UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

Establishment Report

For

THREE CREEK RESEARCH NATURAL AREA

Willamette National Forest Sweet Home Ranger District Linn County, Oregon



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for

RESEARCH NATURAL AREA ESTABLISHMENT RECORD

Three Creek Research Natural Area

Willamette National Forest

Linn County, Oregon

The undersigned certify that all applicable land management planning and environmental analysis requirements have been met and that boundaries are clearly identified in accordance with FSM 4063.21, Mapping and Recordation and FSM 4063.41 5.e(3) in arriving at this recommendation.

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Cover Page Info for RNA Establ. Record

Name: Trive	e Creeks I	RNA	
Region: R&G Station: PNW			
State: Oregon Co	ounty: <u>Linr</u>		
Boundary Certified on page 35	<u>. </u>		
TMIS #:00			
Date Reg. Forester signed:	 		
Lat.: 44020' north			
Long.: 1220151 West			
1980 SAF Acres Ha 25	1966 Kuchler ろ	Acres 578	<u>Ha</u> 234
226 418 169 230 98 40 Non-forested 113 46	Nonforested	// 3	46
Total: 691 280		691	280
Access (under "location"): map vs.	descriptiond\sci	cription	* 7
Original maps, or photocopies? $\sigma \omega$			
Photos included? 465			
Abutted by non-FS land? /LO	•		

SAF & Kuchler types consistent? (see page____)

Climate records: length of record? 30 Distance to weather sta.? 16 miles east

Fauna & Flora authorities: Little 1979; Hikhcock & Coronquest 1973; Vittetal. 1988; Nussbaum et al 1983; Scott 1983; alngles 1965.
Land use conflicts? Grazing? Trails? Recreation?

No current conflicts.

Tome interest in opening adjacent rock climbing trail but

no money and District is currently against this idea.

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Establishment Record for Three Creek
Research Natural Area within Willamette
National Forest, Linn County, Oregon.

INTRODUCTION

The Three Creek Research Natural Area (RNA) in the Willamette National Forest (WNF) is comprised of north-facing glacial cirques that contain a forest mosaic of Alaska-cedar (Chamaecyparis nootkatensis), Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii), and Pacific silver fir (Abies amabilis) up to 800 years old. A unique topographic position has resulted in a moist environment protected from forest fires and high winds. This has allowed the development of these very old, late-successional stands. The headwaters of Three Creek originate within the RNA and flow northward to the South Santiam River. Rocky ridges, steep forested slopes, and massive rock cliffs dominate the topography of the area. Photographs la through 11b illustrate the vegetation and landforms of the RNA.

Indian use of the area probably concentrated on the ridgetops, which were used as travel routes as recently as 1910 (Farque, pers. comm.). Since that time, use of the area has been minimal, mostly limited to a fire lookout (no longer present) on the southern boundary, and dispersed recreation by hunters and day hikers.

The RNA and surrounding lands are entirely under National Forest ownership. Private inholdings are located within 1/4 mile of the RNA boundary to the southwest, south and east. The proposed area is not within any designated wilderness, wild and scenic river, national recreation area, or any other congressionally designated area.

Land Management Planning

The Three Creek RNA is designated as an RNA in the WNF Land and Resource Management Plan (1990). The plan contains objectives and management guidelines applicable to all RNAs within the Forest (Appendix B).

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of establishing the Three Creek RNA is to preserve the late successional Alaska-cedar forest mosaic that has developed in the glacially-carved cirque at the head of Three Creek. These undisturbed stands are some of the oldest remaining in Oregon and may be older than any contained in other RNAs in the Pacific Northwest. Most of the other forest stands in the RNA are in mid- to late-succession with canopies dominated by Pacific silver fir and western hemlock (Tsuga heterophylla). Large, old Douglas-fir and noble fir (Abies procera) are still important components of most stands. The RNA will provide the opportunity to study successional processes as climax condition is approached.

RNA establishment will preserve biological and genetic diversity of undisturbed, old-growth forest communities, and of plant communities associated with wet meadows, shrubby talus slopes, and large rock cliffs. The area will provide baseline information about long-term ecological changes in all of these systems. Since it is somewhat buffered against environmental extremes by its location and orientation, the RNA should be particularly valuable for comparison to other areas affected by possible climate or other environmental change. With the increasing interest in managing Pacific Northwest forests for mid- to late-successional characteristics, RNA research will be valuable for comparison to results of manipulative research conducted elsewhere, and for monitoring the effects of resource management practices. Proximity to the H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest, Wildcat Mountain RNA, Middle Santiam RNA, Bagby RNA, and university and Forest Service research facilities make the RNA a valuable resource for education and research.

JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AREA

The Three Creek RNA fills a stated need in the Oregon Natural Heritage Plan (Appendix A) for an Alaska-cedar forest mosaic. Its value is enhanced by the advanced age of the forest stands that meet this need. The RNA designation will also preserve nesting and foraging habitat of the northern spotted owl (Strix occidentalis caurina), a federally listed threatened species that has been documented in the RNA (Morris, pers. comm.). Cliffs in the RNA may be suitable nesting habitat for the peregrine falcon, federally listed as endangered.

PRINCIPAL DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

The principal distinguishing features of the Three Creek RNA are:

- North facing glacial cirques containing very old stands of Douglas-fir, Pacific silver fir, and Alaska-cedar;
- Confirmed sightings of, and suitable habitat for, the northern spotted owl (federally listed as a threatened species);
- 3. Plant associations in the Pacific silver fir, mountain hemlock (Tsuga mertensiana), and western hemlock series, as well as riparian, wet meadow, talus, and rock garden plant communities;
- 4. Rock cliffs several hundred feet high formed by glacial action and massive slumping.

