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RCPP & Joint Chiefs in Oregon



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Benefits of RCPP & Joint Chiefs

- **Strengthened conservation partnerships**
- **Improved capacity, funding and staffing**
- **Improved coordination between NRCS and partners**
- **Increased community outreach and education**
- **Higher recruitment of participating producers**
- **Enhanced socio-economic benefits**
- **Strategic, targeted project planning**
- **Increased opportunities for monitoring**
- **Increased opportunities for watershed-scale planning**



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RCPP in Oregon

Regional Conservation Partnership Program



	Full Proposals Submitted	Projects Funded	USDA Investment	Partner Investments
FY15	13	6	\$44M	\$43M
FY16	11	7	\$20M	\$30M
FY17	4	3	\$5M	\$10M
TOTAL	28	16	\$69M	\$83M



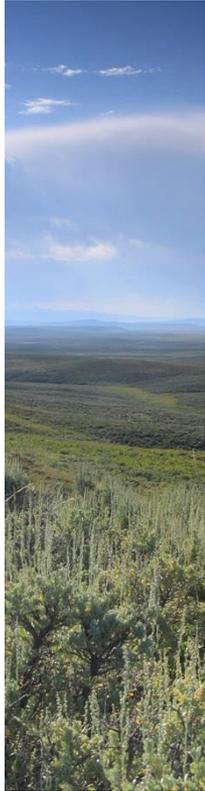
Resource Concerns Addressed through RCPP in Oregon:

- Water Quality/Quantity
- Salmon Habitat
- Soil Health
- Forest Health
- Sage Grouse Habitat
- Oak Habitat
- Waterfowl Habitat
- Irrigation Efficiencies



RCPP Projects Awarded in FY15

- **North Willamette Upland Oak Partnership**
Lead Partner: Yamhill SWCD
- **Klamath-Rogue Oak Woodland Habitat**
Lead Partner: Lomakatsi Restoration Project
- **The Oregon Model to Protect Sage Grouse**
Lead Partner: Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
- **Unlocking Carbon Markets for Non-Industrial Private Forestland Owners in the Pacific Northwest**
Lead Partner: Pinchot Institute for Conservation
- **North Slope Ochoco Holistic Restoration Project**
Lead Partner: Wheeler SWCD
- **White River Irrigation Efficiency and Streamflow Restoration Project**
Lead Partner: Wasco SWCD



RCPP Projects Awarded in FY16

- **Lower Columbia Watershed Partnership**
Lead Partner: Columbia SWCD
- **Grande Ronde Watershed Conservation Partnership**
Lead Partner: Union SWCD
- **Water Quality and Quantity in the Klamath Basin**
Lead Partner: Trout Unlimited
- **SONEC Working Wet Meadows Initiative**
Lead Partner: Intermountain West Joint Venture
- **Dairy McKay Degraded Riparian Ecosystems**
Lead Partner: Tualatin SWCD
- **Alder Slope Cooperative Partnership**
Lead Partner: Wallowa SWCD
- **High Desert Drought Resilient Ranching**
Lead Partner: Trout Unlimited (NRCS Lead State Idaho)



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RCPP Projects Awarded in FY17

