

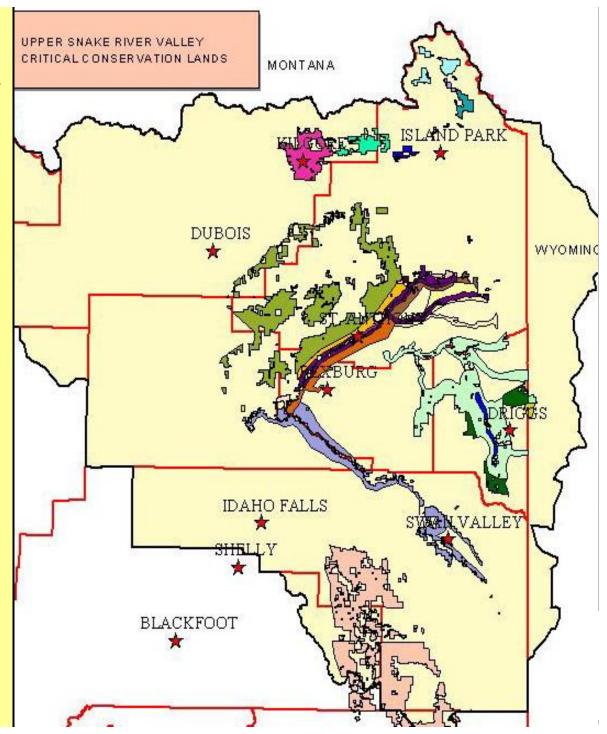
Ecological Monitoring in the Upper Snake River Watershed

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Priority Natural Elements Dependent on Private Lands in the Upper Snake River Watershed

- Key Riparian and Wetland Habitats
- Big Game Winter Range and Transitional Habitat
- Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout
- Forest Carnivores
- Sage and Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Waterbirds



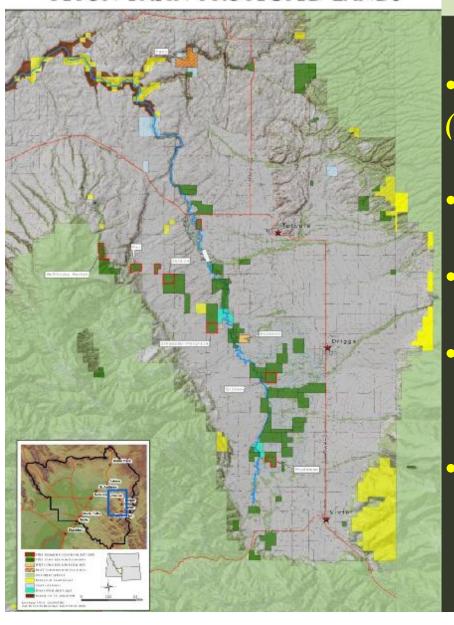


Why Ecological Monitoring?

- •Mission-outstanding ecological resources
- •Enhances conservation-TRLT is an outcome-oriented organization (many funding partners require outcomes -NAWCA, LIP, NFWF)
- •Empowers fundraising from grants and donors
- Informs ongoing conservation planning
- •"Serves as the backbone of effective adaptive management (stewardship)" (Conservation Measures Partnership, 2004)
- •Enhances partnership/landowner relationships
- •Supports protection of conservation values on easement properties

Protected Lands Summary

TETON BASIN PROTECTED LANDS



- 25,000 acres protected (Over half of protected lands in Ag)
- River corridor focused
- •Conservation Focal Areas are IBAs
- Includes some large contiguous habitat complexes
- Extensive investment in habitat restoration and enhancement

Elements of Ecological Monitoring

Programmatic (Core) efforts that support refined ecological knowledge

(1) Annual Stewardship/Resource Monitoring

(2) Vegetation Monitoring

Strategic ecological monitoring

- (1) Redd monitoring
- (2) Bird Monitoring



Stewardship/Resource Planning Matrix





Late May	TDM/RAC	JR	JG	Noxiuos weeds
Late April	JRK/RAC	JR	DM	Ungulate and Songbird recor
Early June	TDM/RAC	DM-TM	DM	HR, Rare Plants
April	JRK/RAC	JR		ST, WB
Late May	TDM/RAC	04		Bird Count
April	JRK/RAC	04		SG Lek WB Recon
Late May	TDM/RAC	04		Ungulates
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May June	TDM/RAC	JR	JG	All Bird
June	TDM/RAC	TM-DM	DM	???
Mid-June/July		JR-RC	DM	Waterfowl Broods, Rare Plan
Coordinate w/		JG	JR	Rare Plants
May	TDM/RAC	TM	JR	SO+ Landowner contact
May/Sept	JRK	JR	DM	Riparian- Equip -Photo Point
May-June	TDM/RAC	JG	JG	All Bird - Canoe
May June	JSG/RAC	JG	JG	All Bird - Canoe
July	RAC	TM	DM	Waterfowl Brood Count
July-August	RAC	DM-RC	DM	Gen Stew Landowner Relation
August	RAC	JR-DM	DM	Gen Stew Landowner Relation
May-June	JSG/RAC	JG	DM	All Bird
May-June	TDM/RAC	TM	JR	Migrating Waterbirds
July	RAC	DM-RC	JG-DM	IDFG Reseeding

