

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

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

I/We, Sauvage Lands, LLC, of Los Angeles, California, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$122,663. The total cost of the project is \$331,959.

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: Lionel Sauvage

Date: November 1, 2025

Position: Landowner

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. Project Title: Bear Creek Access Area
2. Applicant: Sauvage Family Phone: (310)858-2200
Grantee: Sauvage Lands, LLC. (As will appear on contract/payments)
If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status
Address: 11601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1960
City/State/Zip: Los Angeles / California / 90025 Phone: (310)858-2200
Email: lms@watteau.net
3. Location: ODFW Region East Region
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Grande Ronde Watershed District / Minam Wildlife Management Unit
County: Wallowa County Township/Range/Section: T1N, R42E, Sections 25, 26, 34, 35 & 36; T1S, R42E Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15; T1S, R43E Sections 6, 7, 17, 18, 20, 21, 28 & 29 (Please See Attached Map)
4. Type of Project:
Habitat Improvement Access Damage
5. Number of acres of habitat to be improved: 10,092 acres
6. Number of acres of access to be provided: 10,092 acres
Welcome to Hunt By Permission Other _____
7. Proposed Start Date: 04/01/2026
8. Proposed End Date: 12/31/2028
9. Estimated Cost of Project: \$331,959
10. Access and Habitat Fund Request: \$122,663
11. Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:
This project proposes paying Sauvage Lands, LLC. \$2.40/acre for "Welcome to Hunt" access on 10,092 acres of private land in the Minam Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) for a period of 3 years to hunt big game (i.e. mule deer, whitetail deer, Rocky Mountain elk, bear, cougar, coyote) and upland game birds (i.e. quail, turkey and grouse). In addition to hunter access, the Sauvage Family is also conducting habitat improvement projects by continuing a noxious weed control program, implementing forest health prescriptions, improving habitat connectivity through the removal of detrimental interior fencing, and working with Bonneville Power Administration to restore 5 miles of stream along Bear Creek and Little Bear Creek (Attachment C).
12. Habitat and Landscape: Describe the habitat and landscape of the project area.

The proposed Bear Creek Access Area contains several different habitat types inhabited by big game, predators, and upland game birds. The property consists of forested mountains, grassland foothills and open meadow habitats with numerous creeks, springs, and seeps. It is classified as important winter range habitat for big game.

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.

In 2022, Sauvage Lands, LLC. purchased 10,092 acres from RY Timber Inc. in Wallowa County, Oregon. The property is in the Minam Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), approximately 3.0 miles south of the town of Wallowa, Oregon. Historically, RY Timber Inc. intensively managed the timber and grazing resources on the property to help sustain company programs. The Sauvage Family's interests in the property are in both forests and grasslands, ultimately looking to improve diversity, productivity, and resilience, while moving towards a desired future condition. Upon purchasing the property, The Sauvage Family hired Ecotrust Forest Management Investments & Advisory, LLC. (EFM) to help oversee the day-to-day operations and management of the property. EFM's activities aim to contribute directly to good stewardship of the land while working to implement habitat improvement projects that aid in restoration efforts. In addition, the Sauvage's also employ a local contractor, Bobbie Bates Consulting, to help implement, monitor, and secure additional funds for restoration activities.

The Minam WMU is dominated by the Eagle Cap Wilderness and other Wallowa Whitman National Forest (WWNF) lands, with the remaining land base consisting of 26% private land. Sauvage Family lands are currently being managed as working lands with a strong emphasis on natural resource values, recreation and timber resources. The property provides significant habitat for fish and wildlife populations, creating a variety of hunting opportunities. With the ranch situated adjacent to WWNF and other private lands, there is a strong possibility that big game will be pushed off adjacent public and private lands onto the ranch. Other private lands directly adjacent to the ranch allow hunting access primarily to friends and family. Landowners in this portion of the Minam WMU can experience elk damage. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is utilizing hunters as a tool to help address elk damage in the area by employing a General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag that runs from August 1st – November 30th annually. A portion of the Bear Creek Access Area (5,037 acres) is within that hunt boundary. Increasing public access will potentially increase hunter success and improve ODFW's ability to influence elk distribution and population numbers in this area.

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 Sauvage family formally enrolled in the Access and Habitat program in 2023 (2023-04). Through its inception, the Bear Creek Access Area has provided "Welcome to Hunt" access for big game, predators and upland game birds, while working to enhance wildlife habitat and restoring wildlife connectivity. Over the past 3 years, both the Department and the Sauvage

Family have been extremely satisfied with the partnership, and the level of hunter use and satisfaction on the access area.

