

North Fork John Day Watershed Council

Annual Update to Grant County Court

April 19, 2023

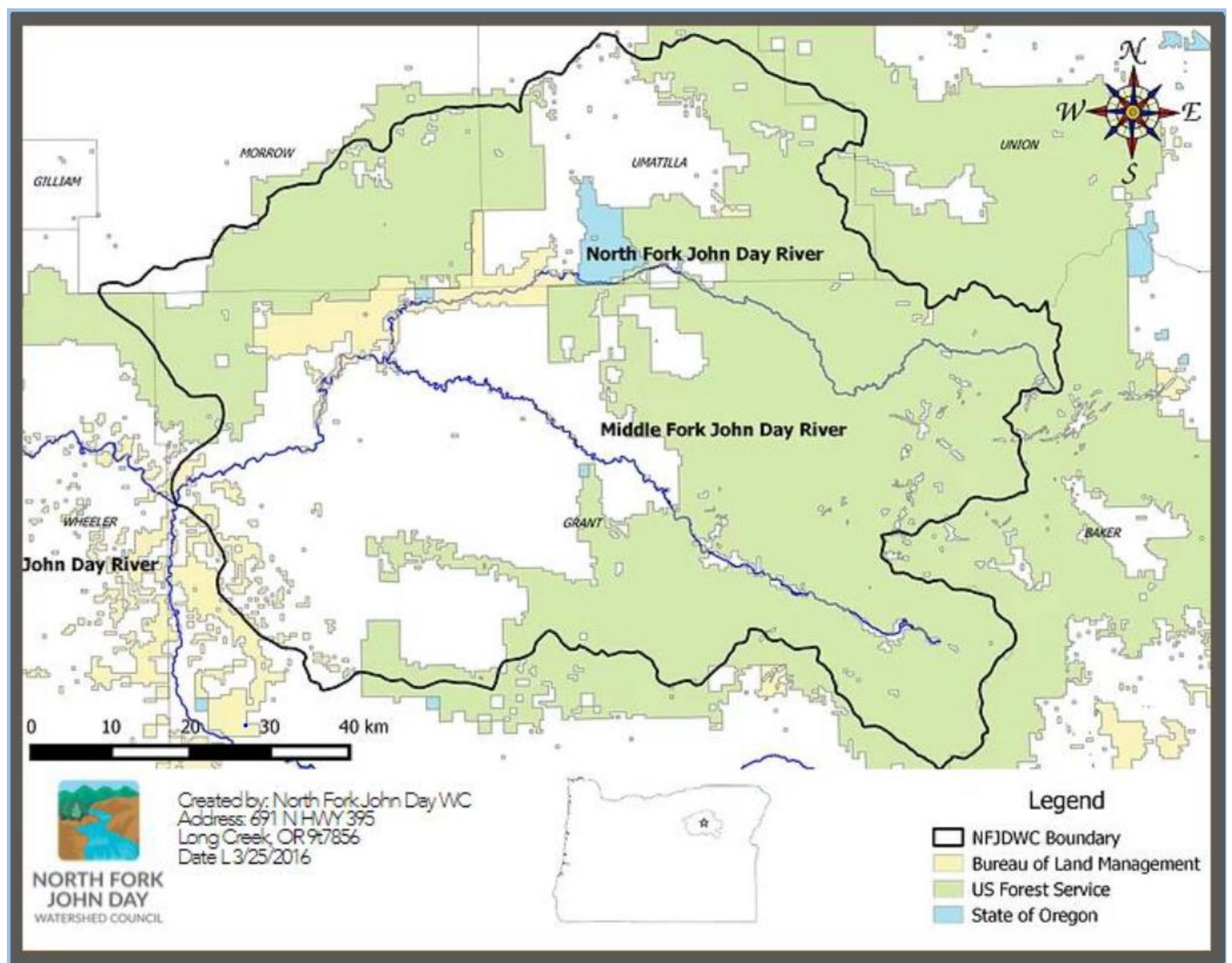


Overview



- NFJDWC-Who we are
- 2022 Funding and Accomplishments
- Plans for 2023
 - Bates Pond Update
 - Rudio Creek Assessment

