

2025-2026 Report: Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat Program



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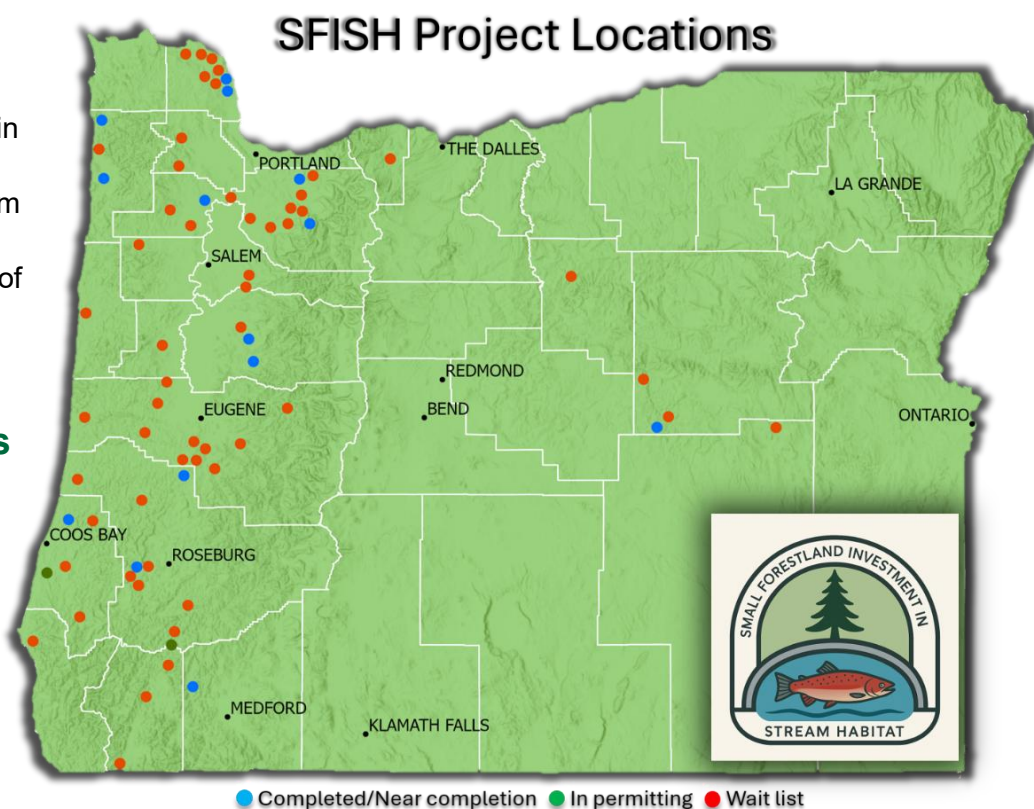
The Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) Program was established through Senate Bill 1501 (2022) and the Private Forest Accord (PFA) Report. SFISH is a grant program that funds projects on properties owned by small forestland owners (SFOs). Funded projects provide environmental benefits for fish species addressed in the PFA Report and help reduce risks to natural resources associated with forest roads.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is required to publish an annual report detailing each funded project that was completed in the prior year, including their costs and the mileage of streams improved. This report is published on the ODF website and provided to the appropriate legislative committees.

Program rules took effect on January 1, 2024, and the inaugural grants were issued in September 2024. This report covers completed projects from September 2025 to August 2026 and provides the status of active projects and an update on the project wait list.

SFISH Program Status

As of this report, nearly \$5 million has been disbursed to 16 projects across nine Oregon counties. Fourteen projects are expected to be fully implemented and closed by November 2026. Once all 16 projects are complete, fish passage will be restored to nearly 60 miles of habitat for native salmon and trout, and the risk of sediment delivery to fish-bearing streams will be minimized through the replacement or removal of 27 culverts.



Interest in the SFISH program remains high, with 49 additional projects awaiting funding. These proposed projects would improve access to nearly 100 miles of additional habitat for native salmon and trout and further reduce risks to water quality associated with forest road-stream crossings, abandoned roads, and perched road fill.



SFISH Funded Projects

Project Name	Project Status	Project Cost at Completion	Stream Miles Improved
Deep Creek Tributary	Completed	\$669,929	4.0
Clear Creek Tributary	Near completion	\$80,000*	7.0
Trimble Creek	Completed	\$746,720	0.4
Ames Creek Tributary	Completed	\$12,768	0.2
Hamilton Creek Tributary	Completed	\$104,244	0.4
Pheasant Creek	Completed	\$358,718	8.7
Woodford Creek	In permitting	N/A	2.1
Doerner Creek	Completed	\$347,575	1.8
Tide Creek	Completed	\$685,317	15.5
McBride Creek	Completed	\$565,000*	2.9
Hess Creek	Near completion	\$299,000*	1.0
Beaver Hill Wetland	In permitting	N/A	2.4
Johnston Creek	Completed	\$255,140*	1.4
Neahkahnie Creek Tributary	Completed	\$33,332	0.1
Sutton Creek Tributary	Completed	\$177,138*	0.4
Flat & Spoon Creek	Near completion	\$556,861*	8.3
Total		\$4,891,742*	56.6

*Estimated as final accounting and project close out is pending at time of this report

Project Spotlight

The McBride Creek project replaced a fish barrier culvert with a clear-span bridge, improving access for cutthroat trout as well as federally listed Coho salmon and steelhead to nearly three miles of upstream habitat. The project also enhanced fish habitat by regrading and realigning the stream to a more natural geometry and installing woody debris structures and boulders. Native vegetation will be replanted in this area later this fall. The photos below provide a before-and-after view of the fish passage improvement.



Before: Perched culvert restricting fish passage



After: Clear-span bridge restoring fish passage

For more information: View the [SFISH brochure](#) or the [SFISH webpage](#) on the ODF website. You can also view previous [SFISH reports](#) on the ODF website.

