

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

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

I/We, Jerry and Karen Carlson of Hermiston, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$3,480. The total cost of the project is \$4,480.

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: Jerry and Karen Carlson

Date: May 18, 2026

Position: Landowner

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. Project Title: Divide Ridge Access Area
2. Applicant: Jerry and Karen Carlson Phone: (541)701-7266 / (541)567-1016
Grantee: Jerry and Karen Carlson (As will appear on contract/payments)
If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status
Address: 930 East Main Street
City/State/Zip: Hermiston / Oregon / 97838 Phone: (541)701-7266 / (541)426-4246
Email: jkcarlbel@charter.net
3. Location: ODFW Region East Region
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Grande Ronde Watershed District / Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit
County: Wallowa County Township/Range/Section: T3S / R46E / Sections 22 (Please see attached map)
4. Type of Project:
☐ Habitat Improvement ☒ Access ☐ Damage
5. Number of acres of habitat to be improved: N/A
6. Number of acres of access to be provided: 290 acres
☒ Welcome to Hunt ☐ By Permission ☐ Other _____
7. Proposed Start Date: 08/01/2026
8. Proposed End Date: 07/31/2031
9. Estimated Cost of Project: \$4,480
10. Access and Habitat Fund Request: \$3,480
11. Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:
This project proposes to continue to pay Jerry and Karen Carlson \$2.40/acre for "Welcome to Hunt" access on 290 acres of private land in the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit for a period of 5 years to hunt big game, predators and upland game birds. Continuing this partnership will also improve access to adjacent Access and Habitat program lands- i.e. Divide Ridge Access Area (Gover). This block of private lands is known collectively as Divide Ridge Access Area.
12. Habitat and Landscape: Describe the habitat and landscape of the project area.
This property consists of forested mountains and open meadow habitats. It is considered important winter range and provides year-round 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.

The project area is located in the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) in Wallowa County, Oregon. The Imnaha WMU offers a variety of hunting opportunities including Rocky Mountain elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, predators and upland game bird hunting. Land ownership in the unit is comprised of 26% private lands and 74% public lands. Access to private lands in the unit is limited, with the majority of private landowners participating in fee hunting operations or keeping properties closed to the general public and allowing only friends and family access. The property is near other Access and Habitat (A&H) lands (Divide Ridge Access Area- Gover) and USFS lands. There is a strong possibility that big game will be pushed off adjacent public and private lands onto the access area.

The Divide Ridge Access Area is made up of two different private landowners. Both private landowners- the Carlson's and Gover's- are active A&H program participants. Providing access to this block of land has improved hunter access and success in an area of the Imnaha WMU that is highly desired by the hunting public. Continuing this partnership between these private landowners and the A&H Program will not only benefit the hunters that so greatly desire these lands but will continue to be a role model of how the A&H Program and private landowners can work together to successfully provide high quality projects.

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.

Past Access and Habitat projects include the Divide Ridge Access Area (Carlson) 2016-08 and 2021-25a. Over the past 10 years, the area has been a "Welcome to Hunt" property that receives a high amount of use from the public.

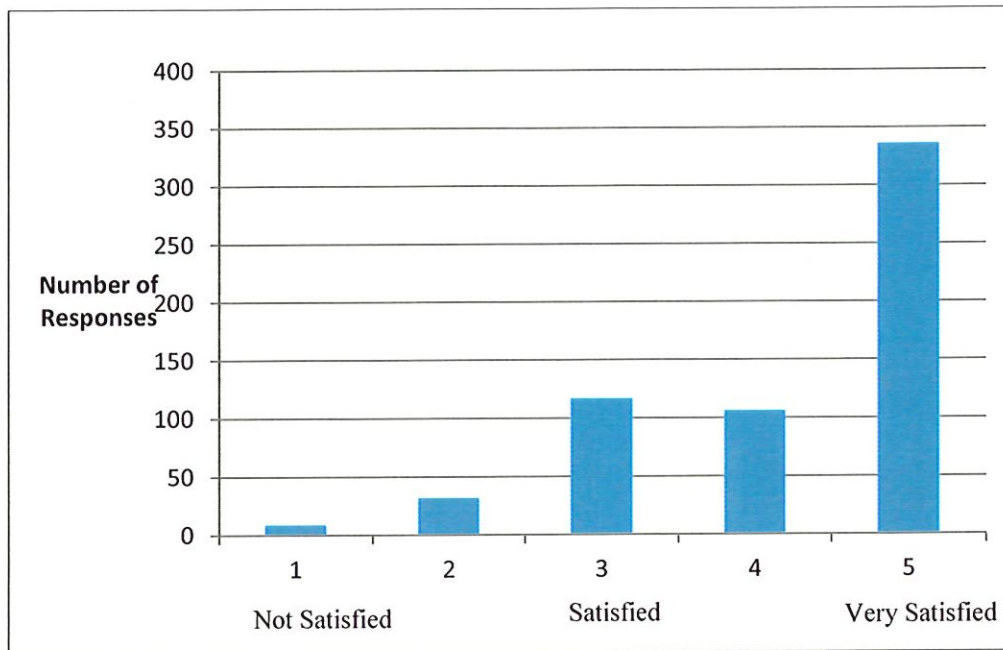
15. **Hunter Use Data:** New Projects: Must give estimates of expected usage and how usage will be assessed. Old Projects: Use Access Area Permit data, vehicle or pedestrian counts, hunter interviews, etc.

Since its inception, hunter use on the access area has been monitored through "voluntary" check-in / check-out stations (Attachment A). In 2016, four "voluntary" check-in / check-out station (Attachment A) were established across the access area to help collect hunter use information. Due to the nature of the "voluntary" check-in / check-out system, hunter compliance can be sporadic and often inconsistent. On several occasions, ODFW staff visited the property only to find numerous vehicles and individuals recreating on the area and no permits filed. ODFW staff have continued to educate users on the importance of this data and the necessity behind collecting hunter use information. Attachment B summarizes the last 10 years of "voluntary" check-in / check-out data.

