

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

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

I/We, Jud Parsons (Mountcrest LLC) of Ashland, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$7,471 per year (\$22,413 for a 3 year agreement).

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:** Mountcrest Hunt and Habitat

2. **Applicant:** Jud Parsons Phone: 541-773-4860

Grantee: Mountcrest Forest LLC (As will appear on contract/payments)

If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status

Address: 124 Stark Street

City/State/Zip: Medford, OR 97504 **Phone:**541-773-4860

Email: _____

Mountcrest Forester: Max Bennett, 541-601-0771, max.bennett@msn.com

(Max is the best way to get ahold of Jud if can't reach directly via phone).

Cooperator(s): Pacific Forest Trust, ODFW, OWEB

3. **Location:** ODFW Southwest Region

Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Rogue Watershed, Applegate (28)

County: Jackson Township/Range/Section: T40S R2E S: 6,7,8,17,18,20 and T40S R1E Sec 24

4. **Type of Project:**

Habitat Improvement Access Damage

5. **Number of acres of habitat to be improved:** Minimum of 15 acres per year, 45 over the agreement (This may change depending on acre cost and contractor used, prescriptions, etc.

Contractor used generally bills by the hour)

6. **Number of acres of access to be provided:**

According to Jackson County Assessors Map: 1775 acres Mountcrest Forest (Conservation Easement); 478 acres Mountcrest East (Safe Harbor designation); 445 acres Jud Parsons Trustees; Total Private Acreage is 2698. An additional 80 acres of landlocked BLM will become available and improved access to at least 700 acres of USFS (western boundary T40S R1E Sec 1,12,13, east of Neil Creek) and improved access to 445 acres of BLM (Southwestern boundary, T40S R2E sec 19 and adjacent to I5). Total Private acres is 2698 and 80 acres of inaccessible BLM.

Welcome to Hunt By Permission Other _____

7. **Proposed Start Date:** April 1, 2026

8. **Proposed End Date:** 12/30/2028

9. **Estimated Cost of Project:** \$ 96,402

10. **Access and Habitat Fund Request:** \$22,413 over 3 years (\$7,471 annually)

11. **Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:**

The project will allow access to youth or mentored youth deer hunters, and offer any age turkey hunting. It will also tackle an average of 15 acres of ecological thinning per year by reducing stem densities of conifer species to reduce wildfire threat and also encourage multiple seral stages of forest stand development with an emphasis on benefits to wildlife diversity. There is an aspen stand on the property that is seeing encroaching conifers around it which will also be thinned. Early seral stage timber stands benefit browse for black tail deer, upland birds and small mammals, as well as native pollinators.

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

The Siskiyou Crest is an area identified by the Statewide Wildlife Action Plan (formerly Oregon Conservation Strategy) as a conservation opportunity area. This property falls within that COA. Over 30,000 acres of Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest Lands lay to the western boundary of this property, with significant landmarks being the Neil Creek Watershed (which is an anadromous watershed) and Mount Ashland and Wagner Butte. This area has multiple montane glades full of snowbrush, alder, and aspens. The heavily dominated conifer stands are comprised of white fir, douglas fir, black oak, larger pacific madrone, Big Leaf Maple, and pacific yew. This property is the first ridgetop west of Interstate 5 near the top of Siskiyou Summit. The property provides excellent oversummering habitat for blacktail deer. Much of the property is steep slopes to the east (toward I-5), but it does have some nice ridge top springs and small meadow openings. The western boundary drops into the Neil Creek Watershed which is heavily timbered, steep, and has relatively low abundance of forest roads. This property has been actively managed for years for small scale sustainable timber production and fuels reduction, all with an eye on enhancing the forest for wildlife.

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.

Mountcrest Forest LLC is a 2698-acre working forest located in the heart of the Oregon Conservation Strategy's Siskiyou Crest Conservation Opportunity Area. This area contains the headwaters for several streams, large mature conifers, and open alpine meadows which support high levels of biodiversity, including key habitats for the Pacific fisher and other at-risk species. As a working forest, Mountcrest has a long history of careful, proactive management including periodic timber harvests (commercial thinning), non-commercial thinning, fuels reduction, noxious weed abatement, and other treatments, as well as the protection and management of wildlife habitats, with the long-term goal of enhancing conservation values across the property. To help conserve these values, the property has one conservation easement (CE) held by the Pacific Forest Trust with ODFW and OWEB as third party holders known as the Mountcrest Forest (1775 acres). The CE includes protection of special habitat management zones such as riparian areas, open white fir glades, and late-successional conifer stands. Landowner Jud Parsons of Mountcrest LLC also recently acquired a Safe Harbor designation for adjacent properties,