LOCATION

The Three Creek RNA is located in the Sweet Home Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. The approximate center of the

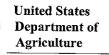
RNA is at latitude 44° 20' north and longitude 122° 15' west. It contains portions of sections 18, 19, and 20 in T14S, R5E, and a portion of section 13 in T14S, R4E, Willamette Meridian, Oregon.

See attached

Boundary

The boundaries of the Three Creek RNA are shown on Map 3 (WNF, Geometronics and Geographic Mapping Division 1991).

THREE CREEKS RESOURCE NATURAL AREA BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION DISTANCE DESCRIPTION BEARING **ANGLE** FEET POINT (METERS) Summit of the most southerly of Twin Buttes horthwest Α.. (VABM 5312). This point is in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 19, T. 14 S. R. 5 E. W.M. Descending along the top of a major ridge. northwest В.. Low point in a saddle on C.. northwest the top of the ridge. northwest Ascend along the top of a ri\dge. A high point on the ridge. D.. northeast Descend along the top of a ridge Ε. Low point\in a saddle on the top of the ridge. northwest Ascend along the top of a ridge. F.. A high point on the ridge. Descend along the top of



Forest Service Willamette National Forest

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Date: May 5, 2002

Subject:

Three Creek boundary correction

To: Sarah Greene

The Twin Buttes fire in September 2001 prompted a look at the files that generated the Three Creek RNA boundary. It came to the attention of Cathy McGrath, the geometronics specialist on the Willamette, that the boundary in the Establishment Report as displayed in Map 3 did not reflect the intended boundary. McGrath had worked closely with the land surveyor in the boundary development and noticed that the correct boundary was not a part of the ER. In addition the boundary description found in the ER did not reflect the monuments placed in the ground along the northern boundary by surveyor Donn Rowe.

We have corrected the boundary description to accurately portray the intended boundary and generated a new boundary based on the corrected description. The final boundary has been reviewed and approved by Cindy McCain, RNA Coordinator and Alice Smith, RNA steward. Please use the enclosed boundary description and Map 3 to update your copy of the Three Creek Establishment Report.

Y. Robert Iwamoto ACTING FOREST SUPERVISOR





Three Creek Research Natural Area

Willamette National Forest

I hereby certify the enclosed boundary description for the Three Creek Research Natural Area on the Willamette National Forest.

Date 12/7/2001

Donn Rowe, Land Surveyor

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THREE CREEK RESEARCH NATURAL AREA

QUAD NAME	ANGLE POINT	BEARING	DISTANCE FEET	DESCRIPTION
Tidbits Mtn.	A			True Point of Beginning is the most southerly summit of Twin Buttes (VABM 5312). This point is in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sec 19, T14S, R5E, WM
				Descending along the top of a major ridge.
	В			Low point in a saddle on the top of the ridge.
			•	Ascend along the top of the ridge.
	C			A high point on the ridge.
			,	Descend along the top of the ridge.
:	D			Low point in a saddle on the top of the ridge.
	•		•	Ascend along the top of the ridge.
	E			A high point on the ridge.
			- I	Descend along the top of the ridge.
	F		i	Low point in a saddle on the top of the ridge.
			,	Ascend along the top of the ridge.
	G		,	A high point on the ridge.
·			[Descend along the top of a spur ridge.
	Н			A point 50 ft. southwesterly of and perpendicular to the centerline of USFS road 2044-230. (trail for ~.1 mi.)
				50 feet southwesterly of and parallel with the centerline of USFS road 2044-230.

THREE CREEK RESEARCH NATURAL AREA

QUAD NAME	ANGLE POINT	BEARING	DISTANCE FEET	DESCRIPTION
Carpenter Mtn.	I			A point 50 ft. southwesterly from and perpendicular to the centerline of USFS road 2044-230 and in the centerline of Three Creek.
			÷	Ascend hillside.
	J			A monument: 5/8" rebar with an aluminum cap marked "3 CREEK RNA LS 2519" Scribed trees:
·				40" Western Hemlock bears S52°W, 14.2 feet 32" Western Hemlock bears N40°W, 26.3 feet. Trees scribed: "RNA".
				Along sidehill.
	K			A monument: 5/8" rebar with an aluminum cap marked "3 CREEK RNA LS 2519" Scribed trees:
				8" Douglas Fir bears N23°W, 9.9 feet
				8" Douglas Fir bears S74°E, 11.0 feet. Trees scribed: "RNA"
			•	Ascend hillside.
	L		,	A monument: 5/8" rebar with an aluminum cap marked "3 CREEK RNA LS 2519" Scribed trees:
				7" Grand Fir bears N18°E, 17.0 feet
				21" Grand Fir bears S14° W, 14.7 feet. Trees scribed: "RNA"
				Along sidehill and ascend a ridge.
	М			A monument: 5/8" rebar with an aluminum cap marked "3 CREEK RNA LS 2519" Scribed trees:
			(6" Grand Fir bears N48° W, 19.3 feet
				5" Grand Fir bears N47° E, 20.4 feet
				Trees scribed: "RNA" (South side of a 3' x 4' stone on top of ridge)
			i I	Descend from ridge along sidehill.
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THREE CREEK RESEARCH NATURAL AREA