For the 10-year period analyzed, a total of 1,137 permits were collected from the check-in / check-out stations. Of the 1,137 permits collected, 595 (52%) of the permits were filled out completely. A permit is "complete" when both parts A and B have been filled out correctly, and the necessary sections have been returned to the check-in / check-out station. Incomplete

permits are typically lacking 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 regarding the property and their experience. Figure 1 below shows that most hunters gave the property a satisfied to very satisfied rating. The average rating from 2016-2025 was 4.22 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 indicating most satisfied.

Figure 1 Hunter satisfaction ratings on Divide Ridge Access Area (Gover & Carlson), 2016 – 2025



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

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

Provide "Welcome to Hunt" public hunting access to 290 acres of private land in the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit for 5 consecutive years beginning August 1, 2026, and ending July 31, 2031.

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

N/A

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

Big Game

- ☐ Deer
☐ Elk
☐ Bear

Upland Bird

- ☐ Chukar
☐ Mountain Quail
☐ Valley Quail

Migratory Game Bird

- ☐ Ducks
☐ Geese
☐ American Coot

- ☐ Cougar
- ☐ Pronghorn
- ☐ Bighorn Sheep
- ☐ Mountain Goat

- ☐ Pheasants
- ☐ Forest Grouse
- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Gray Partridge
- ☐ Sage Grouse

- ☐ Wilsons Snipe
- ☐ Mourning Dove
- ☐ Band Tailed Pigeon

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

Examples of Project Benefit Duration

Noxious weed.....2yrs	Forage planting.....5yrs	Aspen fencing.....10yrs
Range fertilization...2yrs	Forest thinning.....5yrs	Aspen plant/fence.....10yrs
Rx Fire-grassland.....2yrs	Aspen (conifer removal)....5yrs	Road closure.....10yrs
Rx Fire-forested.....3yrs	Juniper removal.....7yrs	Road decommission....10yrs
Fence Removal.....10yrs	Water Dev/Enhancement.10yrs	

(Source: Blue Mountains Elk Initiative Project Evaluation Criteria)

(e) How will the project benefit public access? If limited access, how many hunters will be permitted?

This project will benefit public access by opening 290 acres of private land in the Imnaha WMU. Access to adjacent A&H program lands and USFS lands will also be enhanced in several locations along common boundaries. The property will provide public hunting opportunities for mule deer, white-tailed deer, Rocky Mountain elk, forest grouse, turkey, rabbit, bear, coyote, and cougar.

(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 Enterprise Wildlife District in dealing with elk damage that is currently occurring on surrounding private lands by providing public hunting access to private land in an area where access is otherwise limited.

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 9.0 miles east of Joseph, Oregon. From Highway 82, take HWY 350 4.5 miles east out of Joseph, Oregon. Turn right onto USFS 39 Road and then turn left onto USFS 3915 Road. Access is provided from several publicly owned roads. Please see the attached A&H map.

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

Open public hunting access will be allowed August 1- July 31 annually, beginning August 1, 2026, and ending July 31, 2031. This period will encompass all big game, waterfowl and upland bird seasons. A color map will be produced by ODFW and available to public hunters. The landowner will be provided with 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 Carlson's with the posting of signs on the 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 the main access roads. ODFW East Region Staff will continue to monitor hunter use through the voluntary check-in / check-out station (See Attachment A).

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: N/A

Habitat Work Completion Date: N/A

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

Access Agreement End Date: 07/31/2031

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>August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027</u>
2. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>August 1, 2027 – July 31, 2028</u>
3. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>August 1, 2028 – July 31, 2029</u>
4. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>August 1, 2029 – July 31, 2030</u>
5. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>August 1, 2030 – July 31, 2031</u>
6. <u>Maintain Kiosk & Check-in / Check-out Station</u>	<u>Annually</u>
7. <u>Sign & Post Property</u>	<u>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).

	Participant	Activity	Cost
1.	Jerry Carlson	Hunting Administration (Posting of Signs, Patrol Efforts & Litter Removal)	\$1,000 (\$200/year 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 and the landowner will work cooperatively to post signs on the property and solve 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 seasons.

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

Hunter use, satisfaction, and harvest information will be monitored by ODFW East Region Staff. Entry Point Kiosks and "voluntary" check-in / check-out stations will be monitored monthly during the hunting seasons to collect and resupply "A&H Access Area Daily Permits" and area maps.

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

It is anticipated that the Carlson's will contribute at a minimum of \$200 annually of in-kind services in the form of hunting administration, posting of signs, patrol efforts and litter removal.

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>			
L/O In-kind (Project Admin.)	_____	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>Access Payment</u>			
\$696/year for 5 years	<u>\$3,480</u>	_____	<u>\$3,480</u>
TOTAL COSTS	<u>\$3,480</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$4,480</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.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Access Year</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Request for Funds Submitted:</u>
August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027	\$696	No earlier than August 1, 2026
August 1, 2027 – July 31, 2028	\$696	No earlier than August 1, 2027
August 1, 2028 – July 31, 2029	\$696	No earlier than August 1, 2028
August 1, 2029 – July 31, 2030	\$696	No earlier than August 1, 2029
August 1, 2030 – July 31, 2031 (10% withheld until receipt of completion report)	\$348	No earlier than August 1, 2030
Final Payment	\$348	No earlier than August 1, 2031

Attachment A



17193

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: _____

17193

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

R. 46 E

R. 47 E

ATTENTION DEER AND ELK HUNTERS: ODFW is testing for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal, infectious disease. For testing, you may contact your local ODFW office to set up an appointment, submit a head via collection barrel outside your nearest local ODFW office, or stop by a deer or elk season check station.

