

# Oregon's Access & Habitat Program



2013 - 2015  
Biennium Report



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**Dear Fellow Oregonians,**

This document highlights the accomplishments of Oregon's Access and Habitat Program (A&H) over the past two years. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is proud of this program and the benefits it provides to wildlife species and their habitats, and everyone who enjoys them.



The purpose of A&H is to provide public hunting access and improve wildlife habitat on private lands, while helping maintain relations between hunters and private landowners. During the 2013-2015 biennium, A&H did this by providing 4.7 million acres of public hunting access and improving over 130,000 acres of wildlife habitat on private lands. In doing so, the program reached over 250 landowners and organizations.

Because A&H is funded 100% by hunters, all habitat improvements benefit game species. The effect of these improvements, however, reaches far beyond wildlife pursued by hunters. For example, juniper removal projects enhance the entire landscape by increasing available water and sunlight, therefore restoring native upland and riparian communities which benefit a diversity of birds, mammals, amphibians, and other species. Emergency seeding projects conducted immediately after wildfire stabilize soils and prevent noxious weed infestation to the benefit of all native plants and animals on the range.

A significant portion of A&H funds are spent on law enforcement projects that maintain public access to Oregon's private timberlands. These projects enforce road closures that protect sensitive areas from animal harassment and resource damage, including riparian habitats that support a plethora of fish and wildlife species.

The A&H Program maximizes its impact on wildlife and the hunting community by leveraging partner resources and securing additional funding. For each program dollar spent during the 2013-2015 biennium, project partners contributed almost three dollars [\$2.65]. In addition to projects funded by A&H, the program provided access to over 40,000 acres of private land through a federal grant from the USDA. A&H will continue working with federal, state, and local partners to further the goals of the program, succinctly described by its motto, "Landowners and Hunters Together for Wildlife".

Thank you for your continued interest and support of this important program.

Interim Director



# Oregon's Access & Habitat Program 2013-2015 Biennium Report Executive Summary



## **About the Access & Habitat Program**

The Access & Habitat Program (A&H) was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1993 for the purpose of improving public hunting access and wildlife habitat on private lands. A seven-member volunteer board, appointed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission), reviews project proposals submitted by private landowners, timber and agriculture corporations, sporting organizations, public agencies, and others, and recommends funding for projects that further the A&H mission. Final funding approval for projects is determined by the Commission.

## **Funding, Revenue, and Expenditures**

Program funding is derived from a \$4 surcharge on hunting and combination licenses, allocations from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Green Forage and Deer Enhancement and Restoration (D.E.A.R) programs, and proceeds from the annual auction and raffle of 10 deer and 10 elk tags. Revenues not spent during the biennium are retained in a dedicated reserve account for future expenditure.

Projected revenue for the 2013-2015 biennium (through June 2015) is \$2,537,620, including \$1,697,302 from hunting license surcharges, \$248,073 from raffle sales, \$447,750 from auction sales, and \$144,495 from Green Forage and D.E.A.R programs.

As of December 29, 2014, program obligations for the 2013-15 biennium include \$384,804 for administrative activities and \$1,954,625 for project grants (including those carried over from previous biennia). The projected reserve account balance at the end of the biennium is \$659,521.

## **Project Accomplishments: Hunting Access**

Ninety percent of A&H projects provide public hunting opportunities on private lands. Law enforcement patrols on 4 million acres of industrial timberlands maintain public access to productive western Oregon forests. In addition, A&H funds open nearly one million acres of farms, ranches, and other private lands throughout Oregon.

This biennium, A&H used grant funding awarded from the USDA Farm Service Agency to provide over 40,000 acres of hunting access, including properties in the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon where participation in A&H has historically been low.

## **Project Accomplishments: Wildlife Habitat**

Projects active during the 2013-2015 biennium improved habitat on over 133,000 acres of private land; A&H has improved a total of 1.5 million acres since its inception in 1993. Common habitat enhancements include juniper removal, noxious weed control, spring development, riparian restoration, and emergency seeding after wildfires.

## **Obtaining the Complete Report**

To obtain a hardcopy of the full report contact A&H Program Coordinator Roblyn Brown at 503-947-6087 or [Roblyn.brown@state.or.us](mailto:Roblyn.brown@state.or.us). An electronic copy of the report is available at [www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/publications](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/publications).

## Introduction

In 1993, the Oregon Legislature created the Access and Habitat (A&H) Program. The new law established an incentive-based program to improve public hunting access and wildlife habitat on private lands in Oregon. The A&H program was reauthorized by the Legislature in 2009, extending the program benefits to Oregon's citizens and wildlife resources through December 2019.

This report to the Oregon Legislature provides an opportunity to reflect on program accomplishments to date for the 2013-2015 biennium.

These include:

- 59 active projects
- Matching funds of over \$17 million
- Annual hunter access to nearly 5 million acres of private land
- Improvements to over 133,000 acres of wildlife habitat

## Program Objectives

The A&H Program's motto, "Landowners and Hunters Together for Wildlife", conveys the program's basic mission to foster partnerships between landowners and hunters for the benefit of the wildlife they both value. The program also seeks to recognize and encourage the important contributions made by landowners to the state's wildlife resources – stewardship that affects about 42 percent of Oregon's land base.

Improving landowner-hunter relations continues to be a high priority for Oregon sportsmen and women and for ODFW.

## How the Program Works

Revenue for the program is generated by a \$4 annual surcharge on hunting licenses and other sources derived from hunters. The A&H Program provides grants to private landowners, industrial timber companies, sporting groups, natural resource agencies, and others for projects designed to improve wildlife habitat and/or increase public hunting access on private lands. Examples of eligible projects include juniper removal, wildlife forage seeding, water development, noxious weed eradication, wetland



restoration, law enforcement patrols, travel management areas, and public hunting leases on private lands.

Anyone wishing to receive a grant must complete an application describing the project and its benefits to wildlife and/or provisions for public hunting opportunities, cooperators, work schedules and procedures, and funding commitments. Project proposals are reviewed first by the appropriate A&H Regional Advisory Council, which sends its recommendations to the A&H State Board (Board).

Proposals are reviewed by the Board and recommended projects are forwarded to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) for final funding consideration.

## A&H Funding Sources

Funding for the A&H Program comes from three sources:

- A \$4 surcharge on annual hunting and combination licenses
- Allocations from the ODFW Green Forage and Deer Enhancement and Restoration (D.E.A.R) programs
- Proceeds from the annual auction and raffle of 10 deer and 10 elk tags

### July 2013 - June 2015 Revenue

Hunting License Surcharge*	\$1,697,302
Raffle Tags*	\$248,073
Auction Tags*	\$447,750
Green Forage and D.E.A.R Programs	\$144,495
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,537,620</b>

\* Revenue projected through June 2015. Revenue may vary depending upon actual number of hunting licenses sold and auction/raffle revenues.