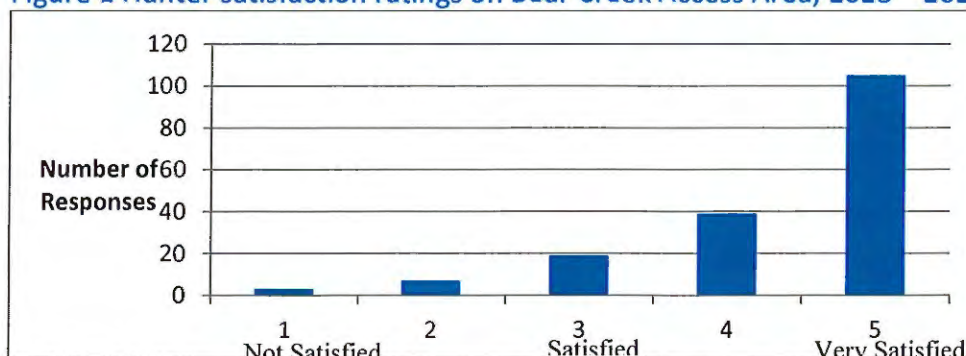
15. **Hunter Use Data: New Projects:** Must give estimates of expected usage and how usage will be assessed. **Old Projects:** Use Access Area Permit data, vehicle or pedestrian counts, hunter interviews, etc.

Recreational interest and use are very high on this access area. The access area provides one of the few early season entry points into the Minam WMU as access unit wide is typically limited by snow conditions.

Primary data collection efforts have been focused on the “voluntary” check-in / check-out stations (please see Attachment A). Hunter use, satisfaction, and harvest information was monitored monthly for the life of the project. The ODFW Grande Ronde Watershed Habitat Biologist and Regional A&H Program Coordinator visits each kiosk location once a month during the access season to collect all A&H Access Area Permits and to ensure that new permits and maps are readily available for hunters. Attachment B summarizes “voluntary” check-in / check-out data that was collected during the 2023, 2024, and 2025 (partial) seasons. It’s important to note that data for the 2025 season is incomplete. At the time of drafting this renewal application (early November), hunting seasons were still occurring, ultimately leaving the data from the highest use periods incomplete. The remaining balance of the 2025 hunter use data will be collected and summarized in January 2026 and an update will be provided to the A&H Board at the April 2026 meeting.

During the 2023-2025 (partial) seasons, a total of 271 permits were collected from the check-in / check-out station at the access area, with only 173 permits being filled out completely (64% compliance rating). A permit is “complete” when both parts A and B have been filled out completely, and the necessary sections have been returned to the check-in / check-out station. Incomplete permits typically lack the return of section B or the individual user did not fill out all pertinent information of section B. One of the most useful pieces of information that is collected via the permitting process is the “Overall Satisfaction” rating. “Overall Satisfaction” ratings provide an opportunity for users to give valuable feedback concerning the property and their experience(s). Figure 1 below shows most hunters reported a satisfied to very satisfied rating. The average rating over the past 3 years is 4.36 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 indicating very satisfied.

Figure 1 Hunter satisfaction ratings on Bear Creek Access Area, 2023 – 2025 (partial)



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

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

The objectives of the proposed project are to provide “Welcome to Hunt” public hunting access to 10,092 acres of private land in the Minam Wildlife Management Unit from April 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026, April 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027, and April 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028. This project is also working to improve important wildlife habitat(s) and restore habitat connectivity by treating invasive noxious weeds, (i.e. knapweed, thistle, sweet briar rose), improving forest health and removing detrimental interior fencing.

- (b) How will the project benefit wildlife habitat?

This project will benefit wildlife habitats by treating noxious weed populations (i.e. knapweeds, thistles, sweet briar rose), improving forest health via prescriptive thinning measures, and improving habitat connectivity through the removal of detrimental interior fencing. Noxious weeds are directly impacting big game winter range and year-round upland game bird habitat(s). The control and removal of noxious weeds will improve plant communities, specifically grasses and forbs, leading to a higher quality winter range and much improved year-round habitat for upland game birds. Forest health improvements will focus on addressing stand density, removing dead and dying trees, and reducing canopy closer, ultimately promoting early seral understory species. Encouraging early seral habitats is a priority as those habitat types provide tremendous forage values. Habitat connectivity will be enhanced through the removal of fencing, helping to facilitate local wildlife movement, reducing habitat fragmentation across the landscape, and promoting wildlife habitat corridor usage.

While not directly related to A&H funding, the coordinated stream restoration activities with ODFW’s Fish Habitat Program (BPA funded) to restore 5 miles of stream along Bear Creek and Little Bear Creek (Attachment C) will provide important riparian habitat improvements to all fish and wildlife species. Please see Attachment C for a more comprehensive explanation of the stream restoration activities.

- (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

Migratory Game Bird

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

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?

The project will provide "Welcome to Hunt" public hunting access to 10,092 acres of private land in the Minam WMU.

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

Big Game

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

Upland Bird

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

Migratory Game Bird

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

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

This project will help ODFW Wallowa Wildlife District in addressing elk damage that is currently occurring on surrounding private lands by providing public hunting access to private land in an area where access can be limited. ODFW is using hunters to help address these damage complaints. A hunt structure that allows hunters to pursue elk from August 1st through the end of November is currently in place. Continuing to provide greater access to private lands can increase hunter success and assist ODFW in addressing private lands damage complaints and elk distribution issues.