Vegetation Monitoring

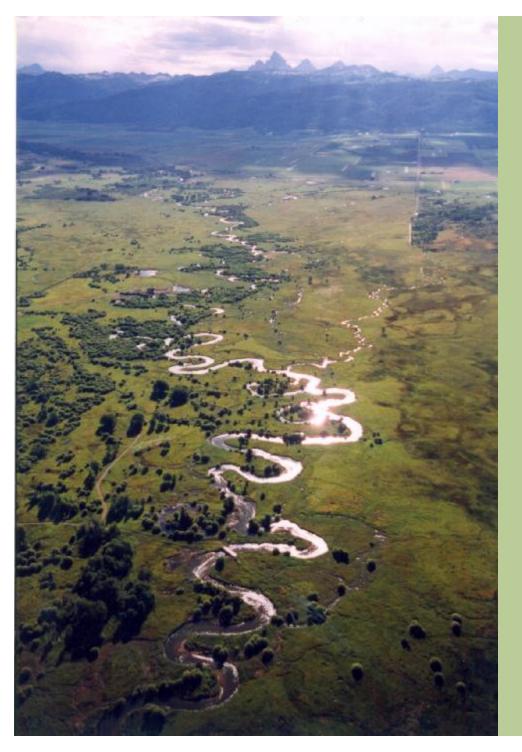


 Vegetation community descriptions for Upper Snake River Valley (NVCS)

• Rare plants



• Restoration and Grazing Management



Redd Monitoring



Adaptive Management

Species Conservation

Bird Monitoring

•Ties in well with conservation focal areas, funding sources and regional monitoring priorities

•Meaningful indicators of ecosystem health

Community composition/ productivity/ numbers

reflect habitat conditions

•Cost effective

•Simple techniques

•Great partnership opportunities



Partnership/Funding Assistance

- •Teton Regional Land Trust
- •State Wildlife Grant
- Community Foundation of Jackson Hole
- •Defenders of Wildlife Living Lands Program
- •National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- •Bureau of Land Management
- •Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- •US Fish and Wildlife Service

Teton Regional Land Trust Elements and Scope of Coordinated Bird Monitoring



Waterbird pair and brood counts

Long-billed curlew

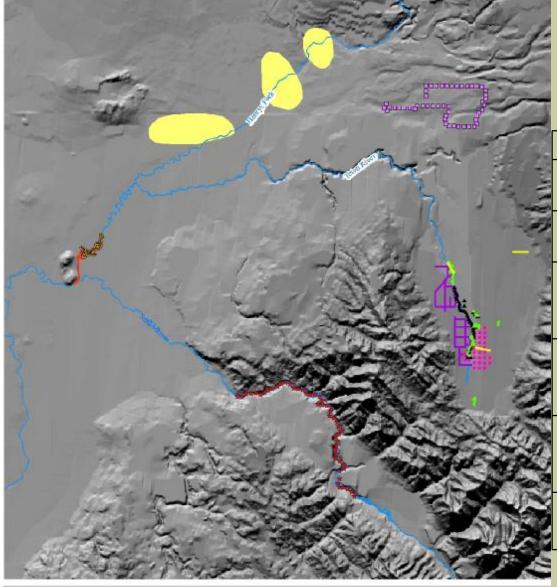
Riparian songbirds/landbirds

Wintering Trumpeter Swans

Pre-migration Staging Sandhill Cranes

* All species or representative habitats are State priorities and part of larger state or Federal monitoring priorities.





Bird Monitoring Program

Program Element	Partner(s)
Waterbird Pairs	Idaho Department of
and brood Counts	Fish and Game (IBIS)
Breeding Bird	US Geological Survey
Survey	
Long-billed Curlew	US Geological Survey,
monitoring	US Fish and Wildlife
	Service
Point Counts	Bureau of Land
	Management,
	Defenders of Wildlife
Pre-Migration	US Fish and Wildlife
Staging Sandhill	Service, Intermountain
Cranes	Aquatics INC.
Christmas Bird	US Geological Survey
Count	

TRLT Bird Monitoring Sites



Songbird Monitoring Points
 IBIS Routes

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n BBS Squirrel, ID Route

★ Proposed BBS South Fork Route

Hemy's Fork Waterbird Route

Preposed Cartier Slough Route
 Curlew Monitoring Points

— Sandhill Crane Monitoring Routes

Proposed Henry's Fork Sandhill Crane Monitoring

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*5% of annual stewardship work program

What and Where to Monitor?

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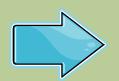
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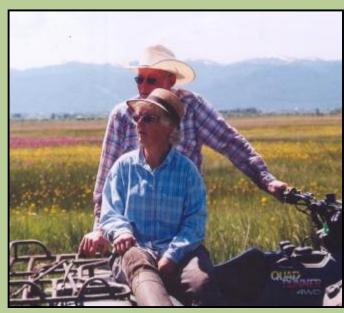
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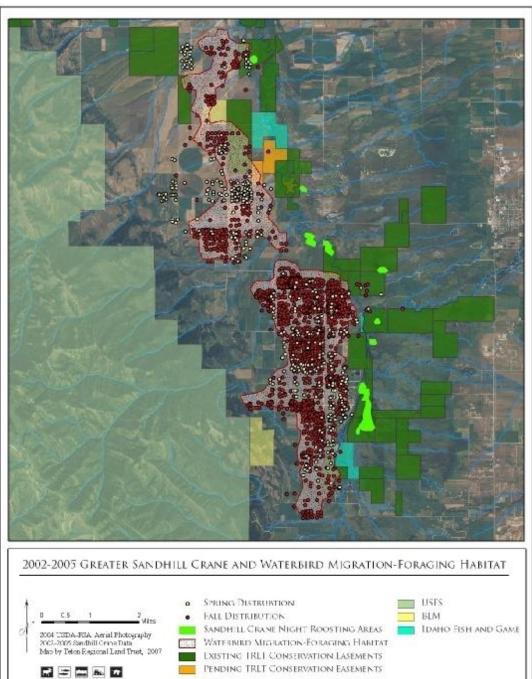


