

# Pacific Northwest Drinking Water Providers Partnership

**We are public and private organizations working together to help provide clean and cold water for fish and people across the Pacific Northwest.**

Through an annual grant solicitation, we support restoration projects in those watersheds which communities depend upon for their drinking water and where enhanced aquatic and riparian ecosystems will also benefit native fish. We target our technical assistance and pooled grant funds to local partnerships between public drinking water providers, landowners, and conservation practitioners.

**$\frac{1}{2}$  of Oregonians and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of Washingtonians**  
**rely upon rivers and streams for their drinking water.**

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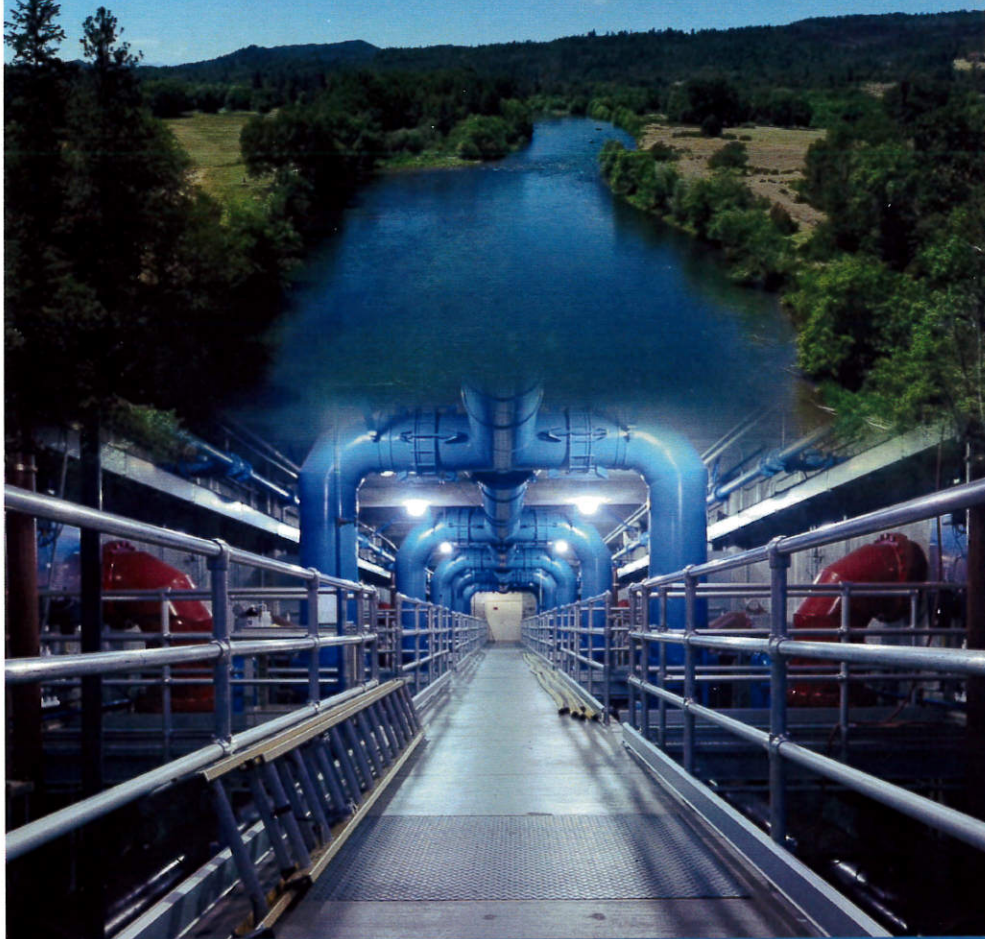
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"Our shared vision begins with restoration. Restoration means managing forest lands first and foremost to protect our water resources, while making our forests more resilient to climate change."

Tom Vilsack, USDA Secretary



"Starting with the highest quality source water possible is the best assurance that treated drinking water will reliably and continually meet public health standards."

Dave Leland, Manager of Oregon Health Authority's Drinking Water Services

Watershed restoration is a cost-effective strategy for helping to keep drinking water treatment costs down while also improving fish and wildlife habitat.

The Drinking Water Providers Partnership supports restoration projects that will recover or protect ecosystem processes such as fixing undersized culverts, reconnecting streams to historic side channels, planting riparian vegetation, and more.



**\$15+ billion** needed in drinking water infrastructure investments in Oregon and Washington over the next 20 years.

Source: American Society of Civil Engineer's 2013 Report Card for America's Infrastructure