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

The project area is located approximately 3.0 miles SE of Wallowa, Oregon. To access the property, take I-82 to Wallowa, Oregon and exit at Bear Creek Road. Take Bear Creek Road 3.0 miles SE to the edge of the property. Please see attached map.

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

“Welcome to Hunt” Access Area

Open public hunting access will be allowed April 1 – December 31 annually. This period encompasses all big game hunts and upland game bird seasons. A winter range closure excluding all public access exists January 1 – March 31 annually to protect and promote wintering wildlife populations. A color map will be produced by ODFW and available to public hunters. The landowner will be provided with the standard A&H signs such as: “Welcome to Hunt”, “Safety Zone”, “Closed to Motorized Vehicles”, “Opportunity provided in Cooperation with the A&H Program”, etc. ODFW staff will assist the landowner with the posting of signs on his property. Access will be restricted to foot traffic only and no ATV’s or motorized vehicles will be allowed to access any part of the lands off of the publicly owned main access roads. ODFW Grande Ronde Watershed Wildlife Habitat Biologist and Regional A&H Program Coordinator will monitor hunter use via the “voluntary” check-in/check-out station (Please see Attachment A).

Habitat Improvement(s)

Implementation of habitat improvements will continue throughout 2026, 2027, and 2028.

Forest Health Improvements: Treatments will focus on addressing stand density, removing dead and dying trees, and reducing canopy closer, ultimately promoting early seral understory species. Encouraging early seral habitats is a priority as those habitat types provide tremendous forage values.

Noxious Weed Treatments: Invasive noxious weed populations will receive herbicide application(s) primarily in the fall of each year with touch-up applications occurring as needed in the spring. Controlling noxious weeds with the appropriate herbicide(s) as recommended by the Tri-County Cooperative Weed management Area Director, or a licensed applicator will be the priority. All treated lands will be monitored for additional infestations and post-emergent treatments will be applied as needed. If treatment sites need to be revegetated, the ODFW Grande Ronde Watershed Habitat Biologist will work with the applicant to develop a seed mix for competitiveness, species performance, and wildlife benefit(s).

Habitat Connectivity: Habitat connectivity issues are being addressed through the removal of unnecessary interior fencing, helping to facilitate local wildlife movement, reducing habitat fragmentation, and promoting wildlife habitat corridor usage. With 10+ miles of fencing needing to be removed, project planning will aim to utilize several different resources to address project needs. Current cost estimates for fencing removal from a local fence contractor are estimated at \$1.00/ft., thus bringing the cost for total fence removal to over \$50,000. Due to high project costs, we will utilize a licensed fence contractor and volunteer crews, partnering with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and STIHL Corporation to accomplish project goals. These coordinated efforts will occur over the life of the 3-year contract.

In addition to the proposed A&H habitat improvement projects, the Sauvage Family is also pursuing funding through the Oregon Department of Forestry, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and OWEB to continue with implementation of forest health and fuels reduction treatments throughout the property.

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

There are no permits necessary for this project.

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

- a. Habitat Work Start Date: Ongoing
Habitat Work Completion Date: Ongoing
- b. Access Agreement Start Date: 4/1/2026
Access Agreement End Date: 12/31/2028
- c. List major project activities and time schedule for each:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time (month/year)</u>
1. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>April 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026</u>
2. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>April 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027</u>
3. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>April 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028</u>
4. <u>Habitat Improvement Projects</u>	<u>Annually (NRCS, ODF, ODFW, OWEB)</u>
5. <u>Maintain kiosk & Check-in / Check-out Stations</u>	<u>April – December Annually</u>

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. <u>EcoTrust Forest Management / Bobbie Bates</u>	<u>Hunting Administration & Habitat Project Administration</u>	<u>\$6,000 (\$2,000/year) (In-kind)</u>
2. <u>Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation</u>	<u>Volunteer Weekend Work Parties x2</u>	<u>\$53,296 In-kind (2024 & 2025)</u>
3. <u>ODF/NRCS Grant</u>	<u>Proposed Fuels Reduction- 200 acres</u>	<u>Pending /To Be Determined</u>
4. <u>Sauvage Family</u>	<u>Forest Heath / Restoration Activities</u>	<u>\$150,000/year</u>
5.		
6.		
		<u>\$209,296</u>

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 and the landowner or landowner representative will work cooperatively to post signs on the property and resolve any issues that may arise from the use of the property.

ODFW and the Oregon State Police will include the property in the areas that are being patrolled during the hunting and access seasons.

The Sauvage family is committed to the long-term maintenance and operational needs associated with owning lands for resource values. Continuing to pursue additional funding opportunities (ODF, NRCS, OWEB) is a priority for the landowner. Maintaining a working lands approach while striving to implement successful habitat improvement projects is a priority for the landowner and with those goals comes strong long-term commitments.

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

Hunter use, satisfaction, and harvest information will be monitored annually by ODFW Grande Ronde Watershed Habitat Biologist and Regional A&H Program Coordinator. Entry Point Kiosks and "voluntary" check-in / check-out stations will be monitored monthly during the hunting and access seasons to collect and resupply A&H Access Area Daily Permits and access area maps.