QUAD ANGLE BEARING NAME POINT	DISTANCE FEET	DESCRIPTION
N		A monument: 5/8" rebar with an aluminum cap marked "3 CREEK RNA LS 2519" Scribed trees: 10" Grand Fir bears N50°E, 20.6 feet
		11" Grand Fir bears N48°W, 15.4 feet Trees scribed: "RNA"
N40 00'00"E		Descend hillside.
0		A point which is 50 feet southerly of and perpendicular to the centerline of USFS road 2044.
		50 feet southerly of and parallel with the centerline of USFS road 2044.
P		A point on the section line between Sec. 20 and Sec.21 T14S, R4E, WM and 50 feet southerly of and perpendicular to the centerline of USFS road 2044.
·		Ascend southerly along the section line between Sec. 20 and Sec. 21.
Q	,	A point of top of the main ridge.
		Ascend along the top of the main ridge.
R	,	A point on top of the eastern summit of Twin Buttes.
	- [Descend along the top of the ridge.
S	,	A low point in a saddle along the top of the ridge.
	,	Ascend along top of the ridge.
Tidbits POB - A Mtn.	F	Point of beginnning.

The environmental consequences of Alternative A, are described in the EIS for WNF Plan (Chp. IV, pages 166-169). These consequences include short-term losses of opportunities to change vegetation conditions through management, (WNF Plan EIS, Chp. IV., p. 168). There are no significant cumulative effects of establishing the RNA.

The direction in the Forest Plan for established RNA's also includes reasonably foreseeable actions such as withdrawal of the area from mineral entry. The general consequences of withdrawal are discussed in the WNF Plan EIS (Chp. IV., p. 168). Site-specific consequences will be disclosed in more detail when mineral entry is proposed for withdrawal.

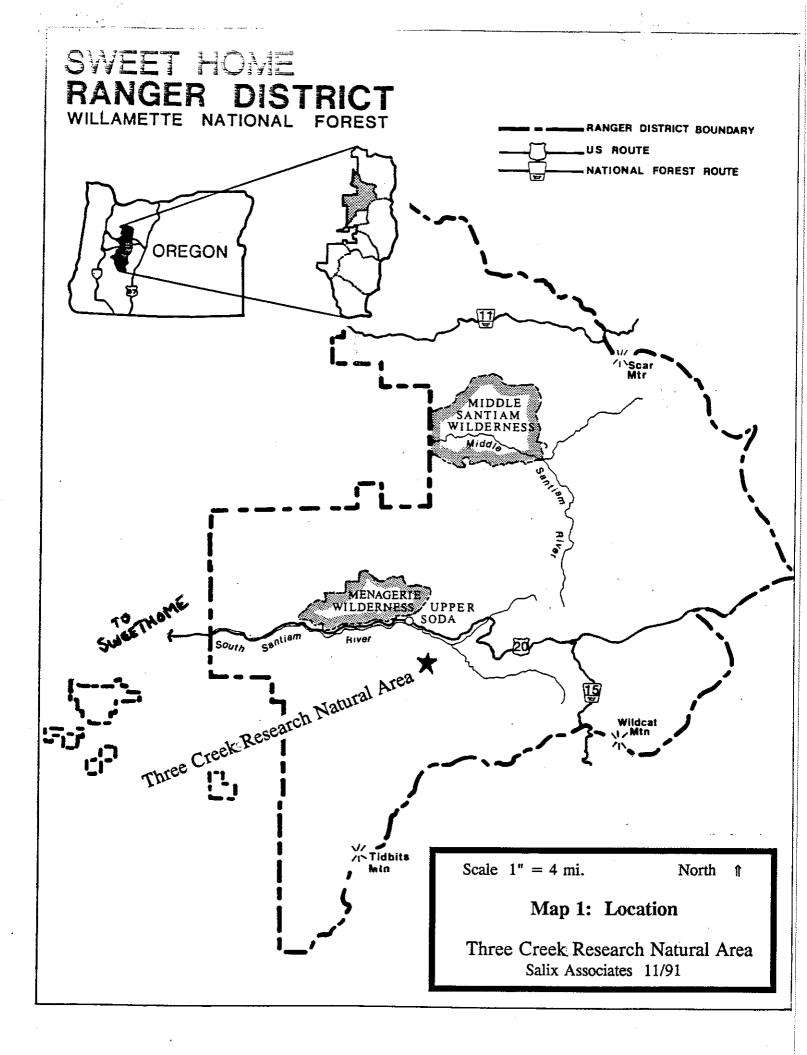
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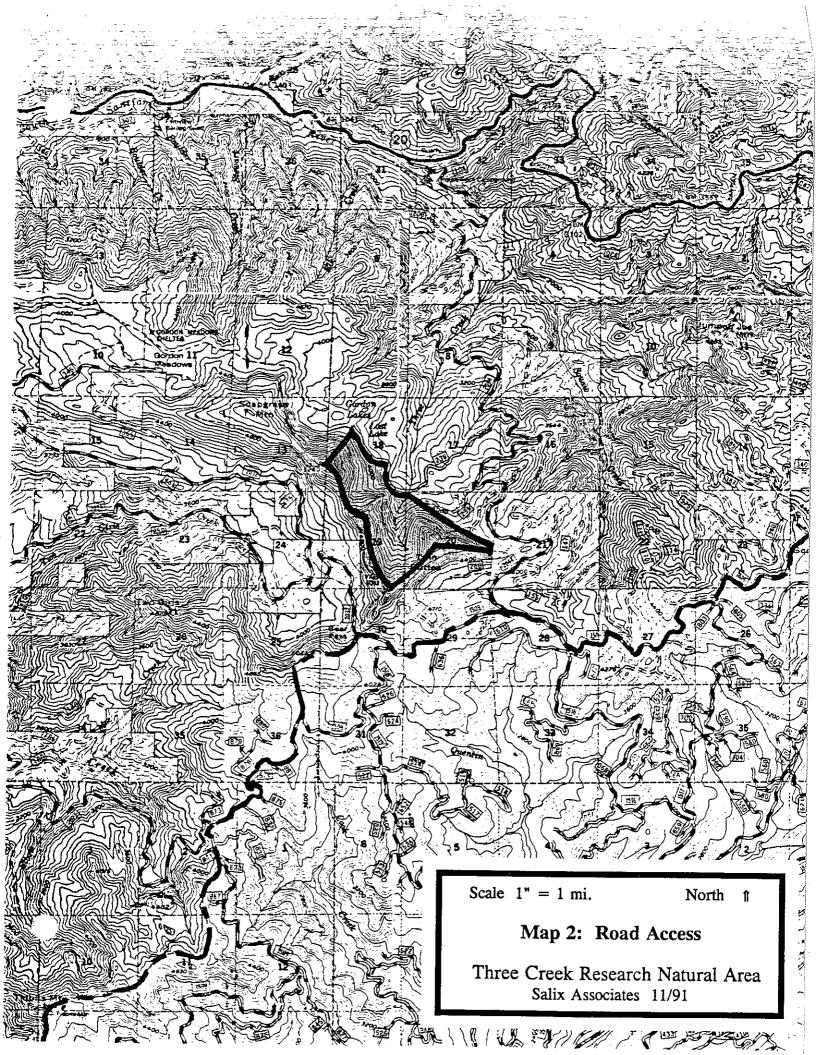
This alternative continues management according to direction in the WNF Plan (Chp. IV., pages 134-137), for a "proposed" RNA. This management would discourage recreation use to non-motorized use of existing trails and prohibit timber harvest. There are no significant cumulative effects of this alternative.

