



# R & E Grant Application

Project #:

## *Marr Pond Access Road and Parking Improvements*

### *Project Information*

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**Requested Cycle:** 25-4  
**R&E Project Request:** \$37,090  
**Other Funding:** \$2,781  
**Total Project:** \$39,871  
**Spending Start Date:** 7/1/2026  
**Spending End Date:** 6/30/2027  
**Project Start Date:** 7/1/2026  
**Project End Date:** 6/30/2027  
**Organization:** Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

### *Applicant Information*

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### *Past Recommended or Completed Projects*

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This applicant has no previous projects that match criteria.

### *Authorized Agent*

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## **Location Information**

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### **Where is it?**

The project will occur on public land owned or managed by the applicant  
The project will occur on private land owned or managed by the applicant

### **Site Description**

#### ***Street Address, nearest intersection, or other descriptive location.***

The work will occur along Marr Pond Lane in Enterprise, Oregon. The two areas where work will be done include the parking area of Marr Pond (ODFW owned fishing access site) and along Marr Pond Lane which is a public road for which ODFW has a easment making ODFW responsible for road maintenance. This easement provides critical public access, but there has never been dedicated funding to support maintenance.

#### ***Directions to the site from the nearest highway junction.***

At the junction of North Street (Oregon Hwy 82) and Depot Street in Enterprise, Oregon, turn onto Depot street and head south for about 1/4 mile. Then turn right and head west on Marr Pond lane for about 1/2 mile ending at Marr Pond.

#### ***Following project completion, public anglers will be allowed the following level of access to the project site:***

Full access

#### ***Please describe what leases, easements, agreements are in place to ensure angler access to the project site, and what is the length of each agreement.***

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife holds an easement providing vehicular and pedestrian access to Marr Pond for fish and wildlife management, gravel hauling, and recreational purposes.

#### ***Dominant Land Use Type:***

Wetland  
Rural residential

### **Project Location**

#### ***General Project Location.***

**County:** Wallowa  
**Town/City:** Enterprise  
**ODFW Dist:** Wallowa  
**Stream/Lake/Estuary Name:** Marr Pond  
**Sub-basin:** Wallowa River  
**Tributary of:** Grande Ronde River

#### ***Specific Project Location.***

Latitude	Longitude
45.42050	-117.29249

## **Project Summary**

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### **Project Summary**

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Marr Pond Access Road and Parking Improvements

*Please provide a couple sentence summary of the proposal.*

Marr Pond is an important recreational site for anglers and wildlife viewers in Enterprise, Oregon with over 5,000 recreational visits annually. We are requesting funds to make needed upgrades to the access road as well as funding to install lighting to decrease incidences of minor vandalism.

### Overall Project Goals

*Describe the primary goals or outcomes of the entire project, including elements not requesting funding from R&E.*

Our goals are to rebuild 1,775 feet of Marr Pond Lane where ODFW has an access easement and install lighting in the parking area. The road has become degraded with numerous potholes and needs new base rock and gravel surface material. The lighting will help reduce instances of vandalism.

### Primary objectives of R&E funding

*Please describe the measurable objectives for the R&E portion of the funding request.*

Our objective is to increase angler and recreational user satisfaction at Marr Pond by June 30, 2027, through improvements to road access conditions and decreased occurrences of vandalism resulting from contracted road maintenance and installation of area lighting.

We intend to improve the road to ensure continued access to this popular fishing and outdoor recreation site for all people including those with mobility restrictions and low-clearance vehicles by rebuilding the road base and adding surface material.

We plan to reduce vandalism and after-hours loitering by installing proper area lighting and a security camera.

### Current Situation/Justification

*Please describe the current situation and explain why this funding is needed.*

Currently, the access road to Marr Pond is composed of dirt and some gravel. There are numerous potholes, and the road has been widened by vehicles driving around the potholes. The road gets very muddy during wet weather. There is a lack of suitable material to support the traffic associated with the road. Improving road conditions will help anglers, wildlife viewers, and other recreationalists access this important, local fishing pond. Marr Pond is one of the best ADA fishing locations in the region and improved conditions will ensure people with mobility restrictions can continue to use the road in their vehicles to access the site. Furthermore, improved road conditions will help generate support and tolerance from adjacent residents for the elevated traffic along the road.