Habitat improvement projects will be monitored annually by project partners and landowner representatives to determine project effectiveness and identify needs for additional treatments. As with all habitat improvement projects, follow up treatments can be necessary to achieve desired conditions. With such a strong commitment and financial investment, the Sauvage family supports long-term maintenance and monitoring efforts to ensure project successes.

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

The Sauvage Family has committed \$150,000 annually to help support forest health prescriptions. It is also anticipated that the Sauvage Family or one of their representatives will contribute at a minimum of \$2,000 annually of in-kind services in the form of hunting and project administration. These in-kind services could be in the form of posting of signs, patrol efforts, litter removal and hunter contacts.

RMEF and STIHL Corporation Volunteer Weekend: ODFW Grande Ronde Watershed Wildlife Habitat Biologist and Regional A&H Program Coordinator conducts annual volunteer events with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and STIHL Corporation solely dedicated to removing unnecessary interior fencing throughout the access area. This in-kind match from volunteer efforts in 2024 and 2025 are reported below.

2024 Volunteer Weekend

- 77 Volunteers participated
- \$25/hour/individual @ 8 hours worked= \$15,400 in-kind match
- Contractor prices for fence removal were projected at \$1.00/ft.
- Volunteers successfully removed 3.1 miles of fencing, generating an additional \$16,368 in potential match funds.
- Total In-Kind Match for 2024= \$31,768

2025 Volunteer Weekend

- 39 Volunteers participated
- \$25/hour/individual @ 8 hours worked= \$7,800 in-kind match
- Contractor prices for fence removal were projected at \$1.00/ft.
- Volunteers successfully removed 2.6 miles of fencing, generating an additional \$13,728 in potential match funds.
- Total In-Kind Match for 2024= \$21,528

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 & Technical Support</u>			
Sauvage Family (\$2,000/year In-kind)		<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total		<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
<u>Access Payment</u>			
\$24,221/year for 3 years	<u>\$72,663</u>		<u>\$72,663</u>
<u>Habitat Improvement</u>			
Noxious Weed Control	<u>\$10,000</u>		<u>\$10,000</u>
Forest Health	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$190,000</u>
RMEF / STIHL		<u>\$53,296</u>	<u>\$53,296</u>
<u>Annual Volunteer Weekend</u>			
TOTAL COSTS	<u>\$122,663</u>	<u>\$209,296</u>	<u>\$331,959</u>

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.

ACCESS PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Access Year	Payment	Request for Funds Submitted:
April 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026	\$24,221	No earlier than April 1, 2026
April 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027	\$24,221	No earlier than April 1, 2027
April 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028 (10% withheld until receipt of completion report	\$16,955	No earlier than April 1, 2028
Final Payment	\$7,266	No earlier than January 1, 2029

Attachment A



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A A&H Access Area Daily Permit

1) Complete Part A, detach, and leave in box.
2) Complete Part B and deposit in box when leaving area.

Date: _____ Vehicle Lic #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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B A&H Access Area Daily Permit

Please remember to deposit when leaving area

Principle Purpose of Visit:

Waterfowl hunting Upland hunting

Big Game hunting Predators/Small Game hunting

Other: _____

What did you harvest?: _____

Overall Satisfaction: 1 2 3 4 5
(circle number) Not Satisfied Satisfied Very Satisfied

Attachment B Bear Creek Access Area Permit Collection 2023-2025

DATE	PERMIT NUMER	PURPOSE OF HUNTING	HARVEST RESULTS	SATISFACTION RATING
11/5/2023	*66252	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/1/2023	*66254	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2023	*66255	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/3/2023	*66256	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/1/2023	*66259	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/2/2023	*66260	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/3/2023	*66261	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
10/14/2023	66262	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
11/4/2023	*66267	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2023	*66281	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2023	*66282	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2023	*66283	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2023	*66284	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2023	*66285	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/3/2023	*66286	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/3/2023	66287	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
11/4/2023	66288	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
11/4/2023	66289	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/3/2023	*66290	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/4/2023	66291	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/5/2023	*66292	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	2
11/5/2023	*66293	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	2
11/5/2023	*66294	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/5/2023	*66295	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/5/2023	*66296	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/29/2023	*66297	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/29/2023	*66298	N/A	N/A	N/A
12/20/2023	*66300	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	*66301	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
N/A	*66302	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
N/A	*66303	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/15/2023	*66304	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/16/2023	*66305	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/17/2023	*66306	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/19/2023	*66307	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/17/2023	*66308	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/11/2023	*66309	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/11/2023	*66310	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/11/2023	*66311	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/13/2023	*66312	N/A	N/A	N/A

