



The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act has over 11 billion dollars to invest in creating healthy natural areas that support our wildlife, recreation, and economy. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for conservation and communities in Oregon.

WHAT INVESTMENT LOOKS LIKE

RESILIENT FORESTS

- Reduce fire fuel loads
- Plant resilient seed lines
- Develop market approaches to balance harvest and ecosystem services

RESILIENT COAST

- Restore eelgrass
- Replace tidegates
- Planting for erosion control

OUTCOMES

- Clean air & water
- Ensure access to the outdoors
- Protected property and infrastructure
- Healthy fish and wildlife
- Healthy economy

RESILIENT RIVERS

- Upgrade culverts
- Shade our streams (tree planting)
- River restoration to reduce flood damage

RESILIENT LANDSCAPES

- Invest in highway overpasses for wildlife
- Invest in water conservation technology
- Control non-native plants on rangeland

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There is a lot we can do to benefit both fish and wildlife, our communities, and our economy. Funds from the IJA are a once in a lifetime opportunity to do the work but the time is short. We have just 5 years to make the most of this chance.

FOCUSING ACTION

ODFW IS FOCUSING EFFORTS IN A FEW KEY PLACES WHERE ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS NEEDED TO GET US OVER THE FINISH LINE—ACHIEVING GREAT OUTCOMES FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AND FOR OREGON'S COMMUNITIES.



The bright red runs of sockeye salmon disappeared from Wallowa Lake over 100 years ago. A partnership of Tribes, the State, and farmers, with backing from the Governor and legislature is focused on rehabilitating Wallowa dam and providing fish passage and so that sockeye can make that journey again. Investments to address passage barriers, improve instream flows, and enhance habitat would be the final piece of this puzzle



Coast coho have come a long way since they were listed in the 90's. On the backs of a strong return in 2021, a final push for strategic investments in habitat restoration and passage through the IJA will put us in great shape to delist this species and achieve the vision created by the Oregon Plan



The largest restoration project in the world will be happening right here in Oregon when the four dams on the Klamath are removed. Funds from the IJA will help ensure the success of this project and address ongoing challenges to fish and farming that are exacerbated by drought in this region.

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SECURING THE ROGUE

From Cascades to Coast, the Rogue river is the lifeblood of SW Oregon. The watershed supports some of the healthiest spring Chinook and winter steelhead populations in the state. But it is also vulnerable. Drought and illegal water use, barriers, and fires threaten both fish and communities but solutions exist and funding from the IIJA could help secure a more resilient future for all in the basin.



CROSSING TO THE OTHER SIDE

Oregon's wildlife has been on the move for millenia. Their ability to move freely is critical to find food, shelter, and opportunities to reproduce, as well as adapt to a changing climate. Each year thousands of animals perish on our roads as they attempt to find their way. Investments in wildlife crossing structures at strategic points allow wildlife to move freely across the landscape



HEALTHY FORESTS

Federal forests make up 60% of the total forest lands in Oregon with habitat vital to deer, elk, salmon, and many Oregon Conservation Strategy species. Many of these forests are at high risk of drought, disease, and extreme wildfire. Funds from IIJA combined with the Good Neighbor Authority and collaboration with partners will provide Oregon with an unprecedented opportunity to improve forest health and habitat conditions on federal land.