R & E Grant Application 25-27 Biennium

Project #: 25-005

25/27 Fishing Facilities Access Bundle

Project Information

Requested Cycle:	25-1
R&E Project Request:	$367,135
Other Funding:	$535,400
Total Project:	$902,535
Spending Start Date:	7/1/2025
Spending End Date:	6/30/2027
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Project End Date:	6/30/2027
Organization:	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Past Recommended or Completed Projects

This applicant has no previous projects that match criteria.

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Location Information

Where is it?

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

Site Description

Street Address, nearest intersection, or other descriptive location.

Hwy 203 Pond. N 44.85908 W 117.81348. Hwy 203 Pond is located at the intersection of Interstate 84 and Highway 203, about 6 miles North of Baker City, in Baker County.

Bakers Pond. N 45.34306 W 121.32312. Bakers Pond is located off of Friend Rd, near the intersection of Forest Rd. 27, about 13 miles South West of Dufur, in Wasco County.

Directions to the site from the nearest highway junction.

Hwy 203 Pond: From Interstate 84, use exit 298, turn East on OR Hwy 203, turn right on West Airport Rd., turn left into the parking lot at Hwy 203 Pond.

Bakers Pond: From US 197, just South of Dufur, turn right onto Dufur Gap Rd. travel about 2 miles. Turn right onto Friend Rd., travel about 10 miles. Turn left onto an unnamed road on the White River Wildlife Area, travel 1/8 mile to Bakers 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.

ODFW owns the property at both Hwy 203 Pond and Bakers Pond. No easements, leases, or agreements are needed, both sites are located on public property.

Dominant Land Use Type:

Forest
Range/pasture
Rural residential

Project Location

General Project Location.

County:	Baker
Town/City:	Baker City
ODFW Dist:	Northeast
Stream/Lake/Estuary Name:	Hwy 203 Pond
Tributary of:	N/A

Specific Project Location.

Latitude	Longitude
44.84680	117.80090

45.34341	121.32417

Project Summary

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Please provide a couple sentence summary of the proposal.

HWY 203 Pond: Install a parking lot with ADA parking, ADA accessible cantilevered fishing platforms, ADA bathrooms, lakeside access trails, Kayak launch paved ADA walkways, boulder clusters, bi-lingual informational kiosks, and picnic tables.

Bakers Pond: Install ADA parking, ADA accessible fishing platform, lakeside access path improvements, picnic tables, and kiosks.

Overall Project Goals

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

The goal of the HWY 203 project is to provide new ADA fishing platforms, a kayak launch, improved parking, ADA bathrooms, picnic & family areas, and bi-lingual kiosks, and access paths. The site will also have a new archery range paid for by other funds from ODFW's I&E department.

The goal of the Baker's pond project is to enhance the site to accommodate ADA and mobility impaired anglers, adding an improved parking area which includes an ADA parking pad, install an ADA accessible fishing platform, lakeside boulder clusters, gravel pathways, picnic tables, benches, and bi-lingual kiosks.

Primary objectives of R&E funding

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

The objectives of this bundle project are to enhance ADA and family fishing access at two sites located in areas of the state that do not have a high number of ADA accessible fishing locations.

Current Situation/Justification

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

HWY 203 Pond. Currently there is limited access at this site, the road to the site is an unimproved two track dirt road that is full of potholes and at times can be difficult to traverse for cars with low clearance. The parking at the site is also un-improved, with no ADA parking areas. Lakeside access is not ADA compliant, the banks are steep, and there are no paved trails or fishing docks. There are no bathrooms at the location, and there has been a history of problems with human waste at this location.

Bakers Pond: This is a spring fed pond located on the White River Wildlife Area in Wasco County, and it is a popular fishing location for local residents and for individuals and families visiting the Wildlife Area. The pond is located in a rural area, but it sees a high rate of use. The access road to the pond is very rough, and like the HWY 203 project, there are no ADA amenities at the pond. The banks of the lake are steep and often very slippery which makes it difficult to fish from the bank, especially for mobility impaired anglers.

