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Old Mill District to protect Oregon Spotted Frog through Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances

The Old Mill District, a mixed-use development complex of shops, galleries, restaurants, trails, and events located in Bend, Oregon, entered into a candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the Oregon spotted frog (*Rana pretiosa*). Today, the final CCAA was signed by the Service and Bill Smith, Managing Partner of the Old Mill District complex.

A CCAA is a voluntary agreement whereby landowners agree to manage their lands to remove or reduce threats to species at risk in return for assurances against additional regulatory requirements should that species ever be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Oregon spotted frog was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act on August 29, 2014.

Oregon spotted frogs inhabit pond, marsh, and riverine areas within the 170-acre Old Mill District area. The CCAA includes a variety of conservation measures that reduce threats to the frog associated with management of existing and potential Oregon spotted frog habitat, including stormwater features.

“Hosting *Rana pretiosa* is a privilege.” said Smith.

“The Service strongly believes this conservation partnership is an excellent example of how we can work together to provide and maintain habitat for rare species alongside urban development” stated Nancy Gilbert, Bend Field Office Supervisor.

For more information on Oregon spotted frog, visit our webpage at <http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/Species/Data/OregonSpottedFrog>

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