# R & E Grant Application 25-27 Biennium

**Project #: 25-027**

## *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 |
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| **Project End Date:** | 6/30/2027 |
| **Organization:** | Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife |

### *Applicant Information*


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### *Past Recommended or Completed Projects*

This applicant has no previous projects that match criteria.

### *Authorized Agent*


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## *Location Information*

*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.*

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| **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*

*Project Summary*

*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*

*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*

*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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PROJECT MANAGEMENT | | | | | | |
| M. Lance project management | 40 | 70 | 2,781 | | | 2,781 |
| | | SUBTOTAL | 2,781 | | | 2,781 |
| IN-HOUSE PERSONNEL | | | | | | |
| ODFW Engineering Review (estimated) | 1 | 1,000 | | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | | SUBTOTAL | | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| CONTRACTED SERVICES | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| TRAVEL | | | | | | |
| | | SUBTOTAL | | | | |
| SUPPLIES/MATERIALS | | | | | | |
| | | SUBTOTAL | | | | |
| EDUCATION/OUTREACH | | | | | | |
| | | SUBTOTAL | | | | |
| EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| | | SUBTOTAL | | | | |
| FISCAL ADMINISTRATION | | | | | | |
| | | SUBTOTAL | | | | |
| | | BUDGET TOTAL | 2,781 | 0 | 37,090 | 39,871 |

## *Internal Review Results*

**Review Score:** 4.1 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 combined score on this project is a 4.1 and the IRT is supportive of this project. If the R&E Board recommends this project for funding, the applicant will be responsible for any archeological surveys that would be required along with any ODFW engineering review that is needed prior to work being started.

*Specific Review Team Comments*

I think this is a great project improving access and aesthetics at a popular fishing pond.

Somewhat costly for a road and there is currently access so this is just making the access easier and reducing the required maintenance.

This road improvement and security enhancement project addresses a very common need at several ODFW ponds.

*Specific Review Team Questions*

*Sounds like nearly 50% of the use of this site is non-angling. Is there any opportunity for other contributions?*

That is correct. This site is very popular for anglers, wildlife viewers, and outdoor enthusiasts. At this time, there are no other available opportunities to fund this project. In the future, wildlife specific funding such as Pitman and Robertson "One Timer" grants could be considered given the number of wildlife viewers and general outdoor recreators. However, wildlife funds have generally not been made available for sites with fishing ponds with primary financial support for these sites coming from sources more directly aimed at improving angler opportunities. This work also potentially could be considered for Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund grants. However, those grants are not currently open for applications. We are unaware of any internal allocated funding or funding from organizations outside of ODFW that could help with this project.

*Will lights deter loitering or encourage more after hours visitation?*

*Would automatic gates help alleviate after hours vandalism?*

We believe that lights will help reduce afterhours visitation and vandalism. While we cannot be sure, we know the current area without lighting is attracting afterhours visits and unwanted vandalism. A gate could help, but without fencing around the perimeter, foot traffic would not be deterred. Furthermore, a gate would likely be far more expensive than lighting and result in some individuals inadvertently getting locked inside the facility if they stayed too long. We believe that lighting with the addition of cameras will allow us to deter most afterhours traffic and enforce rules for those that vandalize the site thereby hopefully curbing future incidents of vandalism.

## *Additional Files*

Budget Information

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| Lighting and camera estimate | *Estimate for work completion* |
| Road improvement estimate | *Estimate for work completion* |

Maps

Photos

Design Information

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| Engineering Work Order | *Engineering Work Order form for project* |

Management Plans and Supporting Documents

Permits and Reviews

Partnerships

Public Comment

Administrative Documents

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| Signature Page | *Signed ODFW R&E Application Signature Page* |

### *Completion Report*

A completion report has not been submitted for this project.