

# Partnering Helps Landowners Put Projects on the Ground



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**CURRY WATERSHEDS PARTNERSHIP**



# Who Can Help Make a Project Happen



- **Watershed Organizations (Councils, Associations)**
- **Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Federal Agencies (BLM/Forest Service/NRCS)
- Consultants and Engineering Firms
- Foundations/Land Trusts/NGO's

# Who's at Work in Coos & Curry Counties



- Coos Soil and Water Conservation District
- Coos Watershed Association
- Coquille Watershed Association
- Curry Watersheds Partnership
  - South Coast Watershed Council
  - Lower Rogue Watershed Council
  - Curry Soil and Water Conservation District
  - South Coast Watersheds 501c3
- Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership

**Each Entity is Unique**

# What it Takes to Make a Project Happen



- Project Development/Management/Coordination
- Technical Assistance (survey, design, oversight)
- Permits (local, state, federal, cultural resources)
- Contracting
- Fundraising (grants, donations, partnerships)
- Landowner Participation (knowledge, resources)
- Reporting
- Monitoring

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# Projects Take Time --- Be Patient!!



TASK	MONTH																								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Beyond
Develop the Concept	█	█	█	█																					
Seek TA Funding		█	█	█	█	█																			
Survey & Engineering					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█												
Apply for Permits							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█											
Seek Restoration Funding							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█										
Seek Construction Bids												█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█					
Implementation														█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Reporting																█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Monitoring		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

- Reasons for Delay
  - Unsuccessful Grant Applications
  - Discovery of Cultural Resources
  - Permitting
  - Availability (staff, technical assistance, contractors)

**Have Realistic Expectations**

# What Makes a Project a Partnership



- Shared Resources (financial, materials, time)
- Shared Risk (reputation, utility, liability)
- Commitment (access, maintenance)



# What the Landowner Should Know



- Intended Use of the Crossing (livestock, vehicles, highway loads, residential access, etc.)
- If Livestock, What Type (cattle, horses, sheep, etc.)
  - Does it need to be fenced
- Width Requirements (farm machinery, large herds)
- Legal Considerations
  - Who owns/controls the road?
  - Are there easements?
  - Does the crossing need to be load rated/stamped by an engineer?
  - Are there utilities buried in the crossing
- Timing Considerations (upcoming timber sales, endangered species, etc.)

# What the Landowner Can Contribute



- Materials (rock, logs, erosion control, fencing)
- Labor (fencing, erosion control, planting)
- Equipment (heavy machinery, trucks, tractor, etc.)
- Conservation Easements
- Cash





# What the Landowner Should Expect



- Signatures (grant applications & agreements, permits, etc.)
- Project Agreement
  - Contribution
  - Maintenance
  - Access
  - Liability
  - Monitoring
- Two – Three Year Timeline