

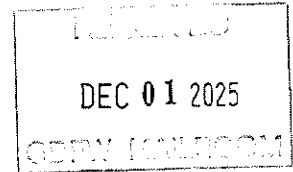
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Wildlife Division

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

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



I/We, Duncan Mackenzie of Baker City, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$81,756.00.

The total cost of the project is \$83,256.00

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;
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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: Duncan Mackenzie Date: 10/28/25

Position: Landowner

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. **Project Title:** Mackenzie Access Area
2. **Applicant:** Duncan Mackenzie **Phone:** 1-(541)-523-5053
Grantee: Duncan Mackenzie (As will appear on contract/payments)
If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status
Address: 19625 Chandler Lane
City/State/Zip: Baker City, OR **Phone:** 1-(541)-523-5053
Email: wannie@mackenzieranch.com
3. **Location:** ODFW Region East
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Malheur Watershed / Owyhee WMU 67
County: Malheur Township/Range/Section: See Attached Map
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:** _____
Welcome to Hunt By Permission Other _____
7. **Proposed Start Date:** 08/01/2026
8. **Proposed End Date:** 03/01/2032
9. **Estimated Cost of Project:** \$83,256.00
10. **Access and Habitat Fund Request:** \$81,756.00
11. **Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:**

This project proposes to pay Mr. Mackenzie \$2.40 per acre for 6,813 acres of "Welcome to Hunt" access in the Owyhee Wildlife Management Unit, near Jordan Valley, Oregon, from August 1, 2026, to March 1, 2032, for the duration of 5 years.

12. **Habitat and Landscape:** Describe the habitat and landscape of the project area.
In total, the Mackenzie Access Area is composed of 11,209 acres and is located on the East side of the Owyhee River just Northwest of Jordan Valley. Wannie Mackenzie's portion of the access area totals 6,813 acres. The access area is composed of rocky cliffs, juniper stringers, desert seeps, and sagebrush intermixed with grasslands. The access area receives heavy use from deer hunters, high desert elk hunters, antelope hunters, bighorn sheep hunters, predator hunters, and bird hunters. Due to its proximity to the Boise/Nampa/Caldwell area, a large portion of the upland bird hunters who use this access area are non-residents.

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 is located Northwest of Jordan Valley, Oregon along the East side of the Owyhee River. It can be accessed via Highway 95 and the Jordan Valley Craters rd. The access area is composed of rocky cliffs, juniper stringers, desert seeps, and sagebrush intermixed with grasslands. This project has been enrolled in the A&H program since 2006 and due to its proximity to the Boise metropolitan area receives heavy use from non-resident hunters.

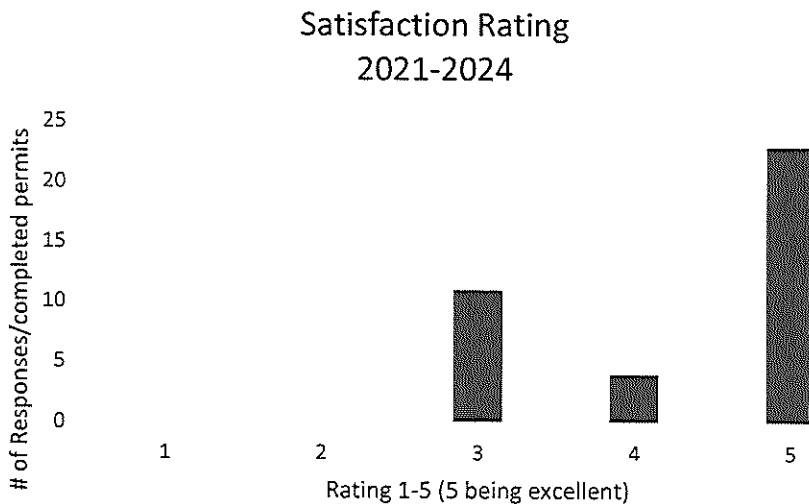
14. **Past A&H History:** Describe any past Access & Habitat project, especially if the proposed project deals with continuation or amendment to a past project.

The Mackenzie Ranch has been enrolled in the Access and Habitat program since 2006. As part of the initial grant, Mackenzie received \$20,000.00 for the purchase of cattleguards to assist with gates being left open. Also, as a condition of the agreement, Mackenzie was awarded up to \$6,500.00 per year to assist with road maintenance associated with hunters damaging roads during wet years. The Mackenzie Ranch also has participated in the Open Fields program and has been awarded funding to control medusa head, construct spring improvements, and repair waterholes. Lastly, Mackenzie Ranch has received funding from Emergency Wildfire seeding through the A&H program.

Permits boxes were installed in 2012 on the Mackenzie Access Area. Hunters are asked to select their overall satisfaction on the permit.

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 figure below shows that the majority of hunters are satisfied with the opportunity to hunt on this access rea. The average satisfaction from 2021-2024 on a scale of 1-5 (5 being most satisfied) is 4.42. As a reminder, returned permits are only a sample of the total use of the area. Not every parcel of the Mackenzie Access Area has a check-in kiosk. Additionally, Hunters may be hunting on public land while filling out permits as they enter or exit the area.



