R & E Grant Application 25-27 Biennium

Project #: 25-013

Metolius Pond Pavilion and Improvements

Project Information

Requested Cycle:	25-2
R&E Project Request:	$22,000
Other Funding:	$17,800
Total Project:	$39,800
Spending Start Date:	3/1/2026
Spending End Date:	6/1/2027
Project Start Date:	1/1/2026
Project End Date:	6/30/2027
Organization:	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Applicant Information

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Past Recommended or Completed Projects

Number	Name	Status
17-016	Youth Angling and Acclimation Pond Phase 2	Approved
25-028	Metolius Pond - Aeration System	Recommended

Authorized Agent

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Location Information

Where is it?

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

Site Description

Street Address, nearest intersection, or other descriptive location.

Old Hatchery Lane, Camp Sherman, Oregon

Directions to the site from the nearest highway junction.

- From Sisters drive approx. 9 miles NW on US-20/OR 126 and Turn Right (look for the Camp Sherman / Metolius River Recreation Area sign)
- Veer Left at fork and head to Camp Sherman (2.5 mi) on USFS 1420
- Turn Right onto Old Fish Hatchery Lane, go to end road
- Look for ODFW Metolius Pond Sign, stay left and park in gravel parking lot (next to RV/host site). Walk short distance to 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 15 acre property is owned by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. It has been open to the public for fishing since 2016.

Dominant Land Use Type:

Forest
Wetland
Rural residential

Project Location

General Project Location.

County:	Jefferson
Town/City:	Camp Sherman
ODFW Dist:	Upper Deschutes
Stream/Lake/Estuary Name:	Metolius Pond
Sub-basin:	Metolius River
Tributary of:	Upper Deschutes River

Specific Project Location.

Latitude	Longitude
121.3872	44.2740

Project Summary

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Please provide a couple sentence summary of the proposal.

Construction of a pavilion or covered picnic area adjacent to pond. Shade and cover is lacking in proximity to the pond. A pavilion would be used by visitors and for youth field trips. Also replace portion (700') of wood rail, perimeter fence.

Overall Project Goals

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

Primary goal is to improve the ODFW property for visitor use by constructing a pavilion. A pavilion would provide shade and cover from rain for users.

Primary objectives of R&E funding

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

Contract subsurface archeology survey at the proposed project area (pavilion site).

Contract to construct a pavilion (25 W' X 24 L' X 10' H)

Purchase picnic tables for the pavilion.

Contract to replace wood rail fence (700')

Current Situation/Justification

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

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, with the support of R&E funding, developed a former fish hatchery to include a fishing pond, parking area, rv host site, rest room and wood rail perimeter fence . In 2016 the property was open to the public. The fishing season is May 1 to Nov. 1. The pond has been a great success, and is used by many families and school groups. Currently, there is limited shade next to the pond, and a covered pavilion would be a great asset to visitors. A 625 sq ft, covered pavilion would hold approximately 6 tables and approximately 40 kids. The Kokanee Karnival Youth Education Program uses the site for stream ecology and angling field trips for 350 kids each year. The pavilion could be used for meals, class discussion and fishing related activities i.e. fly-tying, knot-tying classes. Other groups that offer field trips or classes at Metolius pond are Mayfly group, Redmond Parks and Recreation, Scouts, GO-fish group, Central Oregon fly-fishers and Black Butte School. In addition to the pavilion, replace a old, rotted 700' portion of the perimeter fence that borders ODFW and Cold Springs Resort.

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.

The pavilion is a needed addition to the ODFW Metolius Pond property. In the 9 years since the pond had been open to the public and fishing, use has increased significantly. On summer weekends, the parking lot often fills up. More groups are asking to use the pond for fishing events. The pond is very popular on free fish weekend. A pavilion would provide a place for

gathering to retreat from the sun and rain.

Percent benefit split between Commercial and Recreational anglers:

0 % Commercial
100 % Recreational

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

100% recreational because it benefits young and disable anglers who fish at Metolius Pond.

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?

Unknown
The pond and pavilion benefits young and disabled anglers, and provides an easy angling opportunity in a beautiful setting.

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

Several individuals from Central Oregon Flyfishers (STEP volunteers) met to discuss the need for a pavilion at Metolius Pond. The working group met in the fall of 2024. The Central Oregon Flyfisher board discussed the need for the pavilion and voted to provide cash match for the project.

Identify any plan or other document that identifies this priority.

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

Yes
The construction of the pond, was approved by the Salmon-Trout Enhancement Advisory committee in 2014. Currently, the STEP biologist, Jen Luke, oversees the pond and works with local fishing clubs that use the pond and property for fishing clinics. Central Oregon Flyfishers strongly supports the construction of a pavilion and is providing a 15,000 dollar match.

This project is intended to benefit the following species:

Rainbow Trout

This project will benefit anglers or fishery by providing:

Angler Access
Education/Outreach

Angler Access

This project will:

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:

A pavilion.

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

No

Education/Outreach

This project will:

The main focus of this project is to:

Support established education program
Pavilion by fishing pond for gathering.

Is this education/outreach associated with ODFW efforts?

Yes
STEP
Angler education
ODFW facility

This education/outreach effort will target:

Youth (< 18 years old)
Adults (18 years old or more)
Families (Youth and Adult family members/mentors)
New anglers
Current anglers
School groups

Number of people targeted by this proposal:

0

Estimate the average amount of time that each attendee will participate in the proposed effort.

Explain the duration/frequency of the proposed outreach effort.

Will the developed materials be available for use by other organizations or the public(i.e curriculum, teaching techniques, educational strategies, materials)?

