

## Summary of Projects Recommended for Access & Habitat Funding

The Access and Habitat (A&H) Board met October 18, 2022 in Prineville to review projects recommended for funding by A&H Regional Councils (Councils). Six Board members participated in the meeting. A project must receive at least four supporting votes from the Board to be recommended for funding. A brief description of the funding requested, access and habitat benefits provided, as well as Board votes follows. The A&H Board recommends funding the following three projects:

### 2022-13 Green Diamond Resource Company Access

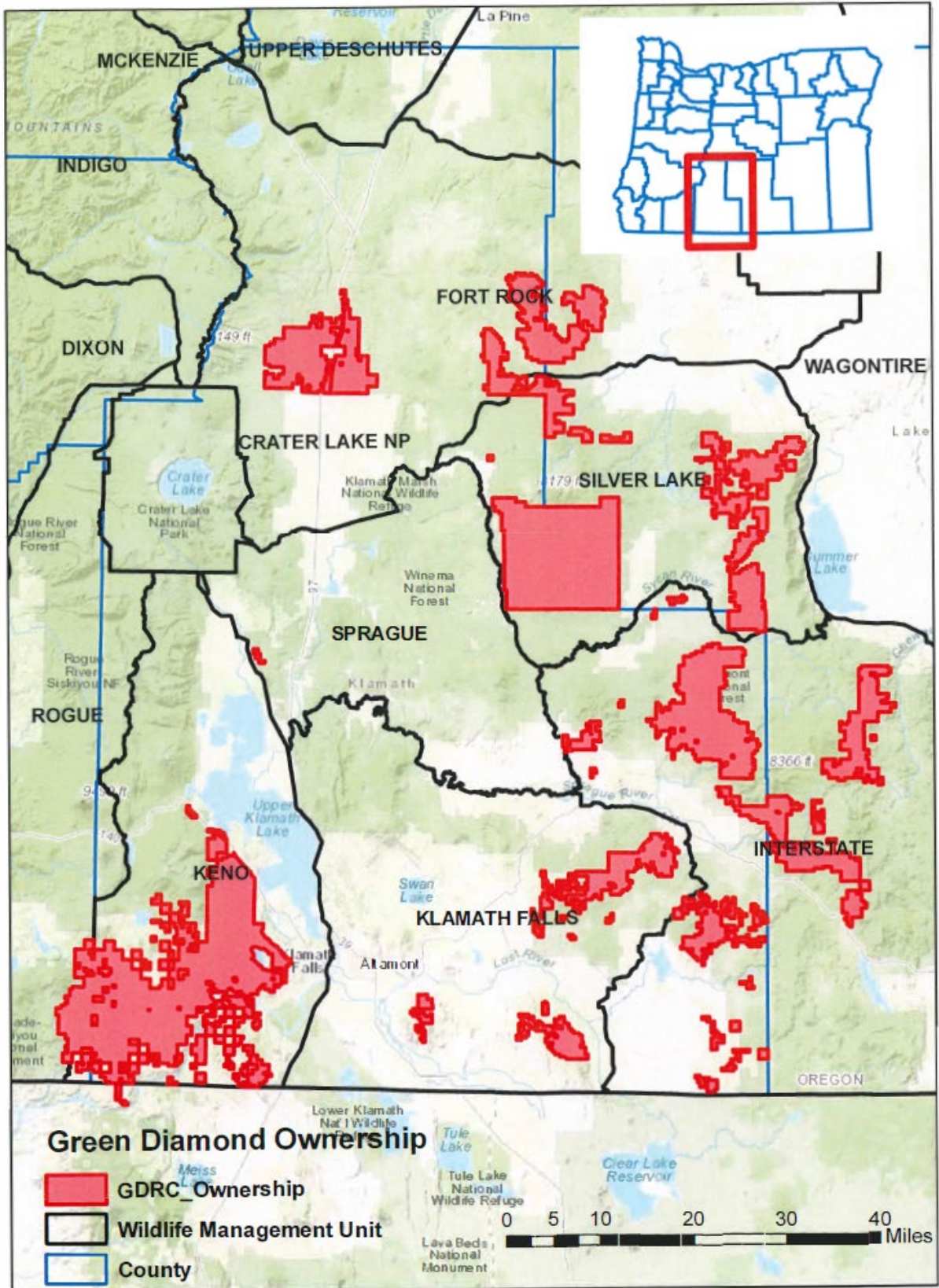
- A&H Funds: \$412,441, (\$137,480 each year)
- Cost per Acre: \$0.23 each year
- Total Project Cost: \$679,441
- Applicant: Green Diamond Resource Company
- Location: Rogue, Keno, Klamath Falls, Sprague, Interstate, Silver Lake & Fort Rock Wildlife Management Units
- Access Acres: 597,741
- Project Duration: April 2023-March 2026
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

