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RCPP in Oregon

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

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Benefits of RCPP



- **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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	Full Proposals Submitted	Projects Funded	USDA Investment	Partner Investments
FY15	13	6	\$44M	\$43M
FY16	11	7	\$20M	\$30M
FY17	4	3	\$5M	\$10M
FY18	10	6	\$19	\$27.7M*
TOTAL	38	22	\$88M	\$1.1B



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



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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 Projects Awarded in FY18

- **Wallowa Lake Irrigation Modernization**
Lead Partner: Farmers Conservation Alliance
- **Upper John Day River Flow and Protection Project**
Lead Partner: Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
- **East Fork Hood River Watershed Restoration Project**
Lead Partner: East Fork Irrigation District
- **Lower Crooked River Strategic Restoration**
Lead Partner: Crooked River Watershed Council
- **Wallowa Front Fuel Reduction Project**
Lead Partner: Wallowa Resources
- **Stinkingwater Area Medusahead Management Plan**
Lead Partner: Harney SWCD



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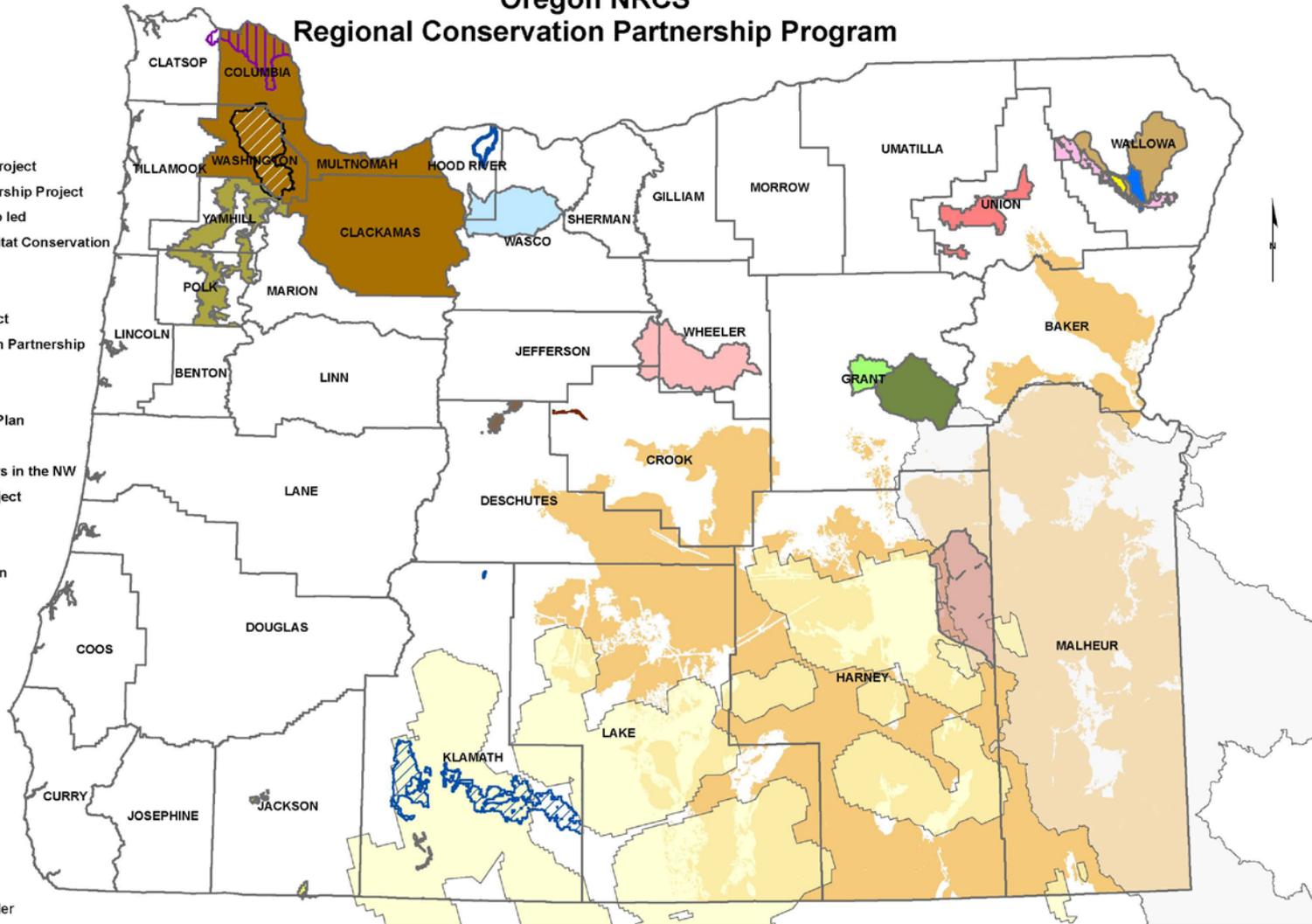




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- Alder Slope Cooperative Partnership
- Blue Mountain Vegetative Health Initiative
- Conservation of Soil Health in Wallowa County
- Dairy-McKay Degraded Riparian Ecosystems
- East Fork Hood River Watershed Restoration Project
- Grande Ronde Watershed Conservation Partnership Project
- High Desert Drought Resilient Ranching - Idaho led
- Klamath-Rogue Oak Woodland Health and Habitat Conservation
- Lower Columbia Watershed Partnership
- Lower Crooked River Strategic Restoration
- North Slope Ochoco Holistic Restoration Project
- North Willamette Valley Upland Oak Restoration Partnership
- Oregon Model to Protect Sage Grouse
- SONEC Working Wet Meadows Initiative
- Stinkingwater Area medusahead Management Plan
- Three Sisters Irrigation District Innovation
- Unlocking Carbon Markets for NIPF Landowners in the NW
- Upper John Day River Flow and Protection Project
- Wallowa Front Fuel Reduction Project
- Wallowa Lake Irrigation Modernization
- Water Quality and Quantity in the Klamath Basin
- White River Irrigation Efficiency



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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