known as Mountcrest East (478 acres) and also holds an additional 448 acres in his name. In total, the entire acreage privately held or in Conservation Easement available for access is 2698 acres. The recent acquisitions had previously been heavily logged by an industrial timber operator and noxious weeds here are along the roads and old skid trails. Jud has been treating for skeleton weed and knapweed on an annual basis by bringing in a contractor to help control the spread of these weeds. Remarkably, the entirety of Mountcrest Forest has very little infestations of star thistle, a testament to the years of careful logging practice and noxious weed treatments. The entirety of Mountcrest East, Jud's properties, and the original Mountcrest Forest does see commercial harvest through variable density thinning operations designed to enhance multiple seral stages including that of late successional forest characteristics to benefit sensitive species like spotted owl and pacific fisher. The landowner periodically lets friends and family hunt big game such as deer and elk on the property but it is very small numbers of hunters and by permission. ODFW's Rogue Wildlife Habitat program is planning to support work out here over the next several years to the tune of \$10,000 per year as ODFW is a 3rd party to the Conservation Easement held on Mountcrest Forest (1775 acres) and the property encompasses a regional and connector classified Priority Wildlife Connectivity Areas. The additional habitat dollars being sought with an A&H grant will help support these efforts and investment.

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.

This would be a new project to the SW Area. Recently, A&H lost a large hunt by permission property that was comprised of 10,000 acres which allowed adult and youth access (13 hunters per year), and also completed habitat enhancement yearly. That project received approximately \$10,000 annually. This project would help to bring back a private hunt by permission project in the Rogue Valley.

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.

Hunters will be required to fill out a post hunt questionnaire which will include amount of days hunted, harvest success, and to rate their experience. Hunters are subject to mandatory reporting requirements per ODFW regulations for deer. Between deer and turkey hunts, 14 hunters will utilize the opportunity to hunt Mountcrest, annually. If approved, this project will give opportunities to:

YOUTH DEER

- **Minimum 5 youth deer hunters, up to 6. 2 hunter groups will likely be doubled up.**
- **Maximum of 6 deer harvested per year by youth or mentored youth.**
- **Youth Hunters will be selected from 2 groups:**
 - **3 youth or a mentored youth possessing a 600's series Applegate Antlerless deer tag (628)**

- If hunter also has a Western Oregon Any Legal Weapon buck deer tag, they may choose to utilize that instead of the 600 series tag, in effect making the opportunity to hunt Mountcrest being a “hair tag”.
 - **2 (up to 3) youth or mentored youth possessing an over the counter Western Oregon Any Legal Weapon buck deer tag.** Each youth tag holder will be allowed to bring 3 additional people (1 person needs to be a supervising adult). Time: October-early Nov. All persons will be allowed to turkey hunt if they have proper validations/tags for these species. Cougar and Bear will not be allowed to be harvested unless under human safety threshold. No dogs allowed, no fires, no camping.
- Up to 24 days of big game hunting allowed annually by youth or mentored youth. Number of opportunity days (hunters x days) could be more than minimum number of hunt days, depending on whether hunters are mentored youth, or youth with an accompanied adult who is also turkey hunting with the youth. Hunt days may be less if hunters are successful in the early portion of their hunt and choose not to turkey hunt the remainder of their allotted reservation.

Turkey

- Minimum of 8 turkey hunts annually, with up to 24 hunter days assuming 1 hunter per reservation. Each reservation will be up to 3 days. Each hunt by reservation winner can bring up to 1 additional hunter with them.
 - **Fall Turkey**– allow walk-in hunting by reservation regardless of age. Each reservation will be for 3 days. This will be a hunt by reservation system. No vehicle gate access. No dogs, camping, or fires allowed. These hunts would not have gate access. Good foot access off Colstein Road and Mt. Ashland Ski Road, and the Pacific Crest Trail for lower elevations on the property. Beardless turkey permit is valid for this hunt. No limit of turkeys during reservation as long as adhering to game bird regulations. No access if fire season is High or Extreme, or IFPL is 3 and above. Due to fire restrictions most of turkey hunting will be pushed toward the spring. Snow will likely limit access by sometime in November.
 - **Spring Turkey** – allow walk-in hunting by reservation regardless of age. Each Hunt will be by reservation. Due to snow, hunts will likely begin in May. No gate access, no fires, no camping. Good foot access off colstein road and mt. Ashland ski road for lower elevations on the property, and via the Pacific Crest Trail. Expect patchy snow patches, but should be melting off by time of hunt. No limit of turkeys during reservation as long as adhering to game bird regulations.
- Turkey hunting may increase depending on level of turkey presence and desire of landowner but only during the month of September-November and in May.

- Objective is to provide a quality experience so number of hunters will be limited to 2 Hunt by reservation groups on property at a time for each species allowed. Deer hunts will take precedence over turkey hunts. Turkey hunts will not occur within 3 days of the start of a reservation for deer. If turkey occurs during fall, will likely be after deer season or if no fire restrictions in late Sept.