Please visit www.myodfw.com/CWD for more information.

Violation Report

If you witness a violation, record information on this form and present it to an official.

Time _____ Date _____

Vehicle make, model & color _____

Vehicle license & state _____

Location / road number _____

City/County _____

Number of persons involved _____

Describe violation _____

Witness Contact Information _____

Mail to: Oregon State Police

Fish and Wildlife Division

3500 Tralland Ave SE

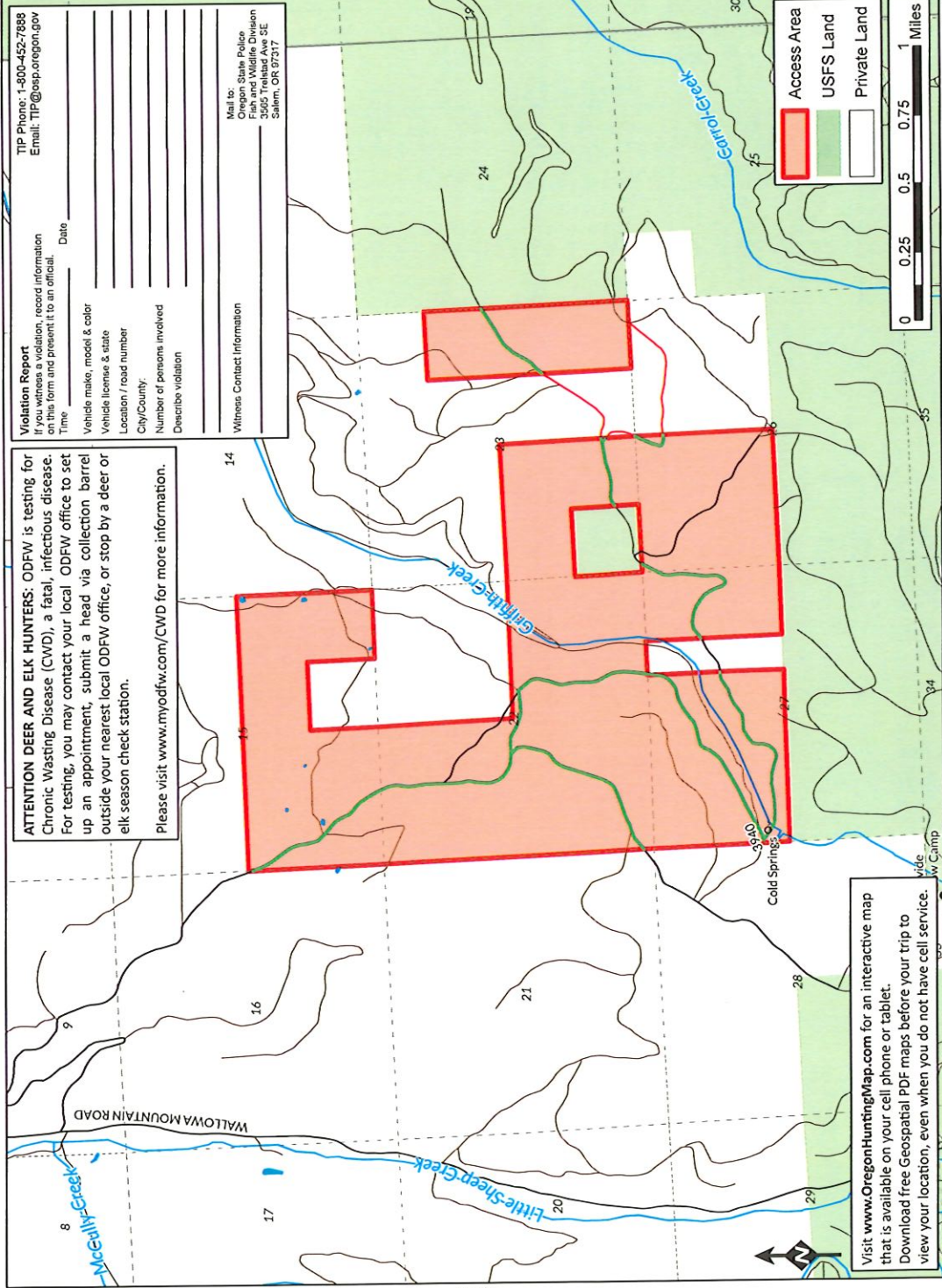
Salem, OR 97317

TIP Phone: 1-800-452-7885

Email: TIP@odfw.org

R. 46 E

R. 47 E



Visit www.OregonHuntingMap.com for an interactive map that is available on your cell phone or tablet. Download free Geospatial PDF maps before your trip to view your location, even when you do not have cell service.

Divide Ridge Access Area



The Divide Ridge Access Area is a cooperative program between private landowners and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Access and Habitat Program to maintain public hunting access on private lands and to increase access to public lands. The Divide Ridge Access Area 9 miles east of Joseph, OR provides public hunting opportunities for deer, elk, predators, valley quail, turkey and grouse. All Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations and Seasons Apply.

Access Allowed: In Effect Year Round

No permission is required to hunt on the Divide Ridge Access Area. The area is surrounded by both public and private lands and you are responsible for knowing property boundaries. Do not trespass on surrounding private lands.

Hunting on Private Land 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!