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

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

Provide 6,813 acres of "Welcome to Hunt" public hunting access in the Owyhee (67) wildlife management unit for the next 5 years.

(b) How will the project benefit wildlife habitat?

During the past agreement, funding has been utilized to enhance waterholes, treat medusa head, and then re-seed with perennial bunch grasses.

(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

Examples of Project Benefit Duration

Noxious weed.....2yrs	Forage planting.....5yrs	Aspen fencing.....10yrs
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(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 access to 6,813 acres of "Welcome to Hunt" access. Due to the access areas proximity to the greater Boise metropolitan area, this area receives heavy use from non-resident hunters.

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

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- Pronghorn
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- Mountain Goat

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- Other: Coyote/Bobcat

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N/A

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

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

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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.

N/A

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

a. Habitat Work Start Date: N/A

Habitat Work Completion Date: N/A

b. Access Agreement Start Date: 08/01/2026

Access Agreement End Date: 03/01/2032

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

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time (month/year)</u>
1. Signs and Check-in kiosks maintained	Annually _____
2. Access Allowed	Annually Aug 1 – March 1 _____
3. _____	_____
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).

	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1.	Duncan Mackenzie	Hunting Administration (Posting signs, patrol efforts, gate/fence repair, road maintenance, litter removal).	\$1,500.00 (In-kind)___
2.	_____	_____	\$ _____
3.	_____	_____	\$ _____
4.	_____	_____	\$ _____
5.	_____	_____	\$ _____
6.	_____	_____	\$ _____
7.	_____	_____	\$ _____

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 will maintain signage and monitor hunter use.

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

Hunter use and satisfaction will be monitored for the life of the project. OSP and ODFW staff will monitor hunter compliance with area regulations throughout the hunting seasons. Landowner will also monitor area regulation compliance.

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

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 @ ___%			
	\$81,756.00	\$1,500.00	\$83,256.00 -
			\$ -
SUBTOTAL (1)	\$81,756.00	\$1,500.00	\$83,256.00
	-	-	-
Access Payment			
\$16,351.20 / year for 5 years	\$81,756.00	\$1,500.00	\$83,256.00
	-	-	-
PROJECT TOTALS	\$81,756.00	\$1,500.00	\$83,256.00
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APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

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

I, Sam Mackay, of Laurel Valley, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$7,680.00.

The total cost of the project is \$9,180.00

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 ODFW will have the right to enter onto the property to locate private lands that may be open to hunting. I/We will cooperate with ODFW to locate private lands that may be open to hunting.

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 am the only person who has agreed to participate in the 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").

Signature: Sam Mackay Date: 12-09-25

Position: Landowner

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. **Project Title:** Mackenzie Access Area
2. **Applicant:** Sam Mackenzie **Phone:** 1-(541)-339-3482
Grantee: Sam Mackenzie (As will appear on contract/payments)
If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status
Address: 412 Succor Cr. Rd.
City/State/Zip: Jordan Valley, OR 97910 **Phone:**1-(541)-339-3482
Email: _____
3. **Location:** ODFW Region East
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Malheur Watershed / Owyhee WMU 67
County: Malheur Township/Range/Section: See Attached Map
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:** _____
Welcome to Hunt By Permission Other _____
7. **Proposed Start Date:** 08/01/2026
8. **Proposed End Date:** 03/01/2032
9. **Estimated Cost of Project:** \$9,180.00
10. **Access and Habitat Fund Request:** \$7,680.00
11. **Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:**

This project proposes to pay Mr. Mackenzie \$2.40 per acre for 640 acres of "Welcome to Hunt" access in the Owyhee Wildlife Management Unit, near Jordan Valley, Oregon, from August 1, 2026, to March 1, 2032, for the duration of 5 years.

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

In total, the Mackenzie Access Area is composed of 11,209 acres and is located on the East side of the Owyhee River just Northwest of Jordan Valley. Sam Mackenzie's portion of the access area totals 640 acres. The access area is composed of rocky cliffs, juniper stringers, desert seeps, and sagebrush intermixed with grasslands. The access area receives heavy use from deer hunters, high desert elk hunters, antelope hunters, bighorn sheep hunters, predator hunters, and bird hunters. Due to its proximity to the Boise/Nampa/Caldwell area, a large portion of the upland bird hunters who use this access area are non-residents.

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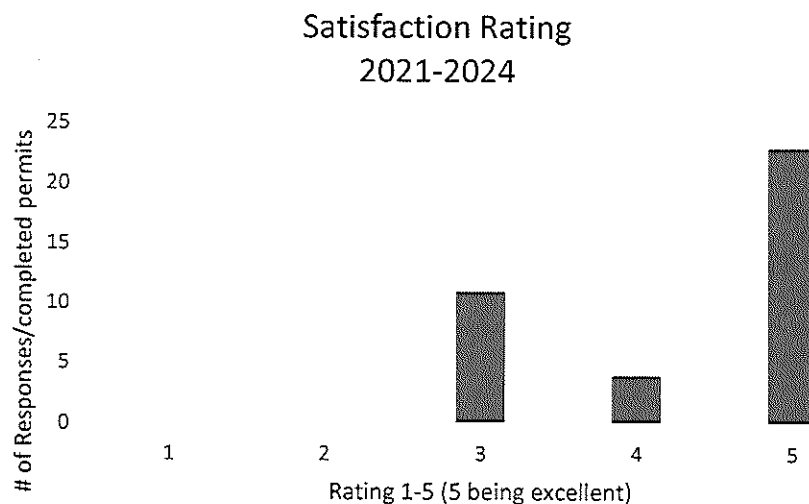
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Activity