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

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

The objective of this project is to provide quality hunt opportunity for both youth deer hunters on a private property in deer summer and transitional range, as well as walk-in turkey hunting access to any hunter. The project will also create early seral vegetation through ecological thinning of overstocked conifers and decadent dead brush through hand thinning using chainsaws, reduction in conifer encroachment around an aspen grove and montane meadows, pile burning by the landowner, and re-seeding of burn piles with native grass and forbes.

(b) How will the project benefit wildlife habitat?

The habitat work accompanying the hunting access will help to create multiple seral stages of vegetation on the property that will benefit game and non-game species.

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

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

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?

This project will make available 2698 acres of private land and 80 acres of landlocked BLM lands for multiple hunt opportunities. Additionally, at least 700 acres of additional public lands (USFS) will be more accessible (Neil Creek Drainage).

- 14 hunters will be chosen through hunt by reservation lottery to be able to access Mountcrest, Mountcrest East, and Jud Parson's properties. 11 of these 14 hunters will possess over the counter tags, and 3 of the 14 hunters will have successfully drawn a controlled 600 series Applegate 628 tag. Each hunter will be allowed to bring with them additional guests. For the youth deer hunters, guests can only turkey hunt, but 3 additional guests may join the youth's hunt. For turkey hunters, reservations will be for 2 hunters per reservation party.
- Minimum 5, up to 6 big game youth hunters per year will be allowed private access, and no more than 6 deer will be harvested per year. 4 days for each hunt reservation
 - Up to 24 reservation hunt days during the general any legal weapon buck deer/Applegate antlerless deer season will be allowed, plus the special youth deer weekend. Number of opportunity days (hunters x days) could be more than minimum number of hunt days, depending on whether hunters are mentored youth or youth with an accompanied adult who is also turkey hunting with the youth during the deer season.
- At minimum there will be 8 "turkey only" hunt reservations between the spring and fall seasons, which are 3 days each (potential 24 "turkey only" hunt days)
 - Each "turkey only" reservation will allow 2 hunters walk in access.

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

Big Game

- Deer
- Elk
- Bear
- Cougar
- Pronghorn
- Bighorn Sheep
- Mountain Goat
- X Grey Squirrel

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

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

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

From Interstate 5, take exit 6. Head south on Old Hwy 99 (toward Mt. Ashland) and turn right (west) onto Mt. Ashland Ski Road for 1.3 miles to the Colestin Rd/Mt Ashland Ski Road Intersection. The property is access 1/10 of a mile on the right past this intersection on Rd 40-2e-20 and is gated. There is another access point on T40S R1E Sec 24 located at the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail access point which is another 2.1 miles past the Colestine/Mt. Ashland Ski Road Intersection This access point is also gated and walk-in only access. 4x4 vehicles will be strongly recommended. (Attachment 1).

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

50% of deer youth deer hunters will be a 600 series tag holder or being mentored by an adult with a 600 series tag for the Applegate Unit. 50% of youth hunters will be permitted on the property with a general OTC western Oregon any legal weapon buck deer tag in possession or being mentored by an adult in possession of general OTC western Oregon any legal weapon buck deer tag. All names of reservation holders accessing the property will be given to OSP Troopers, ODFW, and Landowner. All hunters are subject to mandatory reporting for big game, and must report to ODFW after their hunt or they will not be welcomed back in the future.

Season(s):

- **Controlled Applegate Antlerless Deer (Tag: 628) or General Western OR Rifle**
 - Bag Limit: 1 deer per reservation. 1 buck with visible antler if utilizing general season tag, or 1 doe if utilizing Applegate Antlerless deer tag. If hunter has Applegate antlerless deer (628) they may utilize that instead of general season tag.
 - Hunters: minimum 5, but up to 6 youth or mentored youth deer hunters allowed per year. Up to 2 deer hunting groups on property at a time. Will try and encourage 1 reservation at a time. Hunters will be selected via Hunt by reservation lottery with selection parameters being 50% of those possessing a 600 series tag holders or being mentored under it, remaining 50% of youth or mentees will be chosen from OTC tag holders. This helps ensure families where youth may be brand new to hunting have a chance to draw opportunity as an antlerless deer tag for Applegate takes at least 9 preference points, and currently the 628 tag is not eligible for the "First Time Youth" program.
 - Dates: 1st Saturday in October and extending for 35 days, plus the weekend after general season ends (youth only weekend).
 - Access Granted: Each successful youth would be granted 4 consecutive days from a 5 day opportunity slot.
 - Hunt Years: 2026, 2027, 2028
 - Weapon: any legal weapon (likely rifle will be used)

