



Working Together for Harney County



HARNEY COUNTY IS THE WEST

Our rural way of life
endures because we
have learned to adapt to
economic, environmental,
and *social* challenges.



THIS USED TO BE THRIVING TIMBER COUNTRY

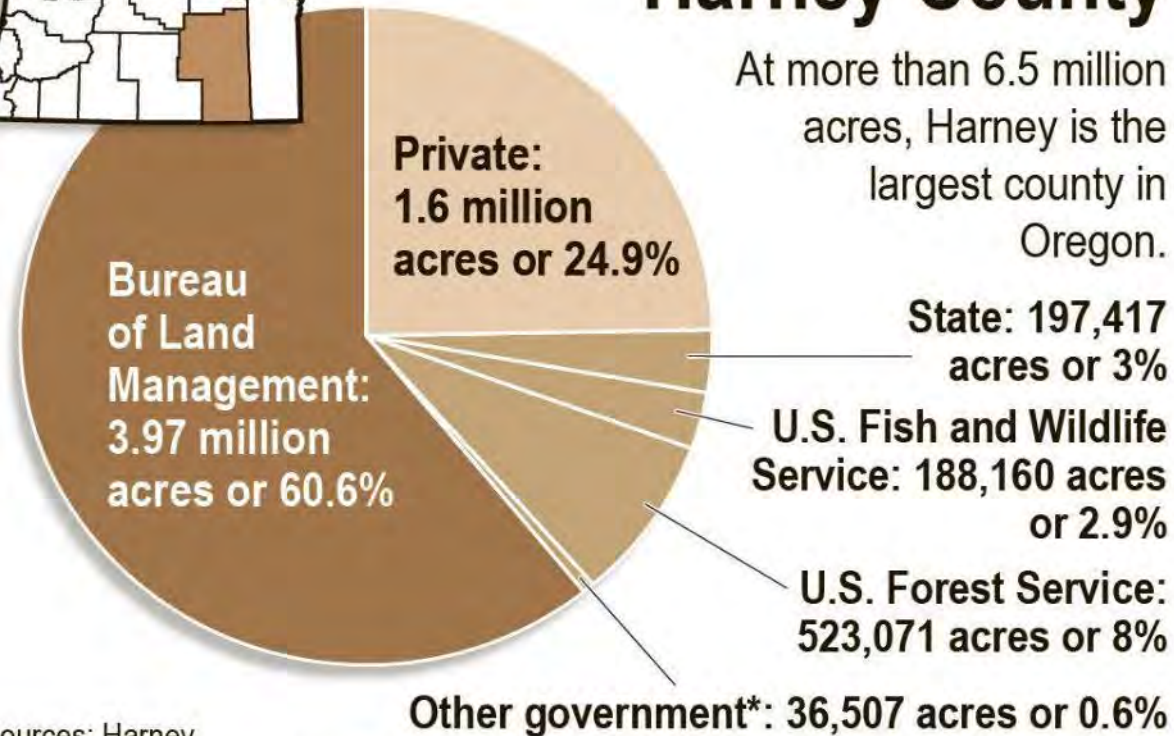
Today, we rely on *ranching*,
agriculture, *tourism*, and
entrepreneurship—all of
which have unique
challenges in a rural
environment.





Land ownership in Harney County

At more than 6.5 million acres, Harney is the largest county in Oregon.



Sources: Harney County GIS; BLM, Burns District

* Includes Bureau of Reclamation, Indian reservation and trust land, Northern Great Basin Experimental Range and other water bodies.

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WE BELIEVE IN WORKING HARD AND ALWAYS WORKING TOGETHER

Living and working in rural America presents complex challenges. We've found that by coming together and rolling-up our sleeves, anything is possible.



WE DIDN'T ALWAYS WORK TOGETHER

For decades, the management of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge was a heated point of contention for many in the community.

15 YEARS AGO, WE PIONEERED A NEW WAY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN OUR COMMUNITY

We brought diverse stakeholders to the table to collaborate on a landmark *Comprehensive Conservation Plan* for Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.





COLLABORATION MEANS EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE TABLE



We convene *Collaborative Working Groups* to address local issues before reaching crisis. Bringing people together to listen and share their perspectives fosters greater understanding, relationships, and trust.



COMMUNITY*

* Anyone who shares our love & concern for this amazing place.

CHAMPIONS FOR COMMON GROUND

By working together we've found
practical ways to tackle some of our
community's hardest challenges:

restoring forests

revitalizing wetlands

mitigating wildfire

creating opportunities for youth

growing local economy



HIGH DESERT
PARTNERSHIP




THE ROAD AHEAD ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY, BUT WE'RE IN THIS FOR THE LONGHAUL

Conserve Healthy Working Lands
Adapt for Water Scarcity
Spur Economic Opportunity
Promote Youth Engagement
Equitable Cultural Preservation

WORKING TOGETHER IS THE HARNEY COUNTY WAY

We are proud that what we achieve together not only better our local communities, but sparks a ripple of change stretching far beyond the sagebrush.





**“In a nation staggering to find its center of gravity,
Harney County proved the power of a community
that knows how to work together.”**

Sagebrush Collaboration



**GRAB SOME COFFEE,
PULL UP A CHAIR, AND
LET'S GET TO WORK.
YOU'RE PART OF THE
PARTNERSHIP NOW.**



Thank You

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