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
## RCPP in Oregon
Regional Conservation Partnership Program

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### 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)
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*
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*
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*
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*
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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