

Restore Mt. Hood Coalition and Mission

We work to transform Mt. Hood National Forest into a model of sustainable management where clean drinking water, quiet recreation, and wildlife habitat are prioritized above extractive activities:

- Bark
- Friends of Mt. Hood
- Food and Water Watch
- Pacific Rivers Council
- Oregon Wild
- Trout Unlimited
- Northwest Environmental Defense Center
- Mazamas
- Lower Columbia Kayak & Canoe Club
- Concerned Mt. Hood area residents
- And many more... Contact us to join our coalition!

Our Mission:

The Restore Mount Hood Coalition envisions a future for Mount Hood National Forest that promotes long-term ecosystem health through the decommissioning, maintenance, and repair of roads while simultaneously planning for and providing ecologically sound recreation opportunities for the public.

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What is our Goal?

To transform Mt. Hood National Forest into a model of sustainable management where clean drinking water, quiet recreation, and wildlife habitat are prioritized above extractive activities.

How can we achieve our goal?

Bark works toward our vision for Mt. Hood through project-by-project engagement in Mt. Hood National Forest, organizing the public around threats to Mt. Hood, and developing recommendations for a revision to Mt. Hood's Forest Plan which directs management of Mt. Hood.

Why now?

Mt. Hood is waiting for a revision to its 21 year old Forest Management Plan — a revision that is already 6 years overdue! The current management plan is sorely outdated, resulting in management priorities for Mt. Hood that don't reflect 21st century realities. The current plan does not consider climate change or new forest science and still prioritizes logging while providing weak protections for ecosystems facing threats from energy development through Mt. Hood.

Our vision of a sustainable future for Mt. Hood requires these management standards to change!

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- ## A new vision for the future of Mt. Hood
- A new Forest Plan for Mt. Hood that incorporates Restore Mt. Hood Campaign recommendations from our White Papers.
 - Local communities have a social, cultural and economic investment in Mt. Hood's restoration and preservation.
 - Clean drinking water, healthy wildlife habitat and quiet recreation take precedent over logging, energy development and other extractive practices.



- ## Mt. Hood's water needs protection...
- 98% of Mt. Hood National Forest provides drinking water to Oregonians with 5,000 miles of streams and rivers.
 - One third of all Oregonians drink water that originates on Mt. Hood.
 - Mt. Hood's waterways are home to five different endangered salmon species.
 - 4,000 miles of mismanaged roads dump tons of sediment into streams every year. Only half of those roads are actually needed on the landscape.
 - Tens of thousands of acres of logging each year contaminate streams and increase water temperatures.



- ## Mt. Hood offers critical wildlife habitat...
- Mt. Hood is home to 6 endangered species protected by the Endangered Species Act, including 5 salmonids and the Northern Spotted Owl.
 - Mt. Hood National Forest contains more than 311,000 acres of protected wilderness areas designed to provide wildlife habitat.
 - As climate change causes mass extinctions across the globe, managing Mt. Hood for healthy habitat becomes increasingly important to maintain biodiversity.
 - Mt. Hood was once home to lynx, condor, and gray wolf. Decades of logging, major energy projects, and 4,000 miles of roads have fragmented habitat and driven these species out of the area.



- ## Do you recreate in Mt. Hood National Forest?
- Nearly 3 million people visit Mt. Hood National Forest every year to enjoy the scenic views, plentiful rivers, hiking trails, and campgrounds throughout the forest.
 - Mt. Hood is a year-round destination for recreationists, with thousands of climbers reaching the 11,237 foot elevation summit each year.
 - Mt. Hood National Forest has the nation's most ambitious Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) plan. Bark was integral in obtaining regulations in Mt. Hood that help to limit conflict between ATV users and quiet recreationists while protecting sensitive habitat from the impact of motorized vehicles..