

Oregon State Wildlife Grant Success Stories

In the five years since its inception, the State Wildlife Grants Program has played an important role in the conservation of Oregon's wildlife. The following are some of the projects funded through State Wildlife Grants:



Disease Disorder Demonstration, Photo Courtesy of USFWS

Management: Proactive Measures that Benefit Wildlife and People Preventing Disease

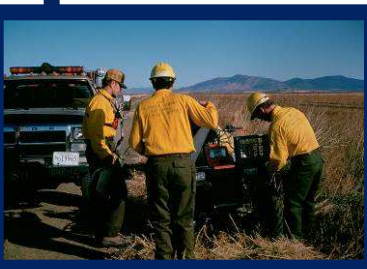
The health of wildlife is often an early indicator of disease and pollution that affect us all. State Wildlife Grants are helping Oregon coordinate responses to disease issues and outbreaks (e.g., chronic wasting disease, hair loss syndrome, Newcastle's disease, West Nile virus) and will enable better coordination with other state and federal agencies and provide information to the general public. This will allow us to identify and prevent problems before they threaten wildlife and affect humans.



Gray Wolf, Photo Courtesy of USFWS

Restoration: Working with Partners to Bring Back Wildlife and Natural Areas Gray Wolf Conservation Plan

The gray wolf was once common in Oregon but has not been found in the state in over fifty years. Due to the success of gray wolf reintroduction by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park, the number of wolves and their range are expanding. Three recent wolf sightings in Oregon are assumed to be from the dispersing Idaho population. In order to help the state prepare for the restoration of the gray wolf, the State Wildlife Grants Program is funding a management plan to address gray wolf conservation issues. This will help minimize any potential conflicts between wolves and people and help conserve this important animal for future generations to enjoy.



Klamath Basin, Photo Courtesy of USFWS

Conservation: Protecting Imperiled Land, Water, and Wildlife Oregon's Wildlife Integrity Program

Plants and animals that do not naturally occur in an areas can be extremely disruptive to the natural balance of an ecosystem. Oregon's Wildlife Integrity Program is designed to protect the authenticity of the state's native fish and wildlife and their habitats from the potential negative effects of nonnative invasive species. State Wildlife Grants will help the program control and manage invasive species through brush removal, controlled burning, and monitoring. This is a cost-effective way to conserve native wildlife and natural places that bring peace and relaxation to our busy lives.

Congress has appropriated \$6.6 million in State Wildlife Grants to Oregon since 2001. This has been matched with at least \$1.5 million state and partner dollars.