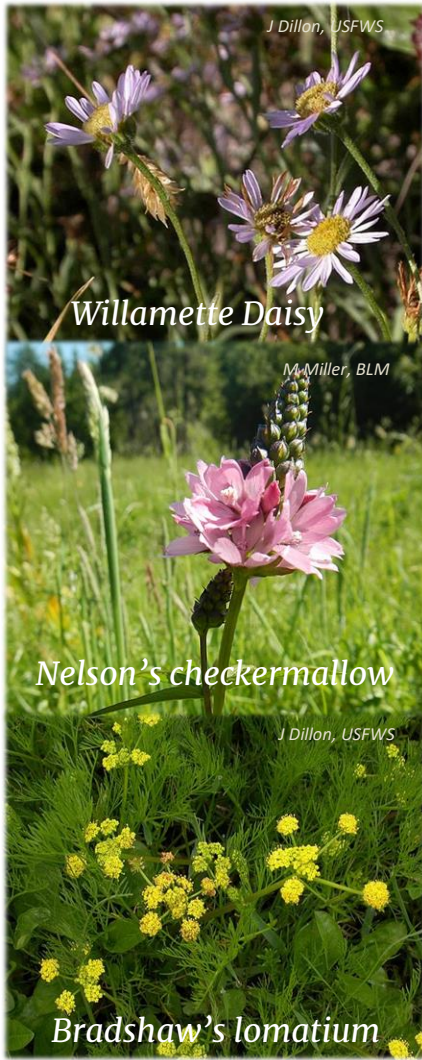


## What are plant species are protected by SMAs?

- ✔ *Kincaid's Lupine*
- ✔ *Peacock Larkspur, and:*



## What do I do if there is an SMA near my property?

### DON'T...

- ✔ Park any vehicle in the SMA
- ✔ Mow within the SMA
- ✔ Apply chemicals in the SMA
- ✔ Pick flowers in the SMA

### DO...

- ✔ Refrain from conducting activities within the SMA from March 1–August 15.
- ✔ Call Public Works with questions or concerns about maintenance activities within the SMA.

### Contact us to learn more!

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# Preserving the Prairie:

## Special Management Areas (SMAs)

of Benton County

## What is a Special Management Area (SMA)?

Benton County's Prairie Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) protects **five native plant species and two native butterfly species**.



## Does Benton County manage these areas differently than other roadside areas?

In general, the county avoids working in these areas March 1<sup>st</sup> - August 15<sup>th</sup>. It also follows HCP guidelines for mowing, weed control, and for cutting, thinning or removing woody vegetation.

To protect these plants and butterfly larvae, soil disturbance is avoided to the maximum extent possible during road maintenance activities.

Two state and federal agencies –US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) – enforce the provisions of the HCP.

*Peacock larkspur, a member of the buttercup family, is found only in the Willamette Valley*



*Kincaid's lupine, the main host plant of Fender's Blue Butterfly*

The habitat to which these species are adapted has become less

common with urban, agricultural, and forestry development. To persist, these species need protection.

Some protected plants and insects thrive on county roadsides. To conserve them, certain areas are designated as Special Management Areas, or SMAs.

'Type 1' SMAs especially have higher numbers of protected plants which provide important habitat and nectar for two species of endangered native butterflies.

## What butterfly species are protected by SMAs?

### *Fender's blue butterfly*



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### *Taylor's checkerspot butterfly*

