

North Fork John Day Watershed Council

*Annual Update to Grant County
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May 6, 2026

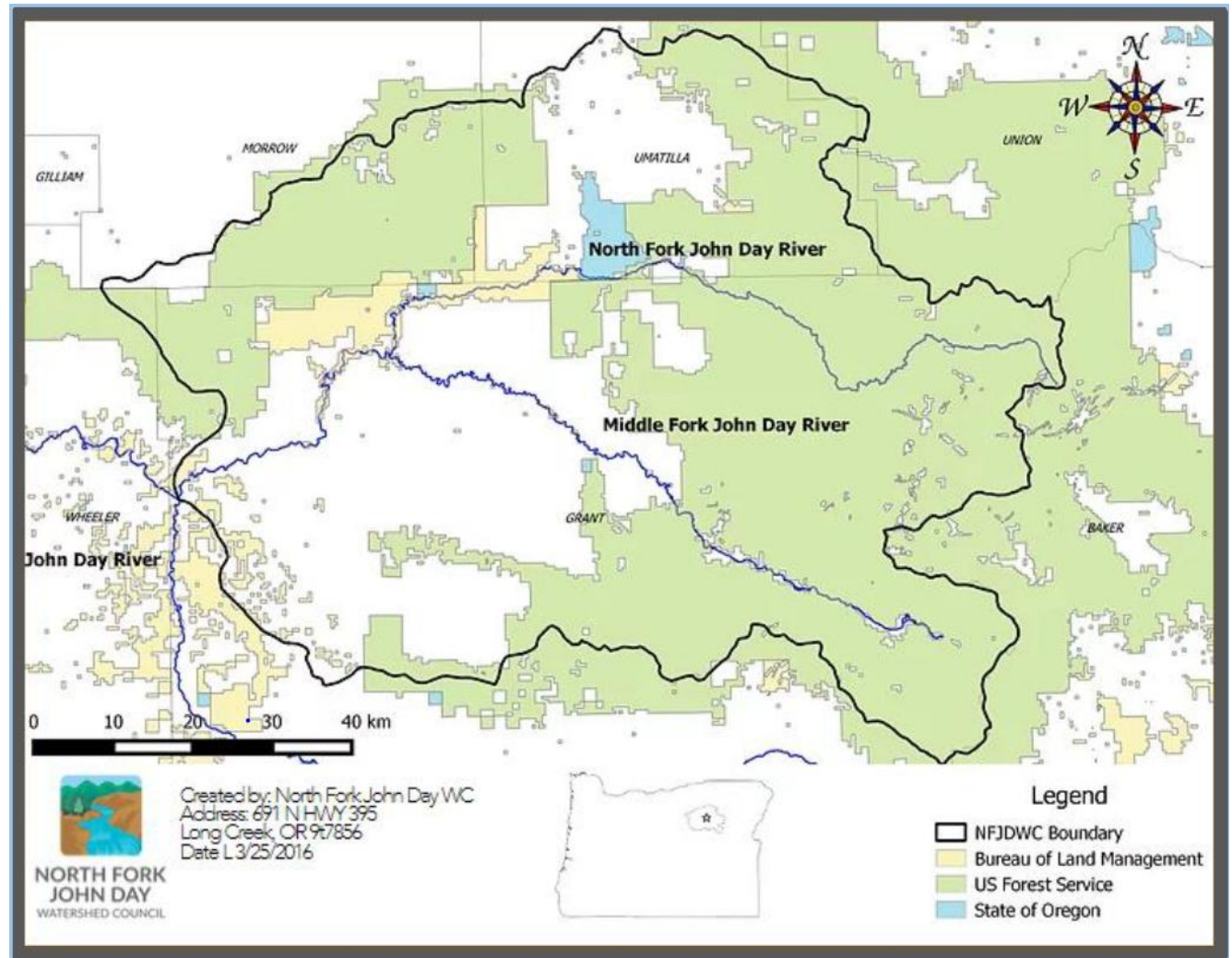


Overview



- NFJDWC-Who we are
- 2025 Funding and Accomplishments
- Plans for 2026

The North Fork John Day Watershed Council's mission to restore and protect the natural resources that make up the North and Middle Fork John Day Watersheds.



