

Grant allows continued public access to Pendleton area property for upland bird hunting

A \$13,664 grant from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Access and Habitat Program will allow continued public hunting access for pheasant and other upland birds on 12,500 acres of private property just southwest of Pendleton.

The A&H Program is

funded by a \$2 surcharge on hunting licenses. Funds raised by the program are distributed through grants to individual and corporate landowners, conservation organizations and others for cooperative wildlife habitat improvement and hunter access projects throughout the state.

The rolling grasslands of the Pendleton area boasts some of the best pheasant populations in Oregon, but because most of the area is privately owned, public hunting access is very difficult to find. To make more upland bird hunting available to the public, ODFW created the Coombs Canyon Regulated Hunt Area in 1999 through a cooperative agreement with rancher Steve Wolfe, who allows open bird hunting access to his 12,500-property in return for an annual per acre payment. The current access agreement covers the period from Oct. 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006.

ODFW staff and Oregon

State Police patrol the area during the hunting seasons. In addition, ODFW and local sport groups work with the landowner on wildlife habitat improvement projects on the property.

The regulated hunt area has populations of ring-necked pheasant in Coombs Canyon and Hungarian partridge in the upland grassland areas. A youth buck mule deer hunt and limited antlerless deer hunt also are available.

The Access and Habitat Program has funded the Coombs Canyon Regulated Hunt Area since it was established.

For more information about the Coombs Canyon Regulated Hunt Area, call the ODFW John Day Watershed District office at 541-276-2344. For information on the A&H Program call program coordinator Nick Myatt, 503-947-6087 or visit the Web site at www.dfw.state.or.us/AH/.

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For the buyer, closing costs may entail loan fees such as appraisal, credit report, document fees and loan discount points, in addition to title and recording fees. Insurance premiums and prepaid interest on the new loan are also common closing costs.

Although who pays for which costs can be negotiated between the parties, most regions of the country have their own customary fees and normal division between the buyer and seller as to who pays what.

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