Time (month/year)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Signs and Check-in kiosks maintained | Annually _____ |
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| 3. _____ | _____ |
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1.	Duncan Mackenzie	Hunting Administration (Posting signs, patrol efforts, gate/fence repair, road maintenance, litter removal).	\$1,500.00 (In-kind)___
2.	_____	_____.	\$ _____
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5.	_____	_____.	\$ _____
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			\$ -
SUBTOTAL (1)	\$7,680.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,180.00
	-	-	-
Access Payment			
\$29,050.00 / year for 5 years	\$7,680.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,180.00
	-	-	-
PROJECT TOTALS	\$7,680.00	\$1,500.00	\$9,180.00
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APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

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

I/We, Mark Mackenzie of Jordan Valley, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$42,912.00.

The total cost of the project is \$44,412.00

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;
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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: Mark Mackenzie

Date: 9/23/25

Position: Landowner

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. **Project Title:** Mackenzie Access Area
2. **Applicant:** Mark Mackenzie **Phone:** 1-(541)-339-4449
Grantee: Mark Mackenzie (As will appear on contract/payments)
If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status
Address: 850 Rockville Road
City/State/Zip: Jordan Valley, OR **Phone:**1-(541)-339-4449
Email: mackenzieranch@outlook.com
3. **Location:** ODFW Region East
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Malheur Watershed / Owyhee WMU 67
County: Malheur Township/Range/Section: See Attached Map
4. **Type of Project:**
Habitat Improvement Access Damage
5. **Number of acres of habitat to be improved:** _____
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Welcome to Hunt By Permission Other _____
7. **Proposed Start Date:** 08/01/2026
8. **Proposed End Date:** 03/01/2032
9. **Estimated Cost of Project:** \$44,412.00
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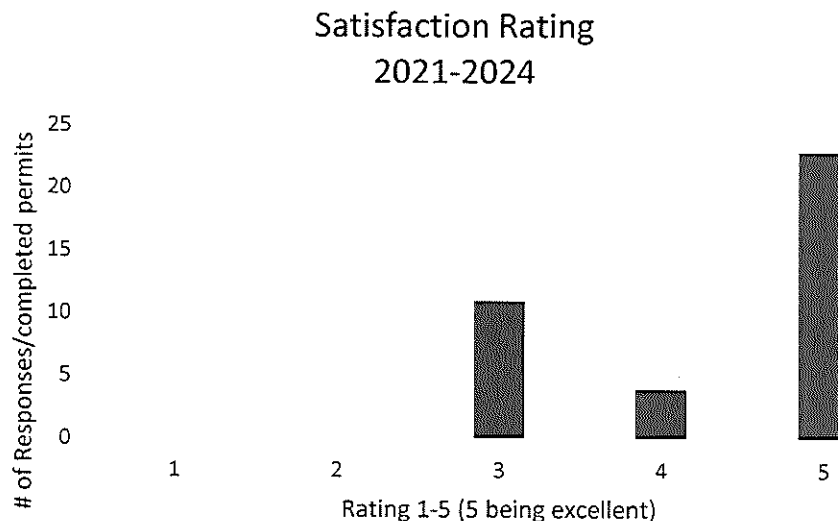
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The figure below shows that the majority of hunters are satisfied with the opportunity to hunt on this access rea. The average satisfaction from 2021-2024 on a scale of 1-5 (5 being most satisfied) is 4.42. As a reminder, returned permits are only a sample of the total use of the area. Not every parcel of the Mackenzie Access Area has a check-in kiosk. Additionally, Hunters may be hunting on public land while filling out permits as they enter or exit the area.



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

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

Provide 3,576 acres of "Welcome to Hunt" public hunting access in the Owyhee (67) wildlife management unit for the next 5 years.

(b) How will the project benefit wildlife habitat?

During the past agreement, funding has been utilized to enhance waterholes, treat medusa head, and then re-seed with perennial bunch grasses.

(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

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 access to 3,576 acres of "Welcome to Hunt" access. Due to the access areas proximity to the greater Boise metropolitan area, this area receives heavy use from non-resident hunters.

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

Big Game

- Deer
- Elk
- Bear
- Cougar
- Pronghorn
- Bighorn Sheep
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- 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.

This project is located Northwest of Jordan Valley, Oregon, along the East side of the Owyhee River. It can be accessed via Highway 95 and the Jordan Valley Craters Road.

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

ODFW will continue to maintain existing signs, kiosks, and permit boxes. Hunter use and satisfaction will continue to be monitored through access permits.

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.