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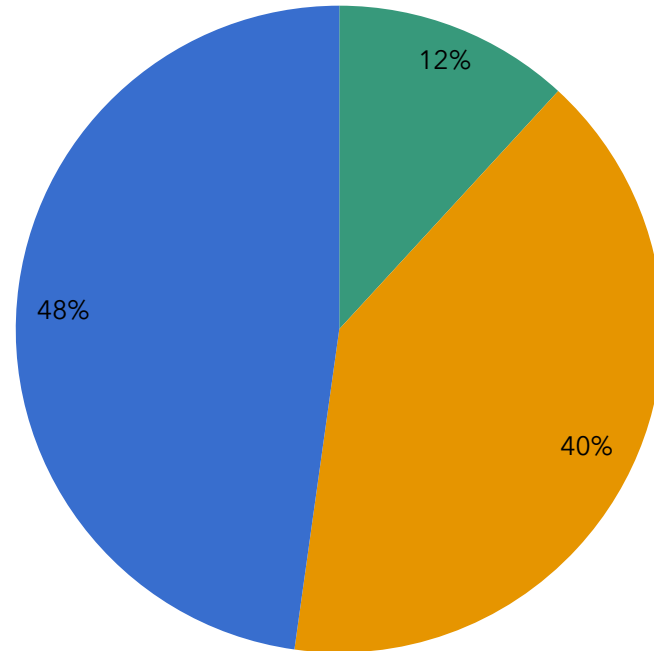
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Who funded us in 2025?

NFJDWC 2025 FUNDING

■ Private ■ Federal ■ State



Private	\$	143,598.87
Federal	\$	490,0998.79
State	\$	<u>579,934.39</u>
Total 2025 funding	\$	1,213,632.05

Funds that stayed in Grant County

Contracted Services & Projects	\$ 231,378.66
Facilities & Maintenance	\$ 5,795.47
Vehicle Supplies & Maintenance	\$ 7,717.17
Materials & Office Supplies	\$ 4,002.21
Salaries Admin	<u>\$ 318,992.89</u>
	\$ 567,886.40

2025 Accomplishments

Ritter Riparian Assessment

- Landowner survey and Community meeting
- The goal was to learn what improvements landowners are interested in and to better understand riparian conditions, landowner interest, and on-the-ground recovery needs following the fire.

Eightmile Creek Restoration

- The project spans three landowners and will ultimately treat approximately 5 linear miles of stream.
- This year, we will conduct adaptive management and complete the remaining work for Phase 2.

Sixmile Creek Restoration

- The Sixmile Creek Restoration Project spanned four landowners and treated approximately 4.5 linear miles of stream.
- The project included installation of BDAs a native riparian planting effort.
- Construction was completed in 2025, and the project has now entered the adaptive management phase.



2026 Work Plan

2026 Planning and Community Engagement

Rudio Watershed Action Plan

- Rudio Creek contributes critical cold water to the North Fork lower in the watershed and includes high-elevation alpine meadows that naturally store water.
- The watershed is heavily overstocked and at high risk for wildfire, creating an opportunity to pair restoration with forest thinning.
- Aim to prioritize projects that increase natural water storage and protect landowners and sensitive resources from future wildfire.

Long Creek Walking Path

- Developing of a 1/2–3/4 mile walking path within city limits, responding to community interest identified during the 2022 SAP update.
- The walking path would be developed with the school and community partners and include kiosks highlighting natural resources and local history.

NORTH FORK JOHN DAY WATERSHED COUNCIL WORK PLAN 2025-2027

CAPACITY AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funder(s) & Partners	2025-2026	2026-2027	Watershed	Town/Area	Private land	Public land
CTWS Program Support/Project Development	program support to develop restoration projects that align with the CTWS' mission	CTWS	X	X	North and Middle Fork John Day Watersheds	Long Creek, Fox, Monument, Hamilton, Ritter, Galena, Bates, Dale, Meadowbrook, Ukiah, Granite, Heppner	X	X
Council Capacity	general support for day to day WC operations including: monthly executive committee meeting, quarterly full board meetings, organizational self assesment, policy review and update as necessary, strategic plan review	OWEB	X	X			X	X
FIP Capacity 2024-2025 Biennium 3	Partnership support to participate in JDBP	OWEB FIP, JDBP	X				X	X
JDBP Strategic Action Plan Revisions	Partnership support to participate in JDBP SAP rewrite	OWEB FIP, JDBP	X	X			X	X