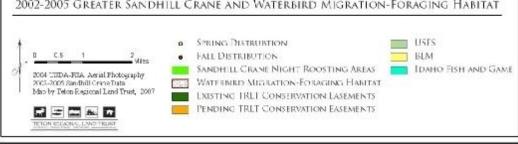
Greater Sandhill Crane - RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Substantial improvements are needed in annual surveys to monitor population and subpopulation trends with acceptable accuracy and precision (Tacha et al. 1992). A complete census of breeding cranes should be conducted at least every 10 years and annual surveys of staging cranes are recommended (Ivey and Herziger 2005).

Pre-migration Staging Sandhill Crane Habitat Use







Sandhill Crane Monitoring Benefits

- Greatly refines knowledge for conservation planning
- Data has been used successful to raise major funds for easement acquisition
- Empowers community outreach (crane event)
- Informs county planning in sensitive wildlife habitat
- Enhances relationship with agency and funding partners
- Gaining a unique understanding of our service area

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Northern Westchester [NY] BioBlitz 2007

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A BioBlitz has the dual aims of establishing the degree of biodiversity in an area and popularizing science. Our objective was to expand on the knowledge of the area's biodiversity while enabling conservationists to expand and refine habitat management plans to best reflect and support the species the area is responsible for preserving.



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Bedford Audubon Society BioBlitz 2007

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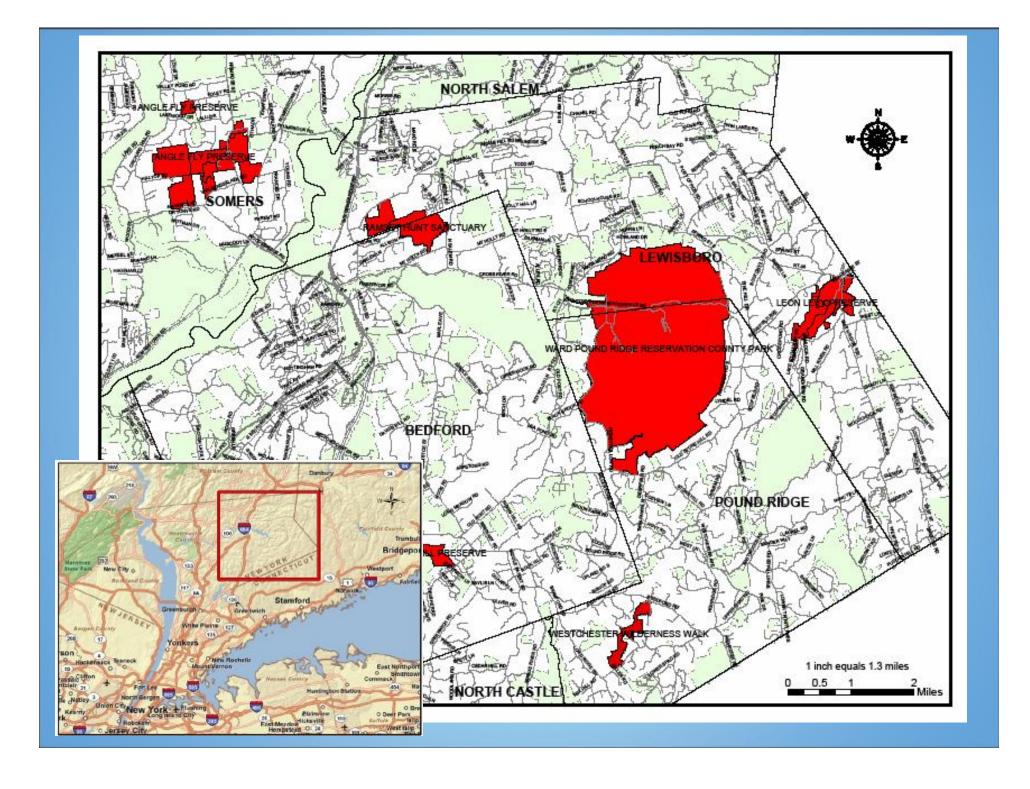
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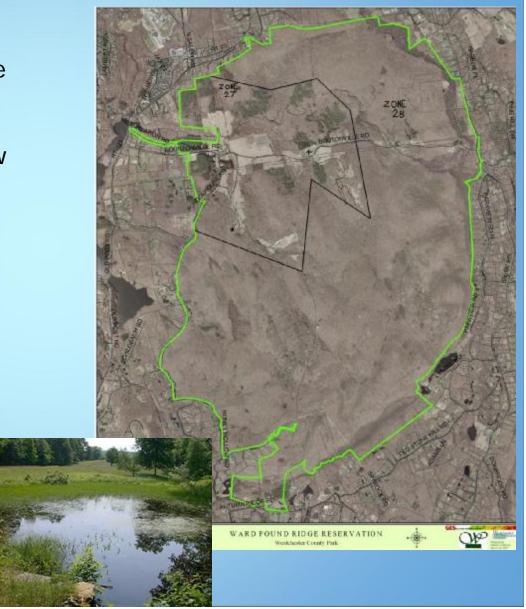
Located in Pound Ridge, Ward Pound Ridge Reservation is Westchester County's largest park.