Area Regulations:

- Motorized vehicles only on open roads shown in green
- No littering, please pick up trash
- Report any unlawful activities
- Respect landowner rights and needs
- Leave all gates as you found them



Turn In Poachers

Call 1-800-452-7885 or

ODFW or 917 from a mobile phone

*This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for, or be suitable for, legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. Users of this information should consult primary data and information sources to ascertain the usability of the information.

revised 5/7/2025



Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Department of Fish & Wildlife

Enterprise Field Office

65495 Alder Slope Road

Enterprise, OR, 97828

(541)426-3279

FAX (541)426-3055

www.dfw.state.or.us/

May 17, 2026

Access & Habitat Board
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

Dear Access & Habitat Board Members:

I am writing in support of the proposed Divide Ridge Access Area grant renewal application. This project will continue to provide access to 1,150 acres in the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit. Deer and elk utilize these properties as well as adjacent national forest lands during summer and fall months. Continuing to provide public access to these lands will increase hunter opportunities, particularly when elk move off adjacent national forest lands during the fall months.

I strongly recommend that the Board approve this project as proposed. This partnership between the A&H Program and the Gover and Carlson Families will 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

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: Divide Ridge Access Area- CarlsonProject #: 2026

	Access Acres	Habitat Acres	Habitat Category:	0	Total Score:	16
"Welcome" Private	290		(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.

	Project Score	Access Fee Assessment		
		Private Land	Inacc. Public	Acc. Public
Food: <u>Excellent browse and forage species</u>	1	1	n/a	n/a
Water: <u>Several springs, seeps and seasonal creeks</u>	1	1	n/a	n/a
Cover: <u>Timber 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.....	0	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			

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
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
General Possible

7	4	0	0
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. *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
Access Possible
Payment Fee Total

9	6	0	0
12	8	8	7
	10	n/a	n/a

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

0

0

0

0
0

0
0

0
0

0
0

0

Habitat Total	0
Habitat Possible	12

Grand Total	16
Total Possible	36

Access and Habitat Project Evaluation - Appendix

Under-represented Species

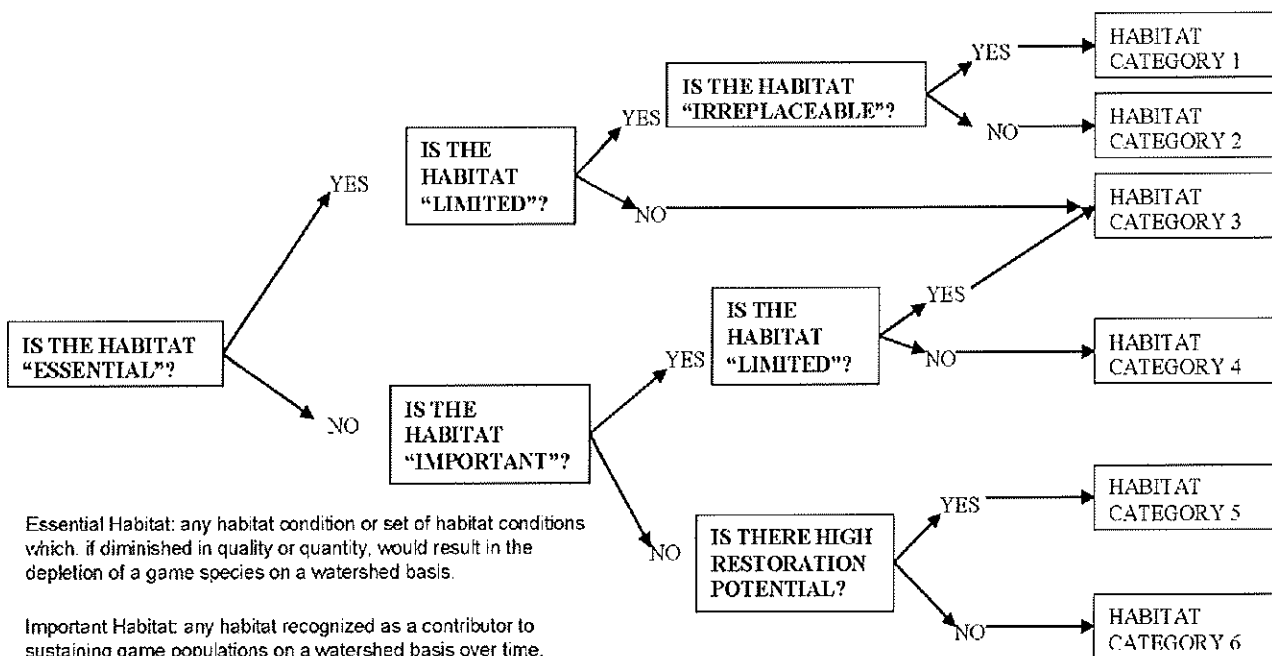
Definition: game species that exist in the watershed district in huntable numbers, but that the general public does not have reasonable hunting access to (via public land, current A&H properties, etc.)

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	10	\$2.40	290	\$696.00
Private Permission	10	\$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:				\$696.00

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS

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

I/We, Joyce Gover Living Trust of Enterprise, Oregon, hereby make application for financial assistance under the terms and conditions of the Access and Habitat program in the amount \$13,800. The total cost of the project is \$16,300.