This project will ensure continued hunter Welcome to Hunt, year-round access to 597,741 acres of industrial timberlands in south-central Oregon for three years. The Aspen Lake area is in a seasonal road closure due to vandalism, trash dumping, and theft. The access area is utilized by hunters, anglers, and other outdoor recreationists. The access area is also within the OSP Enforcement Project that A&H funds to provide dedicated hours of enforcement to A&H projects. That project will be before the Commission at the March meeting for funding the upcoming biennium.

Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRC) lands provide critical winter range for deer and elk. Timber management practices on these GDRC lands often facilitate early seral vegetation which provides crucial forage for both deer and elk. Excellent forage conditions on these privately managed forest lands support higher densities of big game than the adjacent public lands, therefore attracting a disproportionate share of hunting pressure. In addition, the access area supports threatened, endangered, and sensitive species such as the fisher, bald eagle, spotted owl, northern goshawk, Oregon spotted frog, and bull trout. The Oregon Conservation Strategy identified eleven Conservation Opportunity Areas within GDRC lands. GDRC advocates for the economic advantages of promoting biodiversity and fish and wildlife abundance on working timberlands.

Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) and Mule Deer Foundation are contributing partners in the project.

Figure 1: Green Diamond Resource Co. Ownership



## 2022-14 C2 Ranch Habitat Improvement

- A&H Funds: \$21,020, (\$10,510 each year)
- Cost per Acre: \$1.11 each year
- Total Project Cost: \$263,125
- Applicant: Shawn Jones, Ranch Manager
- Location: Rogue Wildlife Management Unit
- Access Acres: 9,500
- Habitat Acres: 588
- Project Duration: January 2023-January 2025
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