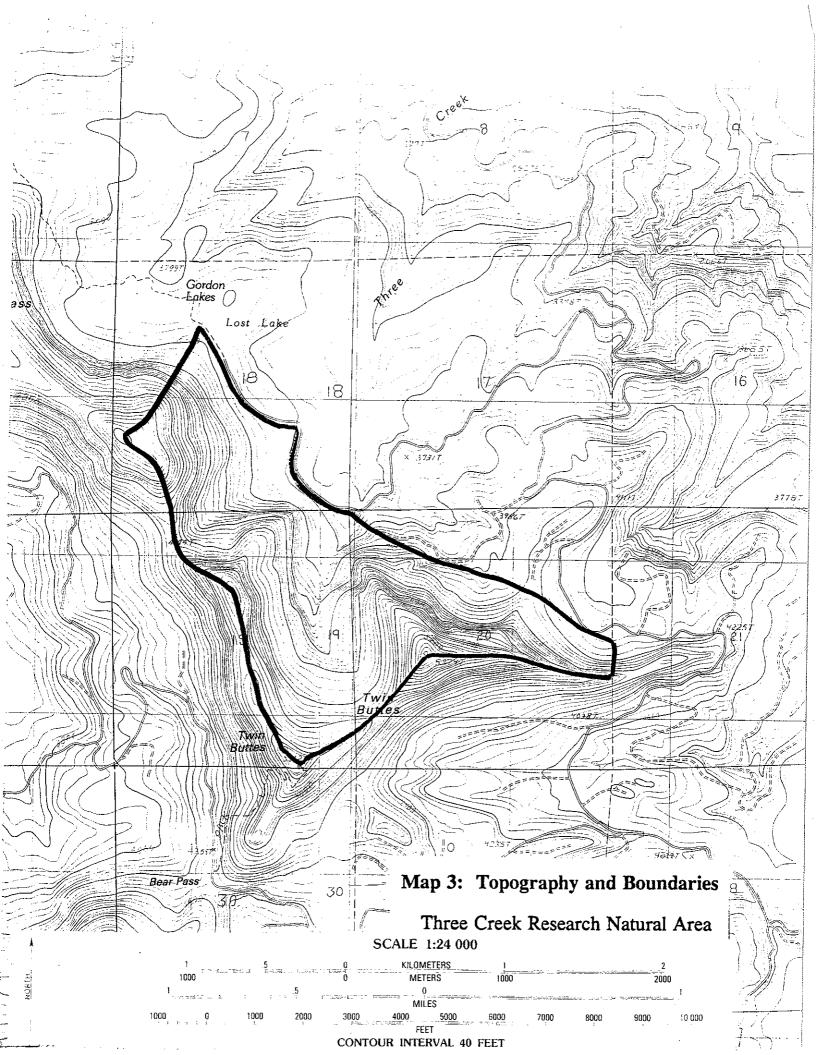
The environmental consequences of Alternative B, the "No Action" alternative, are as described in EIS for WNF Plan (Chp. IV., pages 166-169). These consequences include short-term losses of opportunities to change vegetation conditions through management, and the possible loss of research potential.

