

Summary of Projects Recommended for Access & Habitat Funding, March 15, 2019

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met January 15, 2019 in Salem, Oregon to review projects recommended for funding by a Regional Council (Council). A project must receive at least four supporting votes from the Board to be recommended for funding. All projects received letters of support from the local District Wildlife Biologist. A brief description of the funding requested, access and habitat benefits provided, as well as Council and Board votes follows.

The A&H Board recommends funding the following two projects:

New River Aleutian Goose Project

The New River Aleutian Goose project started in 2007 to mitigate for goose damage and provide a quality public goose hunting opportunity on the southern Oregon Coast. A&H Program proposes to reimburse the landowner up to \$15,750/year for two years (\$31,500) to cost-share fertilizer for 1,200 acres of shortgrass pasture. The fertilizer will help the pasture regenerate its productive capacity after heavy foraging by Aleutian Canada Geese. In return, landowners provide public hunting access to more than 3,500 acres. The Josephine Chapter of Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is contributing \$2,000 (\$1,000/year) for purchase of fertilizer and the Tioga Chapter of OHA is contributing \$400 (\$200 year) in gift cards for the hunter survey drawing discussed below.

As part of the project, the landowners will open 3,540 acres of private pastureland to hunting during the next two general waterfowl and late goose seasons. The project also provides enhanced access to 500 acres of adjacent BLM New River property. A “By Permission” project, hunters must obtain permission from the landowners before accessing the area. Phone reservations are made with the landowners on a first come, first served basis with hunters who make reservation to hunt during a particular week ineligible for the following week. The number of hunters and available days vary by landowner. Knapp and Kamph lands allow up to six hunters per day on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. McKenzie lands allow ten hunters per day; Haga and Azevedo allow six hunters per day on Saturdays and Sundays. When large numbers of geese are present, the landowners frequently provide additional hunter access. During the late goose season (late February through early March) lands are open every day.

To document use of the project, hunters are encouraged to fill out a survey form located at voluntary survey kiosks on each of the properties. To increase participation in the survey, all completed survey cards are entered into a drawing for two \$100 gift cards donated by the Tioga Chapter of OHA each year. The number of completed surveys has increased after the incentive program began. During the 2015-2016 season, hunters returned 72 cards reporting 228 birds harvested (including 146 Aleutian Canada Geese) with an average satisfaction rating of 4.5 out of 5. During the 2016-17 season, hunters returned 161 cards reporting 379 birds taken (including 289 Aleutian Canada Geese) with an average satisfaction rating of 4.8 out of 5. Because hunters

are not required to complete a survey card, the numbers do not represent the absolute number of hunters participating or total harvest.

New River Aleutian Goose Project

- A&H Funds: \$31,500 for fertilizer (\$15,750/year)
- OHA-Josephine: \$2,000 for fertilizer (\$1,000/year)
- OHA-Tioga \$400 for gift cards (\$200/year)
- Landowners Contribution: \$73,200 in fertilizer and application cost
- Total Project Cost: \$107,100
- Applicants: Knapp, Kamph, McKenzie, Haga, Azevedo
- Location: Sixes WMU
- Habitat Acres: 1,200 acres fertilized pasture
- Access Acres: 3,540 private, 500 BLM improved access
- Project Period: General waterfowl and late goose seasons
- Project Duration: 2 years: 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 waterfowl seasons
- Council Vote: Yes: 4: No: 0
- Board Vote: Yes: 7: No: 0

New River Access Area



The New River Access Area is a cooperative program between several private landowners and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Access and Habitat Program to maintain public hunting access on private lands and increase access to public land. The New River Access Area south of Bandon, OR, provides public hunting opportunities for waterfowl. All Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regulations and Seasons apply.

Access Periods:

Zone A1 and A2
Wed, Fri, Sat: Sep 29, 2018 - Jan 27, 2019
All Days: Feb 23 - Mar 10, 2019

Zone B1, B2, and B3
Sat and Sun: Sep 29, 2018 - Jan 27, 2019
All Days: Feb 23 - Mar 10, 2019

Consult Game Bird Regulations for duck and goose open season dates

Access Permission:

Hunters must obtain permission prior to hunting on the property. Permission can be obtained by contacting the landowner by phone at the following numbers - please call only between 5 and 8 PM Monday - Friday. Reservations will be booked on a first come, first served basis. Hunters who make reservations to hunt during a particular week are ineligible to hunt the area the following week. Landowners reserve the right to refuse permission and close areas due to normal ranch operations.



