

Grant Application

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1 Have you ever applied for an OWF grant before?

yes

1.1 What was the name of the project?

Raptor Ridge

2 Have you ever been denied for an OWF grant before?

yes

2.1 What was the name of your project that was denied?

Raptor Ridge

3 Project Title

Removing invasive Bull Thistle at Wildlife Safari

4 Name of my Organization

Wildlife Safari

5 If your organization is not a tax-exempt nonprofit, please list the name of your fiscal sponsor

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If this does not apply to you, write N/A

N/A

6 Project Manager Full Name

Tracy Moser

7	Project Manager Mailing Address - Please enter full address with city, state & zip
	PO Box 1600, Winston, OR 97496
8	Project Manager Phone Number
	541-679-6761
9	Project Manager Email Address
	tmoser@wildlifesafari.net
10	Please provide a brief biographical statement about yourself
	Tracy Moser, Development Coordinator, joined Wildlife Safari in 2012 and coordinates the park's fundraising efforts and supervises the Events Coordinator. Previously, she served as the park's event coordinator and has experience in coordinating nationally associated events such as Party for the Planet in partnership with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and DreamNight at the Zoo, an event in which over 177 zoos in 35 countries participate. Tracy also leads the park's annual fundraiser in partnership with the Ladies Auxiliary of Wildlife Safari. Events run by her department welcome over 9,000 people to Douglas County every year.
11	Provide any social media handles you use - Enter social handles or URLs such as instagram, facebook, twitter, youtube, etc. so that we can use to cross promote on our channels - if you do not have any, please place N/A
	www.facebook.com/Wildlife.Safari.Oregon www.instagram.com/wildlife.safari/
12	Please indicate if you are currently following Oregon Wildlife Foundation on our social media channels - Instagram - Facebook
13	Total estimated project cost
	10000
14	Funding that you are requesting from OWF - If you're request if for more than \$5,000, please contact Tim Greseth - tim@myowf.org before submitting your application.
	5000
15	What type of project are your proposing?
	Wildlife
16	Will your project address an Oregon Conservation Strategy habitat or species?
	yes

16.1	What habitat or species is addressed?
	Wetlands
17	Start date of project- Day/Month/Year
	01-06-2021
18	End date of project
	31-05-2022
19	Location of project
	1790 Safari Road, Winston, OR, USA
20	Has a local, state or federal biologist reviewed this project?
	yes
20.1	What is their name and contact info?
	Bill Cannaday, Wildlife Habitat Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Umpqua Watershed District Office, 4192 North Umpqua Highway, Roseburg, OR 97470, William.l.cannaday@state.or.us, (541)440-3353
21	Have you already or will you obtain necessary permits from all requisite agencies as applicable to proposed project?
	yes
22	What will the requested funds be used for?
	because of the growing invasive Bull Thistle at the park (along with noxious Tansy, Teasle and nuisance Foxtails) we project spending \$10,000 this year to mitigate these plants. Of this amount, about \$2,000 will purchase a high quality sprayer that can attach to one of our ATV vehicles and about \$8,000 will purchase an increased amount of herbicides.