- Restrictions: adequate fire precautions if fire season still in affect in all vehicles. Walk in only if fire danger is IFPL 3 or above, or public fire restrictions are High or Extreme. Only driving on open roads and parking in designated parking areas. Youth hunter and accompanying party allowed to hunt turkey while on property. No Dogs. No fires. Must utilize travel management map for parking and vehicle usage. No bear or cougar hunting allowed except under human safety threshold-in which situation carcass must be surrendered to ODFW and OSP notified).
 - Procedure: Opportunity advertised in June (post hunt draw results). ODFW holds special lottery in July. Hunters notified in July. Hunter reserves spot by Hunt by Reservation system. Youth hunter must be accompanied by 1 adult (2 adult maximum). An additional youth may accompany the group. No more than 4 people may access property which will be defined as a reservation group. All people accessing property must be registered in the Hunt by Reservation system.
- Fall and Spring Turkey
 - Bag limit: Turkey allowed based on hunting synopsis. Beardless turkey permit is authorized. No other species allowed.
 - Hunters: minimum 8 reservations between fall and spring annually. Fire restrictions in fall may prevent an even split of 50/50 for each season. Each successful lottery drawn hunter may bring 1 additional hunter with them. This group will be considered 1 reservation.
 - Dates: No turkey hunting within 3 days of a deer reservations. Each reservation is good for 3 days of hunting access. Up to 2 reservations allowed on property at a time. Fall hunts will likely occur in November. Spring hunts in May.
 - Hunt Years: 2026 (fall), 2027 (spring and fall), 2028 (spring and fall). **If grant agreement can be executed in time, potentially spring 2026 turkey.**
 - Restrictions: No camping, no fires, no gate access, can utilize pacific crest trail and roads on property by foot. No bear or cougar unless under human safety threshold-in which situation carcass must be surrendered to ODFW and OSP notified). No access to property if fire season high or extreme.
 - Procedure: Opportunity advertised as per Hunt by Reservation system deadlines. For fall turkey, access will probably be after youth deer seasons, given the fire danger in Sept and not wanting to put hunters on top of deer hunters in October.

Hunt Logistics: ODFW has made a special map showing which roads are open and which are walk-in only access. Seasonality of each hunt may limit certain vehicle access. Recommend 4x4 for all vehicles. **Mountcrest Forest is held in a conservation easement and vehicular based recreation is not allowed under this legal document. Hunters will be allowed to drive to specified parking areas, and then allowed to hunt/travel from**

there via non-motorized method (foot, bicycle). Animal recovery (of deer) will only be allowed on roads that are open to vehicle travel and in the direction of travel allowed). Big game hunters/groups will be allowed up to 2 vehicles on the premises per reservation. "Turkey Only" hunters will be allowed foot travel only, no gate access for vehicles. All hunters, regardless of level of access allowed, must have fire tools and water in all vehicles and only park in designated areas (not on dry grass) while on the premises, and post parking permit in vehicle.

Landowner would be protected from Liability by Oregon's Recreational Immunity Law as long as they do not charge a fee for access.

Landowner is welcome to have hunters sign additional liability waivers if they choose, but recreational immunity law should be adequate.

Landowner must show proof of General Commercial Liability coverage for minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in Aggregate. If this coverage does not exist, talk with ODFW biologist. Proof of insurance is required before Access Payments.

Security: Utilize combo or keyed locks for access to hunters. ODFW would purchase the locks and change between hunters/seasons. **Pacific Forest Trust, Landowner (Parsons), and Oregon State Police will have access to combinations.** No camping allowed. No Fires allowed. While in the area, a permit shall be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle and a permit carried with the hunter. ODFW and OSP may patrol during the hunt. Hunter will meet with landowner and ODFW before hunts begin. ODFW will install game cameras at roads to ensure proper persons are accessing hunt at ODFW's or landowner's discretion as well as to ensure vehicle road restriction adherence. Hunters not obeying vehicle road restrictions will be asked to leave the property. Hunter will check in/out with landowner or ODFW Biologist when hunt is done and off property (whichever preferred by landowner).

Procedure for Habitat Work:

Habitat work will be performed by contractors who will need to possess suitable liability insurance to cover the work they are performing (consult with ODFW for minimums)

Landowner will submit receipts and Request for Funds Reimbursement (RFR) paperwork after habitat work is completed to SW Regional A&H Coordinator (located in Rogue District Watershed). Payments will be processed once receipts are shown to ODFW.

All habitat work will be supervised by a consulting forester employed by Parson Family or Mountcrest Forest LLC (Current Forester: Max Bennett, retired OSU College of Forestry Professor) and follow the criteria and procedures for consultation with Pacific Forest Trust, ODFW, and OWEB following the Mountcrest LLC Conservation Easement and Mountcrest Forestry Plan. Habitat work funded by A&H will be done to benefit game species (deer, elk, bear, turkey, upland (quail/grouse), squirrel, with focus on non-commercial thinning to improve forest openings which will benefit early seral vegetation

used for browse and forage. Generated slash from non-commercial thinning will be pile burned by landowner (No A&H funds used). Seeding of burn piles with native seed mix. Thinning of conifers around Aspen Grove. Contractors will be paid by the hour to complete habitat work and supervised by forester. Habitat work funded by A&H is not intended to serve any role in a commercial timber harvest.

