



SAM MULDER AND HIS DOG, LUNA, ON THE NEW BRIDGE OVER SUTTON CREEK THAT REPLACED TWO FAILING CULVERTS.

## WHAT IS THE SALMON SUPERHWY?

The Salmon SuperHwy is a series of nearly 270 individual projects that replace failing culverts to help restore passage and habitat for fish and other aquatic species in the Tillamook - Nestucca watersheds. After a project is completed, fish of all life stages can migrate safely, traveling from the nearby coastline all the way up to their spawning ground, without being blocked by impassable culverts. Hence the name “Salmon SuperHwy” (SSH).

But that’s not all SSH projects do. Replacing culverts also: restores habitat for aquatic critters that don’t travel to the sea; improves roads and infrastructure for local residents, commerce and safety vehicles; mediates seasonal flooding; improves property values; provides jobs and helps farmers and families utilize their properties into the future.

If your property is in the SSH project area, has a waterway running through it or is adjacent to one, you may be able to apply for a project. Learn more at [salmonsuperhwy.org/landowners](http://salmonsuperhwy.org/landowners), or call Liz Ransom at (541) 619-9233.



SALMON SUPERHWY PROJECTS REMEDY FLOODING AND FISH PASSAGE FAILURES LIKE THIS ONE.

## FACTS FOR LANDOWNERS

- The Salmon SuperHwy is in its 10th year and is known as a highly successful project by both private landowners and the partnering agencies.
- There are 5 years left to complete approximately 35 private landowner projects and projects adjacent to private property where access approval is needed.
- If your property lies within the boundaries of the Tillamook Watersheds Conservation Partnership project area, you could benefit from a SSH project. View the map at the website below.
- Salmon SuperHwy landowner projects improve property value, secure safe access to or over your land and improve fish habitat in your waterways.
- If your property is adjacent to a Salmon SuperHwy project, you can be confident the project will be managed well and you will be informed of all details.
- There is generally little, if any, financial cost to landowners for Salmon SuperHwy projects.

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# LANDOWNER CASE STUDY: SUTTON CREEK

Sam Mulder is an Oregonian who loves his land just as one would expect. So when he was approached by the Salmon SuperHwy to consider a project on his property, he was initially skeptical, but curious. After learning he could have the two, failing, side-by-side metal culverts crossing his creek (Sutton Creek) replaced with a new bridge — he was interested. When he heard the project would complement the stream-protecting plantings and fencing he had already completed, and restore 1.3 miles of high quality Coho, cutthroat and lamprey habitat, he was sold. Planning began immediately.

Sam chose to be highly involved in the project and worked closely with the SSH partners. The planning took about one year but construction of the project took only one month, went smoothly, and turned Sam into a Salmon SuperHwy partner and fan.

**General Landowner Benefits:** Increased property value; secure and resilient access to property; ease of improvement to property without landowner effort; improved fish habitat; reduced flooding; restoration of waterway health reminiscent of times past; a sense of community with SSH partners.

Do you have a waterway on your land that could benefit from a Salmon SuperHwy project? **Call Liz Ransom at (541) 619 - 9233**, or learn more at [salmonsuperhwy.org/landowners](https://salmonsuperhwy.org/landowners)



“ At first I was skeptical of how smoothly this process could go with so many partnering organizations working together, but they’ve got it so dialed. They included me in the planning and construction, stuck to what they said and did a great job on the new bridge. My property, and the fish in my creek, are far better off with this improvement. ”

— Sam Mulder  
Landowner  
Sutton Creek