11/13/2023	*66313	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/13/2023	*66314	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/14/2023	*66315	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/16/2023	*66316	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
11/17/2023	*66317	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
11/15/2023	66318	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
11/18/2023	66319	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/17/2023	66320	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
N/A	*66630	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
12/31/2023	*66321	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/2/2023	62552	SCOUTING	0	5
N/A	*66256	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
10/5/2023	*62557	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/7/2023	62559	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/16/2023	62561	SMALL GAME HUNTING	1 RABBIT	5
10/7/2023	*62563	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
10/8/2023	62565	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/10/2023	62566	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	1
10/10/2023	*62567	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	N/A
10/10/2023	62568	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	1
10/10/2023	62570	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/10/2023	62571	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/12/2023	62573	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
10/14/2023	*62574	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
10/14/2023	*62575	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
10/14/2023	*62581	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
10/21/2023	62582	SCOUTING	0	5
10/5/2023	62584	SCOUTING	0	5
10/6/2023	62585	SCOUTING	0	5
11/25/2023	62586	SCOUTING	0	5
11/28/2023	62587	SCOUTING	0	5
9/27/2023	62588	SCOUTING	0	5
9/30/2023	62589	SCOUTING	0	5
10/16/2023	62590	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/17/2023	62591	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/18/2023	62592	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/11/2023	62593	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/12/2023	62594	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/13/2023	62595	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
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11/15/2023	62597	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/16/2023	62598	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/17/2023	62599	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/18/2023	62600	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5

10/1/2023	62601	SCOUTING	0	5
10/2/2023	62602	SCOUTING	0	5
10/3/2023	62603	SCOUTING	0	5
10/7/2023	62604	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/8/2023	62605	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/9/2023	62606	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/10/2023	62607	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/11/2023	62608	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/12/2023	62609	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/13/2023	62610	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/14/2023	62611	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/15/2023	62612	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/21/2023	62613	PREDATOR	0	5
11/27/2023	62614	PREDATOR	0	5
11/10/2023	62615	SCOUTING	0	5
11/9/2023	62616	SCOUTING	0	5
10/4/2023	62617	SCOUTING	0	5
10/31/2023	*62622	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2023	*62623	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/3/2023	*62624	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
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11/18/2023	*62626	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
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11/12/2023	*62632	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/10/2023	*62633	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	0	5
11/13/2023	*62634	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/14/2023	*62635	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/16/2023	*62636	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/10/2023	62637	HIKING	0	5
11/11/2023	*62638	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
10/7/2023	*62739	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/19/2023	62641	BIG GAME HUNTING	1 BLUE GROUSE	5
11/16/2023	62642	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/17/2023	*62643	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/18/2023	62644	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/18/2023	*62645	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
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11/11/2023	*62650	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/11/2023	*62651	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/12/2023	*62653	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/13/2023	*62667	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	N/A

11/13/2023	*62668	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	N/A
11/13/2023	*62669	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	N/A
N/A	*62743	PREDATOR	0	4
N/A	*62744	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
11/13/2023	*62680	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	N/A
11/13/2023	*62681	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	N/A
11/14/2023	*62682	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/14/2023	62683	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
11/14/2023	62684	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
11/14/2023	*62685	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/14/2023	*62686	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/14/2023	*62687	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/15/2023	*62688	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/16/2023	*62689	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/17/2023	*62690	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/18/2023	62691	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/15/2023	62692	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/16/2023	62693	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/14/2023	*62694	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
11/15/2023	*62695	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
11/14/2023	62696	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
11/15/2023	62697	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
11/16/2023	*62698	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	N/A
11/17/2023	62699	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
11/18/2023	62700	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/7/2023	*62732	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
10/7/2023	*62735	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
10/7/2023	*62736	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
10/7/2023	62737	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/7/2023	62738	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/8/2023	*62743	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/8/2023	*62744	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/9/2023	62745	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/9/2023	62746	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	2
10/9/2023	62747	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	2
10/12/2023	62748	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
10/12/2023	62749	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
10/10/2023	*62750	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/12/2023	*66303	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/13/2023	*66302	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/14/2023	*66301	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	168			

5/1/2024	66323	SCOUTING	0	5
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5/8/2024	66326	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
5/23/2024	*66328	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
5/20/2024	*66334	PREDATOR	N/A	4
5/25/2024	66335	PREDATOR	0	4
5/24/2024	66329	PREDATOR	0	4
5/23/2024	66336	PREDATOR	0	4
5/30/2024	*66338	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
N/A	30348	PREDATOR	0	3
N/A	66323	SCOUTING	0	5
N/A	66326	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
N/A	*66328	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
N/A	*66329	PREDATOR	N/A	4
9/7/2024	*66332	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	3
10/5/2024	*66333	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	3
N/A	*66334	PREDATOR	N/A	4
N/A	*66335	PREDATOR	0	4
5/28/2024	*66336	PREDATOR	N/A	4
9/13/2024	*66377	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	*66338	RECREATING	N/A	N/A
9/21/2024	66380	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/3/2024	66386	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	0	5
10/6/2024	66390	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	0	4
10/10/2024	66393	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	0	5
10/10/2024	*66394	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/10/2024	*66395	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/13/2024	*66399	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/1/2024	62401	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	2 RUFFED GROUSE	5
9/9/2024	*66404	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/3/2024	*62425	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/5/2024	*62426	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/5/2024	*62427	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	*62428	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/5/2024	62429	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/5/2024	62430	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
10/6/2024	62431	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/11/2024	*62432	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
10/12/2024	*62433	PREDATOR	N/A	N/A
11/14/2024	*62097	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/10/2024	*62098	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/12/2024	*62099	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/13/2024	*62100	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/14/2024	*62101	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/11/2024	*62102	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5