N/A

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

a. Habitat Work Start Date: N/A

Habitat Work Completion Date: N/A

b. Access Agreement Start Date: 08/01/2026

Access Agreement End Date: 03/01/2032

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

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time (month/year)</u>
1. Signs and Check-in kiosks maintained	Annually _____
2. Access Allowed	Annually Aug 1 – March 1 _____
3. _____	_____
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).

	<u>Participant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1.	Duncan Mackenzie	Hunting Administration (Posting signs, patrol efforts, gate/fence repair, road maintenance, litter removal).	\$1,500.00 (In-kind)___
2.	_____	_____	\$ _____
3.	_____	_____	\$ _____
4.	_____	_____	\$ _____
5.	_____	_____	\$ _____
6.	_____	_____	\$ _____
7.	_____	_____	\$ _____

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 will maintain signage and monitor hunter use.

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

Hunter use and satisfaction will be monitored for the life of the project. OSP and ODFW staff will monitor hunter compliance with area regulations throughout the hunting seasons. Landowner will also monitor area regulation compliance.

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

10. Project Budget
(provide as much detail as possible)

<u>Category</u>	<u>A&H Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds¹</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<u>Administration</u>			
Personnel	\$42,912.00	\$1,500.00	\$44,412.00
Benefits @ ___%	\$42,912.00	\$1,500.00	\$44,412.00
Total	\$42,912.00	\$1,500.00	\$44,412.00
<u>Access Payment</u>			
\$8,582.40 annually For 5 years	\$42,912.00	\$1,500.00	\$44,412.00
TOTAL COSTS	\$42,912.00	\$1,500.00	\$44,412.00

¹ List detail in funding (section 18).

² Provide amounts and cost per unit.

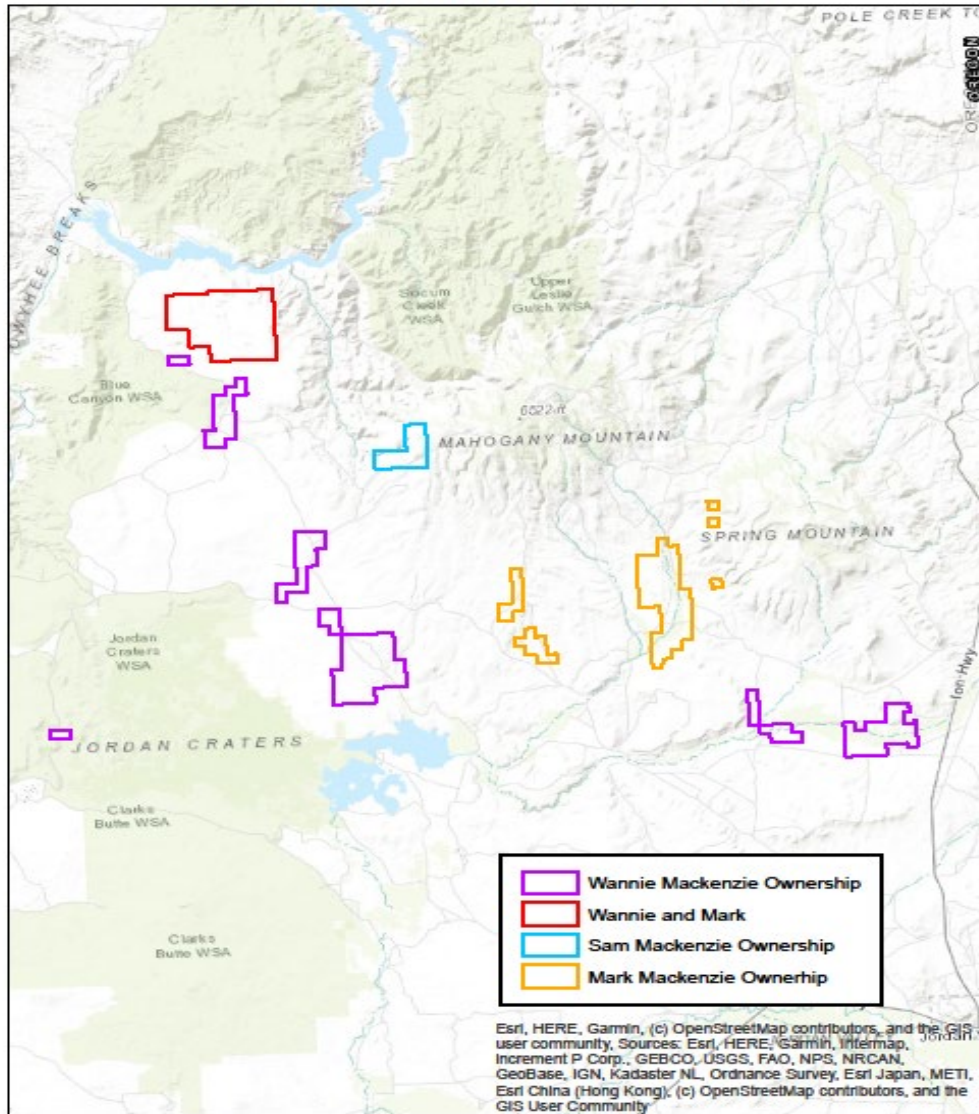
³ Attach subcontractor estimates.