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.

Both of these projects will provide needed improvements to rural fisheries that are heavily used by local residents and by people visiting from out of town. Use at each location is high, but it is expected that the rate of use is higher at Hwy 203 Pond simply due to its proximity to I-84 and the larger population of Baker City. ODFW stocks both Hwy 203 Pond and Bakers Pond with legal and trophy size trout, along with some larger brood size trout at least once per season, and catch rates are high at each location. Reports indicate that angler satisfaction is adequate at each location, but there is a need for access improvements for ADA and mobility impaired anglers, along with a strong desire for restrooms at Hwy 203 pond.

Percent benefit split between Commercial and Recreational anglers:

0 % Commercial
100 % Recreational

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

There are no commercial benefits to either of these projects, both locations are for sport anglers only.

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
Goal #2 of the ODFW Strategic Plan is to increase and diversify public use and enjoyment of Oregon's fish and wildlife resources, and by improving access for all people at these two locations we are helping to achieve that goal.

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

Both of these projects were identified as priority projects by District Fish Biologists in a statewide project solicitation effort that happened in the fall of 2024.

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:

Largemouth Bass
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

Provide new 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:

Restroom facility
Dock
Bank
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

Schedule

Activity	Date	RE Funding
Complete both projects by 6/30/2027	6/30/2027	Yes

Permits

Permit	Secured?	Date Expected
Archaeological surveys for each site.	No	12/30/2025
Baker County building permit for Hwy. 203 Pond	No	12/30/2025
Wasco County Building Permit for Bakers Pond	No	12/30/2025
N.W.P. 18 Army Corp permits for Bakers Pond and HWY 203	No	12/30/2025

Project Design and Description

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

Plans and designs for each project will be completed by the R&E Construction Project Manager, and permits will be acquired prior to work starting on the projects. Heavy equipment will be used to prepare the footings, the parking lot areas, and the pathways. Concrete will be brought in and will be poured using best management practices. In-water work will be timed as best as we can to coincide with low water and low angler use periods.

Engineering

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

Yes
On ODFW land or managed by ODFW staff

Project Management and Maintenance

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

It is estimated that the components of each project will have a 50 year lifespan.

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

Both projects will be maintained by ODFW.

Will the project require ongoing maintenance?

Yes

Periodic maintenance will be required to keep the restrooms in working order.

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

No

Project Funding

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
White River Wildlife Area Staff for Baker's Pond.	In-Kind	Pending	8,000	2000 feet of access road improvement and parking area construction.
Travel Oregon Grant for Hwy 203 pond.	Cash	Pending	100,000	Travel Oregon grant for installation of a two stall vault toilet
Marine Board Grant for Hwy 203 pond.	Cash	Pending	180,000	Oregon Marine Board grant for a gangway, fishing platform, and kayak launch.
Bryce Hansen, R&E Construction Project Manager project oversight and design.	Other	Pending	247,400	Project oversight, design, and implementation support from R&E Construction Project Manager.
		Total	535,400	

