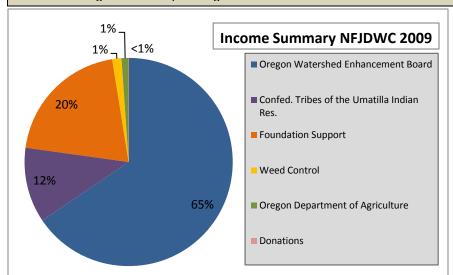
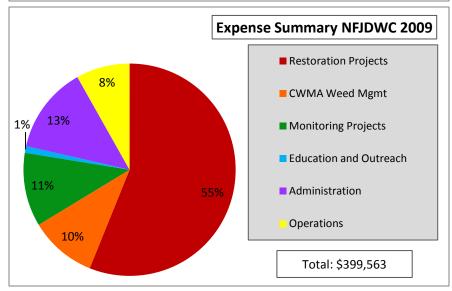
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Organizational Highlights:

In 2009 the Watershed Council greatly expanded its project portfolio with 13 new grant awards for on-the-ground restoration projects. It also expanded its operational capacity with a Mid-Capacity Assistance grant from the National Forest Foundation. This important award allowed the Council to build staff capacity and improve local collaborations addressing natural resource issues on National Forests. The overall purpose of the Mid-Capacity Assistance Program is to help nonprofit organizations leverage initial project successes and experiences as they work to strengthen their operating infrastructure.





Projects funded in 2009:

- 1. OWEB Upper Middle Fork Allotment Improvements
- 2. OWEB Council Support 2009-2011
- 3. OWEB Cole/Engle Fish Passage and Irrigation Improvement Project
- 4. OWEB Middle Fork IMW
- 5. OWEB/Bella Vista Fox Creek Assessment
- 6. OWEB SG McCullough Spring Development
- 7. OWEB SG Lick Creek Fencing
- 8. OWEB SG Lovlett Creek Crossing
- 9. Ecotrust Granite Creek Riparian Revegetation and Weed Treatment
- 10. NFF Mid-Capacity Grant
- 11. ODA Pass Creek/Fox Valley Whitetop
- 12. CTUIR Prater Push-Up Dam Removal
- 13. CTUIR Battle & Granite Culvert Replacements

Stream Assessments







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 - Fiscal Management
 - o IMW Data Steward
 - Web Design & Maint.
 - o Office Cleaning

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Project Highlight: Push-Up Dam Removal North Fork John Day River

Located west of Monument on the North Fork John Day River, this OWEB and CTUIR funded project replaced 2 gravel push-up dams with shallow-water intake screens. Replacing push-up dams with new, fish-friendly diversions and pump intakes not only gives salmon an easier upstream route, it also gives producers a more efficient distribution system with a more stable water supply for pastures and crops. This project was one the Watershed Council had begun developing while still a part of Monument SWCD, when the Council replaced several pushup dams on the lower North Fork within the Rudio and Cottonwood drainages with the help of steady BPA funding.





Project Highlight: Upper Middle Fork Intensively Monitored Watershed

Initiated in the spring of 2008, the Upper Middle Fork Intensively Monitored Watershed is part of a network of IMWs being created throughout the Pacific Northwest. It will track watershed conditions over the next ten years and look at the changes that occur over time, measuring the effects of all the restoration activities currently taking place and their influence on the river as a whole.

The project brings together a wide range of interests made up of local, state and federal agencies, private landowners, tribal entities, ranchers, environmental groups, recreationists, and the North Fork John Day Watershed Council.

The Watershed Council has been working to coordinate the temperature and macroinvertebrate monitoring across the Upper Middle Fork Intensively Monitored Watershed (MF IMW), supporting the MF IMW data steward, the weather stations, and the website design and maintenance.

Temperature and macroinvertebrate monitoring includes the assessment of current coverage, the design and implementation of a monitoring network for the study area, the input of all data into long-term database storage, and data analysis.

















