

Regional Conservation Partnership Program – Overview & Update

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Overview:

- Overview of RCPP
- Current RCPP Projects
- New RCPP Projects
- Outlook





Oregon's Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program

From 2015 to 2022

The information on this handout represents Oregon's RCPP data from 2015-2022.

NRCS Oregon invested
over \$60M

Worked with
200 partner
organizations

Worked on over
200,000 acres

Partners contributed
over \$100M

600
landowner
contracts

The Four Pillars of RCPP

IMPACT



Partnership projects produce a collective impact that no single organization can achieve alone

INNOVATION



Large-scale conservation challenges require creative solutions

PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS



NRCS contributes 50% of resources, partners contribute the other 50%

COLLABORATION



Working together from start to finish is key to successful collaboration

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Through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), NRCS and partners work together to invest in and amplify regional conservation investments.

RCPP Project Locations



Forest Health



Waterfowl



Salmon & Native Fish Habitat



Invasive Plants



Upland Habitat



Irrigation Modernization

Successful RCPPs start at the local level.

Visit www.or.nrcs.usda.gov to contact your local field office and start the process.

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Oregon's RCPP Highlights

4,000 acres
of restored oak
woodland
habitat

5,000 acres of
restored wetland
habitat

Installed 25 miles
of irrigation
pipeline

Reduced wildfire
risks on
300,000 acres

Innovation in
Carbon Markets
for small forest
landowners

Enrolled
23,000 acres
in conservation
easements

35 stream miles
restored

Thousands of
riparian areas
restored or
protected

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

Oregon RCPP - Highlights



In Oregon, We have a portfolio of projects that are making an impact at landscape & watershed scales.