Additionally, with the recent improvements at Marr Pond over the past decade, more people are frequenting the site including during overnight closed periods. This has included people tearing up the parking lot driving at high speeds, littering, and other minor vandalism that decreases the use and enjoyment of the site by subsequent visitors. We plan to install area lighting to reduce the number of after-hours visitors and prevent future vandalism.

### Recreation and Commercial Benefit

*This project will provide benefits to:*

Recreational fisheries

*Explain how this project will contribute to current (and/or potential) fishing opportunities, access, or*

*fisheries management.*

Marr Pond has benefited anglers since it was purchased in 1983. It provides year-round angler access for anglers of varying skill and mobility levels. This site is stocked with legal, trophy, and show-pond rainbow trout. It also is stocked with surplus steelhead in the spring. Marr Pond is where multiple angler education events for local youth occur teaching skills that can be used to fish independently at Marr Pond and elsewhere. These events are put on collaboratively between local ODFW programs, non-profit organizations, the ODFW angler education program, and the east region STEP program.

During the summer of 2025, Marr Pond had almost 2,800 angler visits with an additional 2,700 visitors participating in wildlife viewing and general outdoor recreation. We estimate that 5,000 – 10,000 recreational visits occur annually. Marr Pond provides a significant angling and recreational fishing access site. However, lack of appropriate road maintenance as well as after-hours use and vandalism have the potential to reduce accessibility to the site and dissuade users from fishing at the site. This investment in the road and in lighting will help ensure anglers and outdoor recreators can readily access this site and feel safe and welcome when doing so.

*Percent benefit split between Commercial and Recreational anglers:*

0 % Commercial  
100 % Recreational

*Please explain, or justify, how the percentage split was determined:*

Recreational angling is the only legal fishing allowed at Marr Pond. No commercial fishing is allowed at Marr Pond so all benefits from this project will help recreational angling.

*This project has been identified as an ODFW priority for:*

Local/watershed

*Does this project directly support implementation of the ODFW Strategic Plan and/or current Fish Division priorities?*

Yes

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife strategic plan identifies increasing and diversifying public use and enjoyment of Oregon's Fish and Wildlife resources in goal two. This is achieved by ensuring adequate access to Marr Pond and protection of site facilities for use by visitors.

*Please briefly explain when this was identified as a priority and what process or workgroup was used to identified this as an ODFW priority.*

Public use of Marr Pond has been identified as a priority by local and regional ODFW managers during earlier construction and improvement projects as well as during recent ODFW planning conducted by local district fish biologists.

*Identify any plan or other document that identifies this priority.*

*Is this project part of an approved Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) activity?*

No

*This project is intended to benefit the following species:*

Rainbow Trout

*This project will benefit anglers or fishery by providing:*

Angler Access  
Angling Opportunity

Angler Access

*This project will:*

- Maintain/restore current angler access
- Improve access to existing angling opportunities
- Reduce barriers to fishing participation (i.e. ADA access, more parking, family friendly)

*Choose the following that best describes the angling access provided by the project:*

Road

*Do similar access sites, facilities, or fisheries exist within 10 miles of the project site?*

No

### Angling Opportunity

*This project will:*

- Improve the opportunity for anglers to catch fish (better stocked fish, trapping)

## **Project Description**

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### Schedule

Activity	Date	RE Funding
General planning and feasibility consideration.	March 2026	No
Funding acquisition/R&E Grant Application	June 2026	No
Pacific Power notification of account set up	September 2026	No
Installation of lighting and security camera	October 2026	Yes
Road grading and construction	November 2026 - January 2027	Yes

### Permits

Permit	Secured?	Date Expected
No permitting is required to complete this project as this is maintenance or upgrades to existing infrastructure.	No	

### Project Design and Description

*Please describe in detail the methods or approach that will be used to achieve the project objectives.*

These improvements will be completed using the assistance of local businesses with expertise in residential/commercial electrical applications and expertise in road maintenance and construction. Once funding is granted, we will secure help from appropriate contractors or businesses following standard procurement processes. We will work directly with ODFW procurement and contracting staff for higher cost aspects of the project like road construction.