## 2013-2015 Program Expenditures

A&H revenues are used to fund approved projects and administrative expenses, including one permanent statewide coordinator position. Revenues not spent during previous biennia are retained in a dedicated reserve account. Expected revenue this biennium is approximately \$2.5 million. Approximately \$2 million has been committed to project grants approved during

the 2013-2015 biennium or carried over from previous biennia. Administrative expenses total \$384,804, including funds to install new access area signs and systems to estimate hunter use and satisfaction. The projected reserve account balance at the end of the biennium will be approximately \$659,521.

### A&H 2013-2015 Biennium Budget Summary\*

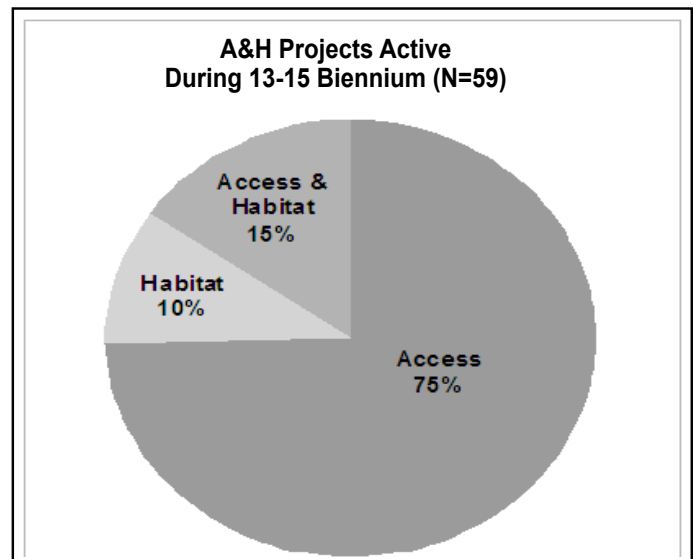
	Program Administration	Project Grants	Total
Beginning Available Allocation	\$422,524	\$2,130,833	\$2,553,357
Expenditures to Date	\$212,601	\$1,371,198	\$1,583,799
Remaining Obligations	\$172,203	\$583,427	\$755,630
Available (additional) Funds	\$37,720	\$176,208	\$213,928
Projected A&H sub-account balance at end of biennium			\$659,521

\* As of December 29, 2014. Does not include projects scheduled for Fish and Wildlife Commission review on March 6, 2015 and June 5, 2015.

## A&H Project Expenditures

The A&H statute establishes eligibility for projects that provide habitat improvement benefits, hunting access benefits, or a combination of both. The Commission approved 15 new projects from July 2013 through December 2014, bringing the total number of projects active during the biennium to 59.

A&H project cooperators contributed over \$17 million in matching funds towards projects active during the 2013-2015 biennium. This means that over \$2.50 of cooperator funds were spent on approved projects for every A&H dollar spent.



## Access and Habitat Program Accomplishments\* December 21, 2014

	New Projects Approved During 2013-2015 Biennium	Total Projects Active During 2013-2015 Biennium	Since Program Inception (1993)
Total Number of Projects	15	59	464
Private Land Hunting Access (acres)	693,697	4,759,166	8.2 Million
Habitat Directly Improved (acres)	57,652	133,917	1.5 Million

\* Does not include projects scheduled for Commission review March 6, 2015 and June 5, 2015

# The Access and Habitat Board

Oregon Revised Statute 496.228 established a seven-member citizen board to provide oversight of the A&H Program. Appointed by the Commission, the Board consists of three members representing landowner interests, three members representing hunter interests, and one member representing the general public, who also serves as chairperson. The Board's role is to review A&H project proposals and make formal recommendations for project funding to the Commission. The Board is directed to recommend a mix of projects that balance access and habitat benefits statewide when reviewing grant proposals. Board members meet quarterly to review applications and conduct other program business.

## Current Board Members



Board Chair and public representative **Barry Del-Curto** is a rancher from Halfway who also has first-hand experience with small logging operations. He has worked closely with ODFW to improve wildlife habitat on

his ranch. Prior to joining the A&H Board as Landowner Representative, Barry served on the Northeast Regional A&H Advisory Council. Barry is currently serving his fifth term as Chairman of the Pine Valley Rural Fire District.



Landowner Representative **Doug Baily** and his wife operate a small farm near Oakland, Oregon where they raise Heritage breeds of American livestock. Doug is a lifetime hunter and fisherman. He practiced law

in Alaska for nearly 50 years and served as Attorney General of Alaska during 1989 and 1990 where he had responsibility for Alaska's legal response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill. He is presently a Volunteer Firefighter at North Douglas County fire and EMS.



Landowner Representative **Craig Ely** owns a 166-acre farm on critical winter range in La Grande. Craig retired from ODFW as the Northeast Region Supervisor after

36 years of service with the agency. He is intimately familiar with landowner issues including wildlife damage and the Landowner Preference (LOP) Program from both personal and work experience. Craig has served on a variety of boards and committees, from the Oregon Hunters Association to US Forest Service NEPA ID Teams, as well as the Northeast Regional A&H Advisory Council.



**Alan Christensen**, of Portland, is an OSU-trained wildlife biologist who has worked for State, Federal, and non-profit conservation groups, including as Assistant Director of

Natural Resources with U.S. Forest Service in Portland, and for hunter conservation organizations such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. He has also served as chair of the International Grizzly and Wolf Working Group. Alan recently retired from Western Rivers Conservancy and serves as a Hunter Representative on the A&H Board.



Sisters resident and Hunter Representative **James Morrell** had a long career as a captain in the U.S. Navy, commanding a Destroyer Squadron of seven ships and 2,000 men. He went on to earn a Masters

of Business Administration degree from the University of Puget Sound. Jim has been very involved with various sporting groups, serving as Oregon State Chair of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Field Administrator of Oregon Hunters Association, and former member of the A&H Deschutes/Klamath Regional Advisory Council.



Hunter Representative **David Stiefvater** is a retired electrician and traffic safety coordinator from Ontario. He has direct experience with the A&H Program through his involvement with the Ontario Access

Area, which provides upland and waterfowl hunting opportunities to hundreds of youth and adult hunters in the Ontario Area. Dave is also a committee member and habitat coordinator for the Malheur County Chapter of Pheasants Forever, and is a member of the Oregon Hunters Association and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

**Ronald Borisch** and **Robert Jaeger** left the A&H Board during the biennium after serving as Landowner Representatives.