RCPP 2015-2022

32 Projects

\$89 million in NRCS funding allocated

~\$120 million in partner contributed funds



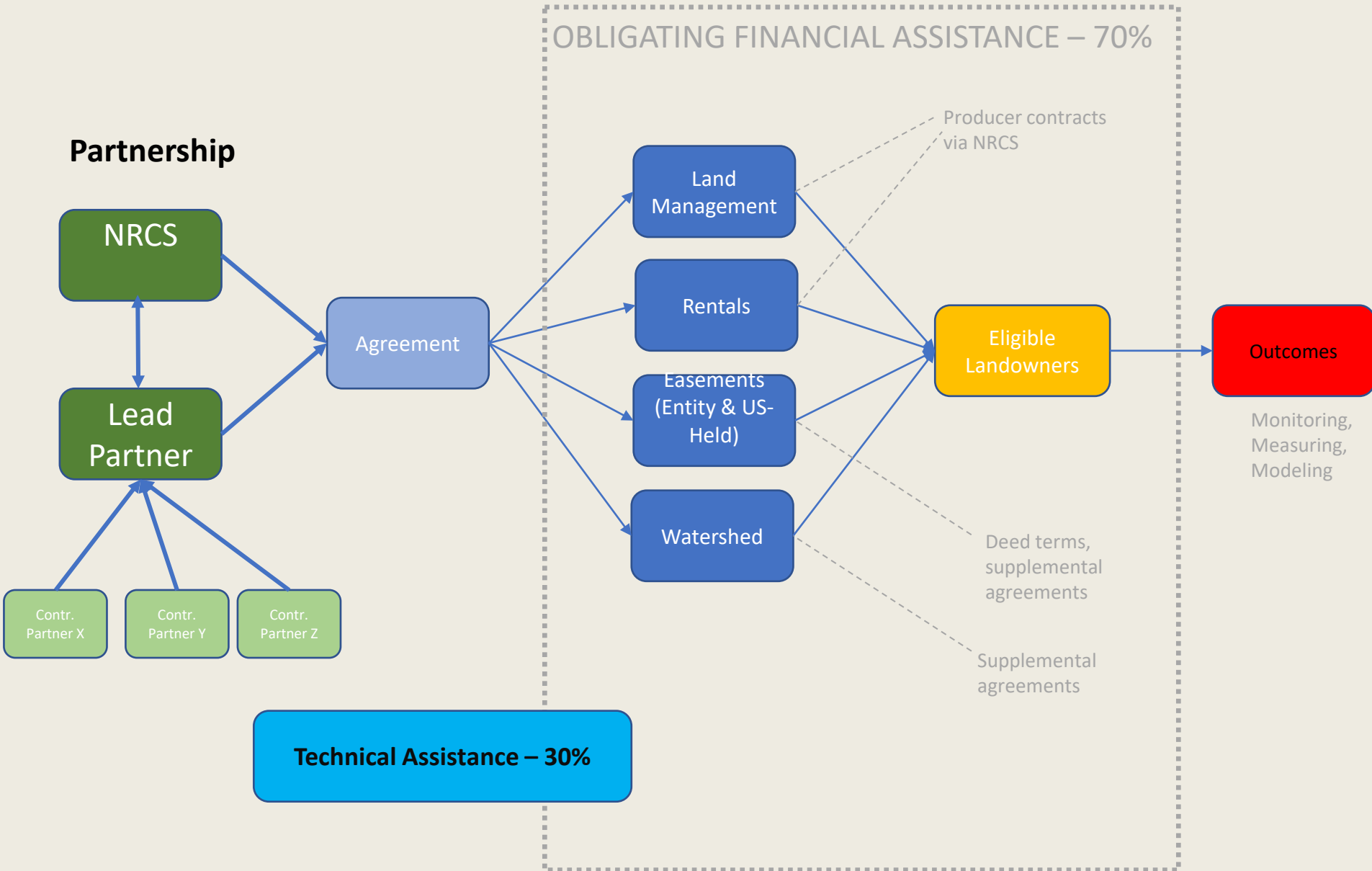
Current RCPP

22 Projects

\$50 million in NRCS funding, \$83 million partner contributions

