

## SURVEYS FOR NORTHERN RED-LEGGED FROGS ON MCCARTHY CREEK AND ASSOCIATED WETLANDS

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**ABSTRACT** – Surveys for pond-breeding amphibians were conducted in 2004 during the breeding season to determine if amphibians were using various wetlands along McCarthy Creek in Multnomah County, Oregon. The target species was the Northern Red-legged Frog (*Rana aurora aurora*), currently on the State Sensitive list due to declining population numbers in the Willamette Valley. A total of 57 egg masses were observed in the 4 wetlands surveyed. Vegetation used for oviposition sites included Pacific willow and other native species, and non-native plant species including reed canary grass. Data collected during surveys will serve as baseline information as part of the long-term restoration of the wetlands.