

**March 19-20, 2008 OWEB Board Meeting**  
**Executive Director Update #C2: Whole Watershed Restoration Initiative**

**Background**

At the January 2008 meeting, the Board approved an investment of \$545,430 to fund projects in priority basins and focus watersheds through a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, NOAA Fisheries, and Ecotrust. This report provides an update on the status of the partnership.

**Progress to Date**

OWEB and partners have coordinated roles and responsibilities for application processing and project management. Ecotrust has developed a review process that involves staff of USFS, NOAA Fisheries, BLM, Oregon Trout, and OWEB staff. Ecotrust has invited an additional tribal representative.

Initial evaluations have winnowed the 30 applications to 12 that are likely to be funded with OWEB funds. Each recommended application is within the identified priority basins and all but three of the 12 are in focus watersheds. The table below shows the 12 applications with anticipated OWEB and partner contributions. The OWEB contribution may be adjusted as final budgets are developed.

Organization	ID #	NOAA	OWEB	Forest Service
Coquille Watershed Association	5		\$35,000	\$30,000
Illinois Valley WC/Illinois Valley SWCD	9		\$36,000	\$36,000
Malheur National Forest - Culvert	10		\$84,000	\$181,000
Malheur National Forest - Log Weir	11		\$25,000	\$0
Middle Rogue WC - RR & SP	14	\$10,000	\$26,000	\$5,000
Middle Rogue WC- Jumpoff Joe	16		\$28,000	\$10,000
Oregon Trout	18	\$25,000	\$53,000	\$20,000
Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	19		\$48,000	\$38,000
Umpqua National Forest - Jackson Creek	24		\$50,000	\$50,000
Umpqua National Forest - RRD	25		\$25,000	\$56,000
USDA Forest Service - Salmon River	27		\$55,000	\$42,000
USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest, Hood River RD	28		\$30,000	\$70,000
<b>Sub-total</b>		\$35,000	\$495,000	\$538,000
Administration		\$32,500	\$50,000	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>		\$67,500	\$545,000	\$548,000

**Staff Contact**

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