## A&H Regional Advisory Councils

Six regional councils serve in an advisory capacity to the A&H Board. The councils provide the initial review of grant proposals and forward their recommendations to the A&H Board. Composed of landowner,

hunter, and public representatives, volunteer council members bring grass roots expertise and local knowledge to the review process.

### Regional Council Members

#### Northwest Region – North Willamette Council

A&H Regional Coordinator – Dave Nuzum

Wendell Locke	Chair	Gaston
Mary Beaver	Landowner	Gearhart
Eric Shultz	Landowner	McMinnville
Carl Swartz	Landowner	Salem
Jim Buchanan	Hunter	Forest Grove
Brent Tannock	Hunter	Hillsboro
Truman Stone	Hunter	Dundee

#### Northwest Region – South Willamette Council

A&H Regional Coordinator – David Stroppel

Rich Owen	Chair	Albany
Nels Jensen	Landowner	Willamina
Ray Fiori	Landowner	Albany
Steve Gilbert	Landowner	Lebanon
Thomas Zandoli	Hunter	Newport
Rod Mosman	Hunter	Salem
Ed Munson	Hunter	Salem

#### Southwest Region – Southwest Council

A&H Regional Coordinator – Vince Oredson

Betsy Smith	Chair	Medford
David Peterson	Landowner	Roseburg
James Fields	Hunter	Jacksonville
Joanne Bigman	Hunter	Shady Cove
Fred Craig	Hunter	Grants Pass

#### High Desert Region – Deschutes/Klamath Council

A&H Regional Coordinator – Nancy Breuner

Rance Kastor	Landowner	Powell Butte
Jeff McNerney	Landowner	Hood River
Jack Remington	Landowner	Bend
Ralph Paull	Hunter	Paisley
Larry Lee	Hunter	Bend
James Reiss	Hunter	Sisters

#### High Desert Region – Malheur Council

A&H Regional Coordinator – Tom Segal

Fred Hellbusch	Chair	Hines
Kirk Davies	Landowner	Hines
Duncan Mackenzie	Landowner	Baker City
Ryan Peila	Landowner	Burns
Jarod Lemos	Hunter	Hines
Todd Dinsmore	Hunter	Ontario
Andrew Shields	Hunter	Frenchglen

#### Northeast Region – Northeast Council

A&H Regional Coordinator – Jon Paustian

Vicki McClaran	Landowner	Joseph
Joseph Patnode	Landowner	Condon
Larry Snyder	Landowner	Condon
John Groupe	Hunter	Pendleton
Morgan Olson	Hunter	Cove
Scott Spears	Hunter	Cove



*A&H Access Areas are clearly marked with a green “Welcome to Hunt” sign, or a yellow “Hunting By Permission” sign if permission is required. Many areas, such as the Fur Mountain Access Area in Baker County, also have large kiosks containing maps, regulations, and other information.*

## Hunting Access Summary

Ninety percent of projects that were active during the 2013-2015 biennium included a hunting access component, opening or maintaining access to over 4.7 million acres of private lands throughout Oregon.

Hunting access was offered on private farms and ranches and extensive tracts of industrial forest lands. Volunteers served as gatekeepers for private timber companies, keeping a watch over property and ensuring continued hunting privileges for the public. Regulated hunt areas were continued on private ranch and grazing association lands in coordination with ODFW. Some projects provided hunting opportunities specifically for youth hunters. Travel management projects brought together private landowners, Oregon State Police, Sheriff Deputies, and ODFW to establish road management and law enforcement systems to help address big game management objectives while providing hunters with an enhanced hunting experience.

The majority of hunting opportunities on A&H project lands are for deer, elk, and upland birds. Projects also offer hunting opportunities for pronghorn, waterfowl, cougar, bear, wild turkey, coyotes, bighorn sheep, ground squirrels, and western gray squirrel.

Hunting access to A&H participant properties is monitored by ODFW field staff, Oregon State Police Troopers, Sheriff Deputies, and participating landowners. The A&H Program provides information about these hunting opportunities through a variety of media sources, including online and mobile applications. More information on these new features is included later in this report.



*Large-scale juniper removal, such as this project on Aspen Valley Ranch in Central Oregon, has landscape-level impacts that benefit many wildlife species. The crew in this photo is cutting from right to left across the landscape.*

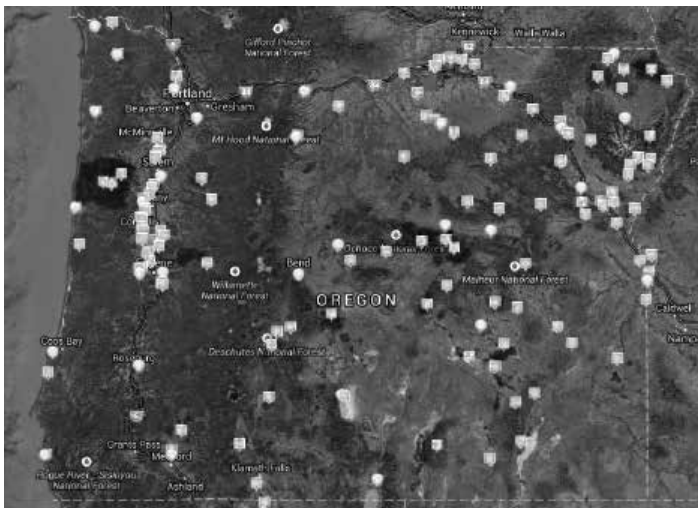
## Habitat Enhancement Summary

The range of habitat improvement projects funded by the A&H Program reflects the diversity of Oregon’s landscape. A total of 133,917 acres of private land was improved to benefit wildlife.

The following is a sample of the kinds of projects funded during the 2013-2015 biennium:

- juniper removal
- noxious weed eradication
- emergency seeding after wildfires
- habitat protection through law enforcement
- pasture and meadow fertilization

These projects benefit a variety of both game and non-game species. Juniper removal, for example, increases water and sunlight available to native shrubs and grasses, helping those communities thrive and thwart off noxious weed infestations. Increased water flow enhances riparian habitat that supports a diversity of amphibian and fish species in addition to terrestrial wildlife. By leveraging partner funds, some A&H projects span thousands of acres and have landscape-level impacts that benefit many wildlife species, as well as the people who enjoy them.



