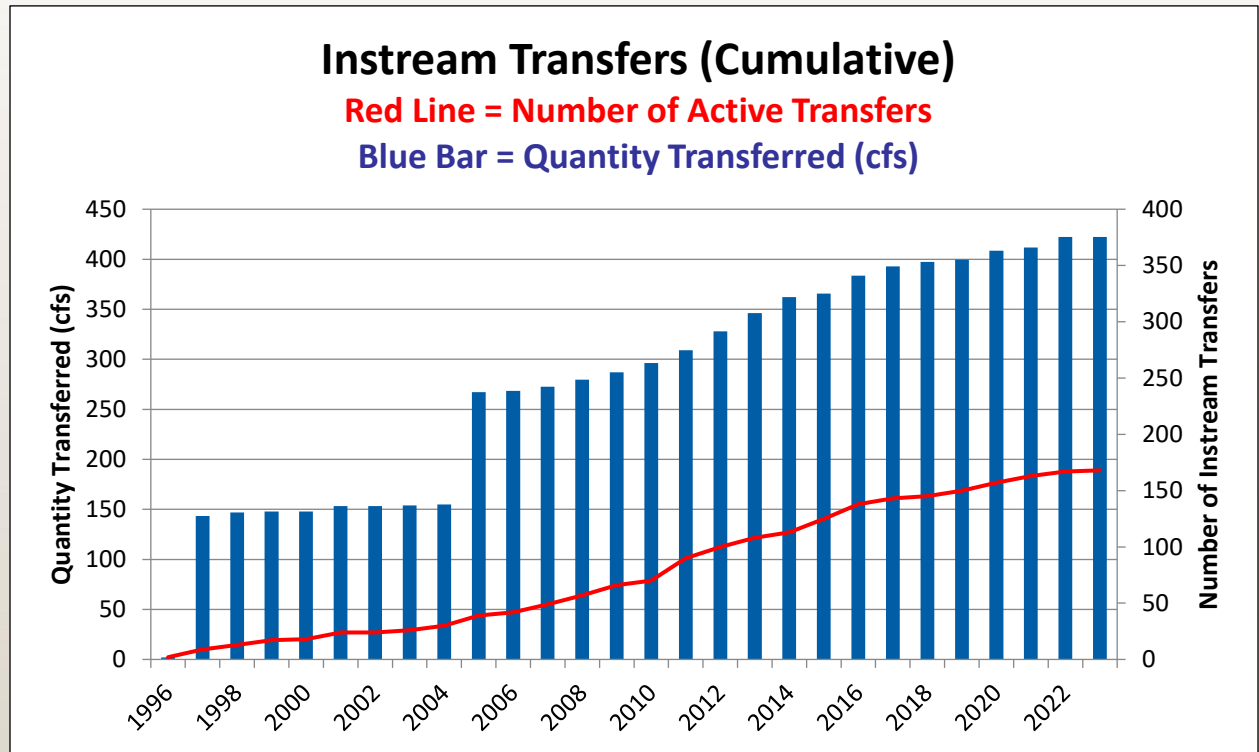


Flow Restoration in Oregon

Oregon is a leader in flow restoration, with more than 561 current instream leases, instream transfers, allocations of conserved water, and conversions of hydro-electric rights restoring 6554.86 cubic feet per second (cfs) of streamflow for fish and wildlife, recreation, and pollution abatement. The Department regulates streams to protect instream water rights. The majority of water put instream on a permanent basis through allocations of conserved water and instream transfers in Oregon is water with senior priority dates from certificates pre-dating Oregon’s 1909 water law. Since the adoption of Oregon’s 1987 Instream Water Right Act, the Water Resources Department has converted to instream rights more than 505 of the state’s minimum perennial stream flows and has issued more than 1080 state agency instream water rights.

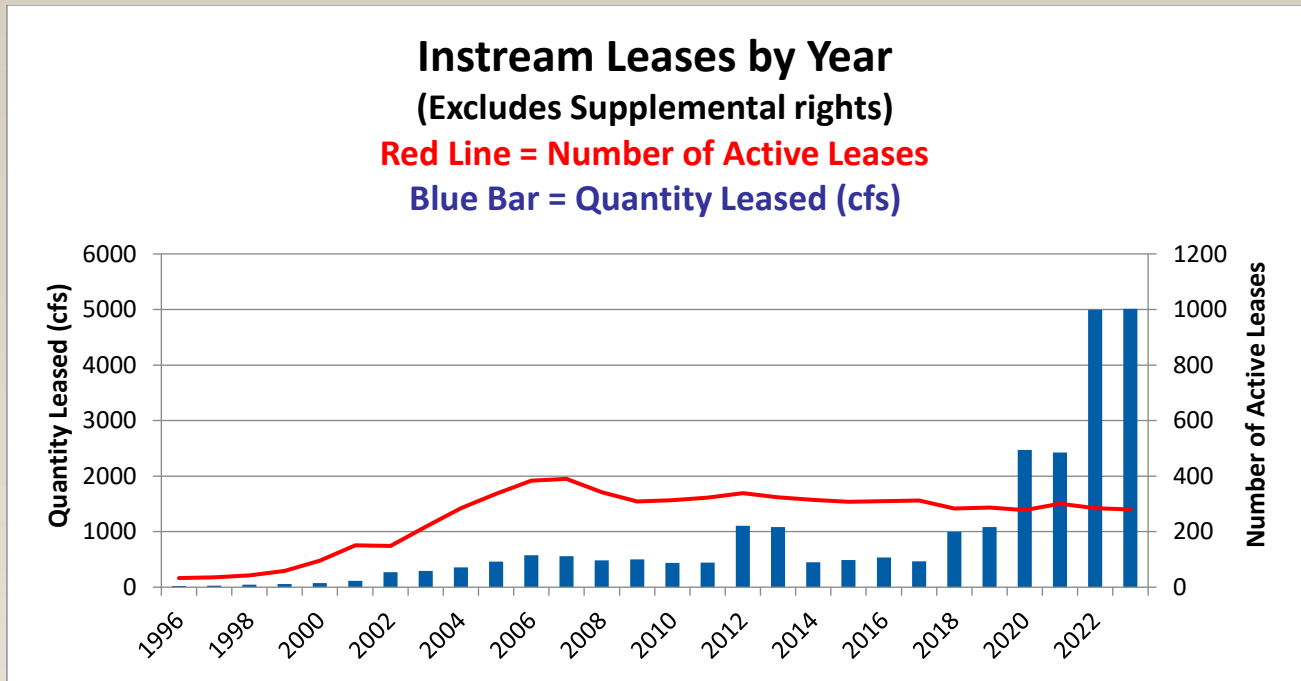
Instream Transfers

The Department has completed 168 permanent and long-term instream transfers, representing 422.38 cfs.



Instream Leases

During 2023, there were 280 active instream leases totaling 5008.93 cfs. Six of those leases were power rights protecting 4376.52 cfs instream. The instream leasing program also benefits greatly from active partnerships with The Freshwater Trust, Deschutes River Conservancy, and Trout Unlimited.



Allocation of Conserved Water

The Department has approved 110 applications for allocation of conserved water, resulting in approximately 265.362 cfs both permanently protected and an additional 46.132 cfs temporarily reserved instream.