Total funds for habitat work are denoted as \$4,500 annually in the budget, however to increase scale of work, all work can be completed at once if landowner chooses. \$4,500 annually can be used to leverage additional grant funds to increase scale of enhancement activities. Work will focus in the treatment units and circled areas in Attachment 2 unless otherwise consulted with SW Regional A&H coordinator, council, and board.

Yearly Dates Timeline for Habitat Work:

- Grant Agreement Execution (spring 2026)-June 30, 2027
- July 1, 2027-June 30, 2028
- July 1, 2028-Dec 30, 2028

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.

Burn permits will be filed by the landowner or Mountcrest Forester before pile burning.

20. **Scheduling:** What is the estimated project schedule?
- a. Habitat Work Start Date: Contract execution date spring 2026
Habitat Work Completion Date: Dec 30, 2028)
 - b. Access Agreement Start Date: May 1, 2026
Access Agreement End Date: Nov 10, 2028
 - c. List major project activities and time schedule for each:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time (month/year)</u>	
Youth Deer		
Hunters apply for controlled hunts	May	2026-2028
Advertise Hunt Opportunity	June	2026-2028
Hunt by Reservation Lottery	July	2026-2028
Hunters notified for access opportunity	late July	2026-2028
628 and general ALW deer season	Oct-Nov	2026-2028
Turkey		
Hunters apply for turkey Hunt by Reservation system	Sept/Oct & Feb	2026-2028
Successful Turkey applicants notified	Oct & April	2026-2028
Turkey Seasons	Early Nov, May	2026-2028
Hunter summary/evaluation	Post hunts	2025-2028
Habitat Work (see schedule above)	Year-round	2026-2028

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).

Item	Participant	Activity	Annual Cost
1	Mountcrest Forest LLC	Consulting Forester time to admin stewardship projects (unit flagging/layout, Maps, prescriptions, monitoring contractors), personal vehicle.	\$5,000
2	Mountcrest Forest LLC	Annual Road/Gate/fence/signage Maintenance	\$1,500
3	Mountcrest Forest LLC	Hiring contractors for pile burning of stewardship projects.	\$3,000
4	Mountcrest Forest LLC	Annual herbicide spraying of noxious weeds by contractor (knapweed, skeleton weed)	\$2,000
5	Pacific Forest Trust	Conservation Easement Adherence Review of projects and agreements by staff and legal council	\$500
6	ODFW Rogue Habitat Program-PR Funds*	Habitat work – cut and slash pile construction, seed up to 11 acres.	\$10,000
7	ODFW Rogue Habitat Program & Hunt by Reservation Coordinator*	Hunt Admin, game cameras, signage, maps, locks	\$3,000
8	Total annual costs		\$25,000

*ODFW Pittman Robertson match was not used in the Project evaluation & fee calculator for access payment... ODFW Rogue Habitat program has agreed to contribute 10,000 annually over next 2-3 years minimum to help with backlogged stewardship work. Without ODFW PR grant help, they would still be bringing in 25% match to this project from normal stewardship work and thus deserve a “point” in the fee calculator.

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

Any habitat work completed must be approved by criteria set forth in the Mountcrest Conservation Easement and reviewed by Pacific Forest Trust.

22. Project Maintenance and Monitoring:

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

The landowner will continue to maintain their roads and forest stands to conduct normal conservation/stewardship operations under the criteria set forth in the Mountcrest Conservation Easement, managed by Pacific Forest Trust, with ODFW and OWEB as 3rd parties to the Conservation Easement.