With its varied terrain, streams, meadows, open fields, and woodlands, the park provides great habitat for a large number of breeding birds. It is also the premier area for butterfly watching in New York State.

This 4,700 acre park was purchased in 1924 as a wildlife sanctuary and recreation area. The park has 35 miles of hiking trails, including several selfguided nature trails.

The Trailside Nature Museum hosts weekend nature interpretive programs year-round. A half-acre wildflower garden is located near the museum.

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation

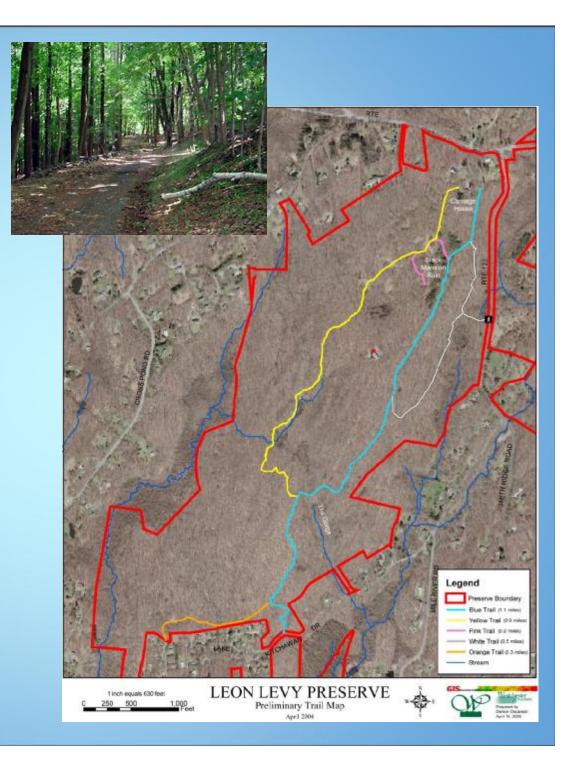


Leon Levy Preserve

The Leon Levy Preserve is a 386-acre preserve located south and west from the intersection of Routes 35 and 123 in South Salem, New York and lies in the watersheds of both the New York City and Stamford drinking water supplies.

The preserve contains a diverse array of wetlands, stream systems, rocky hills, a large ravine, and mature second growth forest.

The preserve contains an extensive system of hiking trails, including an old carriage trail, and is open to town residents for hiking, snowshoeing, biking, and horseback riding.



Angle Fly Preserve

The Angle Fly Preserve is one of Westchester County's newest protected open-spaces. It covers 654 rolling acres of forest, wetland, and meadow as well as the Angle Fly Brook for which it is named—reputed to be the last brooktrout spawning stream in Westchester.

Hosting an extensive wildlife population, it is particularly noteworthy for its turtle and bird life, particularly wood turtle, a species of conservation concern in Westchester and the Hudson Valley.

Situated in the heart of Somers, it provides a link in a continuous 2,000-acre corridor running from Muscoot and Lasdon Parks to the south and Townowned Reis Park to the north.









Bedford Audubon BioBlitz 2007 Amphibians and Reptiles Unique Listing by Family

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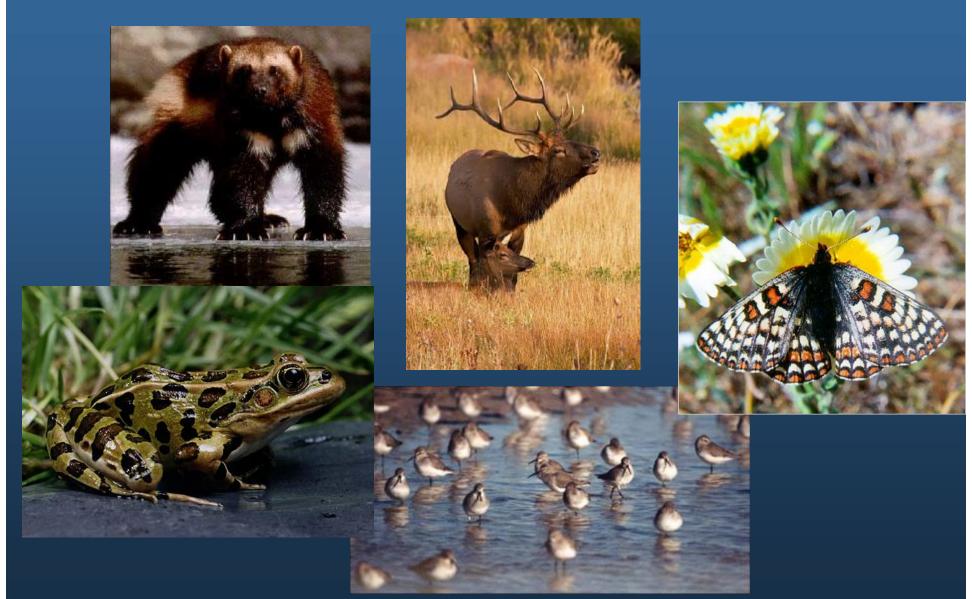