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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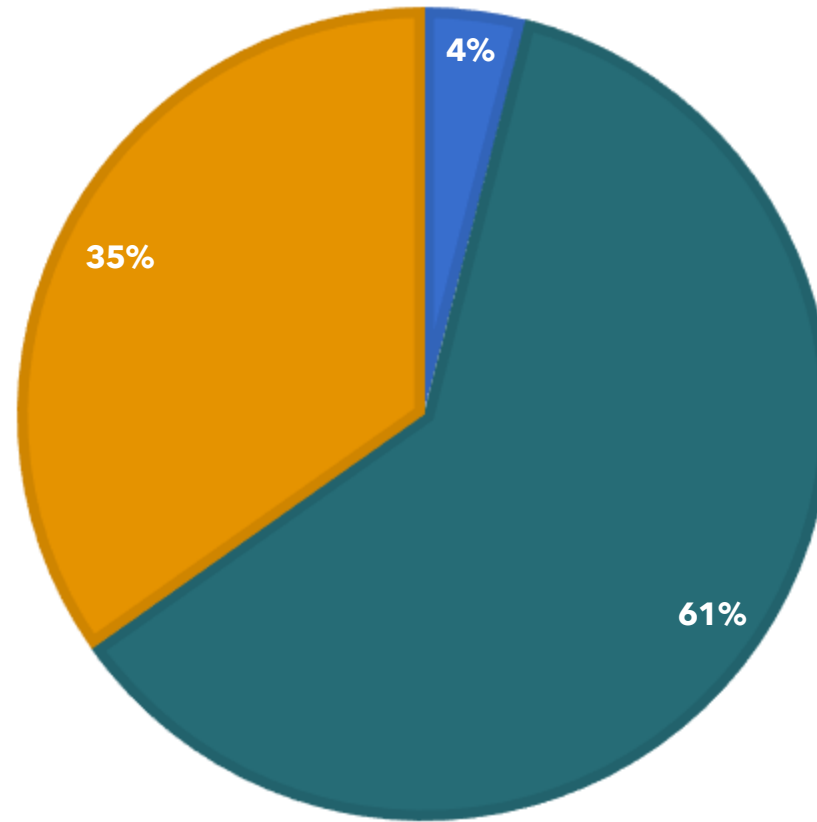
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Who funded us in 2022?

NFJDWC 2022 FUNDING

■ Private ■ State ■ Federal



Private	\$ 52,830.01
State	\$ 801,947.46
Federal	\$ 455,857.76
Total 2022 Budget	\$1,310,635.23

2022 Accomplishments

- Purchased office in Long Creek in April 2022
- Improved partnership and scaled up efforts with the BLM through Good Neighbor Authority funding. Most of this work occurred in the North Fork watershed, near Wall Creek.
- Diversified funding sources serving new landowners. The NFJDWC secured National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's America The Beautiful Challenge funding and Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund for 2 large projects. Additionally, 2 Bella Vista grants were awarded for the Stewardship Planning Framework.
- Many restoration projects (uplands and instream) were completed in 2022.



