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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Awards More Than \$9 Million in Grants to Support Restoration

Awards Include \$400,000 in Salmon License Plate Revenues

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(Salem) – The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) awarded 89 grants totaling \$9,315,062 to local organizations statewide to support fish and wildlife habitat and water quality projects at their April 24-26 board meeting in Salem.

“These investments will improve habitat for Sage Grouse, Coho Salmon, Steelhead and other species, while also improving water quality and supporting local natural resource jobs,” says Meta Loftsgaarden, OWEB’s executive director. Grants are funded across Oregon, primarily in the state’s rural areas.

Funding for these projects comes from three primary sources – the Oregon Lottery, Salmon License Plate revenues, and Federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery funds provided by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration. A listing of all awarded grants is available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/GRANTS/docs/2017-Board-Awards.pdf>

Specifically, the OWEB Board selected four projects to receive all or a portion of their award from Salmon License Plate revenues. These revenues come from Oregonians who purchase Salmon License Plates for their vehicles. Projects include:

- Upper Sunshine Creek Habitat Project – Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation (Polk County) – an OWEB investment of \$91,683 in this project will place 179 logs in-stream and plant 3100 conifers along 1.4 miles of Sunshine Creek to improve habitat for Coho;
- Powell Creek Instream Restoration – Applegate Partnership, Inc. (Josephine County) – an OWEB investment of \$159,595 in this project will place large wood structures in Powell Creek, as well as address an old diversion structure impacting fish passage, to improve habitat for Coho, Steelhead, and Chinook;

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- Upper Sandy River Basin Habitat Restoration Project – The Freshwater Trust (Clackamas County) – an OWEB investment of \$235,497 in this project will provide off-channel habitat on the Salmon River and Still Creek for Chinook, Coho and winter Steelhead, while also reconnecting the channel with the floodplain and adding wood into the system;
- Walla Walla Managed Aquifer Recharge for Instream Flow – Walla Walla Basin Watershed Foundation (Umatilla County) – an OWEB investment of \$346,746 in this project will help design and construct five sites that will recharge the local aquifer during high flows, which will allow 4.2 cubic feet per second to return to Walla Walla streams during critical periods for Chinook and Steelhead.

Since 1999, the Oregon Lottery has provided over \$500 million to OWEB's grant program that helps restore, maintain and enhance Oregon's watershed along with additional investments from Salmon License Plate revenues. Combined, the Lottery has earned over \$9 billion for watershed enhancements, public education, state parks and economic development. For more information about the Oregon Lottery visit www.oregonlottery.org

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