*OregonHuntingMap.com is an online tool that provides locations and detailed information about places to hunt. Each square icon represents a hunting area.*

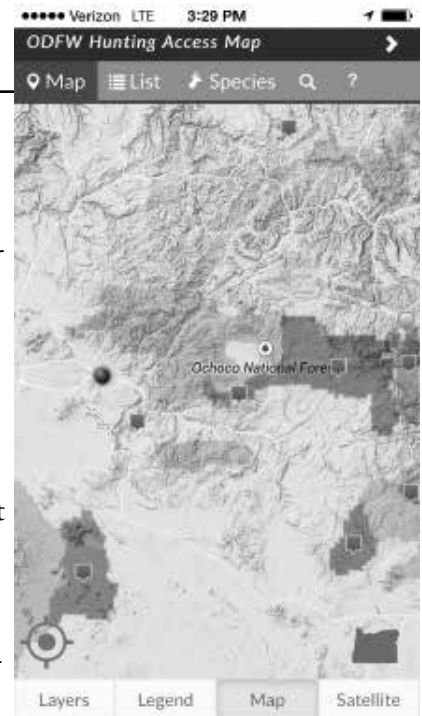
## New Technology Helps Users Find ODFW Access Areas

OregonHuntingMap.com is an online tool A&H helped develop so people can easily find Department-sponsored hunting access areas and other hunting opportunities. The product is driven by the familiar Google Maps interface and overlaid with boundaries of A&H private land Access Areas, ODFW Wildlife Areas, and other state and federal hunting areas. Details are provided for each hunting area including size, species available, open periods, special regulations, and contact information. Users have the option to filter for properties based on location or species of interest. There are also options to show ODFW Wildlife Management Unit boundar-

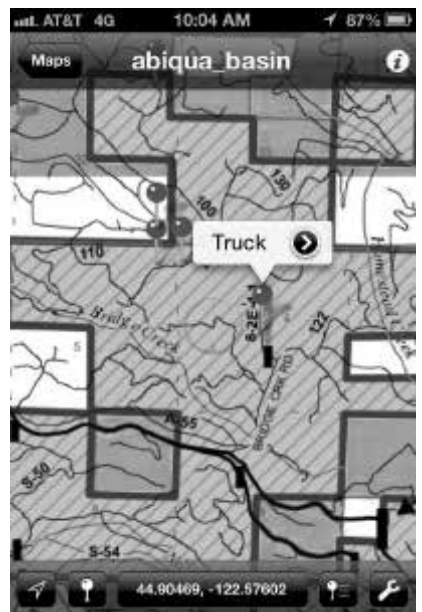
ies, land ownership, or game bird range maps.

A mobile-friendly version of OregonHuntingMap.com was launched in 2014 that provides the same features as the desktop version while showing the user's current location on the map. If the user will not have cellular reception in the field, they have the option to download a detailed map of the access area to their smartphone or tablet before they leave. These new GeoPDF maps show details such as boundaries, open roads, and parking areas, and utilize the smartphone's internal GPS to show the current location on the map – even if cellular service is not available. Free third-party applications provide many features of modern GPS units, allowing users to store waypoints and routes on these detailed maps.

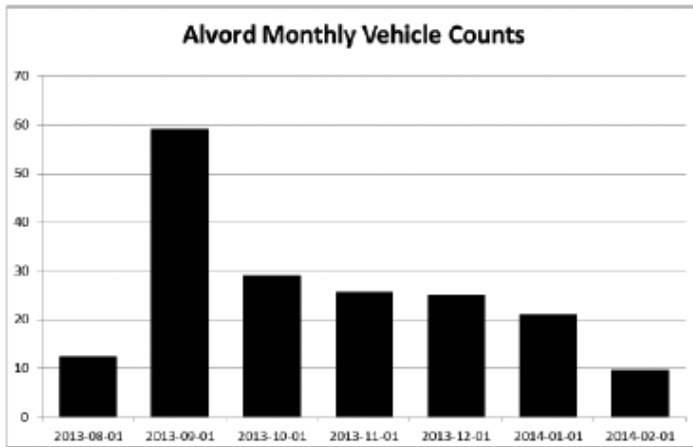
One of the biggest challenges for new hunters is finding a place to hunt. The A&H Board is helping to overcome this challenge by supporting private land hunting opportunities and innovative ways for users to find them.



*The new mobile version of OregonHuntingMap.com shows the user's current location on the map.*



*New detailed maps of each access area are available for free download. By using a third-party application, users can view these maps on their smartphone, see their current location, and save routes and waypoints, with or without cellular service.*



*This graph shows vehicle counts from one of six access roads on the Alvord Ranch Access Area in Southeast Oregon. Traffic for the month of August provides baseline data to account for ranch-related and other traffic. The sharp increase in September and continued above-baseline use throughout the hunting season reflects this area's popularity.*

## Hunter Use Data Critical for A&H Board

The A&H Board faces tough decisions in the coming years as many long-term access projects will sunset and seek re-authorization. Budget constraints may limit the number of projects that can be renewed. To help the Board make these difficult funding choices, the A&H Program is implementing several tools to measure hunter use and satisfaction on Access Areas throughout Oregon.

Vehicle counters have been deployed on most eastern Oregon Access Areas to estimate the



*A gun raffle is held during the July A&H Board Meeting each year to encourage hunters to complete a daily use permit on A&H Access Areas. Information from these permits helps the Board decide which projects to continue funding.*

number of vehicles entering each area during the hunting season. Vehicle counters are also being used on Travel Management Areas in western Oregon to estimate hunter use on industrial timberlands. Due to the size of these projects (some over 1 million acres), it is only possible to sample a small portion of the area and extrapolate a project-wide estimate from the sample.

Another tool being implemented throughout Oregon is self-serve permit boxes located at major Access Area entry points. These permits help obtain information that traffic counters cannot, such as harvest rates and overall satisfaction with the hunting opportunity. The A&H Board recognizes that some high quality access opportunities may not support as many hunters as other properties, but may be equally as important to the program. Estimates of hunter satisfaction help provide this important information. The A&H Board recently initiated an annual gun raffle to increase participation in this permit system.

## “Oregon Open Fields” Program Continues to Provide Important Hunting Access

The A&H Program was awarded a \$1.56 million grant in 2011 from the US Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency for public access and wildlife habitat projects. Grant funding was provided through the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP), a component of the 2008 Farm Bill. VPA-HIP provided block grants to states and tribes to implement or expand programs that provide public hunting access to private lands. Habitat improvement projects located on private lands open to public hunting were also eligible for grant funding. This federal program fits perfectly with the objectives of A&H, which has the expertise and administrative structure to ensure the funds achieve their maximum potential.