We aim to have the lighting installed in 1-2 days in late fall 2026. The lighting and security camera project will be completed by a local electrician. They will pre-order wiring, lights, and the camera. We will contact Pacific Power to ensure the billing for the existing meter is properly routed to the ODFW Wallowa Fish District. The meter will be secured to prevent unauthorized use of the electrical receptacles. New wiring meeting current safety standards and relevant building codes will be run from the meter to the location of the area lights. Lights and the security camera will be securely mounted to the existing pole barn structure in the parking area. They will be scheduled to come on during night hours to discourage after hours loitering.

Road construction will be completed in about one week and will be coordinated with the few local residents and Wallowa Hatchery staff that regularly use the section of Marr Pond Lane that

we are responsible for maintaining. Road maintenance will first involve bringing in larger diameter base rock to provide suitable weight bearing structure to the roadbed. The roadbed will be constructed in a manner that will promote longevity and drainage to help prevent formation of potholes and other obstacles that result in road widening as motorists drive around hazards. Once the base rock has been laid, a smaller size surface gravel will be laid atop the base rock. This surface gravel will be graded to ensure good travel conditions and promote proper drainage.

Engineering

*Does the project involve capital improvement, engineering, site grading or other construction?*

No

Project Management and Maintenance

*What is the life expectancy of R&E funded construction, structures, equipment, supplies, data or fishery?*

We anticipate the lighting and security camera will function 10 – 20 years with minor maintenance over that period. The road will need grading 1-2 times per year and resurfaced every 5-10 years with surface gravel. We anticipate the base road structure will last 10-40 years.

*Who is responsible for long term management, maintenance, and oversight of the project beyond what is funded by R&E.*

Local ODFW staff will be responsible for long-term management, maintenance, and oversight of this project. We are required under our easement to maintain the roadway, and we do regular site maintenance at the Marr Pond site. Maintenance duties and associated funding costs are covered by the Wallowa Fish District, NE Oregon Wildlife Area Staff, Wallowa Fish Hatchery Staff, and staff from the Enterprise Screens Shop. Additionally, local Wallowa County road department staff frequently volunteer time and equipment to grade the road. This partnership is likely to continue.

*Will the project require ongoing maintenance?*

Yes

This project will require minor maintenance and repair of lighting and the camera as needed. The road will periodically need graded and may periodically need new surface gravel.

*Is there a plan to collect baseline data and to conduct monitoring efforts to measure the effectiveness of the project?*

No

**Project Funding**

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Funding

*Have you applied for OWEB funding for this project?*

No

*Has this proposal, or similar proposal for this project location, previously been denied by OWEB or other funding source?*

No

Other Funding Source	Type	Secured	Dollar Value	Comments
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No other funding sources are needed for this project		Pending	0	
		Total	0	

**Budget**

Item	Unit Number	Unit Cost	In-kind or non-cash contributions	Funding from other sources	R&E Funds	Total Costs
<b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b>						
M. Lance project management	40	70	2,781			2,781
		SUBTOTAL	2,781			2,781
<b>IN-HOUSE PERSONNEL</b>						
ODFW Engineering Review (estimated)	1	1,000			1,000	1,000
		SUBTOTAL			1,000	1,000
<b>CONTRACTED SERVICES</b>						
Wiring for pole barn, lighting installation, and camera	1	3,000			3,000	3,000
Road base rock and surface rock pond to first house	1	11,850			11,850	11,850
Road base rock first house to pavement	1	9,520			9,520	9,520
Road surface rock house to pavement	1	11,720			11,720	11,720
		SUBTOTAL			36,090	36,090
<b>TRAVEL</b>						
		SUBTOTAL				
<b>SUPPLIES/MATERIALS</b>						
		SUBTOTAL				
<b>EDUCATION/OUTREACH</b>						
		SUBTOTAL				
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>						
		SUBTOTAL				
<b>FISCAL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
		SUBTOTAL				
		BUDGET TOTAL	2,781	0	37,090	39,871



## ***Additional Files***

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### Budget Information

[Lighting and camera estimate](#)

*Estimate for work completion*

[Road improvement estimate](#)

*Estimate for work completion*

### Maps

### Photos

### Design Information

[Engineering Work Order](#)

*Engineering Work Order form for project*

### Management Plans and Supporting Documents

### Permits and Reviews

### Partnerships

### Public Comment

### Administrative Documents

***Completion Report***

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A completion report has not been submitted for this project.