



2001 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Program Focus

The Oregon State WHIP objectives are:

- connect watershed habitats
- enhance native plant communities
- improve salmonid habitat
- increase biodiversity
- improve habitat for threatened and endangered species

Healthy riparian systems have been a significant focus in Oregon for salmonid habitat recovery.

Healthy riparian areas also provide better water quantity, flood protection, wildlife corridors and habitat.



Oregon Summary

Overview

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program that helps landowners develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands. Interested landowners seek natural resource planning assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and other federal, state, and private organizations to develop conservation plans that improve wildlife habitat. WHIP funds help implement the actions identified in the plan by providing financial assistance up to 75 percent of the cost for their projects.

In Oregon, WHIP is designed to address three priorities: salmonid habitat, riparian habitat, and promote biodiversity. WHIP is used to improve a variety of habitats throughout Oregon by connecting watershed habitats, promoting native plant communities and conserving and restoring fish and wildlife habitats. Local conservation districts, sportsman and conservation groups, watershed groups, the state of Oregon and federal agencies are involved in implementing the program.

Accomplishments

In fiscal year 2001, Oregon received 42 applications for WHIP funding totaling over \$1,361,000. However, Oregon was only able to fund eight plans and contracts for approximately \$221,800. Through WHIP, 1,197 acres of upland wildlife habitat, 92 acres of wetland wildlife habitat, and 25 acres of riparian wildlife habitat have been developed or improved. In addition, During the year, Oregon NRCS and Pheasants Forever developed a cooperative agreement to implement projects throughout the Columbia Basin.

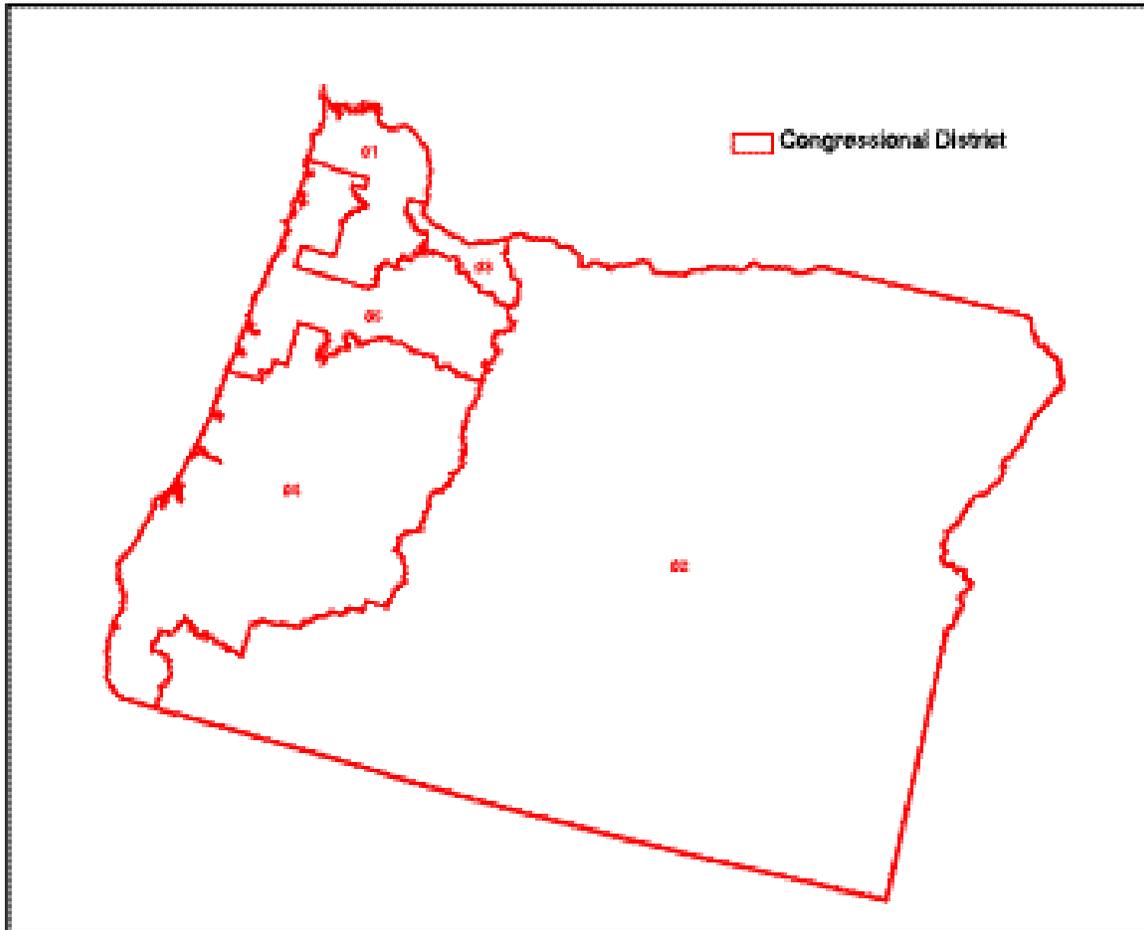
Program Benefits

WHIP is used to improve a variety of habitats throughout Oregon. This is being achieved by joining interrelated habitats providing a corridor of healthy habitat for wildlife and plant communities. WHIP projects contribute to the improvement of water quality, restoration of aquatic habitats, and to healthy riparian areas.

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Oregon WHIP Dollars and Contracts



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Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (97-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 01	\$0	0	\$22,981	3
District 02	178,347	5	594,367	73
District 03	0	0	65,112	8
District 04	43,470	3	123,741	17
District 05	0	0	57,118	6
State Totals	\$221,817	8	\$863,319	107

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