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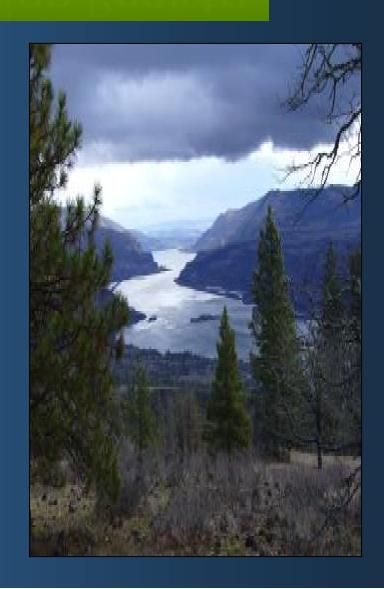
Landscape Scale Monitoring



The Conservation Registry

• Online, centralized database

 Records, tracks and maps conservation actions across the landscape



Conservation Actions

- Enhance Conservation Status easements, conservation and management plans, etc.
- Habitat Restoration and Management
- Monitoring, Education and Research







Conservation Needs

- Funding
- Technical Assistance and Resources
- Volunteers







How will it Work?

- Easy to use
 - Turbo-tax style data entry
 - Google Maps platform
- Can upload or download spatial information
- Sensitive spatial information can be kept private



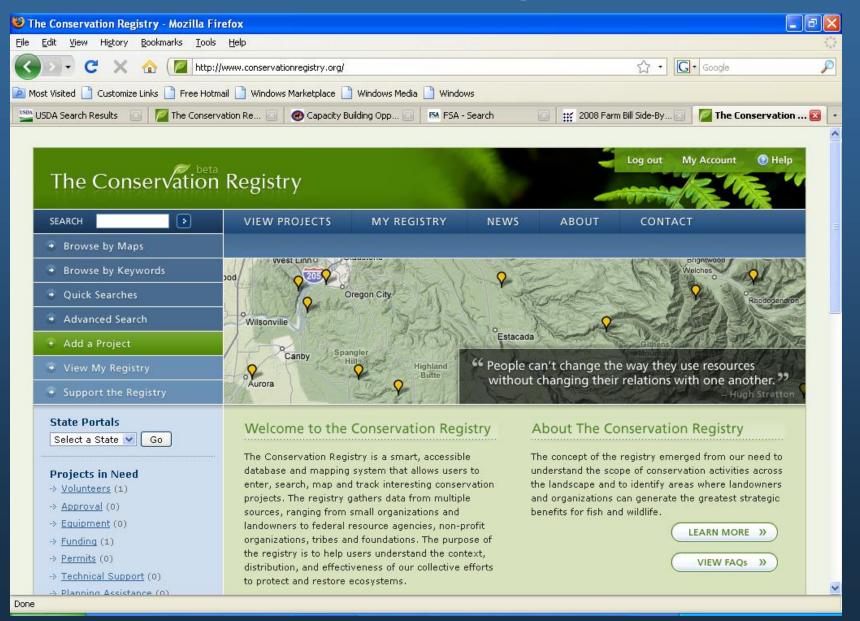


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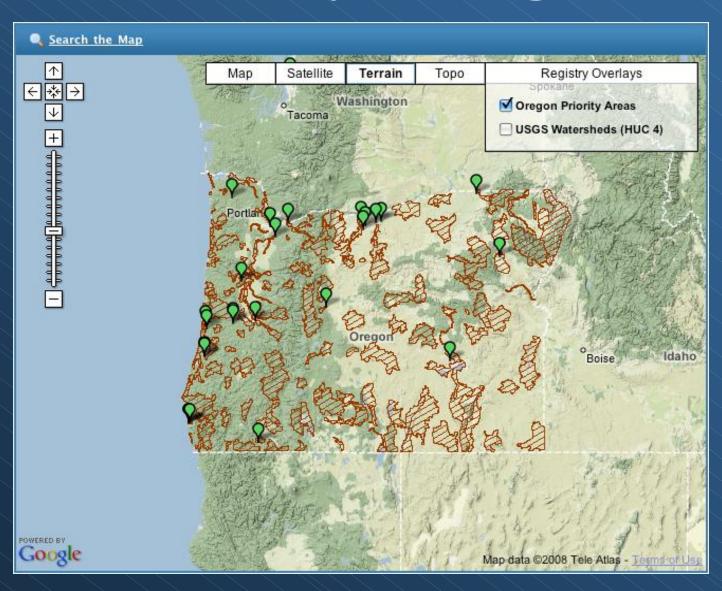
- Launched in Idaho, Washington and Oregon in June 2008
- Rapid national expansion following initial launch database now open for all to use
- The more populated the database, the more useful it becomes



