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## Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Awards More Than \$12 Million in Grants to Support Restoration

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Tina Kotek, Governor

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) awarded 69 grants totaling \$12,461,865 to local organizations statewide to support fish and wildlife habitat and water quality projects at their October 23-25, 2023 board meeting.

"These investments support watersheds, fish and wildlife habitats, and communities," says Lisa Charpilloz Hanson, OWEB's Executive Director. "They will help landscapes recover from wildfire and be more resilient in the future. They will provide cool water for salmon, steelhead, and trout and improve habitat for sage-grouse and other species. These investments showcase Oregon's commitment to mitigate the impacts of climate change on natural resources."

Funding for these projects comes from the Oregon Lottery 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/Documents/2023-Oct-Board-Awards.pdf

Since 1999, the Oregon Lottery dollars have provided for grants to helps restore, protect, and enhance Oregon's watersheds. For more information about the Oregon Lottery visit <u>www.oregonlottery.org</u>

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