seeding Rate/Acre	<i>Tygh Ridge Mix:</i> 17 lbs. per acre
8		<i>Friend Mix:</i> 18 lbs. per acre
9		<i>Firebreak Mix:</i> 7 lbs. per acre
10	Total Cost of Seed:	\$202,914
11	Multispectral Imaging	\$39,000
12	Total Cost of Project:	\$241,914

13 Trent Gianella and Hillary Doulos outlined the project as submitted and answered questions from the  
14 board. Trent explained two fires burned in the Tygh Ridge/Friend mule deer migration corridor in the  
15 summer of 2024. A critical migration corridor for mule deer in the area. The restoration work will  
16 occur on eight landowners in the project area, roughly 2,100 acres to be reseeded in total. The  
17 landowners lie between the White River Wildlife Area and the Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area with  
18 BLM lands along the Deschutes River canyon. The landowners will not graze the areas seeded for at  
19 least one year.

20 The severely burned areas will be reseeded to hopefully prevent conversion to an annual grass  
21 monoculture. Approximately 6 miles of dozer lines totaling about 15 acres will be seeded to add  
22 nature fire breaks using alfalfa and forage kochia.

23 The severely burned areas will be identified by drone multispectral imaging analysis. Dr. Mike  
24 Davis, who is also one of the landowners, outlined the process of collecting the imagery, analysis of  
25 the data, and setting up seeding areas for the drone seeder. Most of the area will be seeded by drone  
26 with appropriate areas utilizing a tractor and seed drill or an ATV with broadcast seeder. By taking  
27 these steps only the best areas will be reseeded to better ensure a successful effort.

28 This reseeded project fits within a larger effort in the area for fire rehabilitation. The BLM will treat  
29 annual grasses with an emergency post-fire herbicide application adjacent to the private lands. The  
30 Lower Deschutes W.A. will treat invasive annual grasses, conduct shrub plantings, and seedings  
31 across ~5,000 acres funded with a Natural Working Lands grant.

32 Lastly, while the landowners do not allow public hunting the deer and elk that utilize these lands are  
33 available on publicly accessible lands.

34 After discussion Morgan Olson moved to approve the Tygh Ridge Mule Deer Migration Corridor  
35 Emergency Seeding project as proposed. The motion was seconded by Truman Stone. The motion  
36 was approved unanimously by the A&H Board with seven (7) in favor Patrick, Stone, Breese,  
37 Borisch, Olson, Callero, and McNerney.

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39 The project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the following link:  
40 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/November/Tygh%20Ridge%20Emergency%20Seeding%20for%20the%20web.pdf>  
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1 Amy Patrick had a prior engagement and needed to leave the meeting at 09:30a.m. The Board  
2 appointed Morgan Olson as ad hoc Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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5 **Munsterman – Schwarz Ranch Fire Reseeding**

6	Name of Project:	Munsterman-Schwartz Ranch Emergency Seeding
7	Project Area Size:	750
8	Seed Mix/Cost/lb.:	\$19.30
9	Seeding Rate/Acre	6 lbs. per acre
10	Total Cost of Seed:	\$26,325
11	Total Cost of Project:	\$42,075

12 Tom Segal outlined the project as submitted and answered questions from the board. Tom explained  
13 the area near Ironside Oregon was burned first by the Cow Valley fire and later the Durkee fire, two  
14 massive fires that occurred in August this year. The ranch lies in a transition zone for mule deer and  
15 critical habitat for sage grouse.

16 Seeding the 750 acres that burned on the ranch will assist in soil stabilization and prevention of  
17 invasive annual grass encroachment/reestablishment, primarily medusahead and cheat grass. The  
18 forage mix of forage kochia and crested wheatgrass will stay green longer into the summer and  
19 provide improved fall and winter forage for wildlife. The seeding will be applied aurally via fixed  
20 wing aircraft funded by the landowners as project match. The ranch will rest the land for one year  
21 and depending on conditions potentially longer.

22 After discussion Truman Stone moved to approve the Munsterman-Schwartz Ranch Emergency  
23 Seeding project as modified to only fund the seed mix as described in the project evaluation. The  
24 motion was seconded by John Breese. The motion was approved unanimously with six (6) in favor  
25 Stone, Breese, Borisch, Olson, Callero, and McNerney.

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27 The project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the following link:  
28 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/November/Munsterman%20Schwartz%20Ranch](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/November/Munsterman%20Schwartz%20Ranch.pdf)  
29 [.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/November/Munsterman%20Schwartz%20Ranch.pdf)

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32 **Juniper Mountain Fire Recovery**

33	Name of Project:	Juniper Mountain Fire Recovery
34	Project Area Size:	50
35	Seed Mix/Cost/lb.:	\$18
36	Seeding Rate/Acre	2 lbs. per acre
37	Total Cost of Seed:	\$1,800
38	Total Cost of Project:	\$4,175

39 Tom Segal presented the Juniper Mountain Fire Recovery project modified as the wildlife district  
40 recommend funding the seed purchase and the landowner would provide the aerial seeding. The ranch  
41 was burned during the Durkee fire this summer. The project will focus on a creating fuel break on  
42 private access roads through his property that were uses as fire lines during the Durkee fire. The total  
43 area to be seeded is approximately 50 acres in total, seeding roughly 1,500 feet each side of the  
44 road/fire line for almost three miles. A&H will fund the seed purchase, \$1,800 in total grant funds.  
45 The landowner is also working with the NRCS, among others, to do further fire rehabilitation on his  
46 property.

1 After discussion John Breese moved to approve the project as modified to only fund the seed mix as  
2 described in the project evaluation. The motion was seconded by Nic Callero. The motion was  
3 approved unanimously with six (6) in favor Stone, Breese, Borisch, Olson, Callero, and McNerney  
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5 John Breese made the motion to end the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nic Callero. The  
6 Motion carried 6-0, in favor: Stone, Breese, Borisch, Olson, Callero, McNerney  
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8 The project proposal is located in the Board packet materials and can be viewed at the following link:  
9 <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/minutes/2024/November/Juniper%20Mtn.pdf>  
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11 Adjourned at 9:38

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