2024-2025 Report: Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat Program



Background

The Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) Program was established as a result of Senate Bill 1501 (2022) and the Private Forest Accord (PFA) Report. SFISH is a grant program that funds road repair projects on lands owned by small forestland owners (SFOs) resulting in environmental benefits to fish species addressed in the PFA Report and to mitigate risks to natural resources arising from forest roads.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is required to publish an annual report detailing each funded project that was completed during the prior calendar year, including their costs and the mileage of streams improved and provide this report to the appropriate legislative

committees. This report covers September 2024 to August 2025.

The rules establishing the program became effective on January 1, 2024 and the first round of grant award letters were issued in August 2024. At the time of this report, there are no complete projects to report on, therefore this report provides details on the funded projects.

SFISH Project Locations THE DALLES LA GRANDE LA GRANDE REDMOND ONTARIO NEDFORD KLAMATH FALLS Funded Wait List

SFISH Program Status

At the time of this report, nearly \$5 million has been

obligated to 16 projects spanning nine Oregon counties. The program has disbursed \$1.48 million to those projects to date. Once fully implemented, these projects will restore passage to nearly 60 miles of habitat for native salmon and trout and improve water quality by replacing or removing 27 culverts.

Interest in the SFISH program continues to grow, with 45 additional projects awaiting funding that would open over 90 miles of additional habitat for native salmon and trout.





SFISH Funded Projects

Project Name	Project Status	Stream Miles Accessed
Deep Creek Tributary	Near completion	4.0
Clear Creek Tributary	In design	7.0
Trimble Creek	In design	0.4
Ames Creek Tributary	In design	0.2
Hamilton Creek Tributary	In design	0.4
Pheasant Creek	In design	8.7
Woodford Creek	In design	2.1
Doerner Creek	Near completion	1.8
Tide Creek	Near completion	15.5
McBride Creek	In design	2.9
Hess Creek	In design	1.0
Beaver Hill Wetland	In design	2.4
Johnston Creek	In design	1.4
Neahkahnie Creek Tributary	Near completion	0.1
Sutton Creek Tributary	In construction	0.4
Flat & Spoon Creek	In design	8.3
	Total	56.6

Project Spotlight

The Deep Creek Tributary project will replace an undersized and perched culvert, which is a passage barrier to native salmon and trout, with a clear-span bridge. The project is anticipated to be completed in Fall 2025. These photos provide a time lapse view of the project with photo numbers reflecting the chronological order.







Above: Photo 1



Above: Photo 3

For more information: View the <u>SFISH brochure</u> or the <u>SFISH webpage</u> on the ODF website. You can also view previous <u>SFISH reports</u> on the ODF website.

