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# 2001 Wetlands Reserve Program

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## Program Focus

The Oregon WRP is focused to address the following issues on private and public lands:

- restoration of the functional role of wetlands in agricultural ecosystems;
- development of habitat for migratory birds;
- restoration and preservation of ancient crop areas for traditional, cultural practices and subsistence; and
- restoration and connectivity of aquatic and riparian habitat for endangered species.

Projects have been funded from the coastal estuaries to mountain meadows.

Through WRP, significant investment has been made in the Klamath Basin. The goal of this investment is to restore wetland hydrology and help aid this water short area.

## Oregon Summary

### Overview

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners to restore, enhance, and protect wetlands. Landowners have the option of enrolling eligible lands through permanent easements, 30-year easements, and restoration cost-share agreements.

Landowners in Oregon have found that participating in WRP offers an excellent way to retain open space, respect private property rights, benefit fish and wildlife and remove unproductive or inappropriate cropland from cultivation.

### Accomplishments

From 1996 through the end of Federal fiscal year (FY) 2001, Oregon enrolled a total of 16,300 acres in WRP. In FY 2001, funding was approved for 14 applications on over 4,600 acres with an approximate value of \$4,200,000.

### Program Benefits

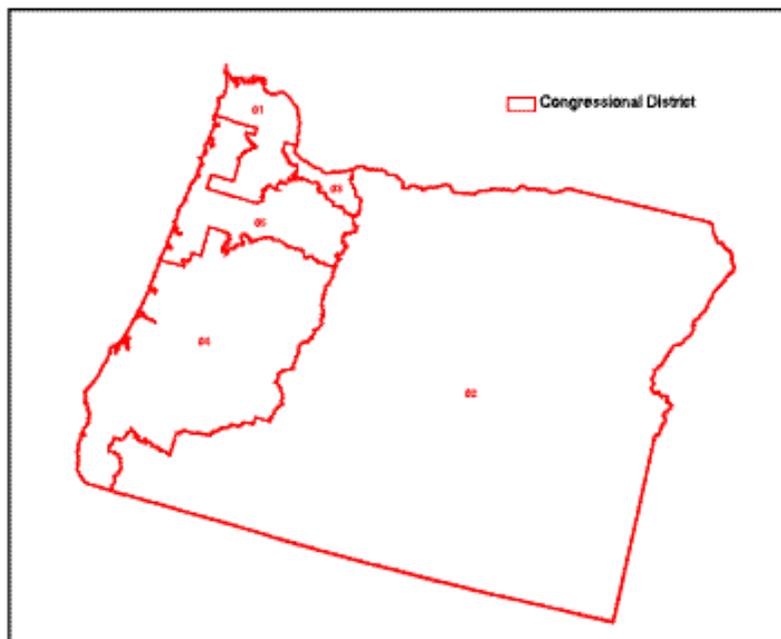
WRP in Oregon:

- provides for recovery of endangered species through restoration of wetland habitat for fish - cold and warm water species - and wildlife at critical periods of their life-cycle;
- improves water quality and quantity through restoration of natural water flows;
- reduces flood damages;
- re-establishes ancient crops important to Native Americans for traditional, cultural practices and subsistence;
- restores native wetland communities to benefit migratory and nesting birds;
- reduces siltation in lakes and other water bodies; and
- provides landowners an opportunity to restore wetlands in a way compatible with agriculture and economic development.

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## Oregon WRP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District



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Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (95-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	\$188,851	2	\$1,093,879	8
District 2	3,199,051	6	11,980,289	30
District 3	0	0	360,263	3
District 4	196,214	2	3,142,162	22
District 5	255,156	4	954,616	11
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>\$3,839,272</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$17,531,209</b>	<b>74</b>

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