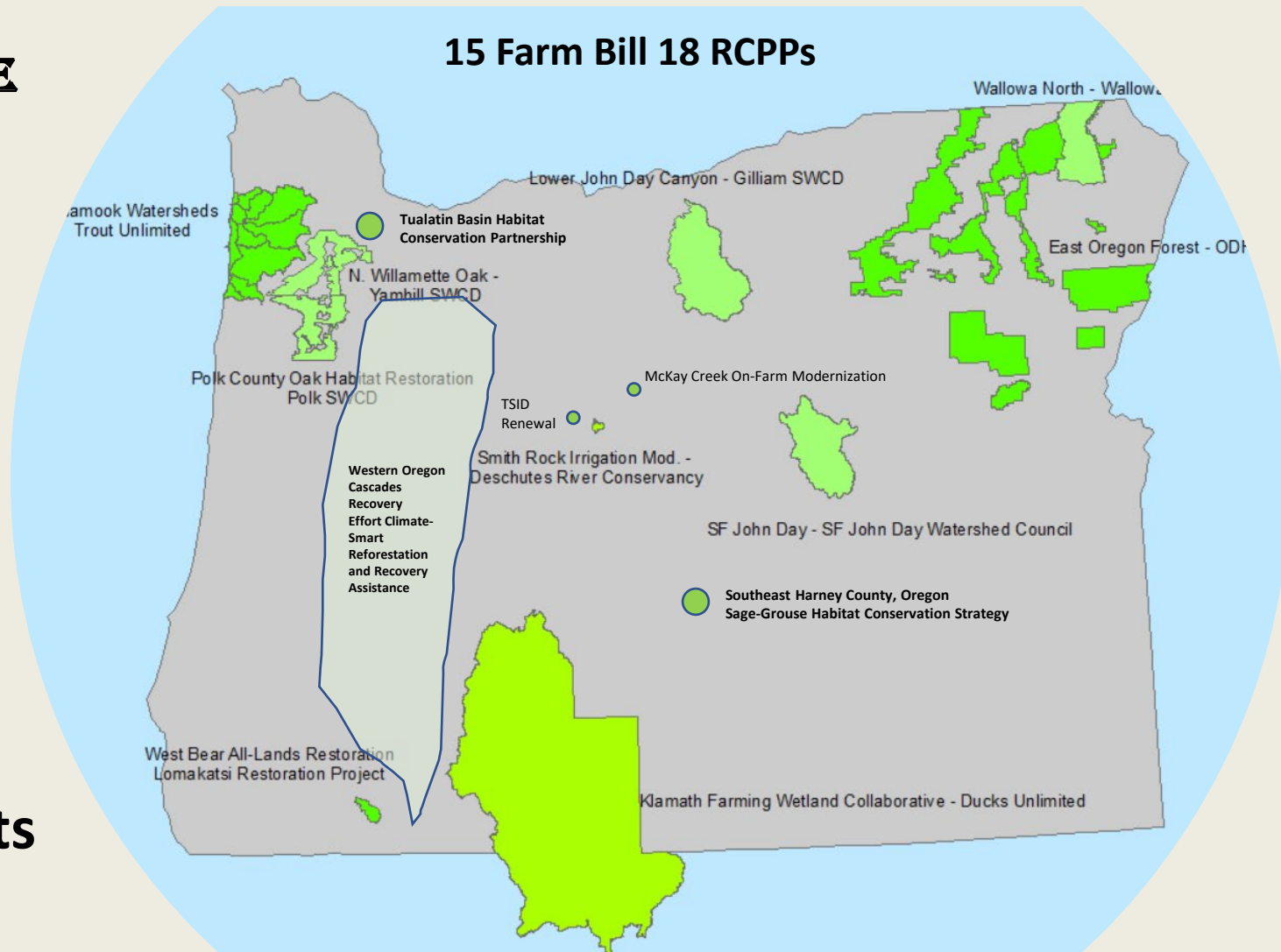
Classic RCPP Structure

Resource Concern Focused FA & TA



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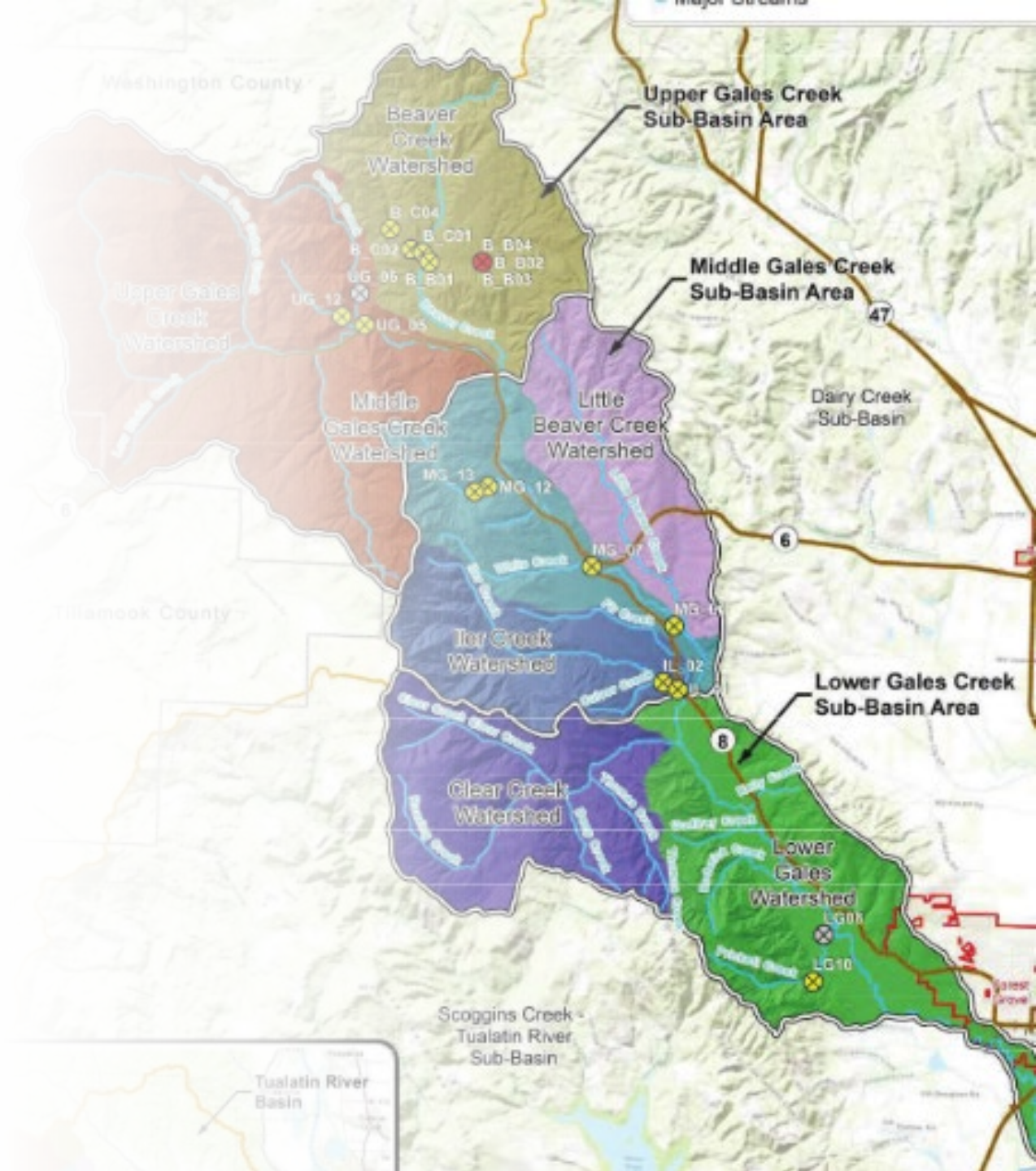
15 Farm Bill 18 RCPPs



