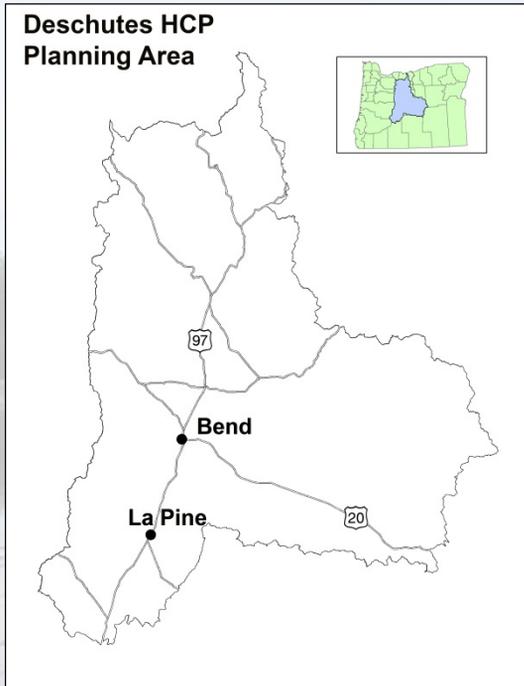




U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Deschutes River Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

***Providing reliable water for farmers and residents in the Deschutes Basin while conserving fish, wildlife, and water resources for future generations.***



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is working with the Deschutes Basin Board of Control, City of Prineville, NOAA Fisheries, the Bureau of Reclamation, and others to develop a 20-40 year HCP that will ensure sufficient, reliable water is available for the people and wildlife of the Deschutes River Basin.

This HCP will become part of an application for one or more Endangered Species Act incidental take permits authorizing the incidental take of listed species caused by activities covered under this plan (e.g., operation, maintenance, and construction of water storage and delivery systems).



*The HCP will cover ~10,700 mi<sup>2</sup> of land in the Deschutes River Basin of central Oregon. This Basin includes six major tributaries above Lake Billy Chinook. (Credit: USFWS).*

## Species Addressed

Three Federally-threatened (T) and two non-listed (NL) species. The Service has jurisdiction over Oregon spotted frog (T) and bull trout (T). NOAA is lead for steelhead (T), sockeye salmon (NL), and spring Chinook salmon (NL).



*Bull trout habitat in the Deschutes River Basin  
(Credit: USFWS)*

### What are HCPs?

HCPs are planning documents required as part of an application for an incidental take permit. They describe the anticipated effects of the proposed taking; how those impacts will be minimized, or mitigated; and how the HCP is to be funded.

HCPs can apply to both listed and non-listed species, including those that are candidates or have been proposed for listing. Conserving species before they are in danger of extinction or are likely to become so can also provide early benefits and prevent the need for listing.

<https://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/hcp-overview.html>



*Bull trout (Credit: J.Sartore/National Geographic)*



*Oregon spotted frog (Credit: T.Waterstrat/USFWS)*



*Upper Deschute River  
(Credit: B.Moran/USFWS)*

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