

The Oregon Connectivity Assessment and Mapping Project

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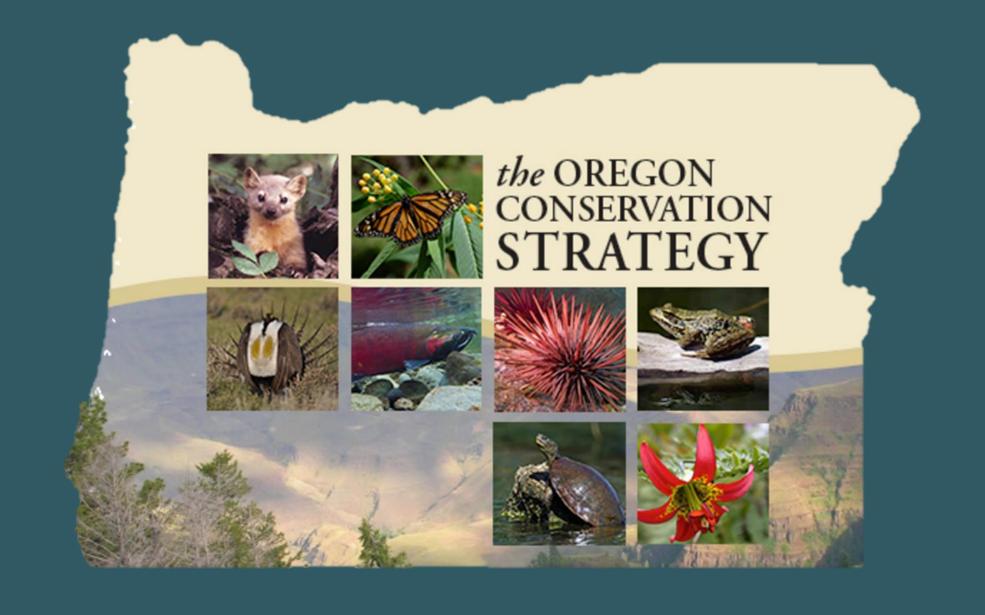








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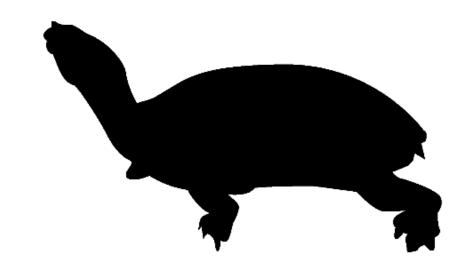
HB 2834

-2019 legislative session
-ODFW must produce Wildlife Corridor Action Plan
-ODOT must establish program to reduce WVCs



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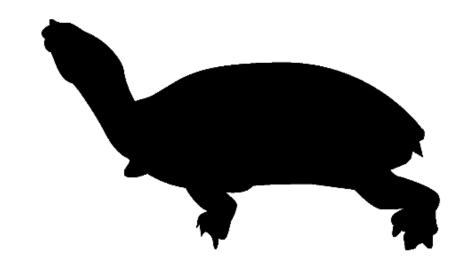
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Habitat Permeability Models



Uses wetland habitat → USFWS NWI →

Avoids bare ground \rightarrow NLCD \rightarrow

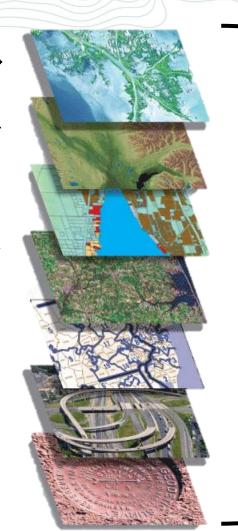
Uses riparian vegetation → OR statewide habitat map →

