



# HB 2813: Safe and Secure Drinking Water

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# Source Water Protection Challenges

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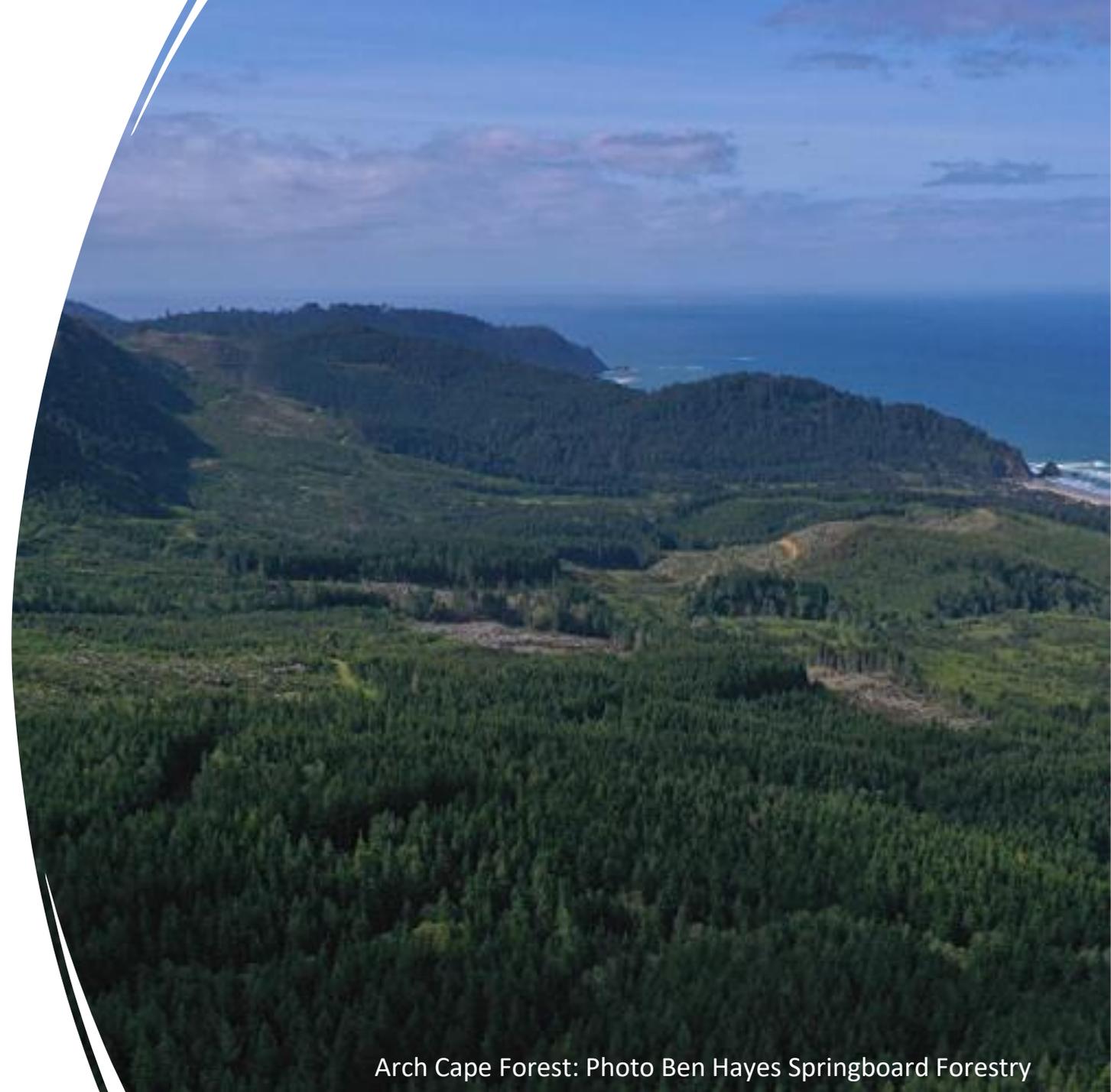
- 2.8 million Oregonians rely on water from forested watersheds
- 50% of land around Oregon drinking water sources is in private ownership
- Conversion pressure and land use changes
- Seasonality and drought stress
- Small population, limited rate payer base