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: Joyce Gover

Date: May 18, 2026

Position: Landowner

ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Application for Grant Funds

1. Project Title: Divide Ridge Access Area
2. Applicant: Joyce Gover Phone: (541)263-1446 / (541)426-4261
Grantee: Joyce Gover (As will appear on contract/payments)
If private nonprofit, attach IRS letter of 501(c) (3) status
Address: 65534 Rancho Road
City/State/Zip: Enterprise / Oregon / 97850 Phone: (541)263-1446 / (541)426-4246
Email: joycegover38@gmail.com
3. Location: ODFW Region East Region
Watershed District / Wildlife Management Unit: Grande Ronde Watershed District / Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit (WMU)
County: Wallowa County Township/Range/Section: T3S / R46E / Sections 22, 22 & 15
(Please see attached map)
4. Type of Project:
☐Habitat Improvement ☒Access ☐Damage
5. Number of acres of habitat to be improved: N/A
6. Number of acres of access to be provided: 1,150 acres
☒Welcome to Hunt ☐By Permission ☐Other _____
7. Proposed Start Date: 08/01/2026
8. Proposed End Date: 07/31/2031
9. Estimated Cost of Project: \$16,300
10. Access and Habitat Fund Request: \$13,800
11. Briefly explain what the project proposes to do:
This project proposes to continue to pay Joyce Gover \$2.40/acre for "Welcome to Hunt" access to 1,150 acres of private land in the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit for a period of 5 years to hunt big game, predators and upland game birds. Continuing this partnership will also improve access to adjacent Access and Habitat program lands- i.e. Divide Ridge Access Area (Carlson Property). This block of private land is known collectively as the Divide Ridge Access Area.
12. Habitat and Landscape: Describe the habitat and landscape of the project area.

This property consists of forested mountains and open meadow habitats. It is considered important winter range and provides year-round 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.

The project area is located in the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) in Wallowa County, Oregon. The Imnaha WMU offers a variety of hunting opportunities including Rocky Mountain elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, predators and upland game bird hunting. Land ownership in the unit is comprised of 26% private lands and 74% public lands. Access to private lands in the unit is limited, with most private landowners participating in fee hunting operations or keeping properties closed to the general public, allowing only friends and family access. The property is near other Access and Habitat (A&H) lands (Divide Ridge Access Area-Carlson) and USFS lands. There is a strong possibility that big game will be pushed off adjacent public and private lands onto the access area.

The Divide Ridge Access Area is made up of two different private landowners. Both private landowners- Joyce Gover and Carlson's- are active A&H program participants. Providing access to this block of land has improved hunter access and success in an area of the Imnaha WMU that is highly desired by the hunting public. Continuing this partnership between these private landowners and the A&H Program will not only benefit the hunters that so greatly desire these lands but will also continue to be a role model of how the A&H Program and private landowners can work together to successfully provide high quality projects.

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.

Past Access and Habitat projects include the Divide Ridge Access Area 2016-07 and 2021-25b. Over the past 10 years, the area has been a "Welcome to Hunt" property that receives a high amount of use from the public.

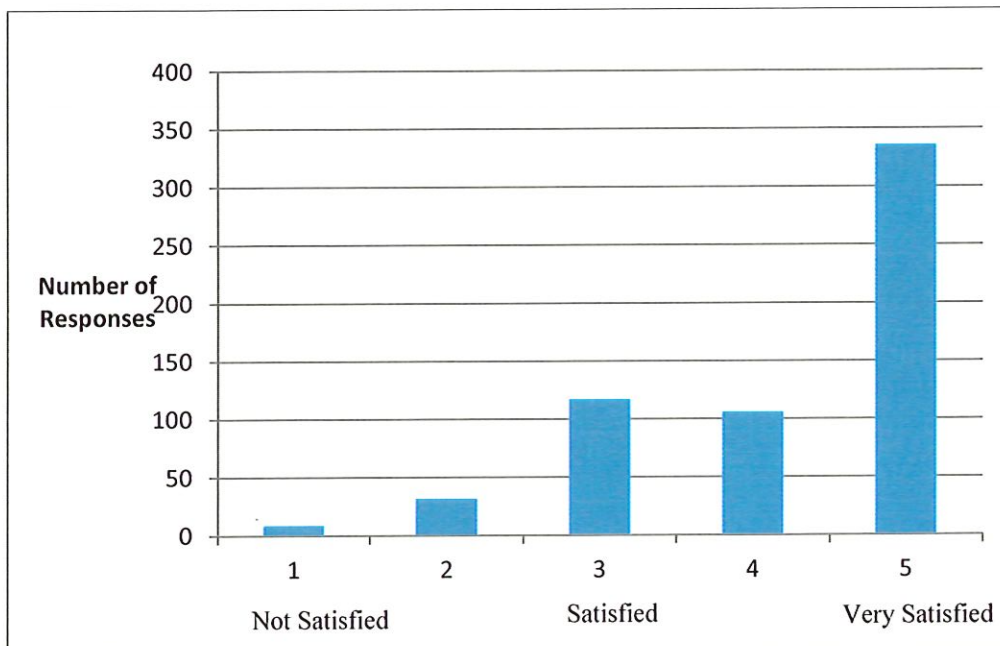
In addition to the A&H project, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has also cooperatively completed the installation of wildlife friendly fencing, forage seeding(s), noxious weed control projects and multiple spring developments to help improve range conditions for wildlife across the access 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.

Since its inception, hunter use on the access area has been monitored through "voluntary" check-in / check-out stations (Attachment A). In 2016, four "voluntary" check-in / check-out station (Attachment A) were established across the access area to help collect hunter use information. Due to the nature of the "voluntary" check-in / check-out system, hunter compliance can be sporadic and often inconsistent. On several occasions, ODFW staff visited the property only to find numerous vehicles and individuals recreating on the area and no permits filed. ODFW staff have continued to educate users on the importance of this data and the necessity behind collecting hunter use information. Attachment B summarizes the last 10 years of "voluntary" check-in / check-out data.

For the 10-year period analyzed, a total of 1,137 permits were collected from the check-in / check-out stations. Of the 1,137 permits collected, 595 (52%) of the permits were filled out completely. A permit is "complete" when both parts A and B have been filled out correctly, and the necessary sections have been returned to the check-in / check-out station. Incomplete permits are typically lacking 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 regarding the property and their experience. Figure 1 below shows that most hunters gave the property a satisfied to very satisfied rating. The average rating from 2016-2025 was 4.22 on a scale of 1-5, with 5 indicating most satisfied.