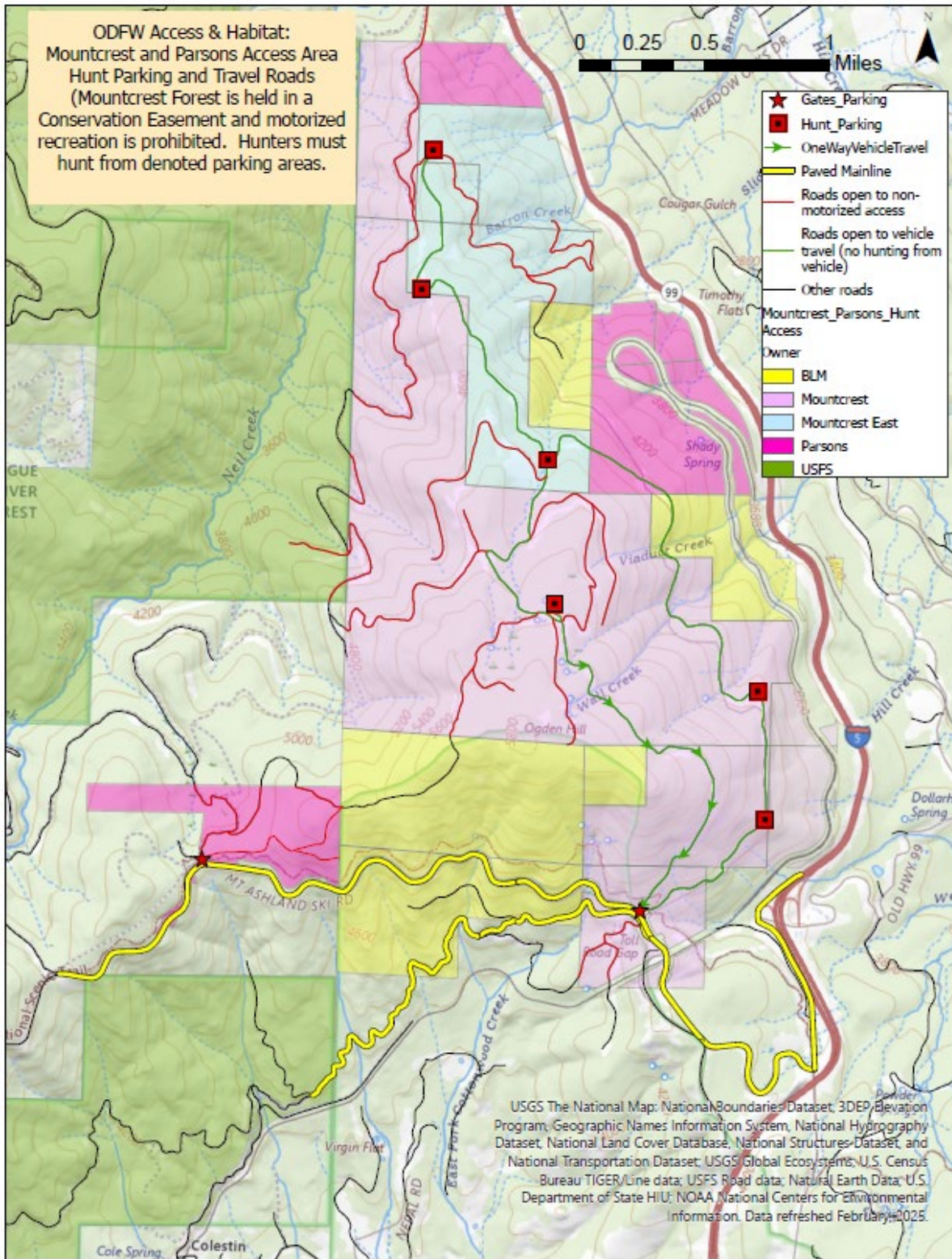
(b) What element(s) of the project will be monitored, how often, for how long?