Scope:
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Projects
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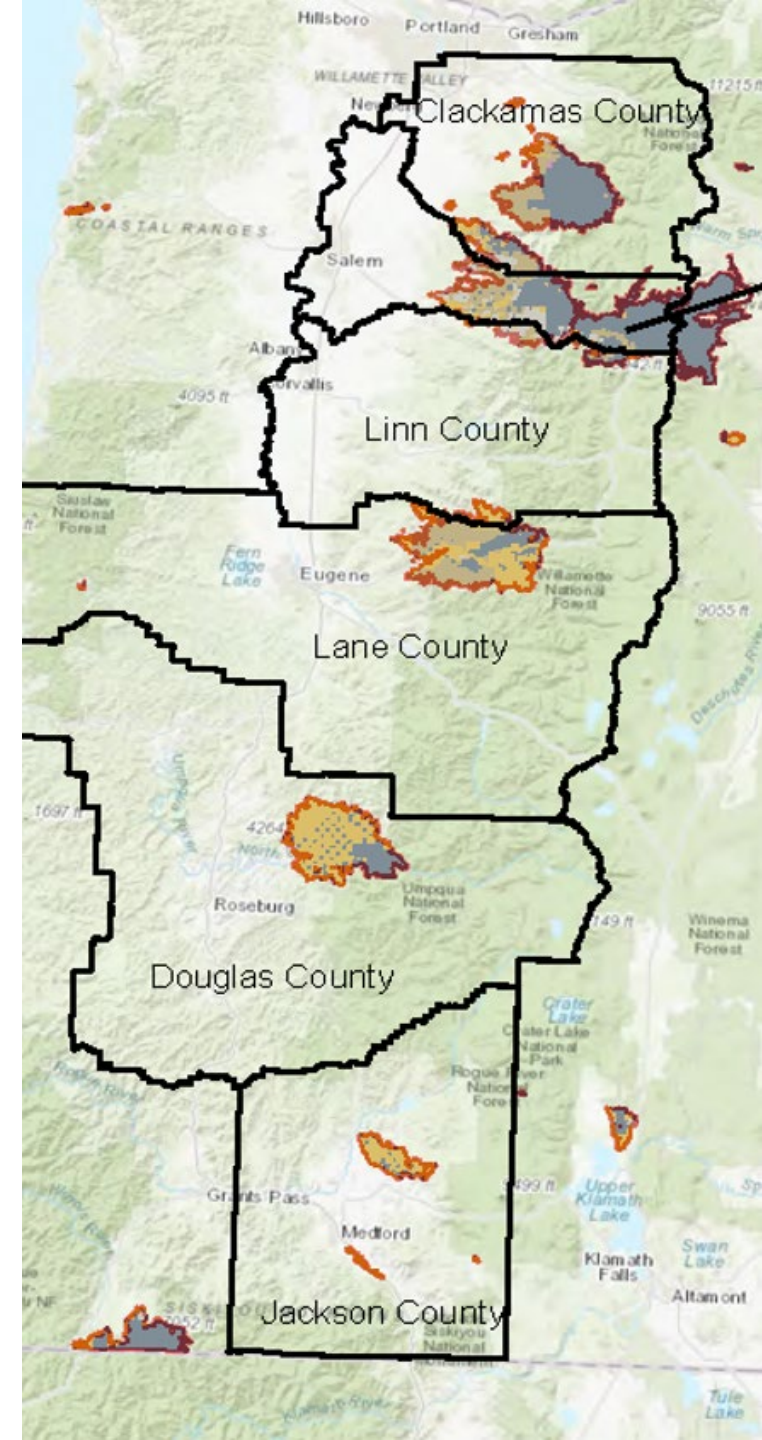
Tualatin Basin Habitat Conservation Partnership

- An Alternative Funding Arrangement project
- Tualatin SWCD is the lead partner
- \$1,493,674.00
- Remove/replace priority fish habitat barriers



Western Oregon Cascades Recovery Effort Climate-Smart Reforestation and Recovery Assistance

