

# Mt. Hood National Forest

## Wilderness Stewards . . .

*. . . in your national forest!*



- Paradise Park,
- Burnt Lake,
- Cast Lake/Cast Creek,
- Ramona Falls,
- McNeil Point,
- Cairn Basin/Eden Park,
- Elk Cove,
- Cooper Spur,
- Elk Meadows,
- Horseshoe,
- Zigzag Mountain,
- Hidden Lake,
- Salmon River,
- Salmon Butte,
- Eagle Creek,
- Wahtum Lake . . .



By popular demand, Wilderness Stewardship Program volunteers help maintain, protect and restore the Mt. Hood, Salmon-Huckleberry, and Mark O. Hatfield Wildernesses. They teach Wilderness users to be lighter on the land and make better choices so we can maintain the quality and the character of these lands.

Each year, 15-20 trained, field-going volunteer stewards spend four to six weekends in the wilderness at popular destinations, talking to visitors, collecting information, or making presentations about wilderness values and “Leave No Trace” principles. Some help develop brochures, publications, and website information, collect or enter data, assist with trail maintenance, or participate in the annual Southside Climbing Route Clean Up.

### Next Step

The Forest is actively trying to increase the size and effectiveness of the Wilderness Stewardship program, and to involve stewards in monitoring its results. Twelve hours of required training starts in late April each year.

To learn more or get involved, contact: Kathleen Walker, (503) 622-3191; Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, (503) 622-3191, or Sue Brun, (541) 352-7365.



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