

For Immediate Release – 2011 Mt. Hood Solutions Summit
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Audio and video from the conference available upon request.

Stakeholders and Decision Makers Gather to Discuss the Management of Mt. Hood's Water Resources

Today, the non-profit group Bark (defenders of Mt. Hood National Forest) is holding a conference to address the management of Mt. Hood's water resources. One hundred attendees at the *2011 Mt. Hood Solutions Summit* will hear from water managers and conservationists about challenges facing our drinking and agricultural water resources including climate change, population increases, and management activities like timber harvesting.

The conference takes place from 11am-6pm November 2nd in the Billy J. Frank Conference Room of the Ecotrust Building at 721 NW 9th Avenue in Portland. Featured panelists include speakers from the Portland Water Bureau and Clackamas River Water Providers, Watershed Councils from the East and West sides of Mt. Hood, and Pacific Rivers Council. The last two hours of the conference will be dedicated to group discussion about the current and future management of our water resources.

Lori Ann Burd, Restore Mt. Hood Campaign Manager and Staff Attorney at Bark, had this to say about the conference: "Bark's Restore Mt. Hood Campaign is shifting Mt. Hood's management toward prioritizing clean water, healthy wildlife habitat, and quiet recreation over historic extractive practices. The 2011 Mt. Hood Solutions Summit is one step on a long path toward engaging the public in understanding and influencing Mt. Hood's management. The current Management Plan for Mt. Hood is 21 years old and long overdue for revision. At Bark, we are working toward supporting Mt. Hood National Forest in establishing a new plan that meets the needs of the public and the ecology of the forest."

Olivia Schmidt, Community Organizer at Bark, comments on the importance of Mt. Hood's water, "One third of all Oregonians' drinking water originates on Mt. Hood. As climate change and population growth exacerbate the impact of Mt. Hood's legacy of logging and development on our water resources it is critical that we take action now to protect our clean abundant water supply. Bark is invested in engaging the public in decisions about public resources. The 2011 Mt. Hood Solutions Summit provides a venue for stakeholders to meet with decision makers to address concerns about our drinking water resources."

For a detailed agenda, panelist biographies, and description of the event click [here](http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/1810/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=70884) (or visit: https://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/1810/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=70884)

Media is invited to attend the event. Olivia Schmidt and Lori Ann Burd will be available for interviews via phone or in person November 3rd or at the conference November 2nd.