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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srdjQSftgRY&t=9s>



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*17 years ago,  
we pioneered a new  
way to address  
problems in our  
community*



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*Collaboration means everyone is welcome at the table*



**Foundational Truths - Our process brings groups together to solve pressing issues in our community**



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MALHEUR NWR COMPREHENSIVE  
*Conservation*  
PLAN COLLABORATIVE

**The refuge developed a model for working with the community that makes it possible for any person or organization who has an interest in how the refuge operates can participate in the collaborative process and adaptive management decisions**

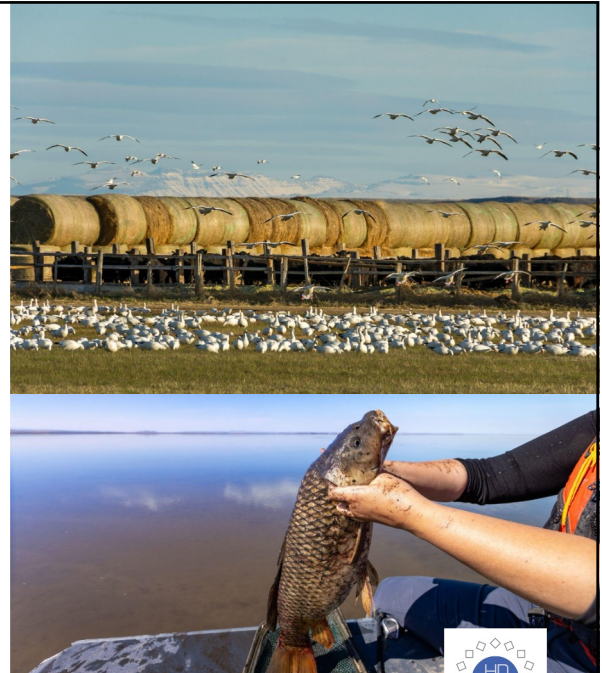


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HARNEY BASIN  
*Wetlands*  
COLLABORATIVE

The Harney Basin Wetlands Collaborative was formed in 2011, to find ways to improve the aquatic health and sustainability of Malheur Lake, wetlands, and the flood-irrigated wet meadows across the Harney Basin. In addition to Malheur Lake, private flood irrigated wet meadow ranch lands provide critical habitat for this important bird migration.



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HARNEY COUNTY FOREST  
*Restoration*  
COLLABORATIVE

Formed in 2008 to create an ecologically healthy and stable forest that also provides economic and social benefits to the local community and public.

Increase the pace and scale of restoration in Malheur National Forest.



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HARNEY COUNTY  
*Wildfire*  
COLLABORATIVE

Formed in 2014 with a focus on three phases of wildfire management:

- *Prevention*
- *Suppression*
- *Restoration*



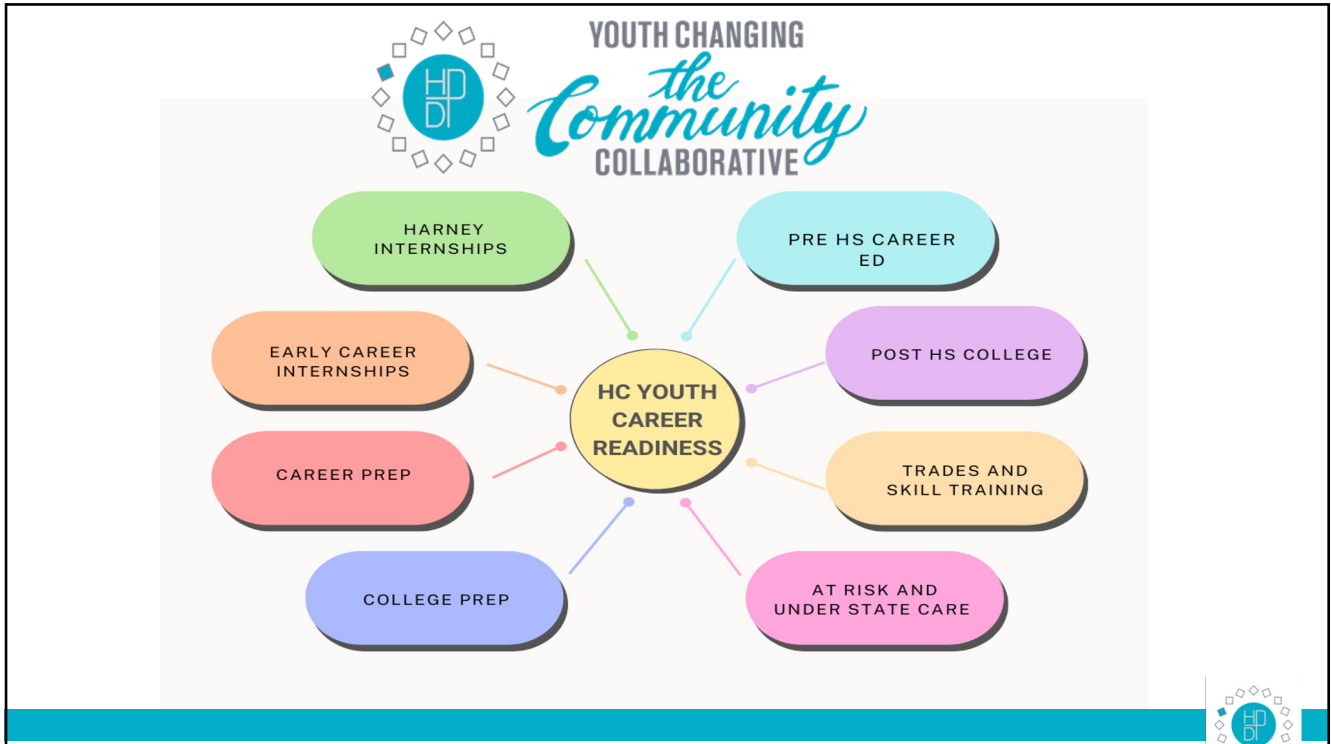
***\$8.3 million in Fire Resiliency projects in sagebrush steppe - SB 762 funding***



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**BIZ HARNEY Opportunity COLLABORATIVE**

- Biz Harney Opportunity Collaborative was formed to support Harney County businesses and entrepreneurs start, grow and succeed.
- Projects include, providing technical assistance to businesses, Co-starters entrepreneur courses, Harney Co. Brand development, Biomass heating district, Food Systems & Security

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- The need for better access to high quality fresh food became apparent to High Desert Partnership following 2020.
- Harney has very few supermarkets, the next closest being 120 miles away
- Limited trucks bring in fresh produce
- An initiative of the Biz Harney collaborative was created and named: Harney Food Systems



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**Harney Food Systems:**

- Creating/growing markets for people to start microenterprises
- Higher quality fresh food access
- Greater food security and less reliance on imported food, particularly during disasters
- Collaboration and Partnership in the community
- Provide education & knowledge surrounding homesteading, food preservation & self-reliance skills to the community

**We are a group of community members from all walks of life. We gather to discuss major areas of food focus and sustainability in Harney County.**



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**Current Food Systems Projects:**

- Burns Farmers Market June 15th- September 22nd. First time being able to accept SNAP at a Farmers Market in Harney County.
- Community Garden- several partners in the community involved in this project.
- Long Table Dinner June 27th - showcasing locally grown food.
- Oregon Food Bank- CSA boxes put together by local producers to be delivered to the local food bank- June 18th, 2024.
- Educational classes- presentations during the fair.



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*Thank you for  
having us*