No

Project Description

Schedule

Activity	Date	RE Funding
Archeological survey	April 2026	No
Permits by construction contractor	May 2026	Yes
Construction of Pavilion	June 2026	Yes
Contract wood rail fence build.	July 2026	Yes

Permits

Permit	Secured?	Date Expected
Subsurface archaeological test	No	May 2026

Project Design and Description

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

An archeological sub-surface survey will be completed prior to construction of pavilion. Pavilion will be built by a local contractor. Contractor has already visited the site and estimated cost of building a 24' * 25' pavilion. A portion of the perimeter, wood rain fence will be replaced due to aging and dry rot. Contractor would build 700 feet of fence. Cost would include removal of old fence, haul away, fence supplies and labor.

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?

Twenty five years for pavilion.

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

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is responsible for the management, maintenance, and oversight of this ODFW property and infrastructure.

Will the project require ongoing maintenance?

No

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
Central Oregon Flyfishers	Cash	Pending	15,000	
Jen Luke	In-Kind	Pending	2,800	
		Total	17,800	

Budget

Item	Unit Number	Unit Cost	In-kind or non-cash contributions	Funding from other sources	R&E Funds	Total Costs
PROJECT MANAGEMENT						
Jennifer Luke	80	35	2,800			2,800
		SUBTOTAL	2,800			2,800
IN-HOUSE PERSONNEL						
		SUBTOTAL				
CONTRACTED SERVICES						
Contractor/Builder of Pavilion					20,000	20,000
Archeological Surveyor				5,000		5,000
		SUBTOTAL		5,000	20,000	25,000
TRAVEL						
		SUBTOTAL				
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS						
Picnic tables				5,000		5,000
Gravel				5,000	2,000	7,000
		SUBTOTAL		10,000	2,000	12,000
EDUCATION/OUTREACH						
		SUBTOTAL				
EQUIPMENT						
		SUBTOTAL				
FISCAL ADMINISTRATION						
		SUBTOTAL				
		BUDGET TOTAL	2,800	15,000	22,000	39,800

Internal Review Results

Review Score: 2.3 out of 5

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

Specific Review Team Comments

ODFW Engineering was not aware of this project. The current workload of the ODFW Engineering team is very high, and they may not have time to review this project this biennium.

Specific Review Team Questions

The cost of a cultural survey for this project was included in the budget, but seems low. This can be a significant cost, is the $5000 listed in the budget enough to cover the cost for a cultural survey?

Yes, $5000 was a quote from ASM affiliates.

The proposed fence does not contribute to angler benefit. Please explain why this is a needed component of the project.

While the proposed fence may not directly enhance angler access or fishing experience, it serves a critical function in maintaining the integrity and sustainability of the fishing pond property. This particular portion of the wood rail fence was originally installed in 2010 during initial development of the site, was a foundational element in establishing clear boundaries between Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) land and the Cold Springs resort. This delineation is essential for several reasons:

- Preventing Trespass and Conflict: The fence helps prevent unintentional trespassing by anglers and other users, which could lead to disputes with neighboring landowners and jeopardize public access to the site.
- Clarifying Property Boundaries: Physical barriers, along with posted signage such as “Private Property Beyond This Point,” provide a clear visual cue to users about where ODFW property ends. This is especially important in outdoor recreational areas where boundaries may not be immediately obvious.
- Supporting Responsible Use: By guiding users to remain within designated public areas, the fence promotes responsible recreation and helps ODFW maintain positive relationships with neighboring landowners.
- Preserving Long-Term Access: Maintaining clear boundaries is a proactive measure that protects the site from encroachment and ensures continued public access for anglers in the future.

In short, while the fence may not directly improve fishing conditions, it plays a vital role in preserving the accessibility, safety, and stewardship of the property—benefits that ultimately support the angling community.

In the application it states that Zero people will be targeted by this proposal. Please adjust that to reflect the actual use of the site.

ODFW’s Metolius Pond site serves a substantial number of users throughout the angling season. The pond is open to public fishing from May 1 to November 1, a span of 184 days. According to data collected by the on-site RV host in 2021, during the peak summer months (June through September), when school is not in session, the site averages approximately 20 users per day, totaling around 1,840 anglers over that period. In the shoulder months of May and October, usage remains steady at an average of 15 users per day, contributing an additional 1,380 anglers. This brings the seasonal total to approximately 3,220 individual users.

In addition to daily recreational use, the site hosts educational field trips, which can bring up to 60 children per day for outdoor learning and fishing experiences. These visits underscore the site's value as a community resource and its role in fostering youth engagement with nature and conservation.

Considering the need and the timeline for engineering review, will this project be able to be completed this biennium?

Given that the pavilion is a pre-fabricated structure and approved by a contractor, the timeline for ODFW engineering review should be relatively streamlined.

Often times when building a fence on a shared property line, the cost of the fence is shared between the two landowners. Was the other landowner contacted about sharing the cost of the new fence?

While it's common practice for neighboring landowners to share the cost of a fence built along a shared property line, this situation presents a unique circumstance. The adjacent landowner in this section is Cold Springs Resort, and this portion of the property—approximately 700 feet—is occupied by long-term cabin renters who prefer not to have a fence, as it visually and functionally expands their usable space. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has requested the installation of a fence to clearly delineate its property boundaries and prevent any unintentional encroachment.

Additional Files

Budget Information

Maps

Photos

Example Pavilion Design	*example pavilion design*
Metolius Pond	*example pavilion design*
Metolius Pond Big Fish	*example pavilion design*
Proposed pavilion site at Metolius Pond Property	

Design Information

Management Plans and Supporting Documents

Project Cancellation Request	*Email from applicant*

Permits and Reviews

Partnerships

Signature Authorization Page

Public Comment

Administrative Documents

Completion Report

A completion report has not been submitted for this project.