Figure 1 Hunter satisfaction ratings on Divide Ridge Access Area (Gover & Carlson), 2016 – 2025



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

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

Provide "Welcome to Hunt" public hunting access to 1,150 acres of private land in the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit for 5 consecutive years beginning August 1, 2026, and ending July 31, 2031.

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

N/A

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

Big Game

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

Upland Bird

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

Migratory Game Bird

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

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

Examples of Project Benefit Duration

Noxious weed.....2yrs	Forage planting.....5yrs	Aspen fencing.....10yrs
Range fertilization...2yrs	Forest thinning.....5yrs	Aspen plant/fence.....10yrs
Rx Fire-grassland.....2yrs	Aspen (conifer removal)....5yrs	Road closure.....10yrs
Rx Fire-forested.....3yrs	Juniper removal.....7yrs	Road decommission....10yrs
Fence Removal.....10yrs	Water Dev/Enhancement.10yrs	

(Source: Blue Mountains Elk Initiative Project Evaluation Criteria)

(e) How will the project benefit public access? If limited access, how many hunters will be permitted?

This project will benefit public access by opening up 1,150 acres of private land in the Imnaha WMU. Access to adjacent A&H program lands and USFS lands will also be enhanced via common boundaries. The property will provide public hunting opportunities for mule deer, white-tailed deer, Rocky Mountain elk, forest grouse, turkey, rabbit, bear, coyote, and cougar.

(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?

There is a history of wildlife damage on this property. This project will help ODFW Enterprise 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 is otherwise limited. Hazing Supplies and Permits and Landowner Damage Tags have been utilized to address big game damage in the past.

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 9.0 miles east of Joseph, Oregon. From Highway 82, take HWY 350 4.5 miles east out of Joseph, Oregon. Turn right onto USFS 39 Road and then turn left onto USFS 3915 Road. Access is provided from several publicly owned roads. Please see the attached A&H map.

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

Open public hunting access will be allowed August 1- July 31 annually, beginning August 1, 2026, and ending July 31, 2031. This period encompasses all big game, predator and upland bird seasons. A color map will be produced by ODFW and made available to public hunters. The landowner will be provided with 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 Mrs. Gover with the posting of signs on the 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 the main access roads. ODFW East Region Staff will continue to monitor hunter use through the voluntary check-in / check-out station (See Attachment A).

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: N/A
Habitat Work Completion Date: N/A
- b. Access Agreement Start Date: 08/01/2026
Access Agreement End Date: 07/31/2031
- 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>August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027</u>
2. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>August 1, 2027 – July 31, 2028</u>
3. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>August 1, 2028 – July 31, 2029</u>
4. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>August 1, 2029 – July 31, 2030</u>
5. <u>"Welcome to Hunt" Access</u>	<u>August 1, 2030 – July 31, 2031</u>
6. <u>Maintain Kiosk & Check-in / Check-out Station</u>	<u>Annually</u>
7. <u>Sign & Post Property</u>	<u>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).

	Participant	Activity	Cost
1.	Joyce Gover	Hunting Administration (Posting of Signs, Patrol Efforts & Litter Removal)	\$2,500 (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 and the landowner will work cooperatively to post signs on the property and solve 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 seasons.

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

Hunter use, satisfaction, and harvest information will be monitored by ODFW East Region Staff. Entry Point Kiosks and "voluntary" check-in / check-out stations will be monitored monthly during the hunting seasons to collect and resupply "A&H Access Area Daily Permits" and area maps.

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

It is anticipated that Mrs. Gover will contribute at a minimum of \$500 annually of in-kind services in the form of hunting administration, posting of signs, patrol efforts and litter removal.

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>			
L/O In-kind (Project Admin.)	_____	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>Access Payment</u>			
\$2,760/year for 5 years	<u>\$13,800</u>	_____	<u>\$13,800</u>
TOTAL COSTS	<u>\$13,800</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$16,300</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.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Access Year</u>	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Request for Funds Submitted:</u>
August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2027	\$2,760	No earlier than August 1, 2026
August 1, 2027 – July 31, 2028	\$2,760	No earlier than August 1, 2027
August 1, 2028 – July 31, 2029	\$2,760	No earlier than August 1, 2028
August 1, 2029 – July 31, 2030	\$2,760	No earlier than August 1, 2029
August 1, 2030 – July 31, 2031 (10% withheld until receipt of completion report)	\$1,380	No earlier than August 1, 2030
Final Payment	\$1,380	No earlier than August 1, 2031

Attachment A



17193

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: _____

17193

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

Divide Ridge Access Area



The Divide Ridge Access Area is a cooperative program between private landowners and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Access and Habitat Program to maintain public hunting access on private lands and to increase access to public lands. The Divide Ridge Access Area 9 miles east of Joseph, OR provides public hunting opportunities for deer, elk, predators, valley quail, turkey and grouse. All Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations and Seasons Apply.

Access Allowed: In Effect Year Round

No permission is required to hunt on the Divide Ridge Access Area. The area is surrounded by both public and private lands and you are responsible for knowing property boundaries. Do not trespass on surrounding private lands.