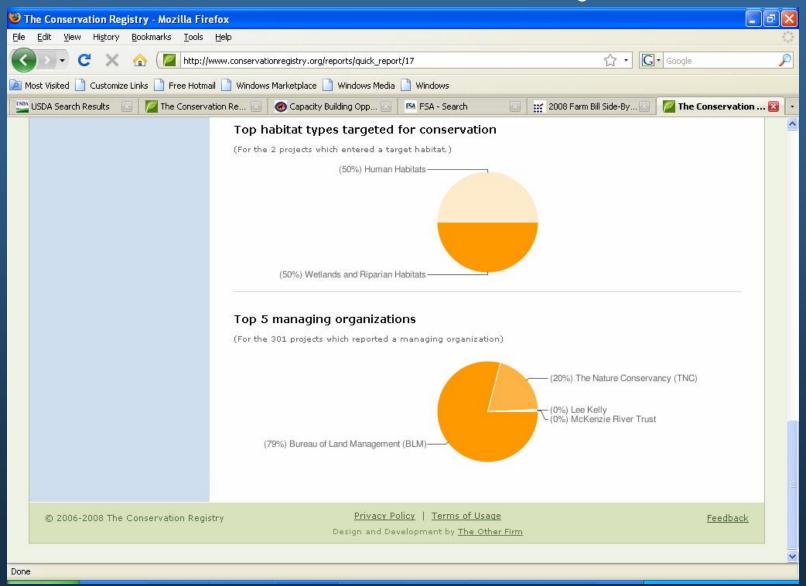
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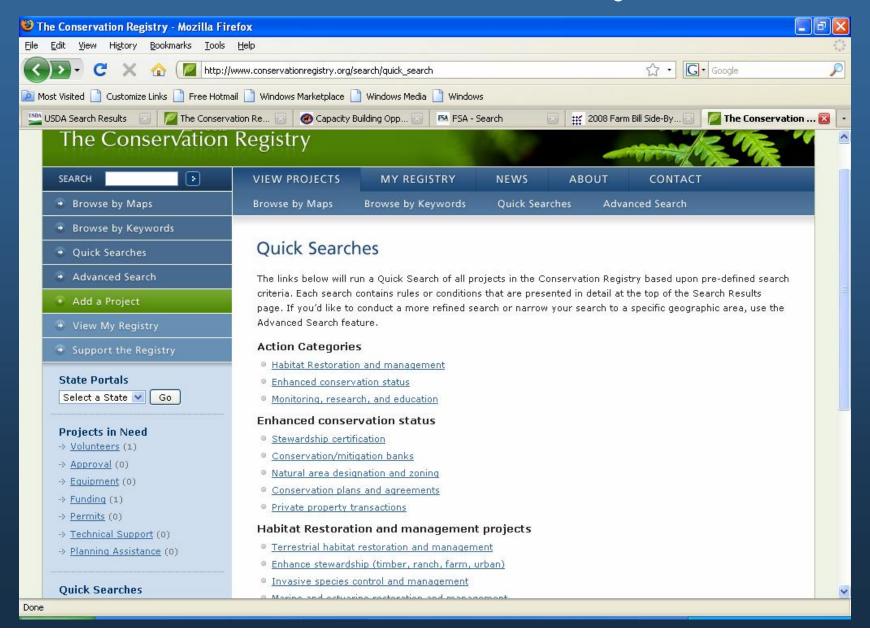
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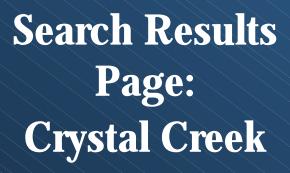


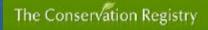
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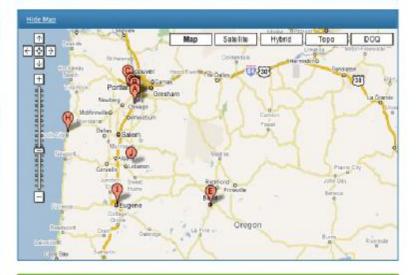


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A Crystal Creek Conservation Easement

Location: Portland, OR - Primary contact Byon Shaw - Status: Complete

Conservation Easement on private land to conserve habitat for at-risk species including endangered sucker, bull trout, sported frog, and threatened eagle.

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& Cristal Creek Wetland Mitigation East

Location: Portland, Oil Primary contact Byon Shaw Status: Proposed

100 acre wetland restoration project that entails planting native vegetation, including black cottonwood and big leaf maples, as well as establishing depth and duration of surface water that is characteristic of the area's deep emergent wetland correspondings.