Known locally as “Oregon Open Fields”, these federal funds were to be used for habitat improvements on existing access areas and to develop new hunting access programs in the Columbia Basin and the Willamette Valley over a 3-5 year period. Shortly after implementation, US Congress disbanded the program as part of

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sequestration efforts, prohibiting new landowner enrollment after September 30, 2012. This put a stop to the program just as it was getting started. However, Open Fields funds continue to provide public hunting benefits for the projects that were enrolled in those first few months.

### ***Columbia Basin Upland Hunting Program.***

The Columbia Basin, which includes Morrow, Gilliam, Umatilla, Sherman, and Wasco counties, is comprised mostly of private lands and has historically provided a large portion of the upland game bird hunting opportunities in Oregon. Upland bird hunting opportunities are important for hunter recruitment because many new hunters begin by hunting upland birds. Ongoing A&H projects have improved game bird habitat in the Columbia Basin through technical assistance partnerships and direct habitat management. Four landowners continue to allow public hunting access to almost 10,000 acres through Open Fields. Some of these projects require advanced reservations; others are open on a “Welcome to Hunt” basis. An Open Fields Coordinator manages hunter reservations and other administrative duties such as map and sign production and coordination with the landowners.

### ***Willamette Valley Goose Hunting Program.***

The Willamette Valley supports one of the most complex goose populations in North America, with 7 Canada goose subspecies either resident or wintering in the area. Overall goose numbers have been increasing for the past three decades and agricultural depredation has become so severe that the 2009 Oregon Legislature established a Goose Task Force that identified public hunting access as a key management tool for resolving these issues. Open Fields funding provides access to 6 parcels totaling over 2,300 acres. No permission or advanced reservations are required to hunt these properties. The steady pressure on these fields hazes geese more effectively than the limited hunting some landowners previously allowed. The Open Fields grant provides administrative funding to post signs, designate parking areas, and facilitate hunter access, in addition to per-acre payments

to landowners. Project coordination has been instrumental in securing long-term support of participating landowners.

### ***Habitat Improvement Projects.***

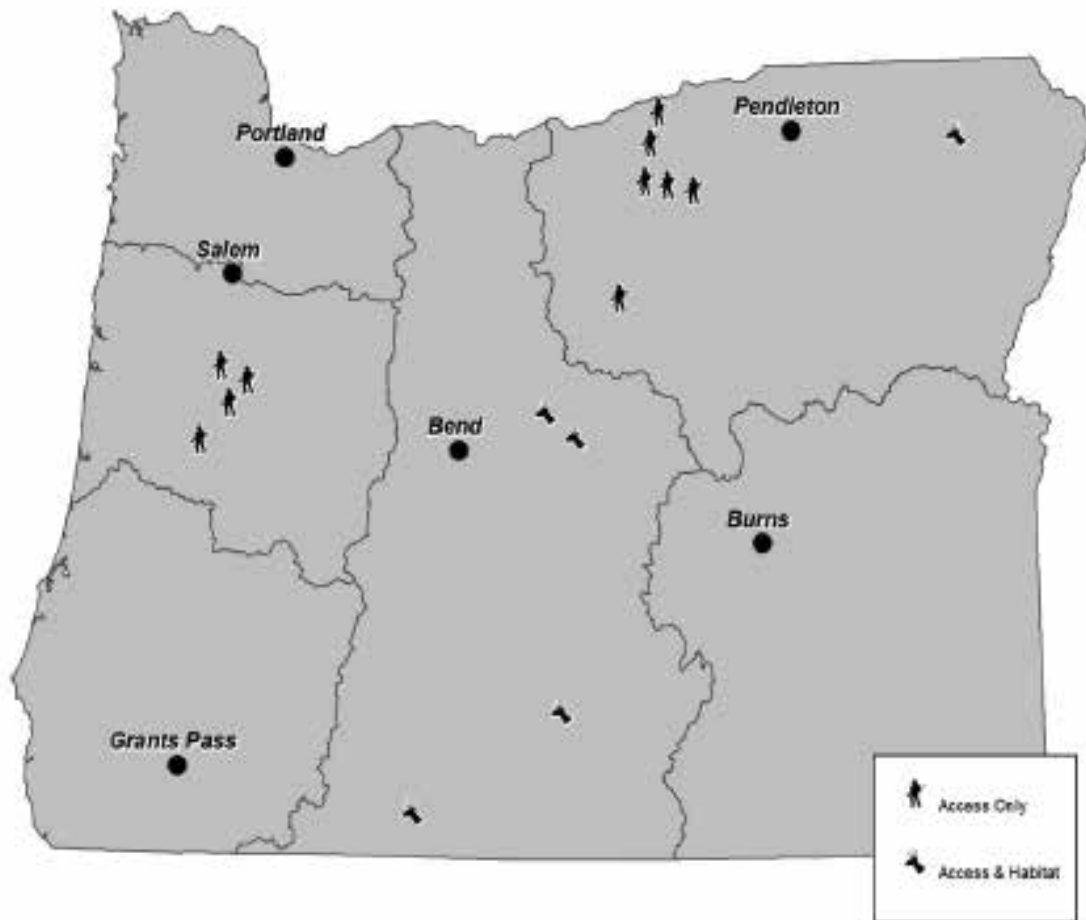
One of the goals of VPA-HIP was to improve wildlife habitat on private lands enrolled in a state-sponsored access program. These improvements benefit wildlife on the property, creating a higher quality hunt for those that use the access area. Open Fields funding was targeted towards habitat improvements aligned with Department priorities including the Mule Deer Initiative, Blue Mountains Elk Initiative, and the Sage Grouse Initiative. Some landowners decided to enroll their property in our access program in order to be eligible for habitat improvement funds. Although the habitat components were completed prior to the 2013 - 2015 biennium, the access benefits continued. Five projects provided over 30,000 acres of public hunting access in central, south-central, and northeast Oregon.



***The Oregon Open Fields Program provides access to lands previously closed to all public access.***

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## Oregon Open Fields Project Distribution



## The Future of Open Fields

The A&H Program is better poised to implement additional Open Fields funding than ever before. Solid foundations capable of supporting large access programs have been built in both the Willamette Valley and the Columbia Basin. A strong network of experienced A&H Regional Coordinators and interested landowners awaits funding for new habitat improvement projects.

The fate of Oregon Open Fields will be determined by the USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service, which now administers VPA-HIP. An additional \$40 million has been allocated as part of the 2014 Farm Bill. Oregon will continue to apply for additional funding from this important program.