# Strategy

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- Permanently protect community drinking water supplies
- Use natural infrastructure for cost-effective outcomes
- Leverage significant federal and private funds
- Maintain ecological, economic, and social benefits of forestland
- **100% voluntary** partnerships with **willing landowners**



# HB 2813 Overview

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- Provide technical assistance and financing support to water suppliers for protection and enhancement of watersheds
- Catalog and communicate state and federal resources for the protection and enhancement of watersheds
- Establish a matching grant program to protect, restore, or enhance sources of drinking water



# Match & Leverage

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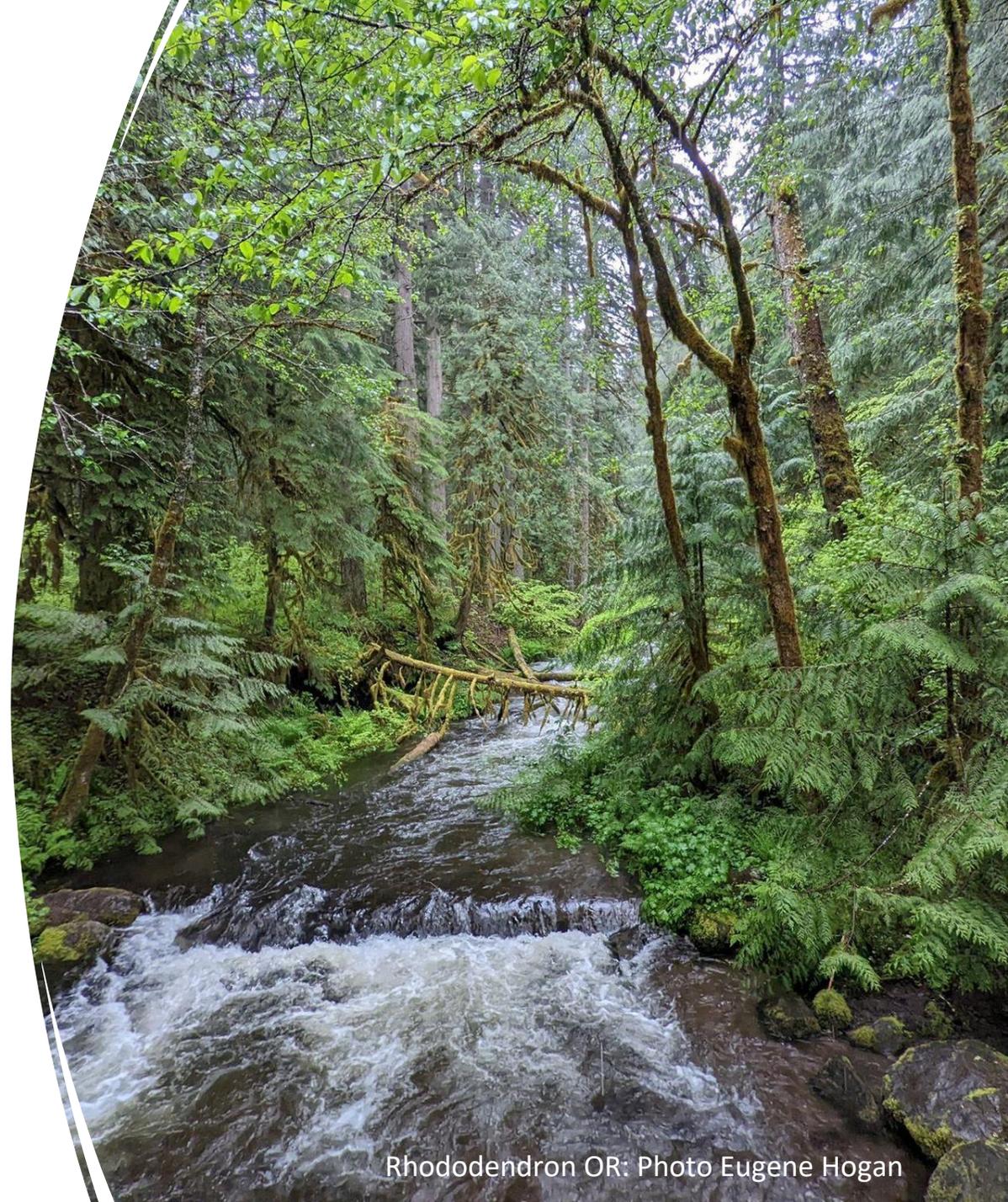
- US Forest Legacy Program
- Community Forest and Open Space Program
- Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection
- Private match
- Made possible by state match