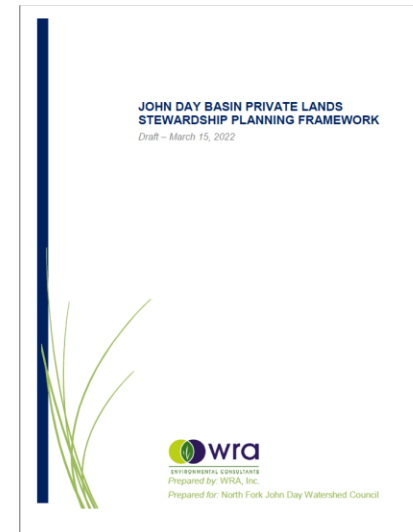


2023 Work Plan

NFJWC 2023 Active Projects + Initiatives						
Capacity and Operational Support						
Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funders	Watershed	Town/area	Private land	Public land
Council Capacity 2021-23	Watershed Council Operating Support	OWEB	North and Middle Fork John Day Watersheds	Long Creek, Fox, Monument, Hamilton, Ritter, Galena, Bates, Dale, Meadowbrook, Ukiah, Granite, Heppner	X	X
JDBP Support/Capacity	Partnership support to participate in JDBP	OWEB			X	X
CTWS: Program Support/Project Development	Program support to develop restoration projects that align with the CTWS' mission	CTWS			X	X
Restoration Projects						
Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funders	Watershed	Town/area	Public land	Private land
Camp Creek Planting	instream, riparian planting	OWEB, USFS, One Tree Planted	Middle Fork John Day-Camp Creek	Galena	X	
Butte, Ruby, Beaver Creek Restoration	instream, riparian planting, road decommission and removal	OWEB, USFS, One Tree Planted	Middle Fork John Day-Butte, Ruby, and Beaver Creeks	Bates	X	
Phipps Meadow (USFS)	riparian planting and fencing	OWEB, USFS, CTWS	Middle Fork John Day-headwaters	Bates, Austin	X	X
Big Creek	riparian planting, fencing, instream	CTWS, USFS	Middle Fork John Day-Big Creek	Galena	X	
Middle Fork Private Lands Revegetation Initiative	riparian planting, fencing, invasive removal	OWEB, One Tree Planted	Middle Fork John Day-Indian Creek, Huckleberry Creek, Mosquito Creek, Slide Creek	Galena		X
Barnes and Bully Creek	juniper removal, aspen fencing	OCRf	North Fork John Day River-Bully Creek, Middle Fork John Day River-Barnes Creek	Dale, Meadowbrook		X
Kuckuceepe teekin (Bull Run) Tailings Restoration	mine tailings restoration, instream and floodplain modification, revegetation	NFWF, OWEB, USFS	North Fork John Day River-Kuckuceepe teekin (Bull Run Creek)	Granite	X	
Hughes Water Development	solar water developments (solar pumps and install cisterns), fencing	OWEB	Camas-Pine Creek	Ukiah		X
BLM/UNF Boundary Fencing	fencing	OWEB, BLM	Wall Creek-Boneyard Canyon	Monument		
NFJWC-BLM Good Neighbor Fencing Phase 2 & 3	fencing	OWEB/BLM	North Fork John Day River-upstream of Wall Creek	Monument, Ritter	X	X
Monitoring and Research						
Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funders	Watershed	Town/area	Private land	Public land
Middle Fork IMW	water quality monitoring (temp, flow, macros)	OWEB	Middle Fork John Day	Bates, Galena, Ritter	X	X
Bates Pond Monitoring	water quality monitoring (temp and flow)	OPRD	Middle Fork John Day-Bates Pond and Bridge Creek	Bates		X
North Fork Monitoring Phase 2	water quality monitoring (temp, flow, habitat, fish in/out)	OWEB	North Fork John Day-headwaters NF and Desolation Creek	Dale, Granite, Ukiah	X	X
Bull Trout Monitoring Crew	eDNA, habitat, bull trout/amprey distribution	CTWS	North and Middle Fork John Day Tributaries	NA	X	X
Small Grants						
Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funders	Watershed	Town/area	Private land	Public land
Gross Spring Development Small Grant	juniper removal, spring development	OWEB SG	North Fork John Day-lower NFJD, Bologna Creek	Kimberly	X	
Landowner Services and Outreach						
Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Funders	Watershed	Town/area	Private land	Public land
Rudio Creek Assessment	watershed scale assessment-stewardship planning assessments, geomorphic surveys	OWEB	North Fork John Day River-Rudio Creek	Kimberly, Monument	X	X
NFJWC Stewardship Planning and Native Plant Distribution	stewardship planning assessments, native plant nursery/greenhouse	Bella Vista	North and Middle Fork John Day Watersheds	Long Creek, Fox, Monument, Hamilton, Ritter, Galena, Bates, Dale, Meadowbrook, Ukiah, Heppner	X	X
Bates Pond Stakeholder Engagement	targeted outreach for Bates Pond Bypass project	OPRD	Middle Fork John Day-Bates Pond and Bridge Creek	Bates	X	X
JDBP Stakeholder Engagement	general Partnership outreach	OWEB	North and Middle Fork John Day Watersheds	Long Creek, Fox, Monument, Hamilton, Ritter, Galena, Bates, Dale, Meadowbrook, Ukiah, Heppner	X	X
Projects in Development						
Project or Initiative Name	Project Type	Potential Funders	Watershed	Town/area	Private land	Public land
Wall Creek Floodplain and Riparian Restoration	instream, BDAs, revegetation (planting/caging/weed treatment), forest management	BLM	Wall Creek-Indian Creek	Monument		X
Sixmile Creek	culvert removal, BDAs, aquatic and floodplain habitat restoration	OWEB, BOR	Middle Fork John Day-Sixmile Creek	Ritter	X	

The Stewardship Planning Framework

- The stewardship planning framework allows us to identify restoration needs and match priority actions to landowner needs
- Completely voluntary and never provided to any regulatory agency



North Fork John Day Watershed Council
Stewardship Plan Assessment Form

Date: _____ Council Member Name: _____
 Property Owner Name: _____ Property Name: _____
 Map type (check one): Paper Aerial Collector _____ Camera used: _____

Brief Property Description: history, land use, etc.

Owner's Management Concerns/Goals: Check next to concerns listed and add notes

<input type="checkbox"/> Forage quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Erosion issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Timber
<input type="checkbox"/> Rangeland water availability	<input type="checkbox"/> Improve fish habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire risk/fuels management
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve big game habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Invasive weed management	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving stream condition

Additional Landowner Comments on Goals/Constraints:

Notes: landuse, long term development, etc.

Rangeland Type of Grazing Animal: _____ How many head: _____

Vegetation types	Dominant Species
1	_____
2	_____
3	_____

Species	# Patches	Priority Level	Notes (density, population, etc.)
Scotch thistle			
leafy spurge			
yellow starthistle			
spotted knapweed			
ventenata			
cheatgrass			
medusahead			
Himalayan blackberry			

Inventory and map springs. Indicate which springs should be prioritized for development. Consider overall number and
 Check for/ask landowner about areas of cattle overutilization and map.

NFJDWC Native & Rare Plants Program



- Growing rare and difficult to order native plants
- Providing native plants to landowners of all sizes and stakeholders who don't own land
- Demonstration garden to improve office aesthetic and provide for education about native plants

Bates Pond Update



Thank you



Call us or stop by if you have questions or want to hear more about our projects and programs!

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