Project Need: Wildlife Safari is located on 600+ acres in Winston, Oregon. On our property we care for over 500 animals. One of the main issues we face is dealing with invasive species like the Bull Thistle. According to the Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health, the Bull Thistle “can invade almost any type of disturbed area, such as forest clearcuts, riparian areas and pastures. Plants can form dense thickets, displacing other vegetation. The spiny nature of the plant renders it unpalatable to wildlife and livestock and reduces the forage potential of pastures. *Cirsium vulgare* is native to Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa. It is thought to have been introduced to the eastern United States during colonial times and the western United States in the late 1800s. It is currently found in all 50 states.” In addition to the invasive species Bull Thistle, Wildlife Safari is also constantly mitigating Tansy, a noxious weed which is toxic to our animals located in our Wetlands; Teasel, another noxious weed in our wetlands; and Foxtails, which are a hazard for animals because the barbs cling to fur, and movement of the animal causes the foxtail to burrow into the fur. Wildlife Safari must constantly work to remove these invasive, noxious and nuisance plants from our property in order to care for our animals’ well-being and increase the amount of land that our animals can use for grazing. The cost of purchasing herbicide to remove the bull thistle and the related weeds is expensive. Due to our limited hand-spraying equipment, Wildlife Safari only spent \$523 last year on herbicides and relied mainly on the manual extraction of these weeds, which is costly and not completely effective. Because of the growing thistle, tansy, teasle and foxtails at the park, we project spending \$10,000 this year. Of this amount, about \$2,000 will purchase a high quality sprayer that can attach to one of our ATV vehicles and about \$8,000 will purchase an increased amount of herbicides. The park’s staff has selected a Fimco 3-Point Sprayer with folding boom, a quote is attached. Project Goal: Remove the invasive species, Bull Thistle, from Wildlife Safari’s 600+ acre property in Douglas County, restoring the native plant community on our grounds and Wetlands. A byproduct of this project will be the removal of noxious and nuisance weeds: Tansy, Teasel and Foxtail. This project is aligned with the Oregon Conservation Strategy to preserve habitats like the Wetlands on Wildlife Safari’s property. Project Outline: This project will support costs associated with the removal of Bull Thistle. The herbicides purchased will remove Tansy, Teasel, and Foxtails, which while not invasive, are noxious and/or a nuisance to our wildlife and often require veterinarian removal from the hooves and nasal passages of our animals. The management of thistle on our property is an ongoing process, with manual removal (e.g. mowing, hand pulling, grabbing, hoeing, cutting) taking place year round. We destroy the thistle debris in a controlled burn pile on our property. After removal, we allow the land to reestablish it’s natural vegetation. The application of herbicide, the focus of this proposal, will take place in the fall. Fall is the best time for herbicide application when new plants have emerged and are actively growing from seedling to rosette stage. We have found that spraying in the Spring and Summer can also be effective when more herbicide is used. The herbicide is currently applied with a hand sprayer. This project will allow Wildlife Safari to purchase a sprayer that can be attached to a truck. We continuously monitor the treated sites and re-treat as necessary. The herbicide will be selected based on vendor availability of the USDA’s list of recommended herbicides for Bull Thistles in Oregon. Benefits: The main benefit of this project will be the removal of Bull Thistle from our 600+ acres, improving the health of our native plant community, improving the health of our Wetlands, improving grazing acreage for our animals and elimination of other nuisance weeds (e.g. tansey, teasels, foxtails) as well.

24 Upload pre-project pictures or a video -

By submitting these photos or video I warrant that I am the legal owner of this media and grant the Foundation permission to reproduce, exhibit, or publish them for all general purposes in relation to Oregon Wildlife Foundation's work. If you have questions about photo or video submissions please refer to myowf.org/grants for guidance.

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26 Upload your Project Narrative -
Please make sure your narrative is no more than 7 pages long, single spaced, 12 pt. font (Calibri preferred).

1 Document Uploaded

27 Upload letters of support

2 Documents Uploaded

28 I understand that I am required to submit a Project Completion Report, copies of any publications or social media posts crediting the Foundation's support, and post-project pictures at the completion of my project

yes

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1 Are the eligible?

No Answer Provided



**Wildlife Safari's Project Narrative to the
Oregon Wildlife Foundation
April 2021**

I. Organization Overview

Established in 1972 as Safari Game Search Foundation, Wildlife Safari's mission "is to provide the highest quality interaction with wildlife to inspire lifelong commitments to conservation, education and the preservation of native and exotic species."

Wildlife Safari received accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) in the spring of 1986 and still holds this accreditation today. AZA accreditation is maintained through a formal peer review and a lengthy site inspection every five years. The standards required of an institution to first obtain and then to maintain accreditation have steadily become more difficult to achieve as AZA and its members have demanded more of themselves. Wildlife Safari is one of only three organizations in Oregon to hold AZA accreditation, along with the Oregon Zoo and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

As an AZA accredited institution, Wildlife Safari is able to trade and breed endangered species. The park's most significant contribution to preservation of endangered species has been through cheetah breeding—over 220 cheetahs have been born here, more than any other institution in the United States. Our cheetahs are an integral part of the AZA Cheetah Species Survival Plan.