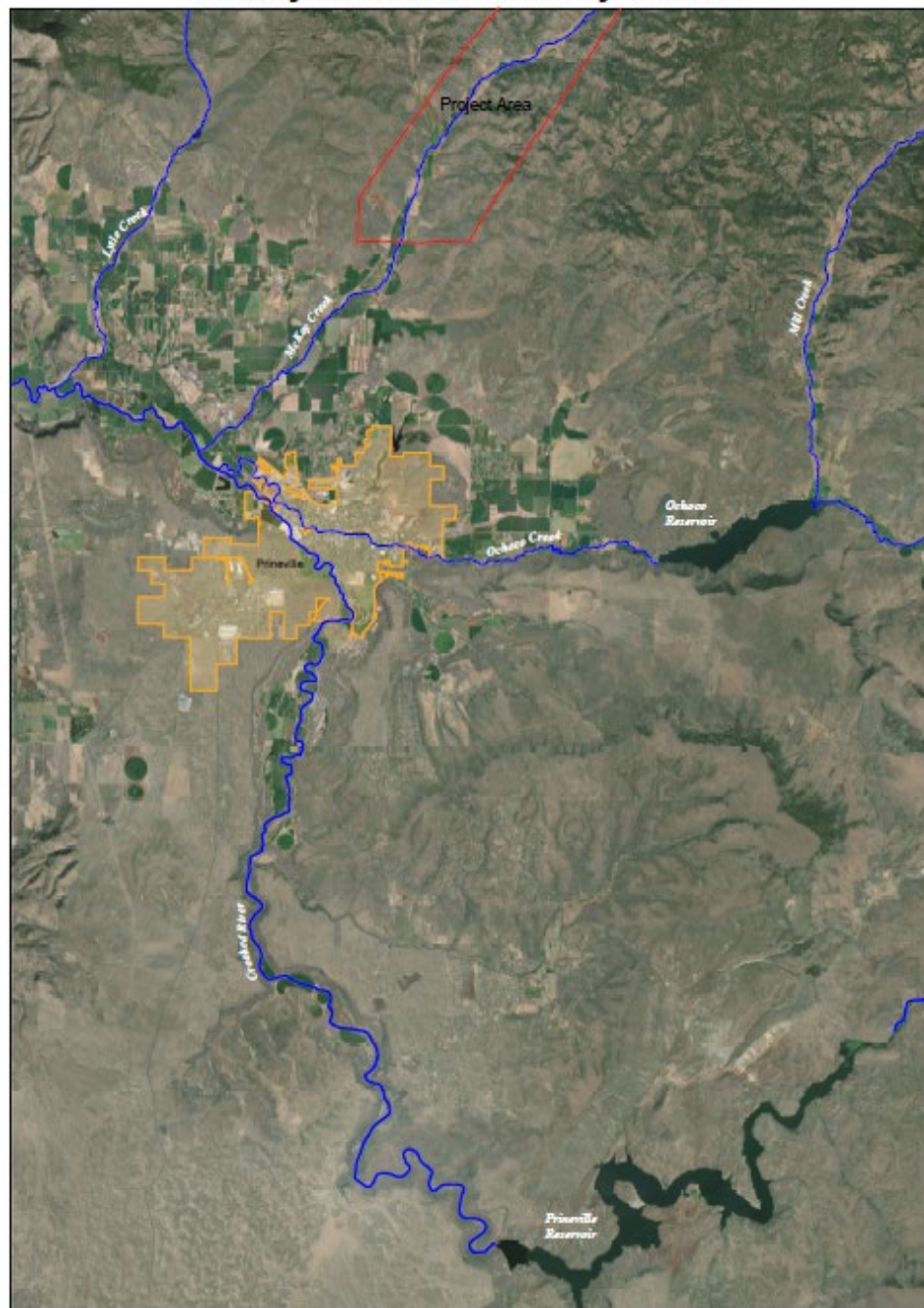
- An Alternative Funding Arrangement project
- Sustainable Northwest is the lead partner
- \$5,000,000.00
- Innovative aggregation of producer contracts to support wildfire recovery for NIPF.