11/16/2024	*62103	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
11/17/2024	*62104	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	N/A
11/9/2024	*62113	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/8/2024	*62114	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/8/2024	*62115	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/8/2024	*62116	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/9/2024	*62118	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/16/2024	*66419	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/19/2024	62121	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/2/2024	*66330	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/24/2024	66352	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	0	5
10/31/2024	66354	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/1/2024	66360	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
11/1/2024	66361	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	0	4
11/1/2024	66362	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/2/2024	66366	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	2
11/10/2024	*66370	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/11/2024	*66371	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	5
11/12/2024	*66372	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/13/2024	*66373	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/16/2024	*66374	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/15/2024	*66375	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/17/2024	*66376	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
11/11/2024	*66408	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/11/2024	*66409	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/15/2024	*66410	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/12/2024	*66411	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/12/2024	*66412	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/19/2024	62436	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	0	5
10/28/2024	62437	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	1 RUFFED GROUSE	5
10/29/2024	62439	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	1 RUFFED GROUSE	5
10/31/2024	62440	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
10/31/2024	62441	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	0	4
11/2/2024	62442	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	1
11/1/2024	62443	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
11/2/2024	*62444	N/A	N/A	N/A
11/2/2024	62445	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
11/10/2024	*62446	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/3/2024	62447	UPLAND BIRD HUNTING	1 RUFFED GROUSE	2
TOTALS	83			

6/5/2025	66422	SCOUTING	0	5
N/A	62957	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
10/4/2025	73212	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/4/2025	*73214	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/8/2025	*73218	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	4
10/12/2025	73219	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/12/2025	73220	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/12/2025	73224	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	4
10/17/2025	*73225	PREDATOR HUNTING	N/A	3
10/17/2025	73226	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
10/18/2025	73227	BIG GAME HUNTING	0	3
10/20/2025	*73229	N/A	N/A	N/A
10/26/2025	*73230	N/A	N/A	N/A
9/14/2025	74252	SCOUTING	0	5
9/15/2025	*74253	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	2
9/21/2025	*74254	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
9/21/2025	74255	SCOUTING	0	5
10/4/2025	*74261	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
10/10/2025	*74266	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
10/9/2025	*74267	BIG GAME HUNTING	N/A	5
TOTALS	20			

*Indicates an "Incomplete Permit". Permits are considered incomplete if they are not completely filled out and both sections A and B have not been returned.

Attachment C

BPA Funded Bear Creek Restoration Project Summary (Wallowa County, Oregon):

This project is focused on improving limiting habitat factors that are critical to multiple life stages of ESA listed spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead, and bull trout as well as redband trout, lamprey and other important native fish species. Key limiting factors for Bear Creek include lack of habitat quantity and diversity (lack of pools and large woody debris), elevated summer water temperature, diminished streamflow during critical periods, reduced floodplain connectivity and function and degraded riparian conditions.

Goal: To enhance aquatic habitat diversity through the restoration of natural river function and processes including floodplain connectivity to create and maintain a complex riverine corridor.

Objectives:

- Increase the spatial heterogeneity and complexity of high-quality habitat and distribute stream flow and energy through a range of hydrologic conditions by reconnecting or creating secondary channels, off-channel connections (spring channels), and alcoves.
- Increase the density of large woody material through the placement of large woody material to improve channel hydraulic diversity to increase pool quantity and quality, provide zones of sediment sorting, and increase cover.
- Increase seasonal floodplain connection and function to dissipate flood energy while improving flood water storage, hyporheic exchange, floodplain sediment storage and in-channel sediment sorting.
- Maintain and enhance existing spring channels where possible and create habitat features that can be utilized by beaver to expand their area of use and influence within the riverine corridor.
- Protect, establish and maintain a robust native riparian plant community along channel banks and floodplain, increasing shade, improving bank structure and habitat, and providing a buffer from upland and floodplain sediment sources.
- Protect and/or modify existing infrastructure (roads, bridges, and buildings) to maximize fish habitat uplift throughout the project area.

The work will occur from RM 3.1 and 5.6 of Bear Creek on private property, as well as 2 miles upstream from the confluence of Bear Creek with Little Bear Creek. Bear Creek is a tributary of the Wallowa River identified as WLL2 in the Wallowa Atlas Prioritization Document developed by BPA. This opportunity has been ranked as a Tier 1 or one of the highest priority sub watersheds to restore in the basin. This project will address limiting habitat factors in Bear Creek according to NOAA's 2017 ESA Recovery Plan for North East Oregon Snake River Spring and Summer Chinook Salmon and Snake River Basin Steelhead Populations. The restoration techniques will focus on an ecosystem approach by restoring process and function to the reach, this is in line with the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources Management Plan (2013-2028).

