

Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Plan

For

[Applicant Name]

[Insert photo of property]

**Developed in Cooperation
with**

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WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Landowner Information

Names:
Address:
Phone:
Property owner address: same as above

Cooperating Agency Information

Name: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Contact: Jane Doe, Habitat Conservation Biologist
1234 NW Habitat Ave, Your Town, OR 97330
Telephone: (5123) 555-1234

Subject Property Information

County:
Township:
Range:
Section:
Tax Lot No:
Total Acreage:
Enrolled Acreage:

EXISTING PHYSICAL FEATURES, USES, AND WILDLIFE HABITATS

Overview

*[In this space provide a summary description of the property that includes the location, its historical and current uses, general habitat types¹ and their current condition of the habitats, general landscape features, and existing buildings and hardscape. This is a summary area only; **please provide greater detail in the subsequent subheadings**. Please refer to maps as necessary, including a general location map as well as an aerial photo map delineating the general features. Maps may be obtained from your local SWCD/NRCS office or downloaded from <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>].*

Soil Classifications

[Please include a figure delineating the soil types, acreages and a short description of soil type]
The following soil types occur on the property:

Streams, other natural waterways and riparian areas

[Please include an aerial photo illustrating streams, etc. and their estimated lengths/acreages. Describe in detail the characteristics of the stream, etc. including length, vegetation composition and density, buffer widths, wildlife use, type and proportion of invasive species, whether it is fish-bearing or has barriers, etc.]

¹ See handout *Vegetation Classification* for determination of habitat types.

Ponds and other water bodies

[Please include a figure illustrating the location of the pond(s) and acreages; describe any vegetation in and around the pond, maintenance activities, location of weirs or dams, water levels, fish/fauna, exotics, connectivity to waterways, etc.]

Habitat Types

[Please include a figure delineating the various habitats and their acreage, native and non-native (refer to Vegetation Classification Handout). Identify the vegetation composition in percentages of cover. Identify areas and percent cover of non-native species such as blackberry, scotch broom, false brome, or thistles, as well as native invasive species such as Douglas fir. Remember, this is the baseline that will be the point of comparison used for future monitoring purposes so sufficient detail must be included.]

Areas managed for uses not included in the WHCMP

[These areas will include agricultural uses, forest practices, vineyards, etc. Provide a map and acreages. If applicable, provide an explanation how this practice will not detract from the conservation goals of the WHCMP]

Dwellings, roads, fences, and other man-made structures

[Provide a description of all existing structures on the property and provide a map illustrating the locations. Photos of the structures would be beneficial.]

If the landowner decides to build additional buildings, fences, ponds, irrigation canals, roads, or other structures that are not identified in this plan, it is required that the landowner contact an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) representative to discuss the proposed construction, and a plan amendment approved by ODFW will be necessary to accommodate the changes in the wildlife habitat plan for the property. Failure to do so may result in removal of the property from the Program.

SPECIES AND HABITATS OF SIGNIFICANCE

[List species which occur or have the potential to occur within the project area (boldface known occurrences). Briefly describe reason for the determination, e.g., ORNHIC data search, survey results, habitat not available.]

Sensitive, Threatened, or Endangered Plant Species

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
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Sensitive, Threatened, or Endangered Wildlife

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
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Significant Habitat

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
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Plan Objectives

This proposed Wildlife Management Plan is composed of the following objectives:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Conservation and Management Practices

[These following practices list all vegetation management and water management practices that will be conducted on the property necessary to achieve Plan Objectives, including but not limited to irrigation, pond developments, livestock grazing, pesticide application, recreational activities, plantings, and tree trimming or felling as examples]

If the landowner decides that some of the practices listed will not be conducted, or if the landowner decides that other practices will be conducted on the property that are not listed here, the landowner must contact an ODFW representative prior to taking actions to discuss the proposed changes, and a plan amendment approved by ODFW will be necessary to add or delete the changes to the wildlife habitat plan.

In order to preserve, restore, and diversify wildlife habitat on the subject property, the following conservation and management practices will be implemented:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Implementation Schedule

The Conservation and Management Practices will be implemented according to the following schedule (define the time frame for implementation as they correspond to each measure listed above):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Expected Physical Features, Vegetation and Wildlife Habitats

Describe the desired [future] results as they correspond to each Conservation and Management Practice:
[Please illustrate on map areas to be restored or enhanced, delineate new acreages, and quantify population and habitat goals and percentage of non-native composition, etc.]

