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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Awards \$894,003 for Land Stewardship and Sage-grouse Conservation in Lake County

Board invests Lottery revenues in grants to assist Oregon's greater sage-grouse

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The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) selected the **Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District to receive a grant of \$496,571** at their April 25-26, 2023 board meeting in Keizer.

Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District will implement rangeland conservation across a large landscape to restore core sage steppe habitat for sage-grouse.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) also selected the **Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council to receive a grant of \$397,432** at their April 25-26, 2023 board meeting in Keizer.

Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council will work in private forests adjacent to public lands to restore wildlife habitat and connectivity in the North Warner and Thomas Creek project areas.

“Greater sage-grouse conservation is a wonderful investment of Oregon Lottery funds. It’s a boost for sage-grouse, local natural resource jobs, and landowners” says Lisa Charpilloz Hanson, OWEB’s Executive Director.

At its April 2015 meeting, the OWEB Board adopted a policy to make available at least \$10 million through its granting programs over the next 10 years in support of projects located in Oregon’s sage steppe ecosystem directed to improve habitat. Total funding awarded to sage-grouse projects since 2015 is now \$14,033,017, including the recent grant awards made this April.

The OWEB Board awarded 72 Restoration, Technical Assistance, and Stakeholder Engagement grants totaling \$13,027,997 to local organizations statewide to support fish and wildlife habitat and water quality projects using Lottery revenue funding and federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery funding provided by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration at their April 25-26, 2023 meeting. A listing of all awarded open solicitation grants from the April 25-26, 2023 board meeting is available at: <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Documents/2023-April-Board-Awards.pdf>

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