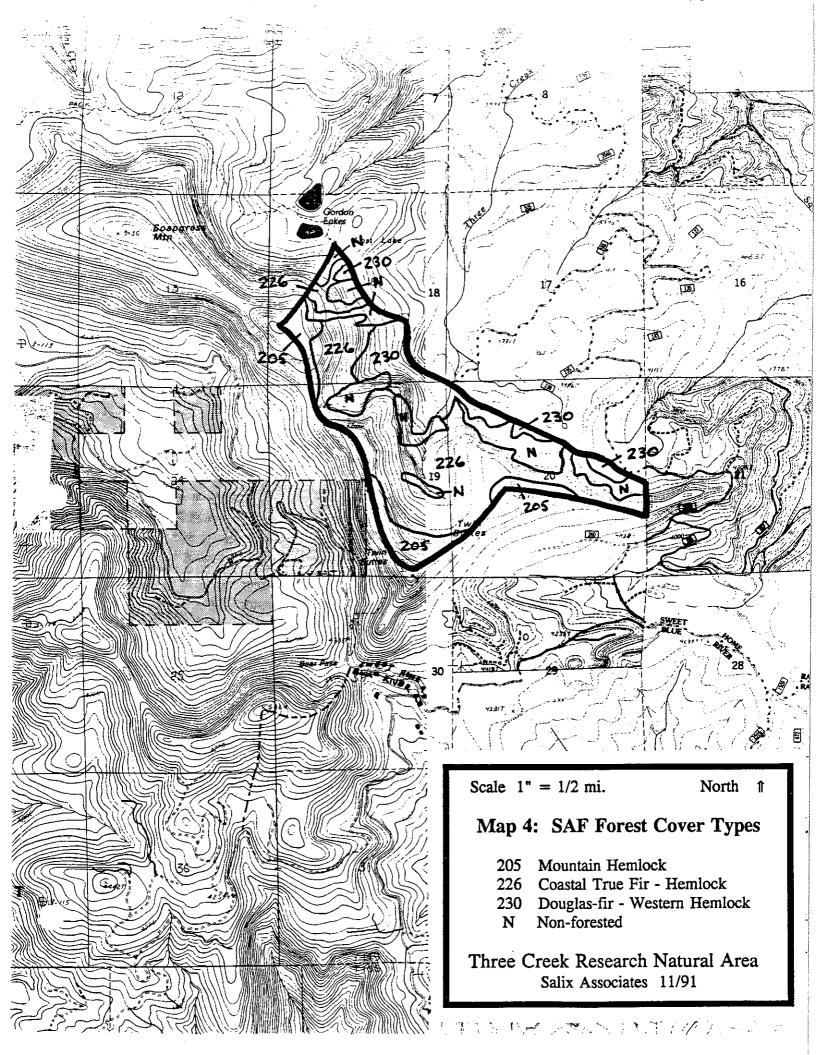
Public Comment

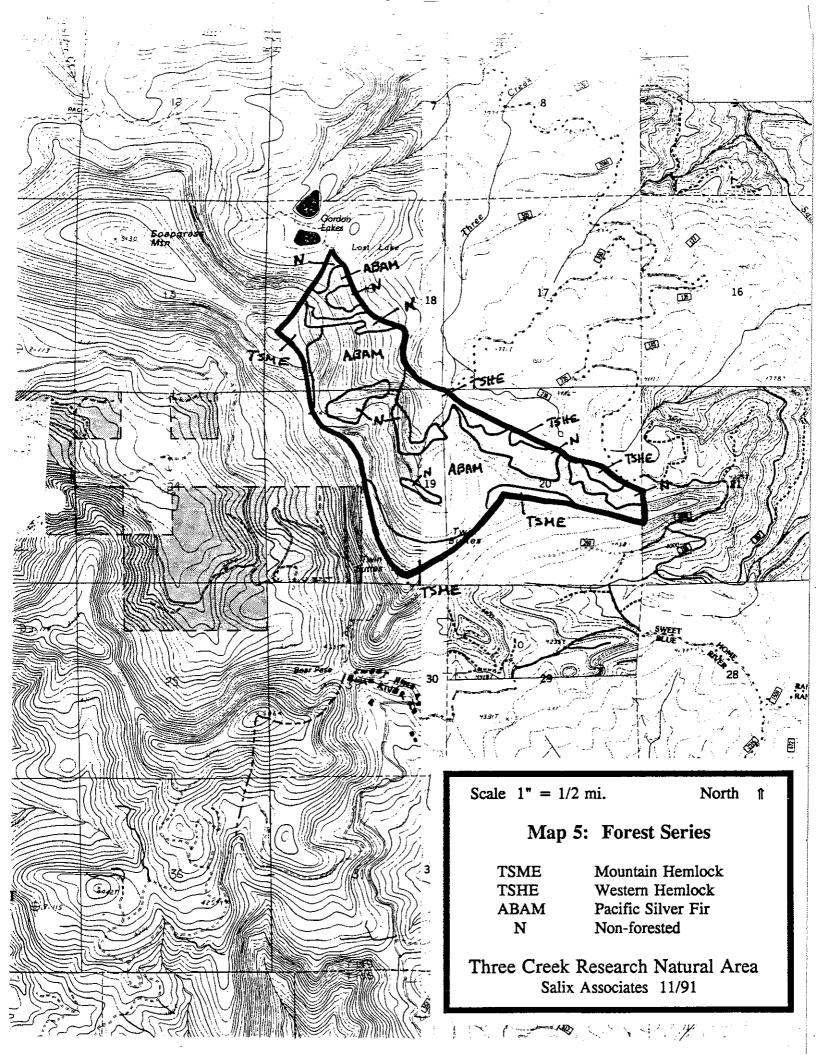
Of the public comment received for the DEIS, (1990), fifty comments identified were related to Research Natural Areas and management areas 4A/4B. The comments received were, in general, positive. One substantive comment was made, and there were no negative comments (Content Analysis Report No. 1652, Planning Record 1990).