⁴ Individual pieces of equipment costing over \$100.00.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Access Year	Payment	Request for Funds Submitted:
August 1, 2026 – March 1, 2027	\$8582.40	No earlier than August 1, 2026
August 1, 2027 – March 1, 2028	\$8582.40	No earlier than August 1, 2027
August 1, 2028 – March 1, 2029	\$8582.40	No earlier than August 1, 2028
August 1, 2029 – March 1, 2030	\$8582.40	No earlier than August 1, 2029
August 1, 2030 – March 1, 2031 (10% withheld until receipt of completion report)	\$4291.00	No earlier than August 1, 2030
Final Payment	\$4291.00	No earlier than March 1, 2031

Mackenzie Ranch Ownership



Mackenzie Access Area



The Mackenzie Access Area is a cooperative program between a private landowner and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Access and Habitat Program to maintain public hunting access on private lands and increase access to public land. The Mackenzie Access Area north of Jordan Valley, OR provides public hunting opportunities for deer, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, predators, chukar, quail, and ground squirrels. All Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations and Seasons Apply.

Access Allowed:
August 1 - March 1

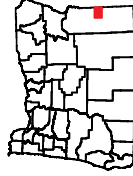
Area Regulations:

- Motorized vehicles only on established roads
- No camping or night-time use of private land
- No fires, be careful with cigarettes
- No littering, pick up any trash
- Report unlawful activities
- Respect landowners' rights and needs
- Leave all gates as you found them
- Do not damage roads during wet conditions
- Please do not hunt around high concentrations of cattle

No permission is required to hunt on the Mackenzie Access Area. The area is mostly surrounded by public land, however you are responsible for knowing property boundaries. Do Not Trespass on surrounding private lands.

Hunting on private lands is a privilege, not a right. Private land hunting opportunities will remain in the future only if the property and rights of private landowners are respected! Abuse it and you will lose it!

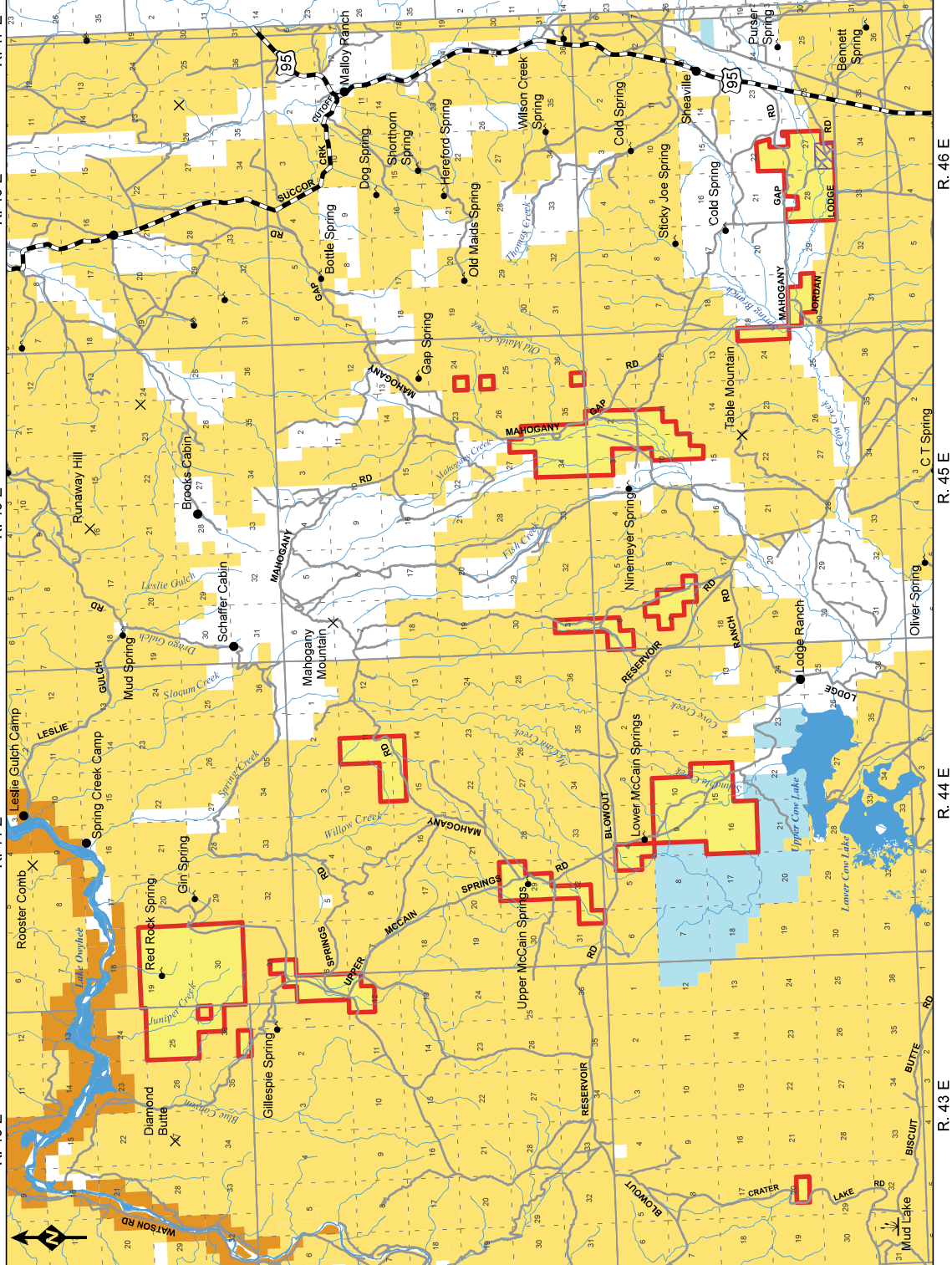
- Access Area Boundary
- Safety Zone
- Open Access Roads
- BLM Land
- BOR Land
- State Land
- Private Land