McKay Creek On-Farm Modernization

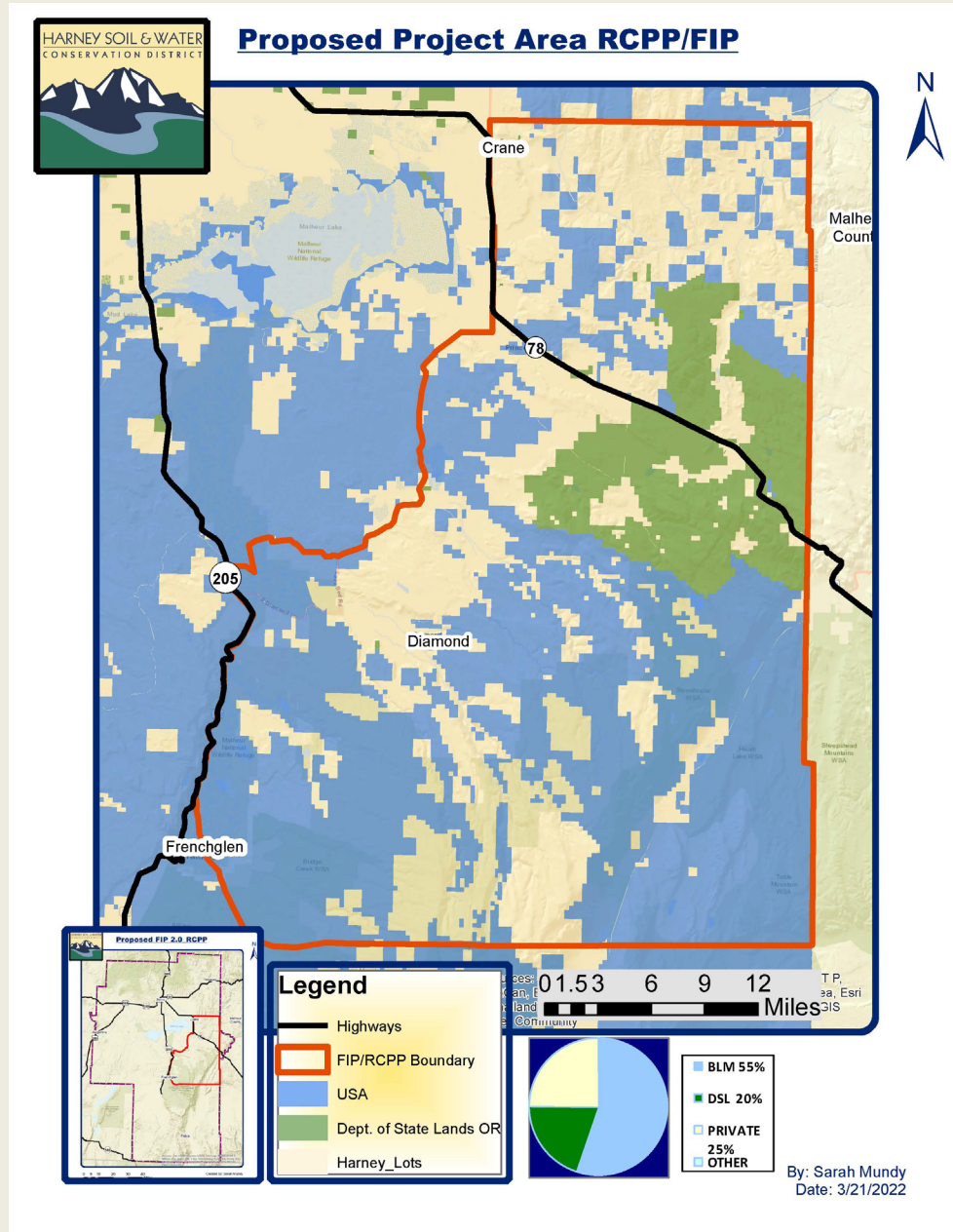
- Deschutes River Conservancy is the lead partner
- \$1,214,286.00
- A major goal of this project is to increase irrigation efficiency by providing irrigators with the ability to make efficient use of the pressurized water.

McKay Creek Switch Project Area



Southeast Harney County, Oregon Sage-Grouse Habitat Conservation Strategy

- Harney County SWCD is the lead
- \$3,292,207
- The project goal is to reduce primary threats to Greater sage-grouse and improve habitat quality and quantity by accelerating implementation of conservation actions on private lands in Harney County



2 Renewals of 2014 Farm Bill RCPPs

- **Three Sisters Irrigation District**

- \$389,610.00

- **Stinkingwater Area**

- **Medusahead Management Plan**

- \$960,000

- Harney County SWCD



Looking ahead...

- FY23 RCPP Funding Announcement
 - Will likely be in Feb-March 2023
 - ~\$450 million
- There will be two announcements
 - Classic
 - Grants

Inflation Reduction Act--RCPP

- FY 23--\$250 million
- FY 24--\$800 million
- FY 25--\$1.5 billion
- FY 26—\$2.4 billion
- 15 awards per FY for AFA/grants is removed