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## A&H Grantees and Cooperators for 2013-2015

A.N.E. Forest of Oregon, Inc.	Gary and Suzanne Rea	MP Ranch, Steve Peck
Alan Haga	Gary Bloomer	Mule Deer Foundation
Alvord Ranch	Georgia-Pacific	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Aspen Valley Ranch	Giustina Land and Timber Co.	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Barry Shuart	Giustina Resources Limited Partnership	Oregon Department of Forestry
Bedrock Farms, Joe Taylor	Grant Soil and Water Conservation District	Oregon Hunters Association
Blue Mountain Habitat Restoration Council	Green Diamond Resources Company	Oregon State Police
Blue Mountains Elk Initiative	Hampton Tree Farms	Oregon State Univeristy College Forest
Bureau of Land Management	Hancock Forest Management	Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation
Burt Siddoway	Harvey Calvin	Pat Manning
C2 Ranch	Indian Hill, LLC	Pheasants Forever
Carl W. Hopp, Jr.	Irwin Smutz	Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P.
Carman Ranch, LLC	Jenkins Ranch	Ralph Morter
Charlie Otley	Jim Dovenberg	Rich Martucci
Chris Brown	Jim Kamph	Rick McKenzie
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon	John Temple	Roaring Springs Ranch
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs	Jolene Juhl	Robert Jones
Dan L. Forsea & Sons, Inc.	JWTR Holding Company	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Daniel Starbuck	JWTR LLC	Ron Anderson
David Miller	Kueny Ranch	Roseburg Forest Products
David Moody	Lee Bradshaw	Rufenacht Land & Cattle Co.
Dixie Meadows Ranch	Lincoln County Solid Waste District	Snake River Sportsmen
Don Dryer	Linn County Sheriff's Office	Starker Forest
Don Shaw	Linn Forest Protective Association	Stimson Lumber Company
Donald Opie	Linn Small Woodlands Association	The Campbell Group
Dr. Joel Rice	Lone Rock Resources	The Nature Conservancy
Ducks Unlimited	Longview Timber Corporation	Troy Ranches
Dutch Flat Ranch, LLC	Lost Valley Ranch	US Army Corps of Engineers
Earl King	Lynn DeGuire	US Bureau of Land Management
Emery Investment	Mark Mackenzie	US Fish and Wildlife Service
F. LeRoy McBride	Mark Rietmann	US Forest Service
Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program	Mary Madison	Van Eck / Pacific Forest Trust
Forest Capital Partners, LLC	Miami Corporation	Wallowa Resources
Galen Kropf	Mike Bentz	Weyerhaeuser Company
Gary and Kathy Bloomer	Mike Knapp	Widman Ranch
	Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District	Wilkinson Ranches

## Oregon Open Fields Projects 2013 - 2015\*

Project Name	ODFW Watershed District/Region	Open Fields Grant Amount	Cooperator Funding
1 Aspen Valley Ranch	Deschutes	\$296,949	\$76,575
2 Bunker Hill Access Area	John Day	\$5,808	\$2,000
3 Calvin Farms Access Area	South Willamette	\$3,504	\$2,000
4 Carman Ranch	Grande Ronde	\$102,945	\$14,150
5 Dixie Meadows	Deschutes	\$231,720	\$50,015
6 Four Mile Access Area	John Day	\$7,228	\$2,000
7 Galen Kropf Farms Access Area	South Willamette	\$8,768	\$2,000
8 Jordan Canyon Access Area	John Day	\$10,828	\$2,000
9 Manning Farms Access Area	South Willamette	\$7,308	\$2,000
10 Moyina Hill Private Land Hunt Area	Klamath	\$60,000	\$18,600
11 Murphy Ranch Well Project	Klamath	\$11,094	\$10,700
12 Social Ridge Access Area	John Day	\$21,852	\$2,000
13 Tenbusch Farms Access Area	South Willamette	\$2,864	\$2,000
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b><u>13 Projects</u></b>	<b><u>\$770,868</u></b>	<b><u>\$186,040</u></b>

\* Includes all projects active during 2013-2015 biennium. Habitat components of all projects were completed prior to 2013.



*In addition to goose hunting opportunities, the Oregon Open Fields program provides significant relief for landowners suffering goose damage. The photo on the left is from a farm enrolled in Open Fields; the photo on the right is from a neighboring field.*

Total Project Cost	Project Type	Habitat Acres	Private Land Hunting Access (Acres)	Access End Date	Private Landowners Affected
\$373,524	Access + Habitat	5,000	8,480	Dec 2016	1
\$7,808	Access	N/A	1,345	Dec 2015	1
\$5,504	Access	N/A	365	Mar 2016	1
\$117,095	Access + Habitat	3,185	3,185	Jan 2015	1
\$281,735	Access + Habitat	4,000	7,120	Dec 2014	1
\$9,228	Access	N/A	1,506	Jan 2016	1
\$10,768	Access	N/A	913	Mar 2016	1
\$12,828	Access	N/A	2,504	Dec 2015	1
\$9,308	Access	N/A	761	Mar 2016	1
\$78,600	Access + Habitat	300	7,000	Dec 2014	1
\$21,794	Access + Habitat	15,000	5,000	Dec 2015	1
\$23,852	Access	N/A	4,535	Jan 2016	1
\$4,864	Access	N/A	298	Mar 2016	1
<b><u>\$956,908</u></b>		<b><u>27,485</u></b>	<b><u>43,012</u></b>		<b><u>13</u></b>



*Thousands of geese depart the lush pasture of an Open Fields Access Area in the Willamette Valley. Constant pressure helps keep the geese dispersed.*