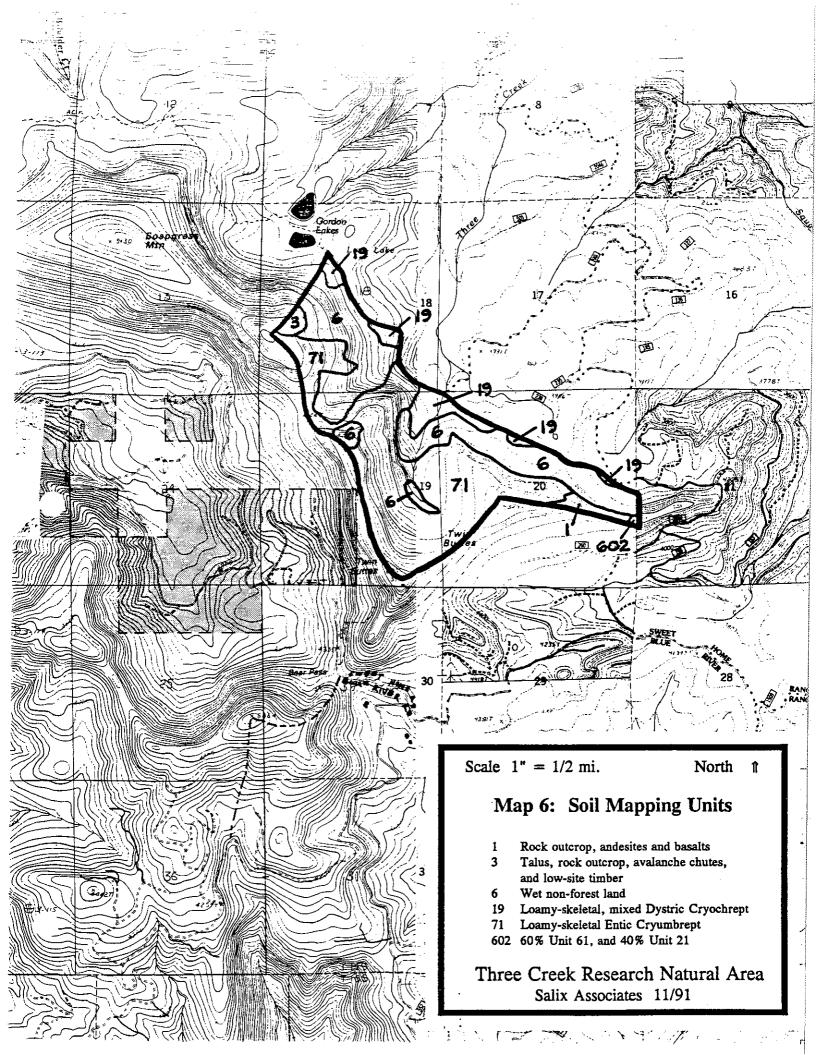












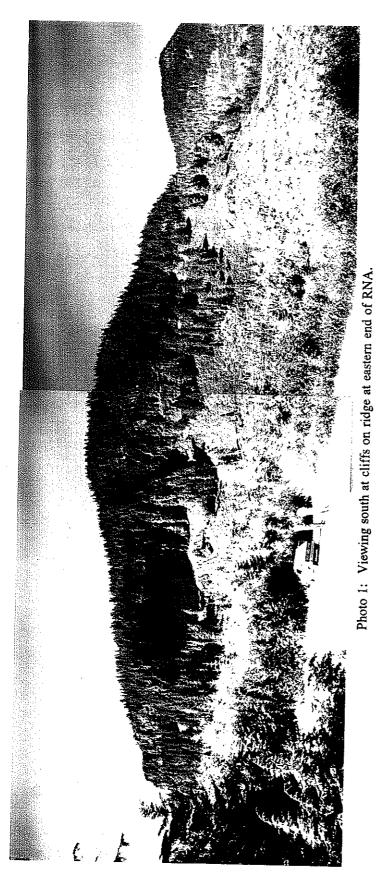




Photo 2: Viewing southeast from Road 230 near northwest border of RNA. Butte is approx. 1/4 mile north of center of Section 19,

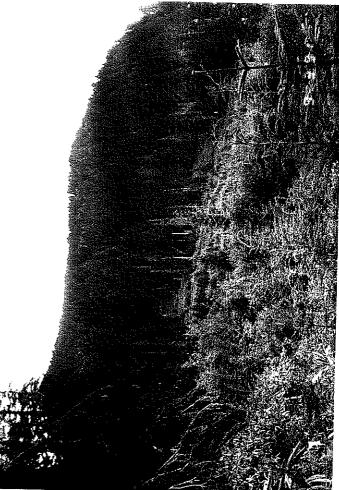


Photo 3: Viewing west at east-facing talus/Acer circinatum slope in mid-ground. Abies/Tsuga regeneration in foreground.



Photo 4: Dense Abies amabilis stand near intersection of RNA west border and section line between sections 18 and 19.