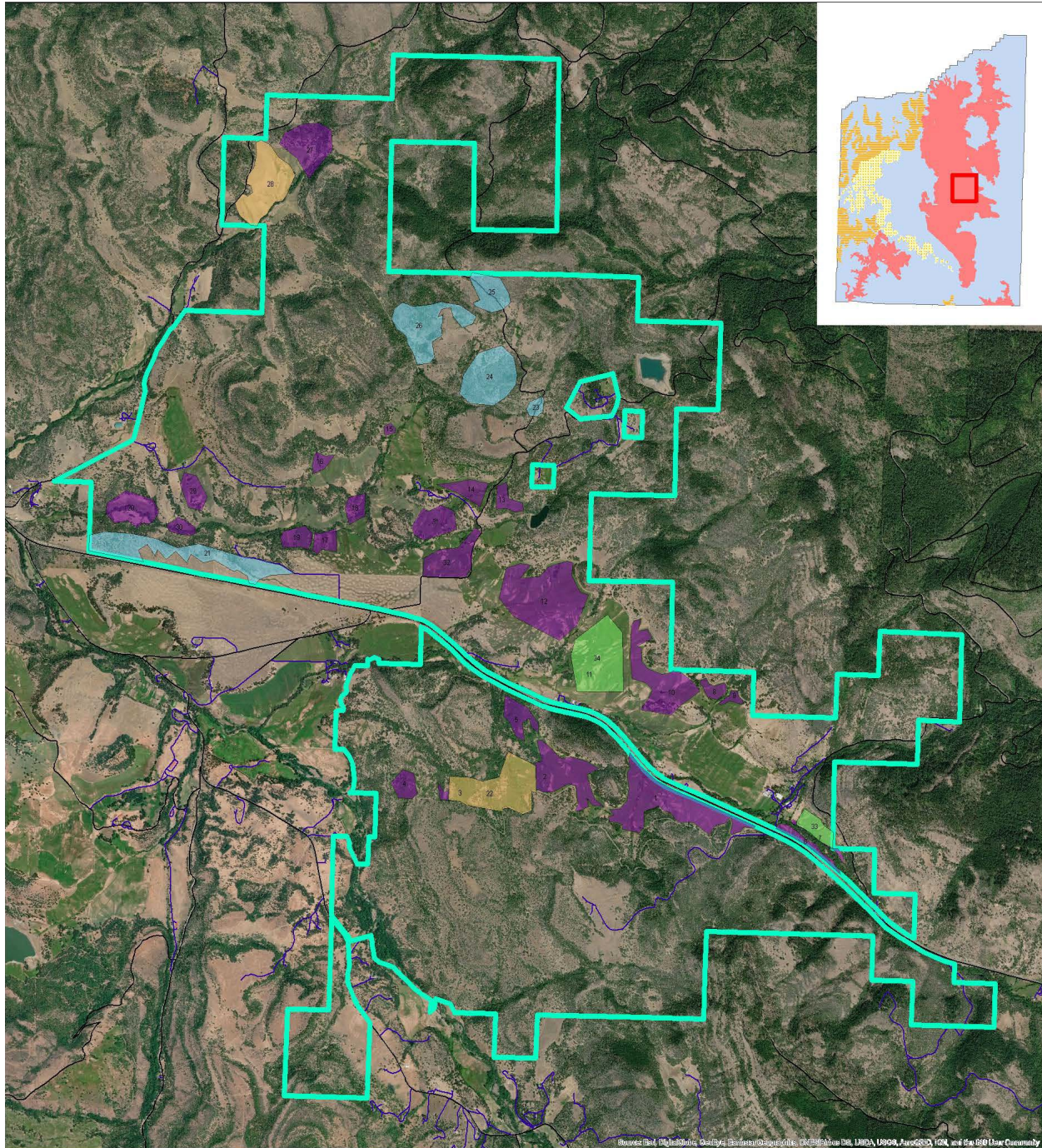
This is a continuation of a project to improve wildlife habitat and provide public hunting. Habitat improvement will consist of removing invasive Himalayan blackberry from pastures through machine cutting and herbicide treatment (Crossbow or Garlon), mowing decadent buckbrush to promote new growth, seeding for wildlife forage, and fertilizing pastures. Habitat types on the ranch include mixed oak woodland, conifer forest, shrublands, native grassland, vernal pool claypan, and developed areas/agriculture including irrigated and non-irrigated pastures. The ranch is also within Jackson County's sensitive deer and elk winter range.




Hunting will consist of 4 unguided late archery deer hunts (each for 4 days), 3 unguided youth deer rifle hunts (3 days each) and 5 unguided youth spring turkey hunts (3 days each), for two seasons (2023-24 and 2024-25).

OHA is a contributing partner in the project.

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|  Blackberry  |  Deer/ Elk Winter Range |
|  Buckbrush   |  Especially Sensitive   |
|  Fertilizing |  Sensitive              |
|  Seeding     |  Other                  |
|  C2 Boundary |  |

## Target Project Areas C2 Cattle Company

## 2022-15 New River Access Area

- A&H Funds: \$38,700, (\$19,350 each year)
- Cost per Acre: \$5.46 each year
- Total Project Cost: \$232,900
- Applicant: Jamey Knapp, Rick McKenzie, Jim Kamph, John Swenson, Gabe Azevedo
- Location: Sixes Wildlife Management Unit
- Access Acres: 3,540 By Permission
- Habitat Acres: 1,800
- Project Duration: October 2023-June 2025
- Board Vote: Yes: 6; No: 0