## Access and Habitat Projects 2013 – 2015\*

	Project Name	ODFW Watershed District/Region	A&H Grant Amount	Cooperator Funding	Total Project Cost
1	Abiqua Basin Access Project	North Willamette	\$5,250	\$16,695	\$21,945
2	Alvord/Kueny Access Area (2011)	Malheur	\$47,250	\$2,000	\$49,250
3	Alvord Ranch Access Area (2014)	Malheur	\$17,481	\$11,596	\$29,077
4	Bentz Access Extension Project	Malheur	\$98,210	\$0	\$98,210
5	Blue Mountains Elk Initiative (2010)	Northeast Region	\$300,000	\$7,431,315	\$7,731,315
6	Brogan Pasture Fire Seeding	Malheur	\$6,600	\$6,900	\$13,500
7	C2 Ranch Habitat Improvement Project (2012)	Rogue	\$24,000	\$272,400	\$296,400
8	C2 Ranch Habitat Improvement Project	Rogue	\$18,000	\$278,400	\$296,400
9	Columbia Plateau Cooperative Habitat Initiative (2010)	John Day	\$90,000	\$1,089,291	\$1,179,291
10	Columbia Plateau Cooperative Habitat Initiative (2013)	John Day	\$45,000	\$552,526	\$597,526
11	David Miller Access Project	Malheur	\$32,525	\$0	\$32,525
12	DeGuire Access Project	Malheur	\$59,825	\$0	\$59,825
13	Forsea Access Area	Grande Ronde	\$112,950	\$2,500	\$115,450
14	Fox Valley Access Area	John Day	\$7,317	\$1,500	\$8,817
15	Fur Mountain Access Area (2013)	Grande Ronde	\$5,448	\$1,500	\$6,948
16	Fur Mountain Access Area (2014)	Grande Ronde	\$16,344	\$1,500	\$17,844
17	Hancock Forest Management Access (2013)	Grande Ronde	\$147,275	\$175,978	\$323,253
18	Hancock Forest Management Access (2014)	Grande Ronde	\$123,929	\$227,358	\$351,287
19	Heppner Regulated Hunt Area	John Day	\$475,490	\$69,840	\$545,330
20	Iron Mountain Access Area	Grande Ronde	\$60,335	\$1,500	\$61,835
21	Jackson Cooperative Travel Management Area (2010)	Rogue	\$90,346	\$116,000	\$206,346
22	Jackson Cooperative Travel Management Area (2014)	Rogue	\$96,963	\$115,000	\$211,963
23	Jenkins Access Area	Malheur	\$165,415	\$1,000	\$166,415
24	Juhl Access Project	Malheur	\$20,280	\$2,500	\$22,780
25	JWTR Travel Management Area (2009)	Klamath	\$200,626	\$703,800	\$904,426
26	JWTR Travel Management Area (2014)	Klamath	\$211,473	\$616,500	\$827,973
27	Kueny Ranch Access Area	Malheur	\$18,012	\$19,510	\$37,522
28	Lincoln County Forest Protection Project (2012)	North Coast	\$150,000	\$576,750	\$726,750
29	Linn County Forest Deputy Project	South Willamette	\$60,000	\$754,091	\$814,091
30	Lost Valley Ranch Regulated Hunt Area	John Day	\$76,030	\$39,095	\$115,125
31	Mackenzie Access Project	Malheur	\$286,500	\$34,000	\$320,500
32	McBride Access Area	Malheur	\$101,000	\$1,000	\$102,000
33	MR King Ranches Access Area (2011)	Grande Ronde	\$23,010	\$1,500	\$24,510
34	MR King Ranches Access Area (2014)	Grande Ronde	\$23,010	\$1,500	\$24,510
35	Murderers Creek Winter Range Enhancement (2010)	John Day	\$300,000	\$2,098,473	\$2,398,473
36	Murderers Creek Winter Range Enhancement (2014)	John Day	\$150,000	\$647,000	\$797,000
37	New River Aleutian Goose (2012)	Rogue	\$49,500	\$93,700	\$143,200
38	New River Aleutian Goose (2014)	Rogue	\$24,750	\$57,950	\$82,700
39	North Coast Travel Management Area	Northwest Region	\$631,069	\$75,500	\$706,569
40	Ontario Public Recreational Access Project	Malheur	\$74,167	\$9,807	\$83,974

<sup>a</sup> Includes all projects that were active during the 2013-2015 biennium. Several projects were approved during previous biennia.

Project Type	Improved Public Land Access	Wildlife Damage Assistance	Habitat Acres	Private Land Hunting Access (Acres)	Access Duration (years)	Private Landowners Affected
Access		X	n/a	36,565	3	1
Access	X		n/a	9,693	2	2
Access	X		n/a	3,523	3	1
Access	X		n/a	4,276	5	1
Access & Habitat		X	16,605	10,000	8	35
Habitat			200	n/a	n/a	1
Access & Habitat			1,860	9,500	2	1
Access & Habitat			1,860	0 <sup>b</sup>	2	0 <sup>b</sup>
Habitat		X	9,700	n/a	n/a	30
Habitat			5,000	n/a	n/a	30
Access			n/a	1,281	10	1
Access	X		n/a	2,361	10	1
Access	X		n/a	9,330	5	1
Access	X		n/a	1,355	3	1
Access			n/a	2,724	1	1
Access			n/a	0 <sup>b</sup>	3	0 <sup>b</sup>
Access	X		n/a	292,000	2	1
Access	X		n/a	0 <sup>b</sup>	2	0 <sup>b</sup>
Access			n/a	39,625	5	5
Access	X		n/a	3,342	5	1
Access & Habitat	X	X	2,700	17,070	4	2
Access & Habitat	X		3,160	3,199 <sup>b</sup>	4	2 <sup>b</sup>
Access	X		n/a	13,233	5	1
Access			n/a	1,700	5	1
Access & Habitat	X		30,400	608,000	5	2
Access & Habitat	X		30,400	0 <sup>b</sup>	5	0 <sup>b</sup>
Access	X		n/a	6,170	3	1
Access	X	X	n/a	308,510	5	14
Access	X	X	n/a	389,500	5	20
Access		X	n/a	6,336	5	1
Access	X		n/a	9,807	10	1
Access	X		n/a	10,100	5	1
Access			n/a	3,835	3	1
Access			n/a	0 <sup>b</sup>	3	0 <sup>b</sup>
Habitat			15,000	n/a	3	20
Habitat			15,000	n/a	3	20
Access & Habitat	X	X	1,930	4,780	2	4
Access & Habitat	X		0 <sup>b</sup>	0 <sup>b</sup>	1	0 <sup>b</sup>
Access	X	X	n/a	1,500,000	5	6
Access			n/a	800	10	1