Streams, other natural waterways and riparian areas

Ponds and other water bodies

Habitat Types

Areas managed for uses not included in the WHCMP

Dwellings, roads, fences, and other man-made structures

Areas containing threatened or endangered plant species

Areas containing sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife

Areas containing significant habitat

Additional Provisions

A. Recreational Activities:

Recreation within wildlife habitat such as wildlife viewing, photography, plant identification, hunting, snow skiing and walking provide enjoyment of the surroundings with little impact on habitat integrity and are encouraged. Other forms of recreation in wildlife habitat such as All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Off Road Vehicles (ORVs), snowmobiles, and repetitive discharge of firearms reduce wildlife utilization of the area and can cause actual damage to habitat conditions. Destruction of vegetation, soil disturbance and erosion, weed distribution and establishment, and wildlife harassment are potential problems with these types of recreation. Recreation that damages habitat or otherwise reduces habitat effectiveness is not approved under this plan.

Specific Activities limited under this plan:

B. Control of Dogs and Other Pets:

[Feral cats feed extensively on songbirds, game birds, mice and other rodents, rabbits, and other wildlife. In doing so, they lower the carrying capacity of an area for native predators such as foxes, raccoons, coyotes, bobcats, weasels, and other animals that compete for the same food base. Where documented, their impact on wildlife populations in suburban and rural areas—directly by predation and indirectly by competition for food— appears enormous. A study at the University of Wisconsin (Coleman and Temple 1989) may provide some indication of the extent of their impact in the United States as compared to that in the United Kingdom, where Britain's five million house cats may take an annual toll of some 70 million animals and birds (Churcher and Lawton 1987).]

This plan designates the following number of cats, dogs and/or other pets that will be kept at property by landowner:

C. Grazing Management:

This plan designates the following numbers and kinds of livestock that will be allowed on the property and how grazing will benefit wildlife habitat management:

D. Fire protection:

Trees and brush within the areas around structures such as a home, garage, or other buildings may be trimmed or removed for fire protection at the owner's discretion if following established guidelines. Guidelines for distances to clear away brush and trees from buildings can be obtained from fire district personnel who work for the fire protection district within which the property is located.

E. Noxious Weeds

Approximately 50% of invasive weeds are escaped ornamentals. Many of these are able to out-compete native plants for natural resources.

Plants to be removed if present and permanently excluded from future plantings:

English Ivy, Diffuse Knapweed, Yellow-star thistle, Butterfly Bush, Yellow-flag Iris, St. Johnswort, Fragrant Water Lily, Spanish Broom, Scotch Broom, Purple Loosestrife, Kochia

F. Submittal of Yearly Status Reports

The landowner or approved agent shall submit annual reports detailing progress and status of the conservation plan and implementation schedule. Reports will be submitted yearly within the month of their approved application and are to be submitted to ODFW. Reports will be accompanied by photographic documentation and should detail all activities conducted to date. Reports will be

accompanied by photo documentation that is referenced to a UTM coordinate using a GPS and shall reflect representative restoration areas within the site. Photos will be taken in each cardinal direction. ODFW staff biologists will also monitor the site at regular intervals to ensure compliance is met. A letter documenting findings will subsequently be submitted to the County Assessor's office for review.

Maps, photos, and supporting documentation

The following is a description of the attached maps, photos, and supporting documentation:

Important notes and disclaimers

1. This plan may be amended at any time in the future if requested by either party. Any alteration or modification of this agreement must be agreed to by both parties.
 2. This habitat management plan does not authorize violation of federal or state laws or local ordinances, nor does it supercede any requirements to obtain permits or authorizations required by federal, state, or local ordinances.
 3. The purpose of this habitat conservation and management plan is to protect and manage wildlife solely on the above-described property. This plan is not intended to, nor does it convey any special status on or otherwise impact in any way, the lawful use of any adjacent or nearby properties and both parties agree that it will be constructed to do so.
 4. Property owner shall have the right to withdraw plan from enrollment and in so doing is responsible for informing ODFW and County officials in writing. Wildlife deferral status will be rescinded and owner may be responsible for additional taxation.
 5. Property owner should disclose Wildlife Deferral status to any future owner upon any change of ownership.
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Signatures and Approvals

Signature(s) of Property Owners:

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

Signature of Wildlife Biologist approving plan and date of approval:

Signature

Date