Our Veterinary Program trains about 60 students every year and partners with dozens of national and international universities, including robust partnerships with Western University of Health Sciences and Oregon State University. We also provide natural habitat and excellent care for 500 animals living at the park and we conduct wildlife research. From the veterinary training programs to the rare and endangered species breeding programs, Wildlife Safari provides top-level services and educational resources to the worldwide zoological community.

Wildlife Safari is focused on providing first hand education about wildlife preservation and the status of endangered species. Our in-depth educational programming includes the Junior Zookeeper Leadership Program, Animal Ambassador presentations at local schools and community organizations, overnight camps, homeschool classes, field trips, and more. The park's education staff also teach biology for Dillard Alternative High School.

Over 300,000 visitors throughout the country visit annually and are able to observe and learn about animals while driving through our 600-acre park. In our free admission area, Safari Village, families can enjoy live animals, picnic areas, and keeper Q & A sessions which involve encounters with lemurs, alligators, wallaroos, etc. Safari Village is an especially important animal conservation, environmental education and recreational resource for low-income families in Douglas County.



II. Project Need, Goal, Outline and Benefits

A. Need:

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D. Benefits:

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III. Project Management

This project will be implemented by Wildlife Safari's staff. Wildlife Safari is led by:

Dan Van Slyke, Executive Director, Wildlife Safari:

Mr. Van Slyke has been the Executive Director of Wildlife Safari since 2007. Mr. Van Slyke brings a wealth of knowledge of Douglas County resources. He is a former Douglas County Commissioner and has a personal passion for wildlife and our natural resources. Born and raised in Roseburg, Oregon Dan's family originated from the original pioneer Rose family who settled in the Umpqua Valley in the early 1840's. Dan is married to his high school sweetheart Tracee and they have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Dan and Tracee own and operate a 200-acre ranch in the mountains of Glide, Oregon. They produce an organic cow/calf operation and maintain a timber management program on their property. Dan graduated from Roseburg High School in 1973. After attending Oregon State University, he began a career in small business where he owned and operated several retail grocery stores, a produce company, a restaurant and a logging company. During his tenure at Wildlife Safari, Dan has supervised eight major construction projects at Wildlife Safari, including the Elephant Waterhole, Wetlands Interpretive Center, Hippo Exhibit restoration, Australian Exhibit, and more.

Dan Brands, General Curator, Wildlife Safari:

Mr. Brands joined Wildlife Safari in 2007 as the General Curator after spending three years as the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Great Plains Zoo in South Dakota. Mr.



Brands oversees the management of the animal collection, all current exhibits and the implementation of new exhibits. Mr. Brands received his Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He is also the program leader for the Crested-wood Partridge Species Survival Program for the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

IV. Oregon Wildlife Foundation Recognition

Wildlife Safari will recognize Oregon Wildlife in a press release sent to local media outlets, in our annual report, on our website, and in our social media accounts.

V. Conclusion

If you have any questions about this proposal, please contact Tracy Moser, Development Coordinator, at tmoser@wildlifesafari.net or 541.679.6761 x228.



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

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April 2, 2021

Oregon Wildlife Foundation
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Portland, Oregon 97214

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Wildlife Safari's application to the Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

Wildlife Safari plans to increase its efforts to control invasive plant species at the park, specifically the Bull Thistle from grazing areas. In addition, the park plans to increase its mitigation efforts of the Foxtail grass, a nuisance species that impacts the quality of life of their animals.

As these invasive species can be a detriment to native Oregon wildlife species as well, reduction of seed sources on this 600+ acre property is also a priority for ODFW.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, SW Region Wildlife Staff has worked closely with Wildlife Safari on many projects in the past. Including the Wetlands Interpretive Center which provides for a greater appreciation and understanding of the native species that currently inhabit the Anderson Creek wetlands, both in the park as well as downstream as the stream flows through several neighborhoods in Winston.

ODFW SW Region Wildlife Staff supports Wildlife Safari's proposal to the Oregon Wildlife Foundation in support of their invasive species removal efforts. Wildlife Safari is helping us to pursue our mission to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Cannaday
Wildlife Habitat Biologist
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4192 N. Umpqua Highway
Roseburg, OR 97470
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