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Hunting on private lands 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:

- Hunting access by permission only
- Motorized vehicle travel only on open roads
- No camping or night-time use of private land
- No fires, be careful with cigarettes
- No littering, pick up any trash
- Report unlawful activities
- Respect landowners rights and needs
- Leave all gates as you found them

Contact Information

- Zone A1:** Jamey Knapp (541) 290-7818
- Zone A2:** Jim Kamph (541) 348-2280
- Zone B1:** Rick McKenzie (541) 404-8040
- Zone B2:** Allen Haga (541) 297-3738 - see for parking information
- Zone B3:** Gabe Azevedo (209) 604-3315

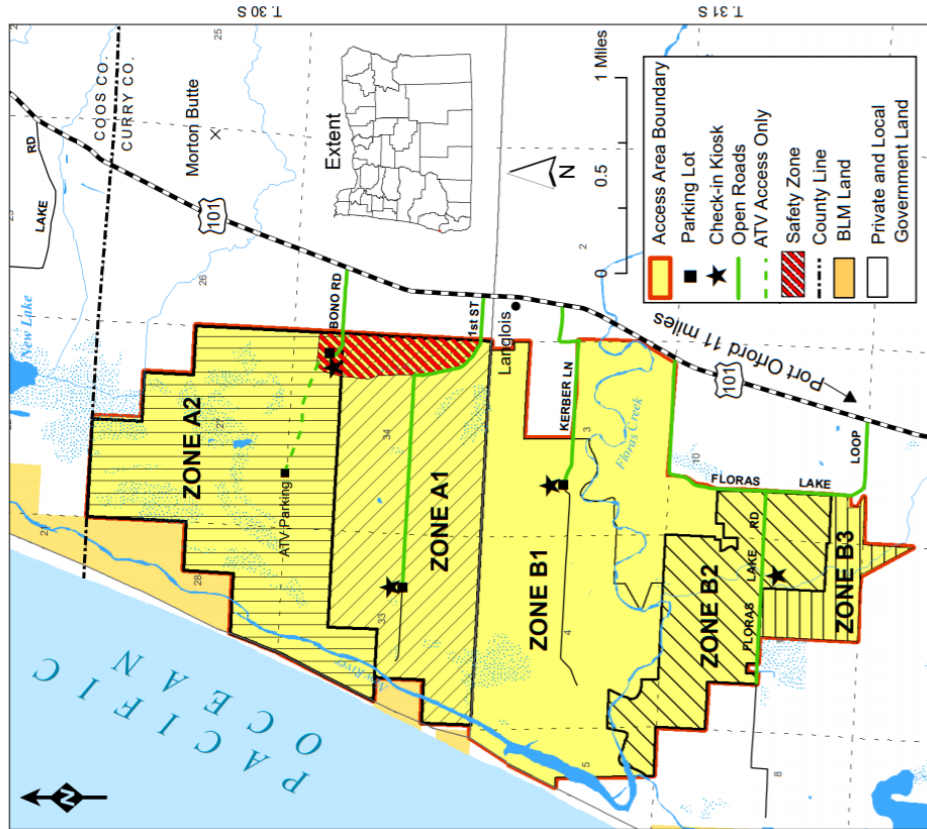
Violation Report
If you have a violation, record information on this form and present it to an official.

Time: _____ Date: _____
 Vehicle make, model & color: _____
 Location / road number: _____
 City/County: _____
 Number of persons involved: _____
 Describe violation: _____

Witness Contact Information
 Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Address: _____

TIP Phone: 1-800-452-7888
 Email: TP@state.or.us

Mail to:
 Oregon State Police
 255 Capital NE, 4th Floor
 Salem, OR 97310



East Lane Travel Management Area

Participating landowners propose creating a new Cooperative Travel Management Area (TMA) on property that was formerly located within the Wendling TMA (2011-2017) and adding additional acreage. If approved the project will provide 39,825 acres of Welcome to Hunt Access seven days a week for the duration of the Western General Rifle Deer Season including the youth extended weekend and Cascade Bull Elk season.

Vehicle use would be restricted to designated open roads. The project will provide an OSP retiree to patrol the TMA and enforce the TMA rules. Department staff will mark designated roads open to vehicular travel. Vehicle counters will be installed annually at two locations to monitor and quantify public use.

The original project proposal was for five years. To improve A&H Program budget flexibility in the future the A&H Board approved the project for 2 years. Project costs were reduced from those provided in the initial project proposal for five years to cover setup costs and two years of OSP enforcement and project maintenance.

East Lane TMA

- A&H Funds: \$29,576 (\$14,788/year)
- Cooperator Funds: \$7,328 (\$3,664/year)
- Total project funds: \$36,904 for two years
- Applicant: Christopher Yee, ODFW Springfield
- Location: McKenzie and Indigo WMUs
- Access Acres : 39,825 Welcome To Hunt
- Project Duration: 2 years: 7/01/2019 to 11/04/2020
- Cooperators: Giustina Land & Timber, Giustina Resources, Springfield ODFW, and OSP

- Council Vote: Yes: 5; No: 0
- Board Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0

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