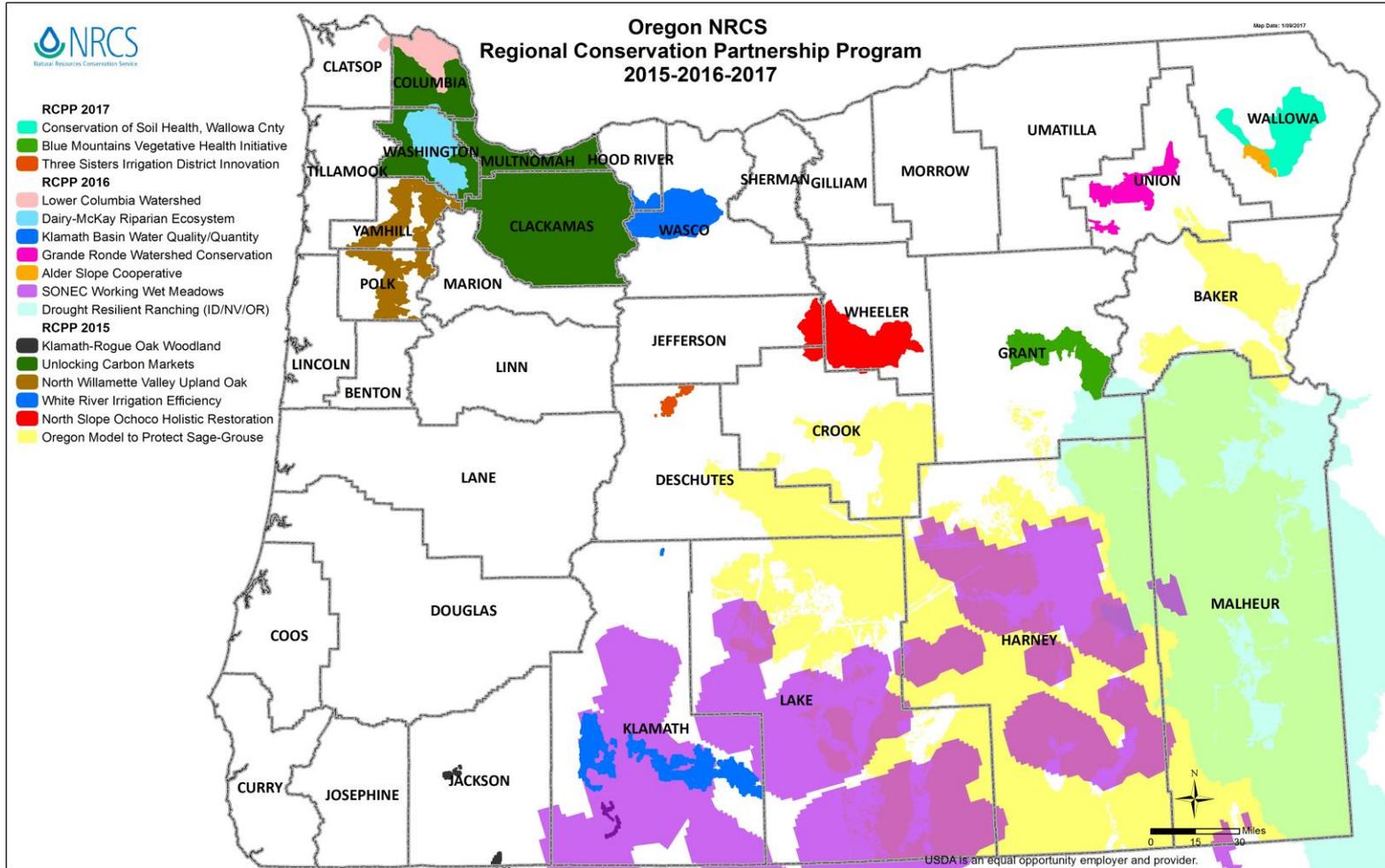
- **Three Sisters Irrigation District Innovation**
Lead Partner: Three Sisters Irrigation District
- **Conservation of Soil Health in Wallowa County, Oregon**
Lead Partner: The Nature Conservancy
- **Blue Mountains Vegetative Health Initiative**
Lead Partner: Grant SWCD



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RCPP Success Story

North Willamette Valley Upland Oak Restoration

- \$2M NRCS investment
- \$3.9M partner contributions
- Lead Partner: Yamhill SWCD
- Project Timeline: 2015-2019
- Restoring native oak habitats to benefit wildlife and endangered Fender's blue butterfly

Pictured: Yamhill County rancher Leo Krick



RCPP Success Story

Unlocking Carbon Markets for NIPF in the Pacific Northwest

- \$1M NRCS Investment
- \$914,000 partner contributions
- Lead Partner: Pinchot Institute for Conservation
- Project Timeline: 2015-2019
- Helping family woodland owners implement forest management plans to improve forest health while exploring options for carbon crediting program

Pictured: Washington County woodland owners John and Kathy Dummer



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RCPP Success Story

The Oregon Model to Protect Sage Grouse

- \$9M NRCS Investment
- \$9M partner contributions
- Lead Partner: Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
- Project Timeline: 2015-2019
- 179 Letters of Intent signed by ranchers expressing a commitment to enroll in a CCAA for sage grouse
- Over 1 million acres of sage-steppe planned to be enrolled through CCAA collaborative planning effort

Pictured: Baker County ranchers Mark and Patti Bennett



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Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership in Oregon

	East Face	Ashland	La Pine	Salmon Superhwy	North Warner
FY14	\$1,680,000	-	-	-	-
FY15	\$752,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	-
FY16	\$375,000	\$2,000,000	\$250,000	-	-
FY17		\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$796,000
TOTAL	\$2,807,000	\$4,000,000	\$750,000	\$250,000	\$796,000

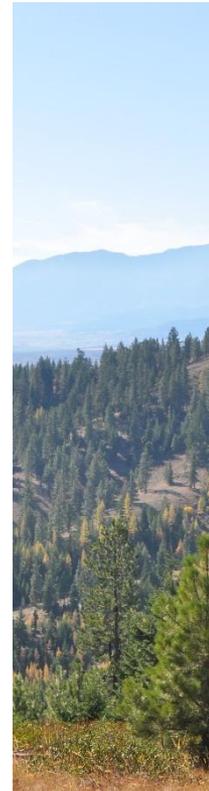
* Numbers indicate NRCS funding allocations to treat private forestlands within the specified project area