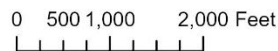
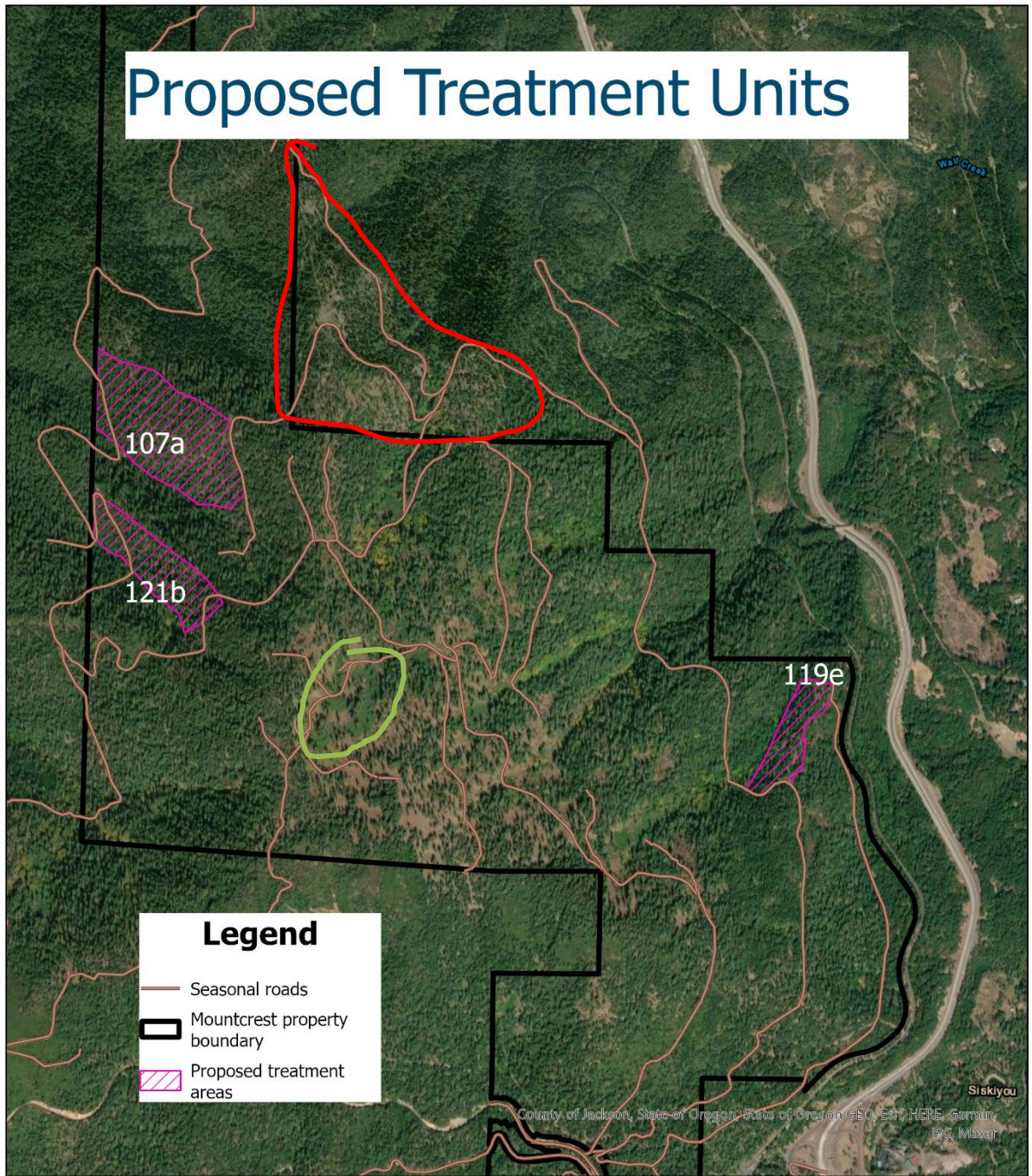
Hunter Access will be monitored throughout the season by ODFW game cameras, periodic OSP checks on the property during hunt seasons, and Landowner. Hunter success and comments will be gathered at the end of each season for as long as the hunt is offered. The Applegate Big Game unit will be monitored annually with ODFW herd composition trend surveys (Deer). Hunt statistics will be monitored annually from mandatory hunter harvest reporting. Habitat work will be monitored and reported on annual basis to OWEB, Pacific Forest Trust, and ODFW as per the criteria set forth in the Mountcrest Conservation Easement. Mountcrest employs a consulting forester who monitors forest stands and identifies management needs, manages contractors, lays out unit boundaries. ODFW Rogue Habitat program will include work accomplished here as part of it's annual Pittman-Robertson grant reporting (based off of acreage treated/enhanced).

Project Budget Narrative: *Note: ODFW funds were not considered as match for the Project Evaluation & Fee Calculator assessment for the "Access Payment ."However ODFW is helping to increase the scale of vegetative work in this project and success of Hunt by Reservation process

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 @ ___%			
ODFW Hunt and Habitat Admin (Approx Value \$3,000* annually)		\$3,000*	\$3,000*
Pacific Forest Trust CE stewardship project & access review and reporting		\$500	\$500
SUBTOTAL (1)	\$ 0	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS²			
Mountcrest road and gate maintenance	\$ 0	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
SUBTOTAL (2)	\$ 0	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
SUPPLIES			
	\$	\$	\$
SUBTOTAL (3)	\$	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONTRACT SERVICES (itemize)³			
Mountcrest Consulting Forester		\$5,000	\$5,000
Mountcrest Forest Noxious Weed control by contractor		\$2,000	\$2,000
Slash pile services from contractor or native seed purchase and spreading services (5 acres @ \$900/acre)	\$4500	\$	\$ 4,500
Slash/pile services from contractor, controlled burn, seeding-ODFW Rogue Watershed PR Funding (approx. value \$10,000 annually)* 11- acres @\$900/acre	\$	\$10,000 *	\$ 10,000*
Pile Burning paid by landowner to contractor (\$200/acre @ 15 acres)	\$	\$ 3,000	\$3,000
SUBTOTAL (4)	\$4,500	\$ 20,000	\$24,500
EQUIPMENT (itemize)			
	\$	\$	\$
SUBTOTAL (5)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Access Payment	\$ 2,971	\$ 0	\$ 2,971
SUBTOTAL (5)	\$2,971		\$2,971
PROJECT TOTALS (1 year)	\$7,471	\$ 25,000	\$ 32,471
(3 years)	22,413	\$ 75,000	\$ 97,413

Attachment 1: Mount Crest Project Area – Hunting Access





119e - 14 ac
 121b - 22 ac
 107a - 47 ac

Green circle – Aspen grove, and meadows, with conifer encroachment along edges.

Red circle – Knapweed control along road and historical skid roads due to legacy industrial logging. This parcel was recently purchased by Mountcrest LLC and undergoing stewardship weed abatement. Weed abatement also along other entrance roads in smaller spot treatments as needed.