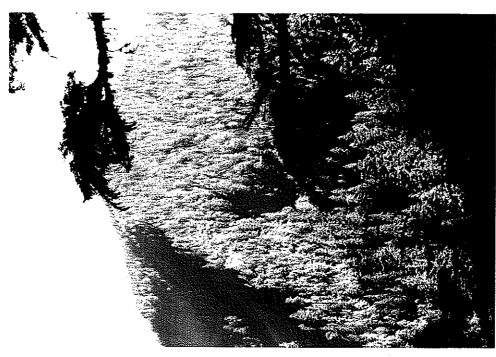


Photo 5: Viewing southeast. Butte is approx. 1/4 mile north of intersection of RNA boundary and section line between sections 18 and 19.



Photo 6: Wet meadow on north-facing slope near southern end of RNA.



Photo 7: Large Chamaecyparis nootkatensis on northwest slope near center of RNA. Primarily Abies and Tsuga regeneration.

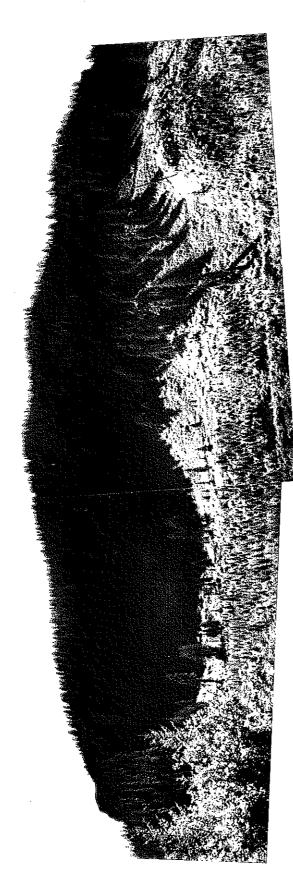


Photo 8 (connects to left edge of Photo 9): Panorama viewing south into RNA - similar view as Photo 1. Acer/Alnus slopes in mid-ground.

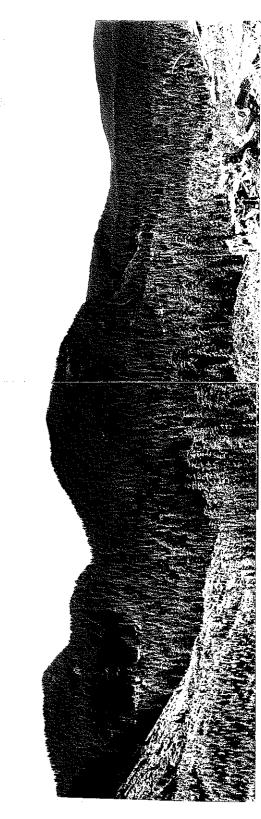


Photo 9 (connects to right edge of Photo 8): Viewing southeast. Butte in center is western tip of RNA.

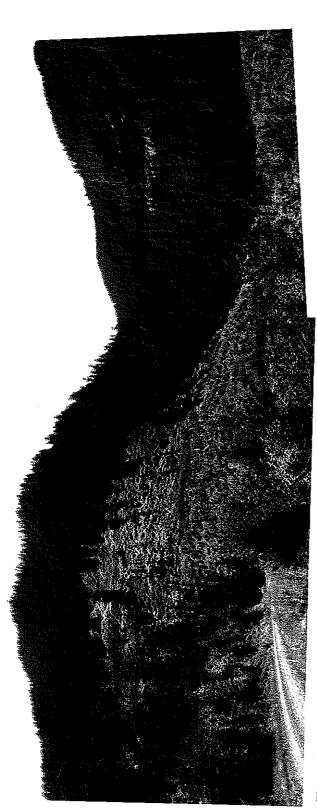


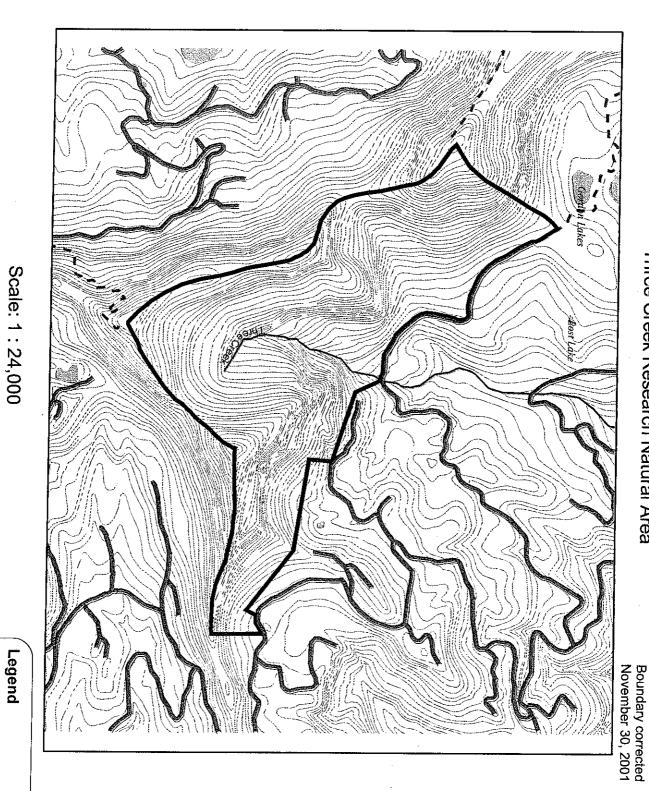
Photo 10 (connects to left edge of Photo 11): Panorama viewing southeast into RNA - similar view as Photo 8. Road 230 at lower left.