This reach of Bear Creek is a dynamic system experiencing a large flood pulse each year of water and sediment. Due to anthropogenic effects such as building the road, constructing two bridges, and infrastructure bank protection, Bear Creek is currently at bedrock in several places, straightened and confined thus producing a shotgun of water and sediment. The project reach lacks pools and large wood capable of slowing down the water and trapping sediment suitable for spawning. Wood additions would also increase fish habitat for juvenile rearing, and adult holding. There are many opportunities for floodplain reactivation, which would especially benefit juvenile growth and survival. Downstream from this reach, several irrigation withdrawals tend to produce incredibly low flows in Bear Creek during the summer months, so by reactivating the floodplain and restoring and protecting springs on this property, it is possible to see a significant increase in flow especially during base flow conditions. Riparian vegetation has been suppressed by overgrazing but will most likely thrive once protected.

Besides ODFW, the Atlas Implementation Team which includes (Nez Perce Tribe, Grande Ronde Model Watershed, Trout Unlimited, and Wallowa Resources) will help guide the design of this project to be successful in restoring process and function to Bear Creek.



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November 1, 2025

Access & Habitat Board
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
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Dear Access & Habitat Board Members:

I am writing in support of the proposed Bear Creek Access Area grant renewal application. This project provides "Welcome to Hunt" access to 10,092 acres in the Minam Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) and improves wildlife habitat and connectivity through the implementation of a noxious weed control program, forest health enhancements, and the removal of unnecessary interior fencing. Sauvage Family lands are currently being managed for natural resource values, recreational and timber values and provide significant habitat for big game and upland game bird populations. With the ranch situated adjacent to WWNF and other private lands, there is a strong possibility that big game will be pushed off adjacent public and private lands onto the ranch. Private lands access in this portion of the Minam WMU can be difficult to obtain, as access is primarily utilized by friends and family. This project will certainly help address this access issue.

This property is also important to the ODFW Wallowa Wildlife District as it provides over 10,000 contiguous acres of prime winter range and year-round habitat where wildlife use will be encouraged. Private landowners who support the needs of wildlife populations are an asset to the Department in addressing big game distribution issues. By taking a proactive approach to habitat improvements, land managers will be able to build forage resources that will help meet the needs/desires of numerous wildlife species that utilize these lands.

I strongly recommend that the Board approve this project as proposed. This partnership between the A&H Program and the Sauvage Family will ultimately enhance habitat for wildlife and provide valuable access for public hunters. If you would like to discuss the project in further detail, please feel free to contact me at (541) 426-3279.

Sincerely,

Holly Tuers-Lance
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Wallowa District Biologist

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: Bear Creek Access Area

Project #: 2023

	Access Acres	Habitat Acres	Habitat Category:	4	Total Score:	27
"Welcome" Private	10,092	10,092	(range: 1-6; see flow chart on page 4. Not applicable to Access-only projects)		Total Possible:	36
By-Permission Private						
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.

	Project Score	Access Fee Assessment		
		Private Land	Inacc. Public	Acc. Public
Food: <u>Good browse and forage species...Habitat improvement projects.</u>	1	1	n/a	n/a
Water: <u>Perennial streams, seeps, springs and stock ponds.</u>	1	1	n/a	n/a
Cover: <u>Managed timber, riparian habitats and heavy shrub component.</u>	1	1	n/a	n/a

2. Partnerships

Partners contributing financial or in-kind support:

1 or more Sports groups.....	1	1	n/a	n/a
3 or more Sports groups.....	0			
Educational programs / non-governmental organizations.....	0			
Other government agencies or ODFW programs (i.e. OWEB, R&E).....	1			

		Project Score		Access Fee Assessment			
3. <i>Matching Funds</i>	Total matching funds (monetary and in-kind)						
	> 1% matching funds.....	1					
	> 25% matching funds.....	1	1	n/a	n/a		
	> 50% matching funds.....	1					
4. <i>Damage</i>	Project would mitigate current damage to private property:						
	Wildlife damage occurring on private property.....	0					
	Landowner participates in ODFW damage control programs.....	1					
		General Total		9	5	0	0
		<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	n/a		
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.....	1					
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.....	0	0	n/a	n/a		
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	n/a		
	4+ species groups available and permitted.....	1	1	n/a	n/a		
10. <i>Under-rep. Species*</i>	Project provides access to under-represented species in the watershed.....	1	1	n/a	n/a		
11. <i>Harvest Restriction</i>	Landowner would not restrict sex or species permitted for lawful harvest.....	1	1	n/a	n/a		
12. <i>Season Restriction</i>	Landowner would not restrict access to any hunting season(s).....	1	1	n/a	n/a		
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		9	6	0	0
		<i>Access Possible</i>		12	8	8	7
		Payment Fee Total			11	n/a	n/a

