

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 17: Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Partners Program

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Breese-Iverson

The Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Fish and Wildlife for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application for conservation efforts on natural and working lands.

The proposed project would support staff in eastern Oregon to provide technical assistance to private landowners with a focus on improving habitat in grasslands and rangelands by addressing juniper encroachment, annual grass invasions, and post-wildfire recovery efforts to enhance wetland and riparian areas and improve grazing management. The period of performance is three years and while the grant doesn't require a match, the Department included an in-kind match leveraging Natural and Working Lands funding and private partnerships to strengthen their proposal.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means retroactively approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in the amount of \$777,703, for conservation efforts on natural and working lands.