Budget

Item	Unit Number	Unit Cost	In-kind or non-cash contributions	Funding from other sources	R&E Funds	Total Costs
PROJECT MANAGEMENT						
Bryce Hansen, R&E Construction Project Manager	2,800	78		218,400		218,400
		SUBTOTAL		218,400		218,400
IN-HOUSE PERSONNEL						
Wildlife area staff, access road improvements	160	50		8,000		8,000
		SUBTOTAL		8,000		8,000
CONTRACTED SERVICES						
Baker's Pond. Parking, Kiosk, Pathway, Fishing Platform	1	85,200			85,200	85,200
DOJ Review for Baker's Pond contract	1	500			500	500
Hwy 203 Pond. Parking, Kiosks, Pathway, Cantilever Docks.	1	233,750			233,750	233,750
DOJ Review for Hwy 203 Contract	1	1,600			1,600	1,600
		SUBTOTAL			321,050	321,050
TRAVEL						
Construction Project Manager, Overnight stay, travel, fuel.	1	29,000		29,000		29,000
		SUBTOTAL		29,000		29,000
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS						
Gravel and boulders for Bakers Pond trail system.	1	7,935			7,935	7,935
Benches, Picnic Tables, Trash cans & supplies for Hwy 203	1	38,150			38,150	38,150
Double stall vault toilet, Hwy 203 (Travel Oregon Grant)	1	100,000		100,000		100,000
Fishing Dock, and ADA Kayak Launch. Hwy 203 (OSMB)	1	180,000		180,000		180,000
		SUBTOTAL		280,000	46,085	326,085
EDUCATION/OUTREACH						
		SUBTOTAL				
EQUIPMENT						
		SUBTOTAL				
FISCAL ADMINISTRATION						
		SUBTOTAL				
		BUDGET TOTAL	0	535,400	367,135	902,535

Internal Review Results

Review Score: 4.3 out of 5

(1 = Do Not Fund, 2 = Strengthen Proposal, 3 = Recommend with Conditions, 4 = Recommend, 5 = Strongly Recommend)

Summary of Review Team Comments

The IRT recognized these locations as high use areas and as priorities for developing better access.

Specific Review Team Questions

Application states that access to the Hwy 203 Pond is difficult due to the road being in poor shape, but there does not appear to be a plan to address the road. The drawing and text address work around the pond. Will the road be improved also?

Yes, the access roads to both of the projects listed in the bundle will be improved so that all vehicles can access the site easily.

I don't see mention in the R&E application about the archery area. How is the fishing project tied to the archery area?

There is a proposal to construct an Archery Range at the Highway 203 pond property, and if it moves forward, it will be built on the same ODFW owned property where the fishing pond is located. That is how the two projects are related, no R&E money will be used to pay for any part of the archery range, and none of the money that is paying for the archery range will be used on the fishing improvements. The reason we attached the letter of support from the I&E Department about the archery range in the application is we wanted the Board to know about the potential that the property will be further developed for outdoor recreation, beyond just the fishing access improvements. If the archery range is built, people visiting the property may overlap their use between the fishing pond and the archery range and we will likely see individuals using the same common areas, such as the parking lot or the bathrooms, but that is the only tie between the two projects. Building the two projects together on one publicly owned piece of property provides benefits to multiple user groups, and makes sense from the property management perspective from ODFW.

It's unclear where funding would come from to maintain the restrooms and general maintenance of the sites?

Maintenance of the restrooms and the overall property will be handled by the ODFW District office. R&E funds will not be used for ongoing maintenance.

Please explain how the components of the grant application are an ODFW priority.

Improving fishing access at publicly owned properties is a goal of the ODFW strategic plan to increase and diversify public use and enjoyment of Oregon's fish and wildlife resources. Each component of this project aligns with those specific goals of increasing enjoyment of these resources by diverse populations. This project was also selected from a group of projects submitted through an internal, statewide solicitation process that involved each district.

Additional Files

Budget Information

Maps

Bakers Pond Location	*Location Map for Bakers Pond*
Hwy 203 Pond Location	*Location Map for Hwy 203 Pond*

Photos

Bakers Pond Pictures	*Angler use at Bakers Pond*
Hwy 203 picture	*Site photo*
Hwy 203 picture	*Site photo*

Design Information

Conceptual site layout for Bakers Pond	*Bakers Pond conceptual site plan*
Hwy 203 site plan concept	*Site Concept*
Hwy 203 site plan concept, 3 pages	*Site Concept*

Management Plans and Supporting Documents

Project Partnership Letter	*Partnership Letter*

Permits and Reviews

Partnerships

Public Comment

Administrative Documents

Signature Page	*Signature Page*

Completion Report

A completion report has not been submitted for this project.