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

<u>Habitat Criteria</u>	(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																																				
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:																																					
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Access and Habitat Project Evaluation - Appendix

Under-represented Species

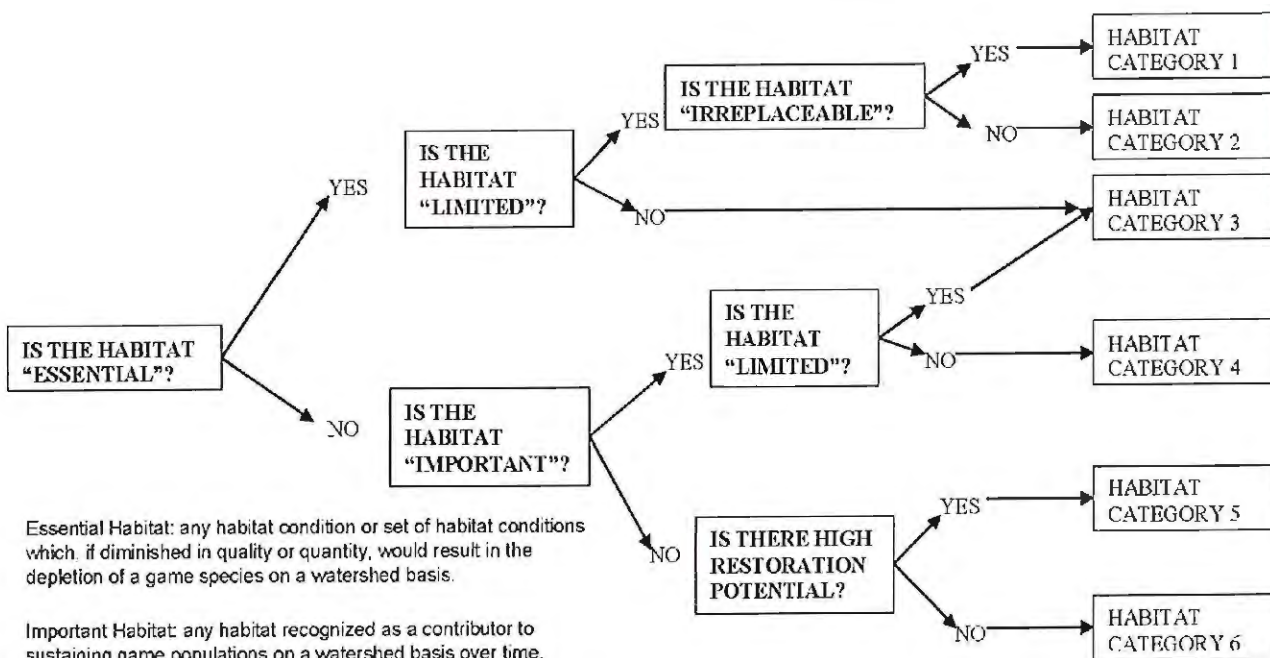
Definition: game species that exist in the watershed district in huntable numbers, but that the general public does not have reasonable hunting access to (via public land, current A&H properties, etc.)

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

A&H Habitat Category Flow Chart

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



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

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

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

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

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	11	\$2.40	10,092	\$24,220.80
Private Permission	11	\$1.44	0	\$0.00
Inaccessible Public	n/a	n/a	0	n/a
Accessible Public	n/a	n/a	0	n/a
Total Payment:				\$24,220.80



ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Regional Advisory Council Project Proposal Review

ODFW Region / A&H Regional Council: [Northeast Region / Northeast Council](#)

Project Proposal Title: [Bear Creek Access Area](#)

Applicants(s): [Sauvage Family](#)

Date of Council Review: [December 10, 2025](#)

Type of Project: Access X Habitat X Other Damage

Motion: Calvin Davis made a motion to approve the project as proposed. Tom Baker seconded the motion.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Tim Campbell	Chairman	Yes
Chris Brown	Landowner Representative	Absent
Doug Hopper	Landowner Representative	Yes
Chris Panike	Landowner Representative	Yes
Tom Baker	Hunter Representative	Yes
Calvin Davis	Hunter Representative	Yes
Russ Elms	Hunter Representative	Yes

Disposition of Vote: Motion passed 6:0

Project Strengths:

- This project area is a high priority for the Wallowa Wildlife District as it will provide “Welcome to Hunt” access to 10,092 acres of private land in the Minam WMU.
- Sauvage Family lands are being managed for natural resource, recreational and timber values and will provide significant habitat for big game and upland game bird populations.
- The applicant is working to improve wildlife habitat conditions and forest health on a landscape level basis. Habitat improvements will lead to increasing upland game bird and big game populations and improve habitat connectivity by reducing habitat fragmentation and promoting wildlife habitat corridor usage.
- Sauvage Family lands are being managed with a strong emphasis for wildlife benefits. This land base is important winter range for big game and provides year-round upland game bird habitat. Incorporating management strategies that accommodate and promote wildlife usage will be very beneficial to the numerous wildlife species that depend on this property.

Project Concerns:

- None