RESTORATION

Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funder(s) & Partners	2025-2026	2026-2027	Watershed	Town/Area	Private land	Public land
Program Support Phipps Meadow	coordination of design team/process for the large multi agency/organization effort at Phipps Meadow	CTWS, BMLT, USFS, ODFW, BOR	X		Upper Middle Fork John Day	Bates/Austin	X	
Program Support Bates Reconnection Design	coordination of design team/process for the large scale Bates Pond/Bridge Creek bypass project	CTWS, OWEB FIP, OWRD, CTWS	X		Upper Middle Fork John Day	Bates		X
Ritter Riparian Restoration Assessment	project development for restoration projects in the Ritter area	CTWS, RLMT, local landowners	X	X	Lower Middle Fork John Day	Ritter	X	

JDBP Post Fire Recovery Planning	technical assistance project to plan large scale restoration efforts across private lands impacted by 2024 wildfires	OWEB, JDBP, local landowners	X	X	North and Middle Fork John Day Watersheds	Ritter, Dale, Fox, Ukiah	X	
Ritter Post Fire Restoration Phase 1	post fire restoration, seeding, planting, erosion control	OWEB, ODF, RLMT, local landowners,	X	X	Lower Middle Fork John Day-Eightmile Creek	Ritter	X	
Sixmile Creek Restoration	low-tech process based restoration, revegetation	OWEB, ODFW, RLMT	X		Lower Middle Fork John Day-Sixmile Creek	Ritter	X	
Eight Mile Creek Restoration Phase 1 & 2	low-tech process based restoration, revegetation	OWEB, ODFW, RLMT	X	X	Lower Middle Fork John Day-Eightmile Creek	Ritter	X	
NFJDWC-BLM GN Fencing Phase 2 & 3	fencing	OWEB GNA, BLM	X		North Fork John Day-Wall Creek	Monument		X
Wall Creek Restoration	low-tech process based restoration, revegetation, berm removal, irrigation, water rights transfer	OWEB GNA, BLM	X	X	North Fork John Day-Wall Creek	Monument		X
Camp Creek Reach 1	stage 8 restoration, channel fill/modification, floodplain modification, revegetation, protection fencing	USFS, OWEB FIP, BPA	X	X	Middle Fork John Day-Camp Creek	Bates/Galena		X
Kuckucepe Teekin (Bull Run) Mine Tailings	mine tailings restoration, instream and floodplain modification, revegetation	OWEB FIP, CTUIR, USFS	X		North Fork Headwaters-Bull Run Creek	Granite		X
RPB Planting and Stewardship	planting, fencing, monitoring	TFT	X		Middle Fork John Day	Galena	X	
MONITORING								
Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funder(s) & Partners	2025-2026	2026-2027	Watershed	Town/Area	Private land	Public land
Middle Fork IMW	water quality monitoring (temp, flow, macros)	OWEB, PCSRF, ODFW	X		Middle Fork John Day	Bates, Galena, Ritter	X	X
Bates Pond Monitoring 8008	water quality monitoring (temp, flow, macros)	OPRD	X	X	Upper Middle Fork	Bates		X
MSWCD: Beaver Effectiveness Area Beaver Habitat Surveys	habitat monitoring	ODFW, Monument SWCD	X		North Fork John Day-Fox Creek	Fox	X	
North Fork Monitoring Phase 2 & 3	water quality monitoring (temp, flow, habitat, fish in/out)	OWEB FIP, ODFW, CTUIR, USFS	X	X	North Fork John Day	Dale, Granite, Ukiah		X

MFJDR Stream Temp Buffering	groundwater monitoring	OWEB FIP, ODFW, University of Idaho	X	X	Middle Fork John Day	Bates, Galena, Ritter	X	X
SFJDWC Supplemental FIP monitoring	habitat monitoring, drone surveys	OWEB, JDBP, consultant	X		North and Middle Fork John Day Watersheds	Bates, Galena, Ritter, Dale, Granite, Ukiah	X	X
OUTREACH and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT								
Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funder(s) & Partners	2025-2026	2026-2027	Watershed	Town/Area	Private land	Public land
NFJDWC Native Plant Nursery	plant propagation program from small restoration projects and for landowner distribution	Bella Vista, Long Creek School	X	X	North and Middle Fork John Day Watersheds	Long Creek, Fox, Monument, Hamilton, Ritter, Galena, Bates, Dale, Meadowbrook, Ukiah, Granite, Heppner	X	
Free Fishing Day	annual free fishing day event at Twin Ponds in partnership with USFS and CTUIR	NFJDWC, CTUIR, USFS	X	X	North Fork John Day-Camas Creek	Dale, Granite, Ukiah	X	X
Bates Pond Community Engagement	larger community engagement efforts for parties interested in the Bates Pond project	OPRD	X	X	Middle Fork Headwaters	Bates		X