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OREGON'S ACCESS *and* HABITAT PROGRAM



About the Access and Habitat Program

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Access and Habitat Program was created in 1993 to improve wildlife habitat and public hunting access on private lands throughout the state.



The program's motto, "Landowners and Hunters Together for Wildlife" conveys its mission to foster

partnership between landowners and hunters for the benefit of the wildlife they all value. To accomplish those objectives, the program provides grants for a variety of cooperative wildlife habitat and hunter access projects. The program's \$1.6 million biennial funding base comes primarily from a \$2 surcharge on hunting licenses and the annual auction and raffle of special deer and elk tags.



Access and Habitat Board

The program is guided by the A & H Board of seven members including three landowners, three hunters, and one chair who represents the public at large. Six regional advisory councils with a similar structure provide local perspective.

How the A&H Program helps hunters, landowners and wildlife

About 44 percent of Oregon lands are privately owned. These lands provide important wildlife habitat and potential places for people to enjoy the sport of hunting. By partnering with private landowners on projects funded by the A & H Program, hunters and landowners work together to enhance wildlife habitat and provide public hunting opportunities while recognizing private landowners for the important role they play in wildlife conservation and management.



Landowners participating in the program provide a wide range of public hunting opportunities ranging from open access areas where no permission is required to hunt to areas where landowner permission is required. A&H participant properties provide a variety of game animals including deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, waterfowl, upland birds, turkey, and predators.

Eligible Projects

Individual and corporate landowners, conservation organizations and others are eligible for A&H Program funding. Typical projects that receive grants include:

- Wildlife forage seeding
- Water development
- Riparian protection
- Meadow fertilization
- Wetland restoration
- Juniper removal
- Noxious weed control
- Regulated hunt programs
- Law enforcement patrols
- Travel management areas
- Public hunting leases



Applying for an A&H Program grant

Anyone with a project meeting the general eligibility criteria may be interested in applying for an A & H grant. The first step is to contact the nearest regional A&H Program coordinator who can help determine if your project is a good match for A&H funding and get you started on the application process.

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, project location, cooperators, work schedules and funding commitments including the grant amount requested.

An application can be obtained by visiting www.dfw.state.or.us/AH

Project applications are reviewed first by one of six regional advisory councils, which forward their recommendations to the statewide A & H Board. The board conducts a further review and forwards recommended projects to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for final approval. The advisory councils, board and commission are made up of citizen volunteers. This process typically takes three to four months.

Criteria for approving projects

Project proposals that contain certain criteria are more likely to receive funding than others. These criteria include projects that:

- Provide identifiable benefits to wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Increase public hunting opportunities and/or access
- Reduce wildlife-related economic loss
- Receive funding commitments from other sources in addition to the A&H Program
- Involve in-kind contributions of labor, equipment and materials from others

Finding out more about the A&H Program

Visit the A&H Program website to find information about applying for grants, places to hunt, the people involved in the program and more. The website address is www.dfw.state.or.us/AH/.

A list of hunting opportunities, regional coordinators, grant applications and application deadlines are available from the A&H Program website (www.dfw.state.or.us/AH/).