## Access and Habitat Projects 2013 – 2015\*

Project Name	ODFW Watershed District/Region	A&H Grant Amount	Cooperator Funding	Total Project Cost
41 Opie Access Project	Malheur	\$60,500	\$0	\$60,500
42 Otley Access Area	Malheur	\$378,582	\$0	\$378,582
43 Owsley Canyon Access Area	Grande Ronde	\$4,350	\$2,500	\$6,850
44 Pine Creek Ranch Access Area	Malheur	\$155,250	\$2,500	\$157,750
45 Rice Access Area	Grande Ronde	\$11,080	\$5,500	\$16,580
46 Roaring Springs Access Project	Malheur	\$203,370	\$0	\$203,370
47 Rogue Meadows Enhancement	Rogue	\$16,000	\$23,420	\$39,420
48 Ross Opie Access Project	Malheur	\$41,650	\$0	\$41,650
49 Rufenacht Access Area	Grande Ronde	\$56,720	\$2,500	\$59,220
50 Smutz Access Project	Grande Ronde	\$17,675	\$2,500	\$20,175
51 Starbuck Access Project	Malheur	\$17,750	\$0	\$17,750
52 Sutherlin Access Project (2012)	Umpqua	\$2,715	\$15,000	\$17,715
53 Temple Access Project	Malheur	\$23,800	\$0	\$23,800
54 Territorial Youth Deer Hunt (2012)	Umpqua	\$7,944	\$3,996	\$11,940
55 Troy Ranches Access Area (2011)	Grande Ronde	\$34,641	\$1,500	\$36,141
56 Troy Ranches Access Area (2014)	Grande Ronde	\$30,759	\$1,500	\$32,259
57 Wendling Travel Management Area	South Willamette	\$23,181	\$23,629	\$46,810
58 Widman Access Area	Grande Ronde	\$84,300	\$2,500	\$86,800
59 Willamette Private Lands Law Enforcement	Northwest Region	\$817,769	\$861,519	\$1,679,288
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59 Projects</b>	<b>\$6,433,416</b>	<b>\$17,056,039</b>	<b>\$23,489,455</b>

<sup>a</sup> Includes all projects that were active during the 2013-2015 biennium. Several projects were approved during previous biennia.



*Most A&H properties provide access on a “Welcome to Hunt” basis. Project boundaries and access points are clearly marked and provide contact information if permission is required.*

Project Type	Improved Public Land Access	Wildlife Damage Assistance	Habitat Acres	Private Land Hunting Access (Acres)	Access Duration (years)	Private Landowners Affected
Access	X		n/a	2,400	5	1
Access			n/a	15,417	10	1
Access		X	n/a	435	5	1
Access	X	X	n/a	14,167	5	1
Access			n/a	1,231	5	1
Access	X		n/a	20,137	10	1
Habitat		X	102	n/a	4	4
Access	X		n/a	1,646	10	1
Access		X	n/a	5,199	5	1
Access		X	n/a	1,414	5	1
Access			n/a	670	10	1
Access		X	n/a	89,600	3	2
Access	X		n/a	932	10	1
Access		X	n/a	4,477	3	1
Access	X		n/a	5,696	3	1
Access	X		n/a	0 <sup>b</sup>	3	0 <sup>b</sup>
Access			n/a	28,700	2	3
Access			n/a	8,430	5	1
Access	X	X	n/a	1,250,000	5	20
	<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>133,917</u></b>	<b><u>4,759,166</u></b>		<b><u>255</u></b>

<sup>b</sup> Recurring project - affected acres and landowners accounted for on previous line



*Some “By-Permission” projects target youth hunters and provide exceptional hunting opportunities.*

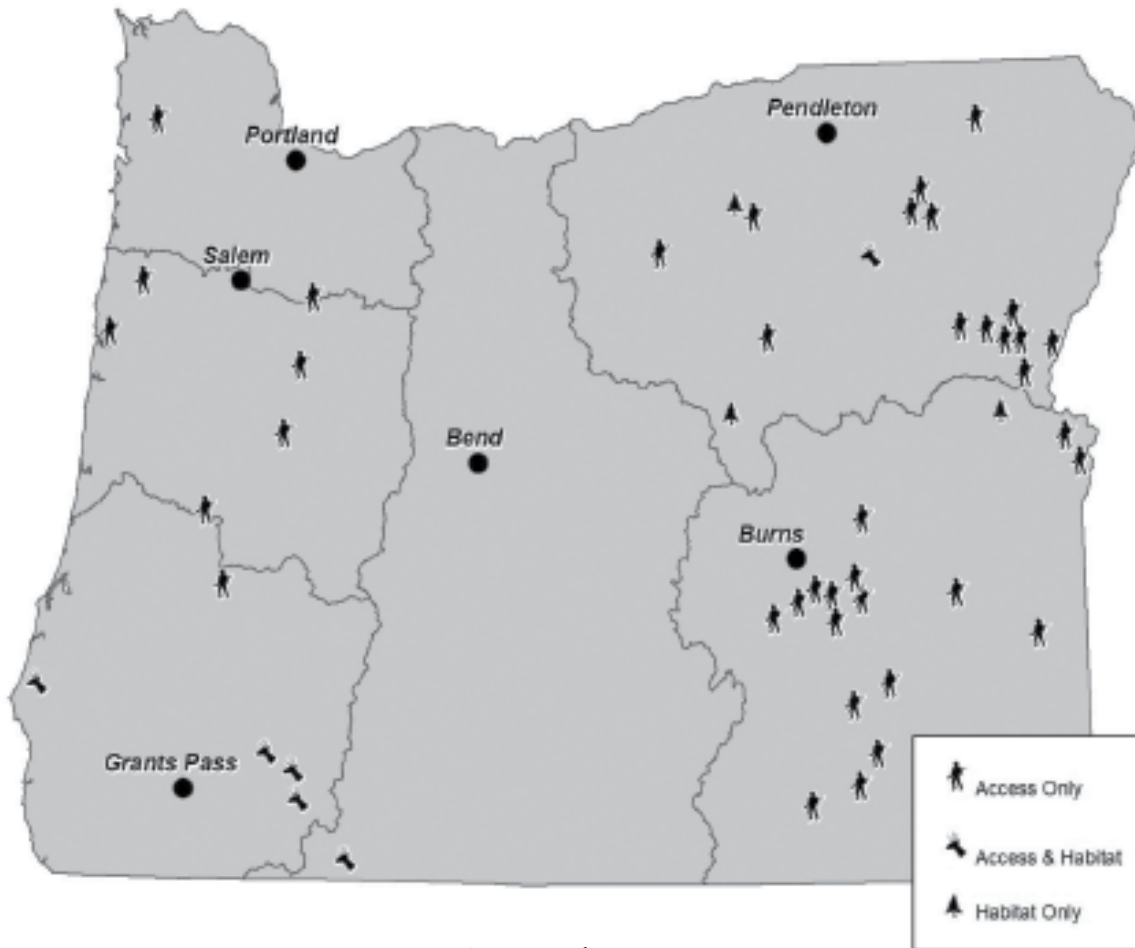


*The A&H Program strives to provide a variety of hunting opportunities, including upland game birds.*

# Project Distribution



The 59 projects funded by A&H as of December 2014 are located throughout eastern and western Oregon. Projects renewed during the biennium are only indicated once on the map.



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