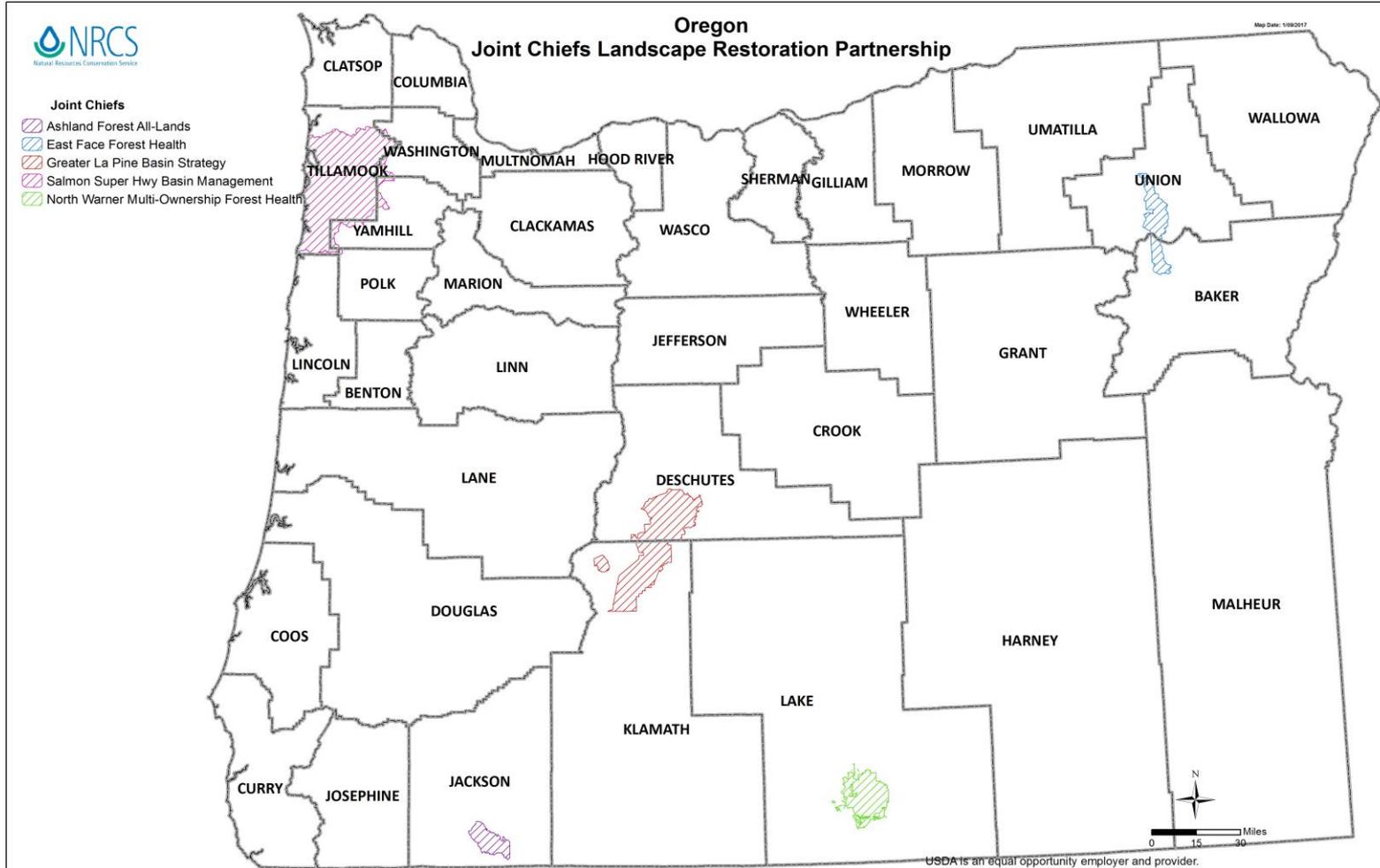
Grand Total: \$8,603,000



Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership in Oregon

- **East Face of the Elkhorn Mountains Partnership**
(Wallowa-Whitman National Forest)
- **Ashland Forest All-Lands Restoration Project**
(Rogue-River Siskiyou National Forest)
- **Greater La Pine Basin Cohesive Strategy**
(Deschutes National Forest)
- **Salmon Superhighway Basin Management Project**
(Siuslaw National Forest)
- **North Warner Multi-Ownership Forest Health Project**
(Fremont-Winema National Forest)





Joint Chiefs Success Story

East Face of the Elkhorn Mountains Partnership

- Project Timeline: 2014 – 2016
- Reduced wildfire risk on 5,491 acres of private forestland in Baker and Union Counties
- 61 contracts with private forestland owners
- 3,757 acres of pre-commercial thinning and 1,067 acres of piling on federal USFS lands
- Enhanced forest resiliency to wildfire along 20+ miles of shared boundary with public/private forests and rangelands

Pictured: Union County rancher Shelly Gray and Baker County rancher Tim Fisher.



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