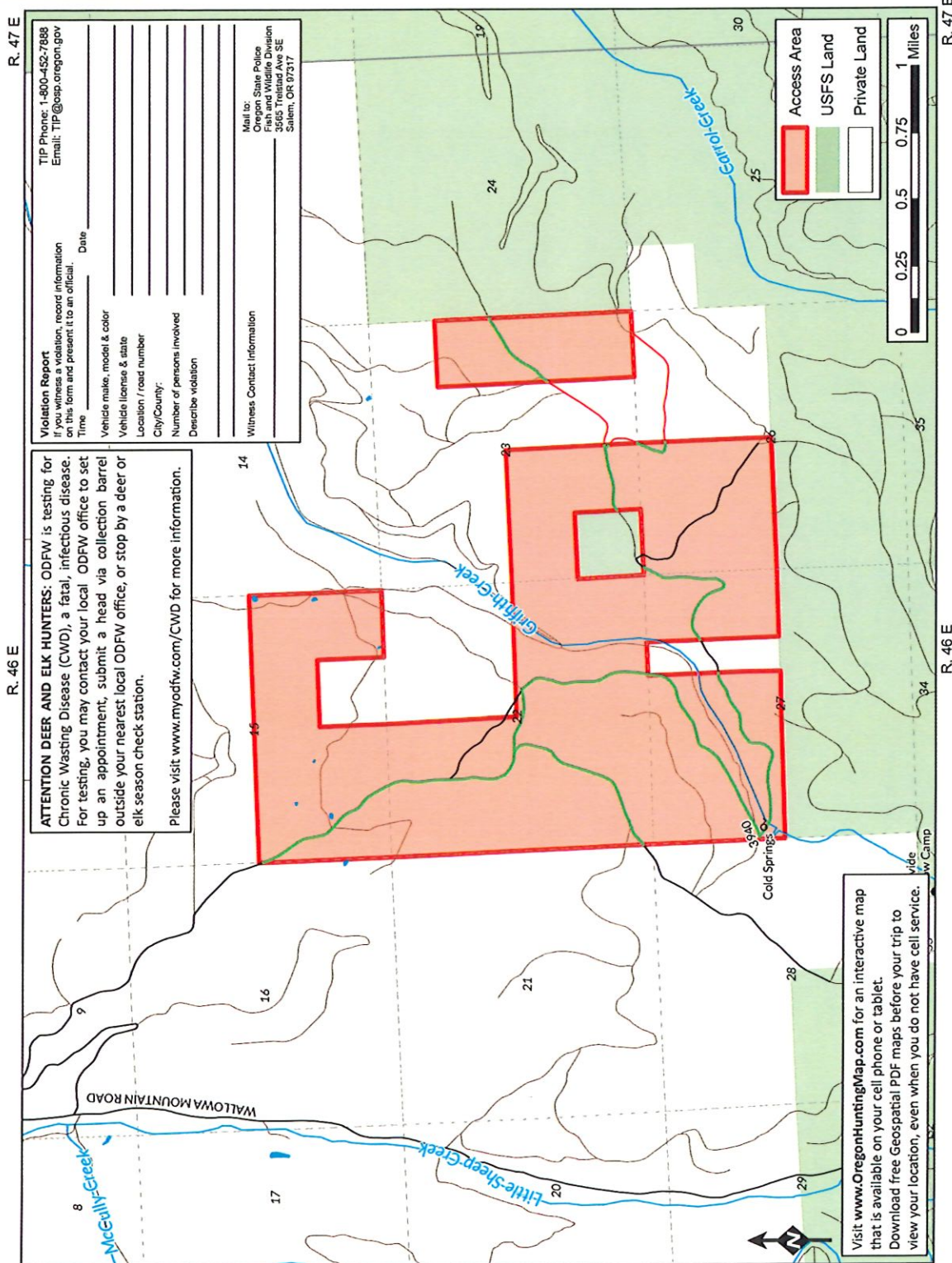
Hunting on Private Land is a privilege, not a right. Private land hunting opportunities will remain in the future only if the property and rights of private landowners are respected! Abuse it and you will lose it!

Area Regulations:

- Motorized vehicles only on open roads shown in green
- No littering, please pick up trash
- Report any unlawful activities
- Respect landowner rights and needs
- Leave all gates as you found them



*This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for, or be suitable for, legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. Users of this information should review or consult primary data and information sources to ascertain the usability of the information.
revised 5/7/2025





Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

Department of Fish & Wildlife

Enterprise Field Office

65495 Alder Slope Road

Enterprise, OR, 97828

(541)426-3279

FAX (541)426-3055

www.dfw.state.or.us/

May 17, 2026

Access & Habitat Board
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

Dear Access & Habitat Board Members:

I am writing in support of the proposed Divide Ridge Access Area grant renewal application. This project will continue to provide access to 1,150 acres in the Imnaha Wildlife Management Unit. Deer and elk utilize these properties as well as adjacent national forest lands during summer and fall months. Continuing to provide public access to these lands will increase hunter opportunities, particularly when elk move off adjacent national forest lands during the fall months.

I strongly recommend that the Board approve this project as proposed. This partnership between the A&H Program and the Gover and Carlson Families will 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

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: Divide Ridge Access Area- GoverProject #: 2026

	Access Acres	Habitat Acres	Habitat Category: 0	Total Score: 16
"Welcome" Private	1,150		(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:

Complete these sections

Project Type	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:	Excellent browse and forage species
Water:	Several springs, seeps and seasonal creeks
Cover:	Timber and heavy shrub component

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	1	n/a	n/a
0			
0			
1			

3. <i>Matching Funds</i>	Total matching funds (monetary and in-kind) > 1% matching funds..... > 25% matching funds..... > 50% matching funds.....
4. <i>Damage</i>	Project would mitigate current damage to private property: Wildlife damage occurring on private property..... Landowner participates in ODFW damage control programs.....
General Total General Possible	