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September 12, 2025

Access and Habitat Board
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, OR 97302

Dear Access and Habitat Board:

The purpose of this letter is to express support for the Mackenzie Access Area. This access area provides a quality hunting experience that supports non-resident hunters from the metropolitan area of Boise and surrounding areas of Oregon. Habitat types on the project area include rocky cliffs, juniper stringers, desert seeps, and sagebrush intermixed with grasslands. The project provides hunting opportunities for antelope, upland birds, small game, predators, and elk. The property owners of this land work in conjunction with ODFW to enhance habitat for wildlife and have been enrolled in the A&H program since 2006, making this a long term project that is admired by the hunting community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tucker Freeman

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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: Mackenzie Access Area - Wannie **Project #:** _____

	Access Acres	Habitat Acres	Habitat Category: 	Total Score: 15
"Welcome" Private	6,813		(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*	0			

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:

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*** 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:	big game browse, forbs, wet meadows
Water:	Cow Creek, several springs
Cover:	Shrubs and topography

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

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).....

0	0	n/a	n/a
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	0	n/a	n/a
		1	0	0	n/a	n/a
		0				
		0				
4. Damage	Project would mitigate current damage to private property: Wildlife damage occurring on private property..... Landowner participates in ODFW damage control programs.....	1				
		1				
General Total		6	3	0	0	
<i>General Possible</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	

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	n/a
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			
		0			
8. Special Access	Project would provide special youth or disabled hunter access opportunities.....	0	0	n/a	n/a
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	n/a
		1	1	n/a	n/a
10. Under-rep. Species*	Project provides access to under-represented species in the watershed.....	1	1	n/a	n/a
11. Harvest Restriction	Landowner would not restrict sex or species permitted for lawful harvest.....	1	1	n/a	n/a
12. Season Restriction	Landowner would not restrict access to any hunting season(s).....	1	1	n/a	n/a
13. Dispersion	Property would provide access to animals pushed off of publicly accessible land during hunting season.....	1	1	n/a	
Access Total		9	6	0	0
<i>Access Possible</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>7</i>
Payment Fee Total			9	n/a	n/a

* 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..... 0

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{ Area populations < 90% of management objective (deer and elk).....
or:
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 [above] AND action occurs in Conservation Opportunity Area (COA)..... 0

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Project meets requirements of Habitat Categories 1-4..... 0
 Project meets requirements of Habitat Categories 1-2..... 0

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

Description of habitat connectivity benefit (required):

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

<u>Estimated Abundance</u>			
Species	Pre-treatment	Post-treatment	
			Habitat Total
			<i>Habitat Possible</i>
			0
			12
			Grand Total
			<i>Total Possible</i>
			15
			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

