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Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Awards Nearly \$9 Million in Grants to Support Restoration

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(Lebanon) – The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) awarded 75 grants totaling \$8,788,376 to local organizations across Oregon to support fish and wildlife habitat and water quality projects at their October 24-25 board meeting in Lebanon.

“These investments will improve habitat for Sage Grouse, Coho Salmon, Steelhead and other species, while also improving water quality and supporting local natural resource jobs,” says Meta Loftsgaarden, OWEB’s executive director. Grants are funded across Oregon, primarily in the state’s rural areas.

Funding for OWEB projects comes from three primary sources – the Oregon Lottery, Salmon License Plate revenues, and Federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery funds provided by the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration. A listing of all awarded grants is available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OWEB/GRANTS/docs/2017-Board-Awards.pdf>

Since 1999, the Oregon Lottery has provided over \$500 million to OWEB’s grant program that helps restore, maintain and enhance Oregon’s watershed along with additional investments from Salmon License Plate revenues. Combined, the Lottery has earned over \$9 billion for watershed enhancements, public education, state parks and economic development. For more information about the Oregon Lottery visit www.oregonlottery.org

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