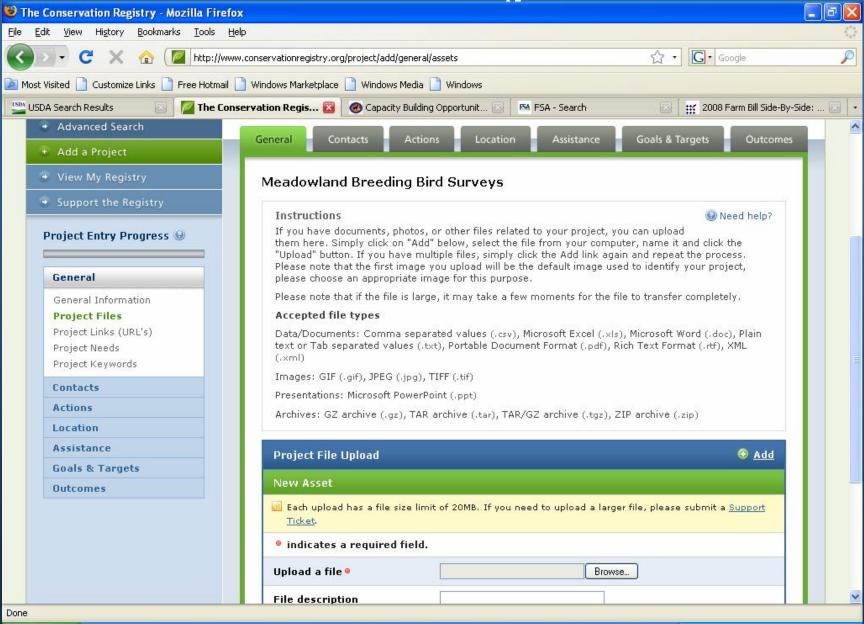
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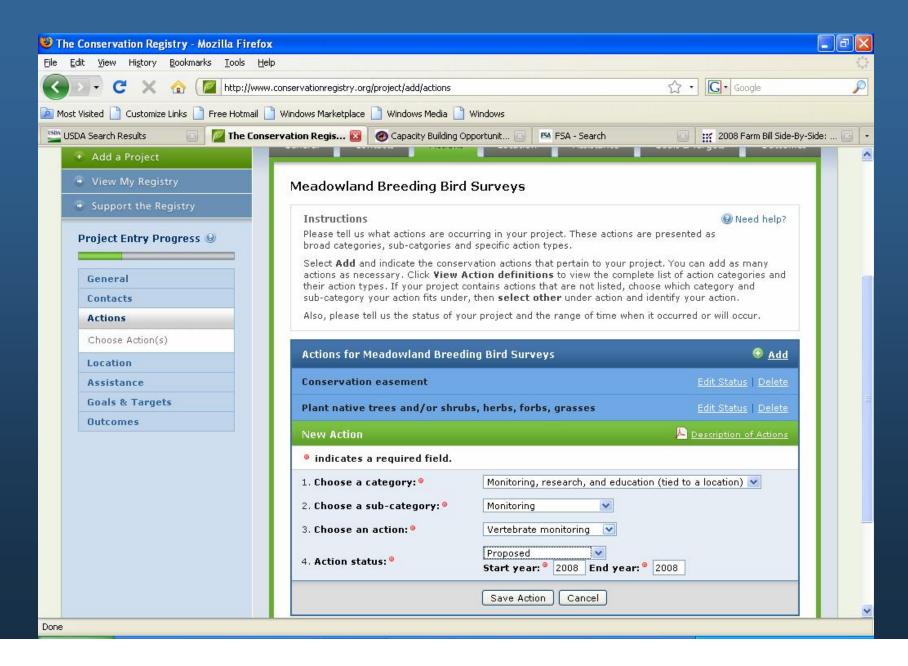
Location: Figure, Oil Primary contact: Ryan Share Status: Proposed

Creation of a 500 acre state park to protect natural and scenic characteristics of the site, including the preservation of a 100 acre white nak woodland.

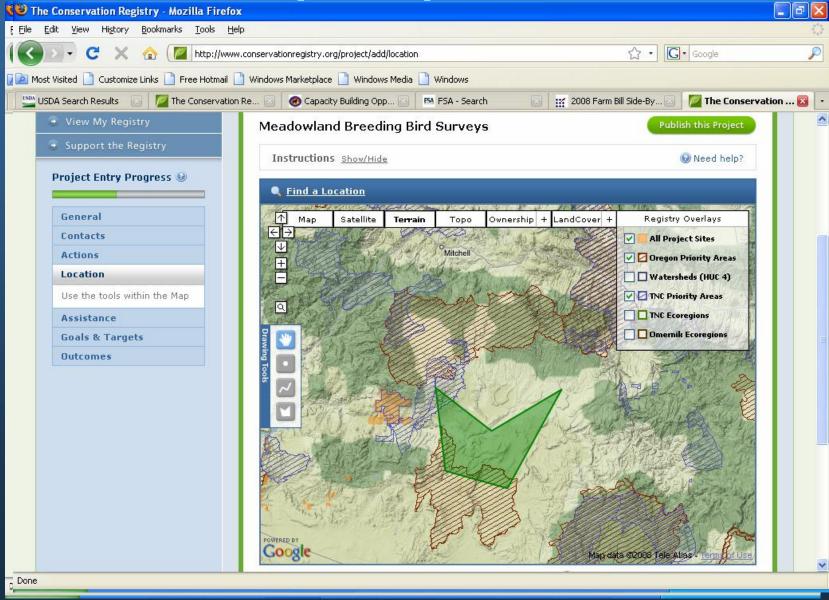
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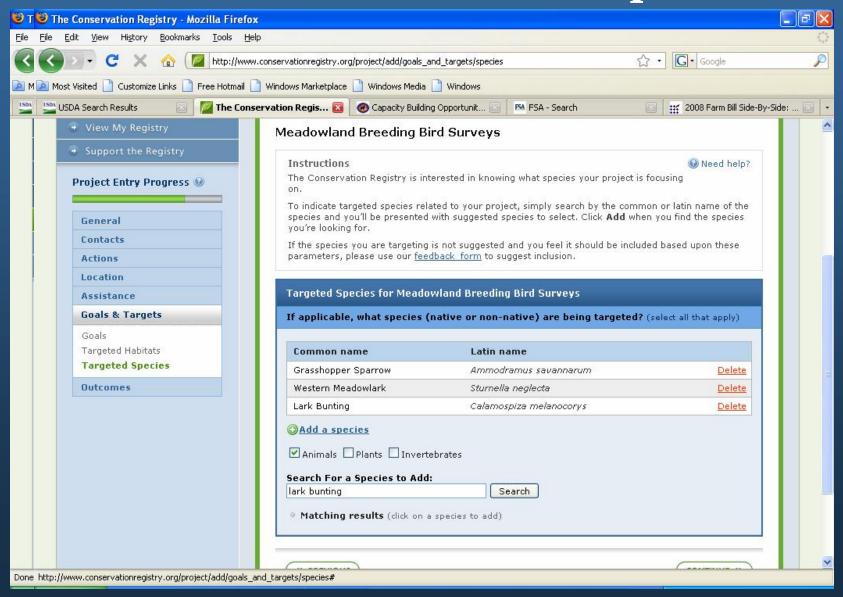
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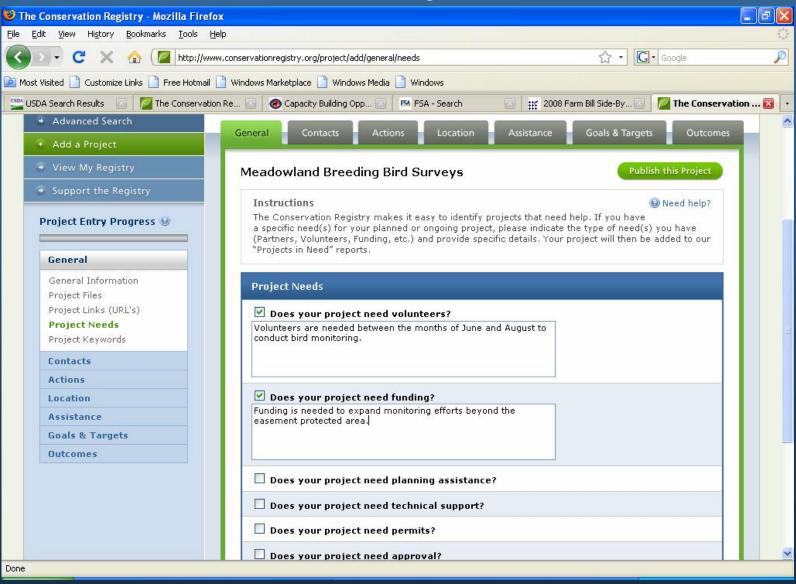
Map Project Area



