

Mt. Hood National Forest

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. . . in your national forest!



Sandy River Basin is a popular link between Portland metropolitan area and Mt. Hood National Forest. Seventy percent of the Basin is in the Forest, including Bull Run Watershed, the City's water supply. Ten percent is administered by the Bureau of Land Management. In the lower reaches, lands are mostly private or county-owned, and some face pressures from development and urbanization.

Partners for Restoration and Recovery

At this time, all salmon and steelhead populations in the Basin are federally listed. In 1999, fourteen agencies and organizations formed Sandy River Basin Agreement Partnership, setting the stage for basin-wide habitat restoration for recovery of listed fish species. Key players include:

- City of Portland Water Bureau
- Clackamas County
- Fish and Wildlife Service, US Department of Interior
- Metro Parks and Greenspaces
- Mt. Hood National Forest, US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service, US Department of Commerce
- Northwest Steelheaders
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Oregon Trout
- Sandy River Basin Watershed Council
- Salem District, US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management
- The Nature Conservancy
- Western Rivers Conservancy

First Steps

After inventorying fish habitat and water quality, the partners developed a state-of-art environmental diagnostic tool they then used to identify 160 habitat restoration opportunities that would be "most beneficial to fish survival and recovery."

Each year, they use that information to guide restoration work and habitat acquisition efforts. Their early successes have attracted Congressional attention, including interest in appropriations for restoration in the Basin.



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Next Steps

A basin-wide restoration strategy to assure long-term success and public support and participation is next.

Two key efforts underway to that end are finalizing a Habitat Conservation Plan for the use of Bull Run for municipal water, and completing an assessment of 'anchor habitats' in the Basin that will help assign restoration priorities. Additional work with other Basin landowners will lead to the final strategy.

Many partners, working together.



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