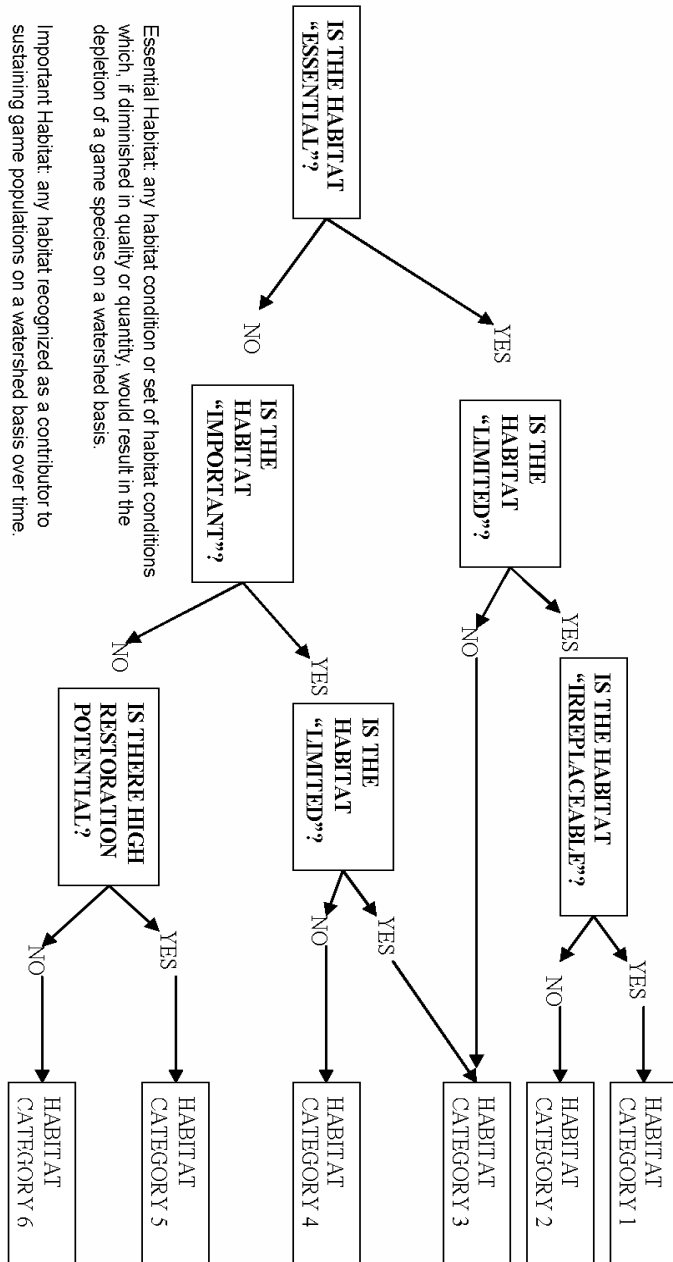
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Watershed	Species
Malheur	pheasant, waterfowl, turkey
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A&H Habitat Category Flow Chart



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.

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"Welcome" Private	640		(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			
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Instructions:

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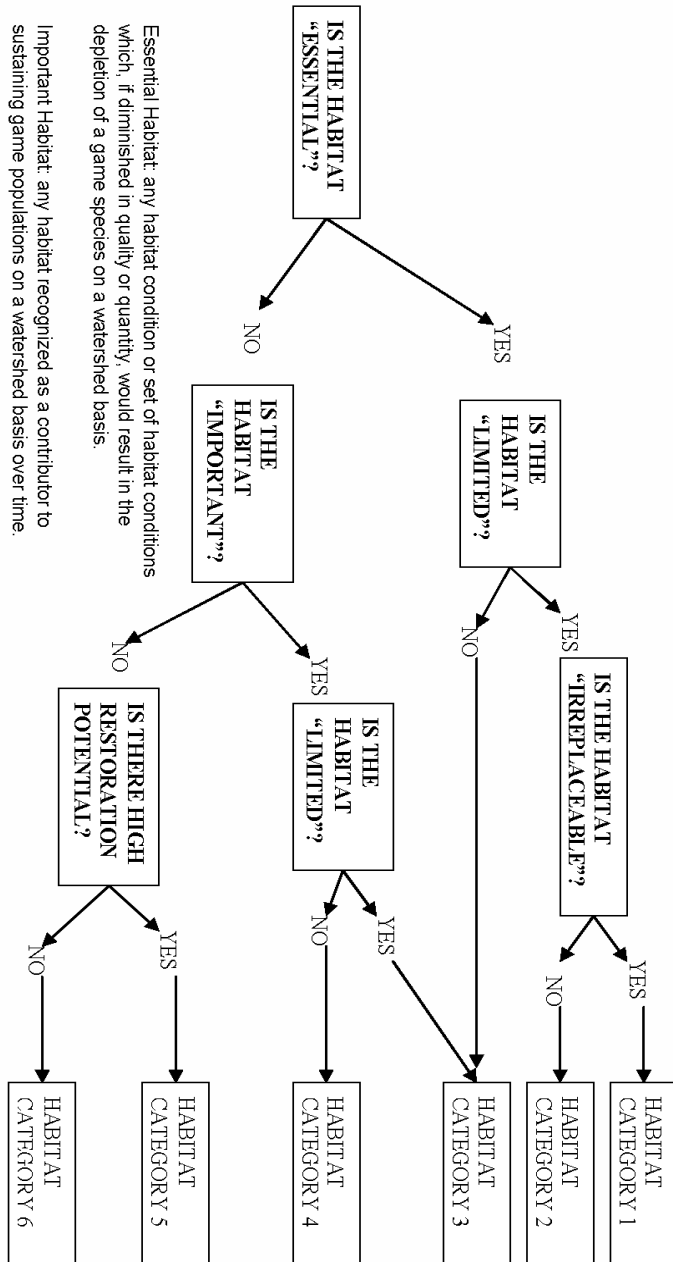
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Program Objective: *The Access and Habitat Program's motto, "Landowners & Hunters Together for Wildlife," conveys the program's basic mission to foster partnerships between landowners and hunters for the benefit of the wildlife they value. The program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

Project Name: Mackenzie Access Area - Mark **Project #:** _____

	Access Acres	Habitat Acres	Habitat Category: 	Total Score: 16
"Welcome" Private	3,576		(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*	0			

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:	big game browse, forbs, wet meadows
Water:	multiple creeks, several springs
Cover:	Shrubs and topography

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

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).....

