

Trout Unlimited Presentation  
Data Center Advisory Committee



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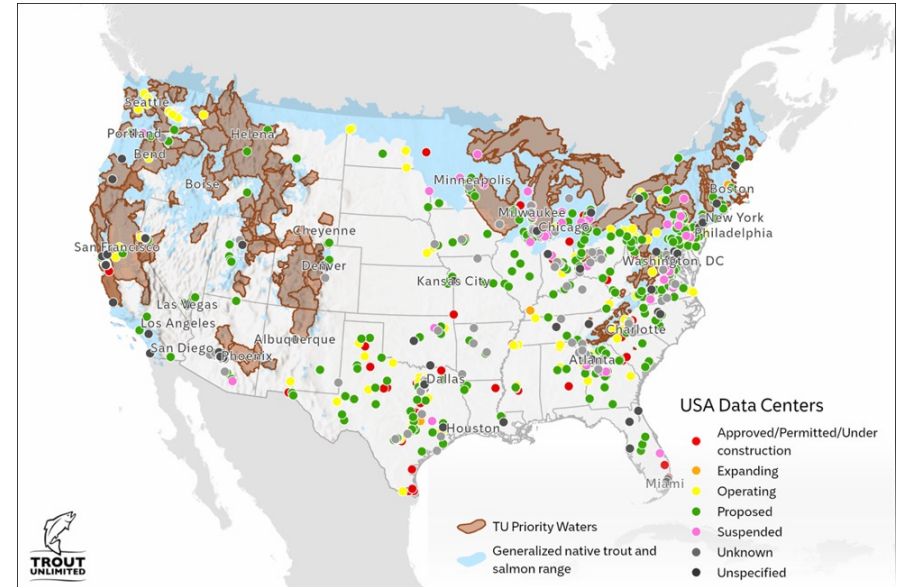
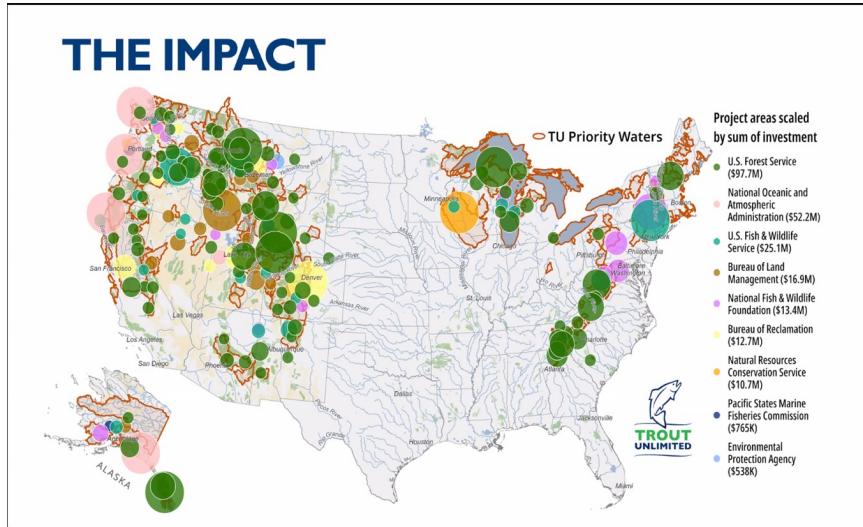
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## **Trout Unlimited is the leading conservation organization working to care for our rivers and streams.**

- over 300,000 members and supporters nationally
- over 2,000 in Oregon
  - community advocates and volunteers,
  - conservation professionals and biologists, and
  - lawyers and policy pros.

# Nationwide Priority Waters and Data Centers



# Oregon Trout Unlimited



We protect, reconnect and restore thousands of miles each year in Oregon

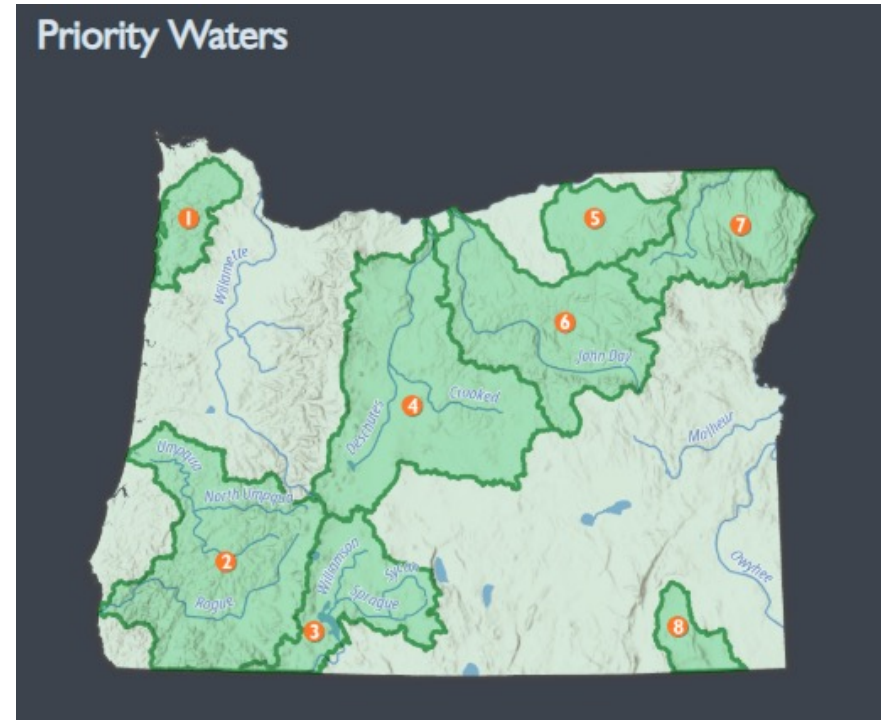
## Fish We're Protecting



Chinook Salmon



Coho Salmon



# Water Us: **The Problem**

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- **Water use information is poorly understood, under-reported, and incomplete.**
- **This lack of transparency makes it difficult to:**
  - **track** cumulative impacts or
  - **safeguard** the cold, clean water for trout, salmon, and other aquatic species

TU's guidance for responsible data center development is grounded in **five Core Principles**:

1. Smart siting
2. Review direct and indirect water usage
3. Thermal protection
4. Avoid, minimize, and in the last case, mitigate harms
5. Transparency, accountability, and lifecycle responsibility

# TU's Commitment

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TU has a proven track record of working with  
state and local governments,  
utility companies,  
data center developers,  
and others  
at all phases of development and implementation.



TU will never surprise partners with its opposition, and in fact, will attempt to convince them to follow the five Core Principles.

## Trout Unlimited Policy Framework for Responsible Data Center Development: Policy Position and Core Principles

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# Thank you!

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