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Payment Tables

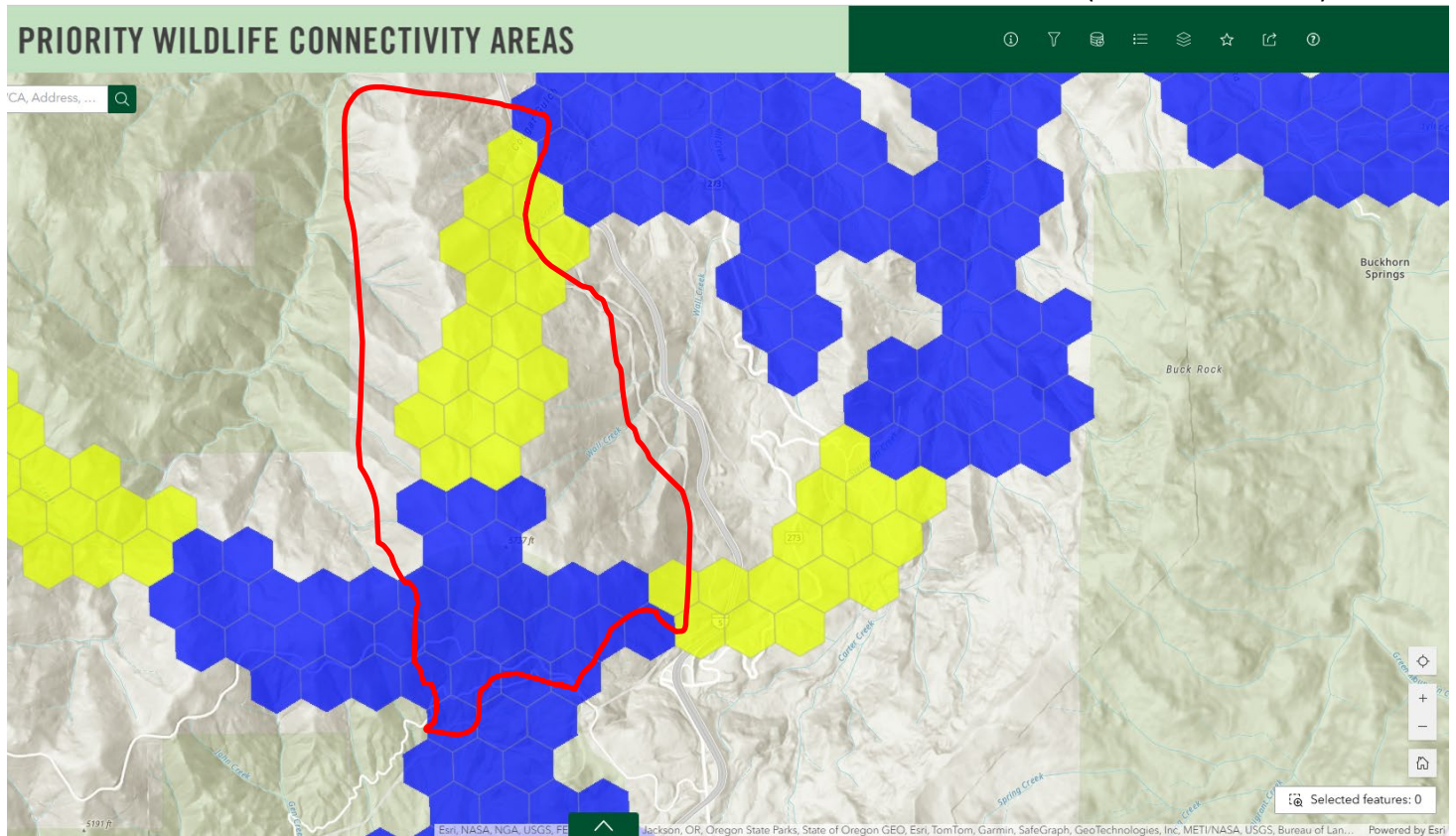
Table 1: Proposed Per-acre Access Payment

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	7	\$1.80	0	\$0.00
Private Permission	7	\$1.08	2,698	\$2,913.84
Inaccessible Public	7	\$0.72	80	\$57.60
Accessible Public	N/A	\$0.36	>700	n/a
Total Payment:				\$2,971.44

Attachment 4: Mountcrest sits within a regional and connector ODFW Priority Wildlife Connectivity Area (PWCA). Actions within the Statewide Wildlife Action Plan call for enhance and maintaining this habitat. Vegetative treatments such as ecological thinning and working in strategy habitats such as meadows, aspen stands, and late successional forest help to enhance and maintain this PWCA. This attachment addresses the question 18 of the A&H project evaluation and fee calculator. Having the travel management plan helps to reduce motorized disturbance in this area associated with vehicle based recreation (see attachment 1).



ODFW Priority Wildlife Connectivity Areas

- Region
- Connector
- Steppingstone

Designated Wilderness Areas and Crater Lake National Park



ODFW Source:

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