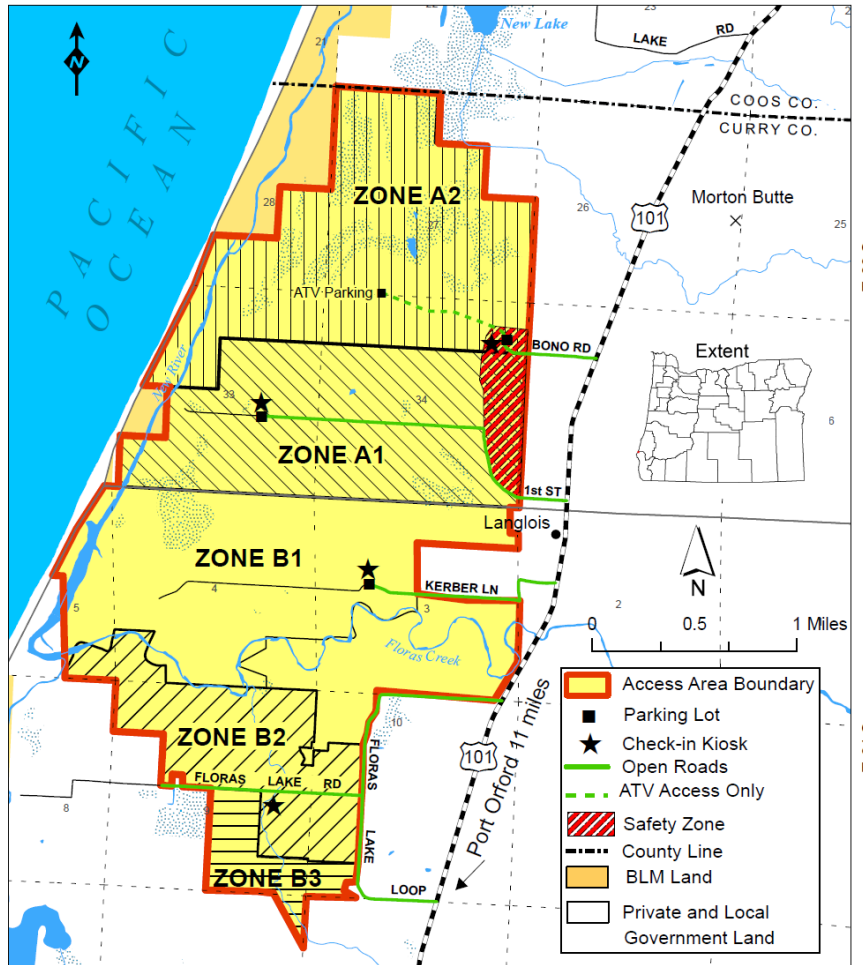
This project continues to allow by-permission waterfowl hunting on 3,540 acres owned by five landowners, plus access to 500 acres of BLM, near Bandon for 2 hunting seasons: 2023-24 and 2024-25. The project will reimburse the cooperators part of the cost of fertilizing their pastures to offset the damage caused by Aleutian Canada geese.

The project area is managed for livestock pasture. Aleutian Canada geese feeding in these pastures have led to a severe damage problem. The Aleutian Canada goose is a small subspecies of Canada goose that nests in the Aleutian Island chain in Alaska and has the largest over-water migration path of any North American waterfowl. Their migratory path brings them south across the Pacific Ocean into Oregon and Northern California in winter. Most of the population stages on the southern Oregon coast for up to two months, storing energy for their long over-sea flight back to the Aleutian Islands. Area ranchers suffer severe damage to their pastures during this time.

Waterfowl is an under-represented huntable species in the Southwest A&H Region. The project provides the best opportunity for hunters in Oregon to harvest an Aleutian goose.

OHA and Delta Waterfowl are contributing partners to the project.

# New River Access Area



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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

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