0	0	n/a	n/a
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	0	n/a	n/a
		1	0	0	n/a	n/a
		0				
		0				
4. Damage	Project would mitigate current damage to private property: Wildlife damage occurring on private property..... Landowner participates in ODFW damage control programs.....	1				
		1				
General Total		6	3	0	0	
<i>General Possible</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	

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	n/a
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			
		0			
8. Special Access	Project would provide special youth or disabled hunter access opportunities.....	1	1	n/a	n/a
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	n/a
		1	1	n/a	n/a
10. Under-rep. Species*	Project provides access to under-represented species in the watershed.....	1	1	n/a	n/a
11. Harvest Restriction	Landowner would not restrict sex or species permitted for lawful harvest.....	1	1	n/a	n/a
12. Season Restriction	Landowner would not restrict access to any hunting season(s).....	1	1	n/a	n/a
13. Dispersion	Property would provide access to animals pushed off of publicly accessible land during hunting season.....	1	1	n/a	
Access Total		10	7	0	0
<i>Access Possible</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>7</i>
Payment Fee Total			10	n/a	n/a

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

Access and Habitat Project Evaluation - Appendix

Under-represented Species

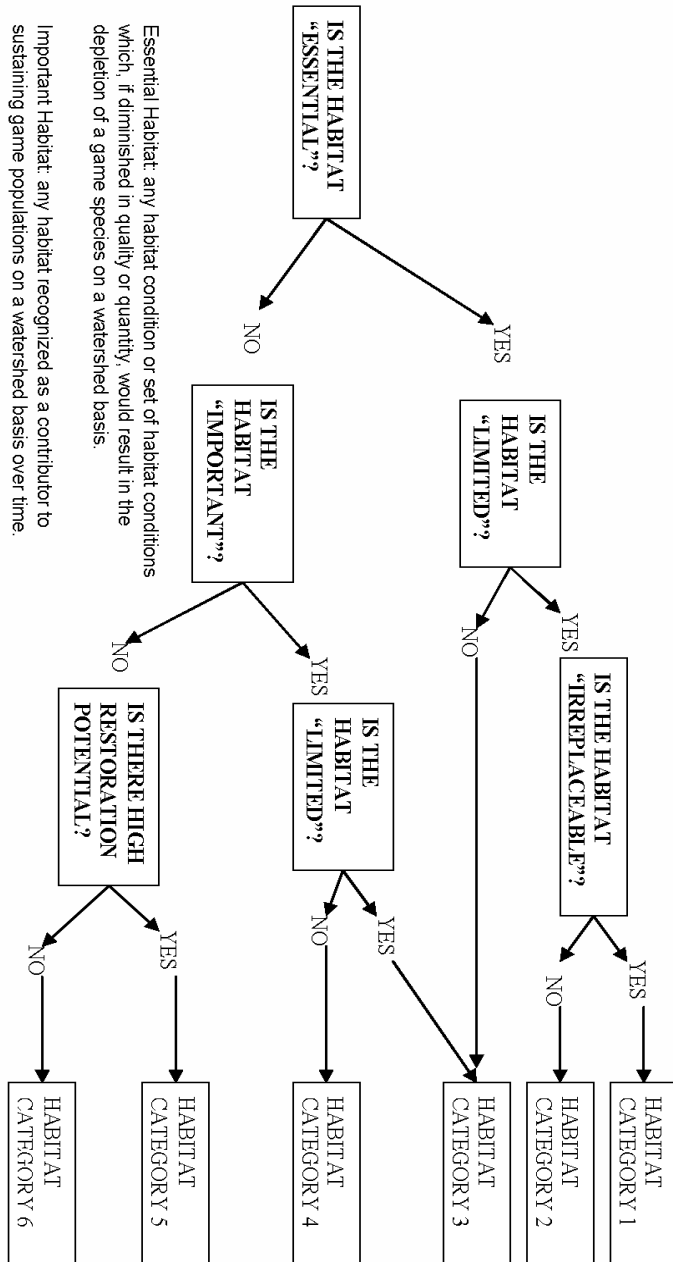
Definition: game species that exist in the watershed district in huntable numbers, but that the general public does not have reasonable hunting access to (via public land, current A&H properties, etc.)

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

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ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Regional Advisory Council Project Proposal Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council:

Project Proposal Title: MACKENZIE ACCESS AREA RENEWAL 2025

Applicants(s): MARK, SAM, DUNCAN MACKENZIE

Date of Council Review: 12/10/2025

Type of Project: Access X Habitat _____ Other (specify) _____

Motion:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
NICK MILLER	Chairman	yes 1st
JON REPONEN	Landowner Representative	yes 2nd
VACANT	Landowner Representative	
ERIKA FITZPATRICK	Landowner Representative	
KYLE WEILAND	Hunter Representative	yes 3rd
JERRY ELLIOT	Hunter Representative	
KIPP DOMBY	Hunter Representative	yes 4th

Disposition of Vote: MOTION TO APPROVE PROJECT BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS
attending

Project Strengths:

- > OUT OF STATE USE / high use and satisfaction
- > Proximity to metropolitan area for users.

Project Concerns:

- > if habitat projects in future are done that they are applicable to wildlife and beneficial