Project Score	Access Fee Assessment		
1			
0	0	n/a	n/a
0			

1			
1			

7	4	0	0
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.....
6. <i>Private access</i>	Private land access type: Project would provide access to private land..... Private land access would be on a "Welcome to Hunt" basis.....
7. <i>Public access</i>	Access through private lands would: improve access to public land..... provide access to otherwise inaccessible public land.....
8. <i>Special Access</i>	Project would provide special youth or disabled hunter access opportunities.....
9. <i>Species Permitted</i>	Species groups include big game, waterfowl, upland birds, turkey, and predators/varmints. 2+ species groups available and permitted..... 4+ species groups available and permitted.....
10. <i>Under-rep. Species*</i>	Project provides access to under-represented species in the watershed.....
11. <i>Harvest Restriction</i>	Landowner would not restrict sex or species permitted for lawful harvest.....
12. <i>Season Restriction</i>	Landowner would not restrict access to any hunting season(s).....
13. <i>Dispersion</i>	Property would provide access to animals pushed off of publicly accessible land during hunting season.....
Access Total Access Possible Payment Fee Total	

0	0	n/a	n/a
---	---	-----	-----

1			
1			

1			
0			

0	0	n/a	n/a
---	---	-----	-----

1	1	n/a	n/a
1	1	n/a	n/a

1	1	n/a	n/a
---	---	-----	-----

1	1	n/a	n/a
---	---	-----	-----

1	1	n/a	n/a
---	---	-----	-----

1	1	n/a	
---	---	-----	--

9	6	0	0
12	8	8	7
	10	n/a	n/a

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

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

- | | |
|--|---|
| 16. Conservation Strategy Project addresses Oregon Conservation Strategy (OCS) concerns: | |
| Project action benefits Strategy Habitat or Strategy Species..... | 0 |
| [above] AND action occurs in Conservation Opportunity Area (COA)..... | 0 |

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---|
| 17. <i>Critical Habitat</i> | | Applies to the specific GAME habitat that the project will maintain or enhance. Use accompanying flow chart and definitions to determine habitat category. Definitions are slightly amended from OAR Division 415 to be game-specific. | |
| | Project meets requirements of Habitat Categories 1-4..... | | 0 |
| | Project meets requirements of Habitat Categories 1-2..... | | 0 |

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 18. <i>Habitat Connectivity</i> | Project will help facilitate local animal movement (fence removal, etc.)..... | 0 |
| | Project will help establish or maintain a wildlife habitat corridor or
otherwise reduce fragmentation on landscape level..... | 0 |
| Description of habitat connectivity benefit (required): | | |

- | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| 19. <i>Habitat Impact</i> | Describes the predicted impact that the project will have on the habitat. Habitat work must benefit game species. | |
| | Project will increase the habitat quantity/quality >25% per unit treated..... | 0 |
| | Project will increase the habitat quantity/quality >50% per unit treated..... | 0 |
| | Description of habitat impact: | |

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 20. <i>Population Impact</i> | 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>
			Grand Total
			<i>Total Possible</i>

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

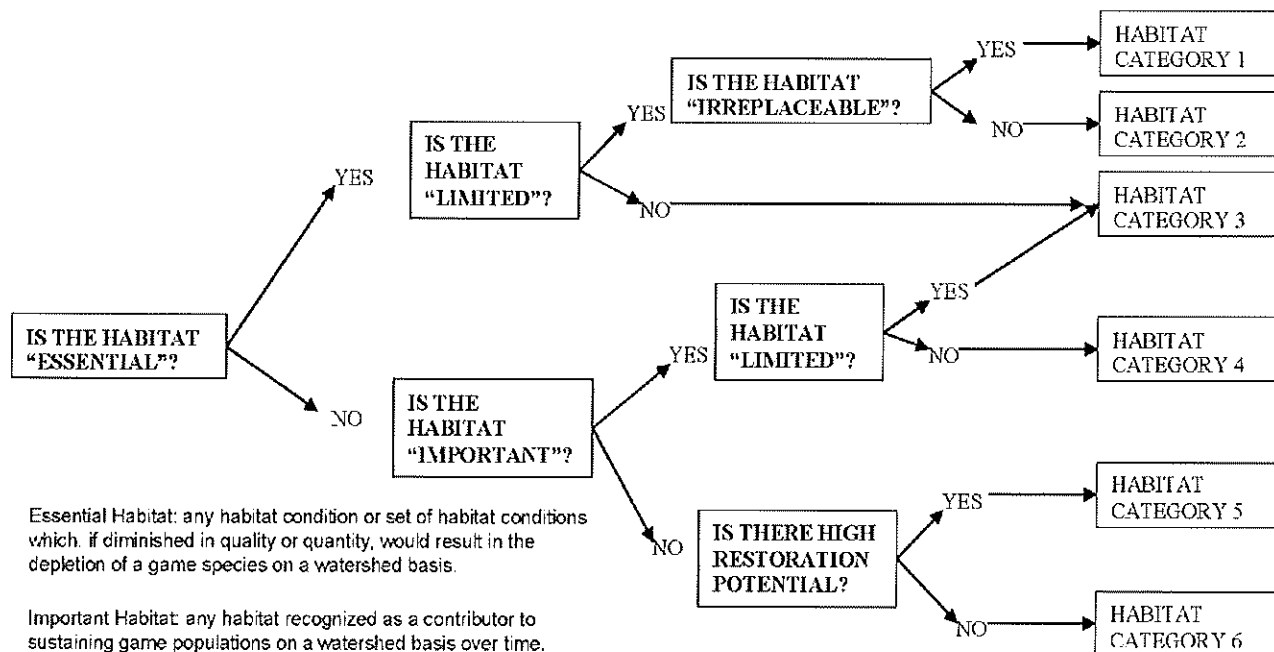
Definition: game species that exist in the watershed district in huntable numbers, but that the general public does not have reasonable hunting access to (via public land, current A&H properties, etc.)

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.



Payment Tables

Table 1: Proposed Per-acre Access Payment

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

Table 2: Proposed Total Access Payment Calculator

Access Type	Score	\$/Acre	Acres	Payment
Private Welcome	10	\$2.40	1,150	\$2,760.00
Private Permission	10	\$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:				\$2,760.00