Requires shrub cover → GNN →

Avoids developed areas → OSM building footprint →

Can't cross high-traffic roadways → ODOT highways →

Not found at high elevation \rightarrow USGS 3DEP \rightarrow



HPM



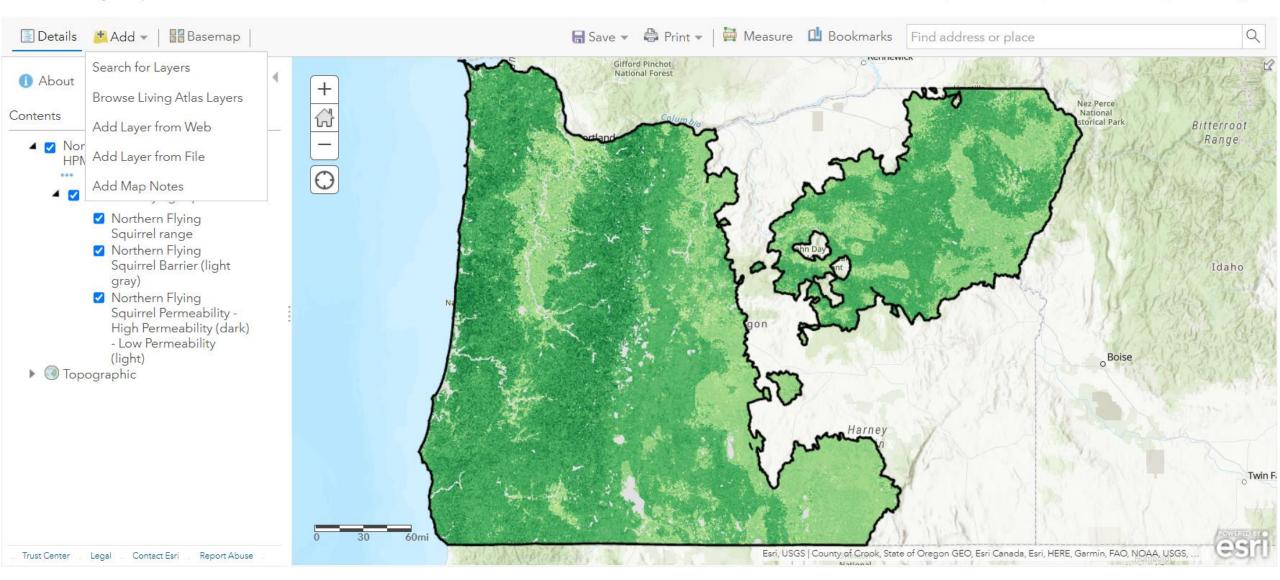








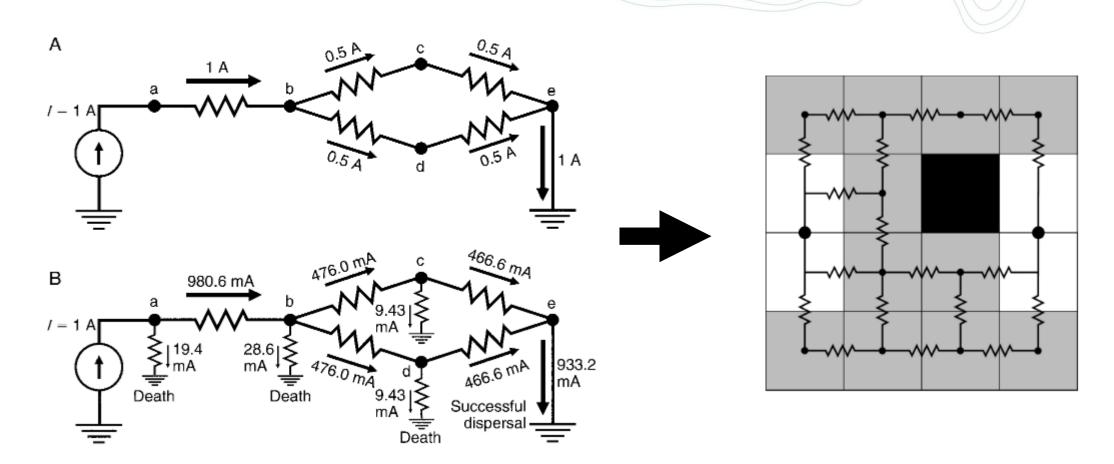
Model Review





Connectivity Modeling





From McRae et al. 2008



Utility



Products will support:

- Long-term planning for managed lands
- Inform land use development
- Transportation mitigation
- On-the-ground acquisition, restoration, and conservation



- Products will be publicly available, hosted online
- Custom reporting tools?
- Wildlife Corridor Action Plan mandated by HB 2834 "shall provide guidance for all state agencies to develop benchmarks for the designation and protection of wildlife corridors in Oregon"



Timeline:

- February 2022: completion of HPM, species expert review
- Spring/Summer 2022: evaluation of Practitioner needs
- July 2022: completion of formal validation process
- September 2022: completion of connectivity models
- Winter 2022/2023: prioritization complete
- Summer 2023: products released to public
- Fall 2023: Finalization of Wildlife Corridor Action Plan





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