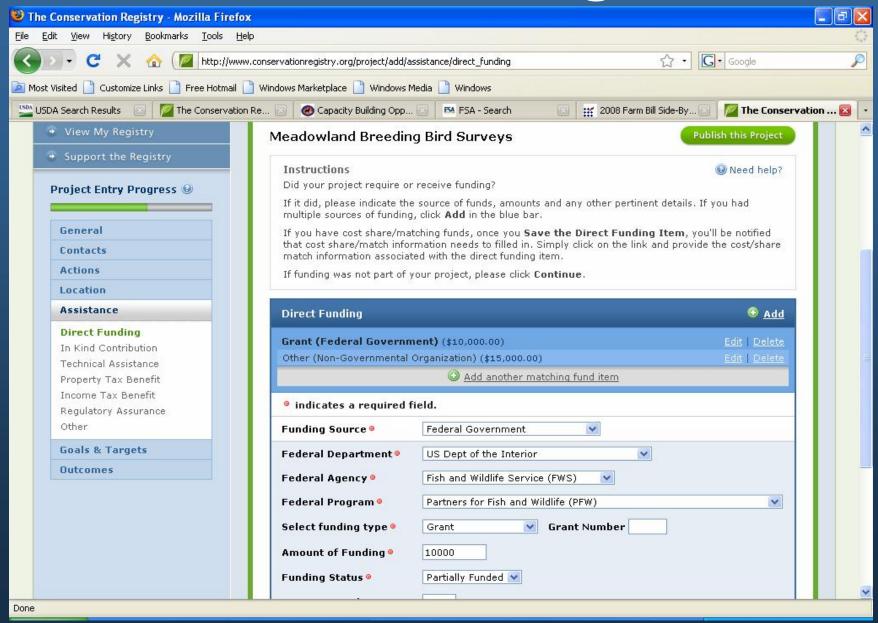
Describe Habitat and Species



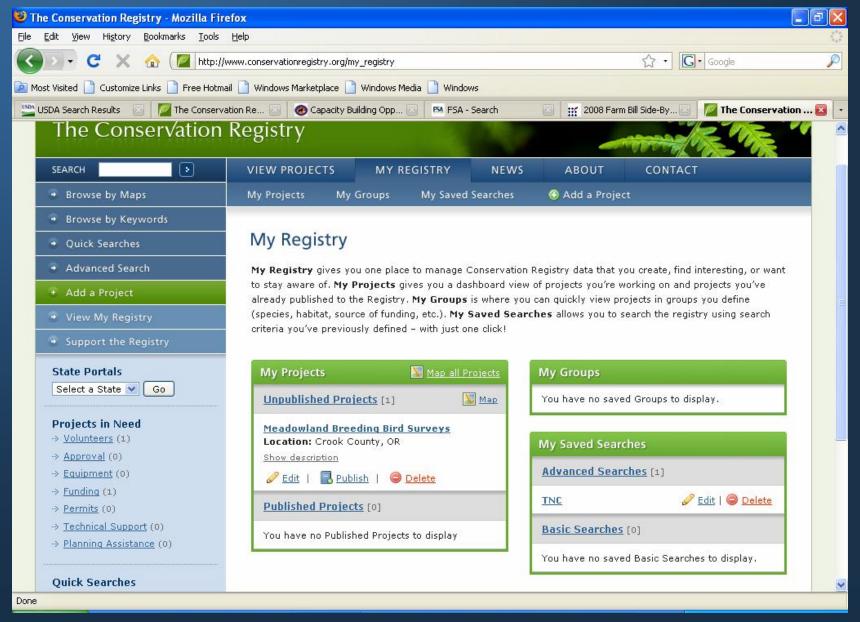
Describe Project Needs



Track Funding



My Registry



What are the Benefits?

- Opens doors to new funding, collaboration, resources
- Allows ability to organize projects and highlight project needs – even for non-GIS users
- Ability to view the big picture in real time at a number of different scales strategic





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