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past few months working with landowners in seven areas it has designated strategic implementation areas for water-quality projects.

landowners and begun working with the landowners and the local soil and water conservation districts on issues of water-quality concern, according to John Byers, a program manager for the department.

"We have determined through these processes that the level of compliance was very high to begin with," Byers said, "and for those who weren't in compliance, we were able to work through that process without enforcement."

over time, the department can document significant improvements in landscape conditions in regard to preserving water quality.

Efforts to improve conditions and document the improvements were so successful in the department's first two strategic implementation areas — in Wasco County and Clackamas County — the department decided to ex-

The seven areas under the microscope this year include an extension of the first two strategic implementation areas encompassing projects in Wasco and Clackamas counties; an area that extends into portions of Yamhill and Polk counties; an area in Deschutes County; an area that includes portions of Columbia and Clatsop counties; an area in Jackson County; and an area in Yamhill County.

Evaluations of the areas, which range from 10,000 to 40,000 acres, are documented through reviews of aerial photography and on-the-ground evaluation from public vantage points.

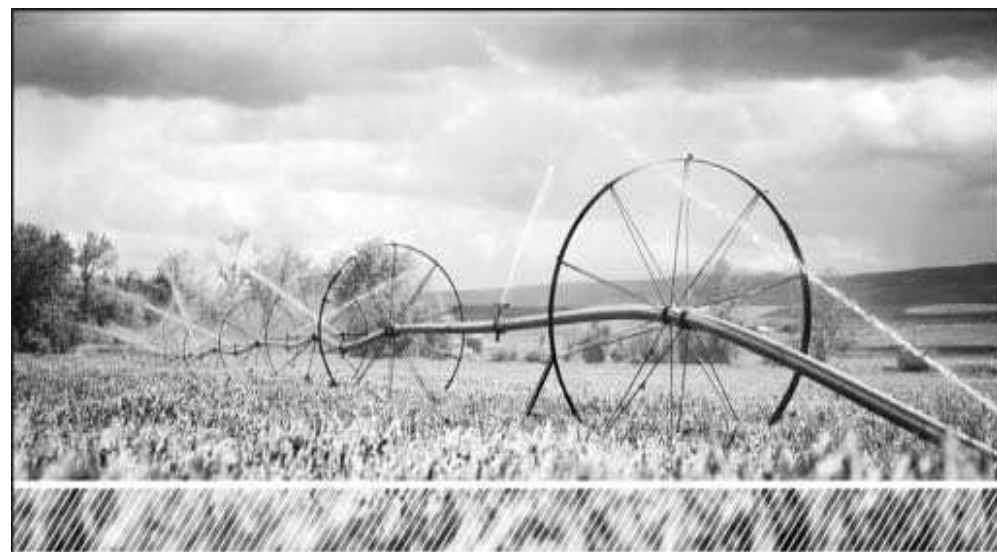
A photograph of a large cable-stayed bridge under construction. The bridge's steel framework is visible, with several tall pylons supporting the deck. In the background, a large, snow-capped mountain rises above a body of water. The foreground shows a grassy field. The image is framed by a dark green border with a semi-circular top.

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