



Your donations created big results in 2009!

Two million acres of our public lands nationwide protected as new wilderness

Of that 2 million acres, Oregon now has 202,000 acres of new wilderness, home to 7 million trees and several protected rivers. The new protections mean that special places like Mt. Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, Copper Salmon, Soda Mountain, Spring Basin and the Badlands are now shielded from development. These protections came due to years of study and hard work by **Oregon Wild, The Wilderness Society, Oregon Natural Desert Association, American Rivers**, and many other Oregon-based and national EarthShare members.



Oregon's oldest trees will stay standing

During the Bush administration, 2.6 million acres of Oregon's federal forests were headed for the chainsaw. The Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) would have *quadrupled* current logging levels and targeted much of Oregon's remaining old-growth forest for clear-cutting.

But a lawsuit filed by **Earthjustice** and a group of conservation nonprofits (including **FSEEE, Siskiyou Project, Oregon Wild, The Wilderness Society, and Sierra Club**) halted WOPR.

The Obama administration later concluded that WOPR illegally ignored requirements to protect endangered species living in forests. The decision followed several scientific studies showing that dramatic increases in logging would harm clean water and healthy streams, push wildlife toward extinction, and contribute to global warming.



Sustainable economy set in motion

Earlier in 2009, **Oregon Environmental Council** and **Renewable Northwest Project** joined forces with more than 100 businesses and community groups to form the Healthy Climate Partnership. The Partnership is working to get Oregon's economy back on track AND build a prosperous clean energy economy for the future.

Some of the results of the Healthy Climate Partnership's work in 2009 include:

- Transportation fuel providers must now do their fair share to slow global warming. They will be required to reduce the greenhouse gas output of fuels they sell in Oregon by 10% before 2020.
- Oregon will require coal-fired power plants to have emissions no greater than a combined cycle natural gas plant. As a result, Oregon utilities will be prohibited from building new coal plants.
- A new Oregon law will create thousands of green jobs by expanding low-interest loan programs available for weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades for homeowners and small businesses.

Metolius River saved from development

Many say the Metolius River is Oregon's spiritual soul. If you have been there, you understand why. Thanks to the concerted effort of environmental groups like **Water-Watch of Oregon** and **1000 Friends of Oregon**, the Metolius River was saved from two destination resort developments. This new protection is critical for the health of the 500,000-acre Metolius River Basin in Central Oregon, legendary for its fly fishing and headwaters that spring right from the ground at the foot of Black Butte.



Eco-Healthy Child Care program serves 40,000 children across North America

Eco-Healthy Child Care, a national program of the **Oregon Environmental Council (OEC)**, is now the "gold standard" for environmentally-healthy child care facilities across North America. This nationally recognized program delivers free resources, technical assistance and training to child care providers to help them reduce children's exposure to common toxics. With 945 endorsed facilities in 43 states, three Canadian provinces, and Puerto Rico, 40,000 children now have environmentally friendly child care.

Child care facilities qualify as "Eco-Healthy" by completing a checklist that highlights 30 simple steps that ensure a safe place for children. Eco-Healthy providers commit to reducing children's exposure to toxics and other environmental health hazards. In turn, OEC promotes the certified providers through its website.



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