# Identified Communities

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- Arch Cape Water District
- Neskowin Water District
- Rockaway Beach
- Rhododendron Water Association
- Newport Water Utility
- Neahkahnne Water District
- City of Reedsport
- City of Port Orford

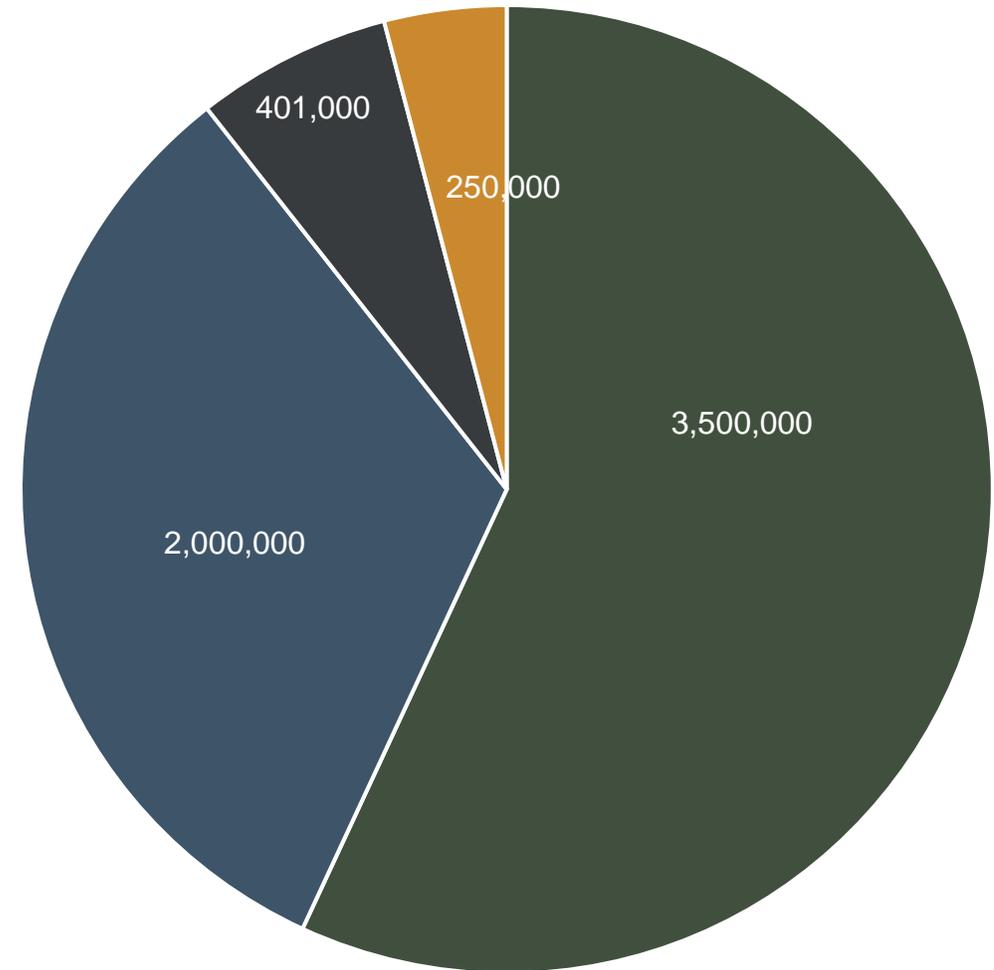


# Arch Cape Forest

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- 1,441 Acres of private forestland acquired in June 2022
- Protect 95% of source water area
- Acquisition process took 8 years
- Significant federal and private match
- Made possible by state match

Amount Funded (Dollars)



■ U.S. Forest Legacy Program ■ American Rescue Plan Act  
■ Private Donation ■ Clatsop County



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