Photo 11 (connects to right edge of Photo 10): Viewing east. Butte in center is western tip of RNA.

Map 3: Topography and Boundaries

Three Creek Research Natural Area



Contour Interval 40 Feet

Miles

- Trails

Streams

Roads

__ Water

Three Creek RNA

Area

The total area of the Three Creek RNA is 691 acres (280 ha).

Elevation

Elevations within the RNA range from 3680 feet (1122 m) near the point where Three Creek crosses the northern boundary, to 5374 feet (1638 m) at the summit of the northeastern peak of Twin Buttes. Vertical relief within the RNA is approximately 1694 feet (516 m).

Access

The Three Creek RNA is located in the central Cascades of western Oregon approximately 21 air miles (34 km) east of Sweet Home. From the Sweet Home Ranger Station, take U.S. Highway 20 east 25.2 miles (40.6 km) and turn south at the House Rock Campground sign onto Forest Service Road 2044. Continue 5.5 miles (8.9 km) on Road 2044 and turn west onto Road 2044-230 for 1.5 miles (2.4 km) to the point where it crosses Three Creek and intersects the boundary of the RNA. From this point, Road 2044-230 forms the north boundary of the RNA running west 1.1 miles (1.8 km) to the Gordon Lakes parking area. The upper elevations of the RNA are best approached from south of the ridgeline formed by Twin Buttes and Soapgrass Mountain. Several spur roads approach this ridgeline from Road 2044 and Road 1509 which runs in a westerly direction to the south of the RNA. These spur roads may not be maintained and/or may be blocked by berms in the future, limiting automobile access from the south side of the RNA.

The RNA is accessible by automobile during the snow-free months. U.S. Highway 20 is paved and kept open year round. Roads 2044 and 2044-230 are gravel roads with steep, narrow stretches, and are not kept open in winter. Winter access may be possible by snow machine or skis.

Maps

The Willamette National Forest Visitor Map (1990) illustrates the described access routes to the RNA. This map is available at the WNF Supervisor's Office in Eugene, Oregon and at all WNF Ranger District offices.

The USGS 7 1/2 minute quad maps of Tidbits Mtn. and Carpenter Mtn., Oreg. cover the western and eastern halves, respectively, of the RNA. These maps show topographic features at a scale of 1:24,000, with contour intervals of 40 feet (12.2 m). They are available from the USGS and at many bookstores.

The Sweet Home Ranger District map is available at the Sweet Home Ranger Station in Sweet Home, Oregon, and has the most current road information.

AREA BY COVER TYPE

The SAF forest cover types that occur in the RNA are illustrated in Map 4. Forest series are shown on Map 5. Approximate acreages of each Kuchler cover type, SAF forest cover type, and forest series are given in the following tables:

Kuchler Cover Types (Kuchler 1966) Acres/Hectares

3	Fir - hemlock forest	578	234
N	(Abies - Tsuga) Non-forested	113	46
	Total	691	280
SAF	Cover Types (Eyre 1980)	Acres/He	ectares
205	Mountain hemlock	62	25
226	Coastal true fir - hemlock	418	169
230	Douglas-fir - western hemlock	98	40
N	Non-forested	113	46
	Total	691	280

Forest Series (Hemstrom, et. al. 1987)

Acres/Hectares

Mountain hemlock		62	25	
Pacific silver fir Western hemlock		459 57	186 23	
Non-forest communities		113	46	
	Total	691	280	

PHYSICAL AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

The Three Creek RNA lies at the head of the Three Creek drainage. The area is bounded to the east, south, and west by a sharp, rocky ridgeline defined by the peaks of Twin Buttes and Soapgrass Mountain. Below the ridgeline, the RNA is divided into two main drainages that form the headwaters of Three Creek. Most slopes in the RNA are steep except for areas at the head of the east drainage, where gently sloping benches have formed. High cliffs, formed by glacial action and massive slumping, run east-west through the middle elevations of the RNA. Beneath them, steep talus and forested slopes descend to the north boundary of the RNA.

The climate of the western Cascades is maritime (Franklin and Dyrness 1973) with dry summers and cool, wet winters. According to Bierlmaier and McKee (1989) precipitation from cyclonic winter storms is directed at the region by the polar jet stream. In summer, the jet stream shifts to the north and high pressure builds over the region. Approximately 70 percent of the annual precipitation falls between November 1 and March 31 - mostly as snow. Mountainous topography causes the amount of precipitation to vary greatly over short distances, thus nearby weather stations may not accurately represent the climatic conditions of the RNA.

The following tables present data from the Santiam Junction weather station. The station is located 16.0 air miles (25.8 km) east of the RNA at an elevation of 4748 feet (1447 m). Weather data for 1961-1990 were provided by the Oregon Climate Service at Oregon State University. Record length varies between months and between the precipitation data and the temperature data because of missing values in some years for some months.

CLIMATE DATA FOR SANTIAM PASS, OREGON

Elevation: 4748 feet (1447 m)

PRECIPITATION Average annual total - 86.15 inches (2188 mm)

onth	Mean in	mm	Maximum in	Total mm	Minimum in	Total mm	Record Length years
January	14.15	359	24.55	624	0.36	9	22
February	9.62	244	17.25	438	3.20	81	22
March	8.95	227	15.00	381	2.32	59	22
April	5.65	144	10.53	267	0.78	20	24
May	3.73	95	7.01	178	0.99	25	24
June	3.33	85	9.41	239	0.98	25	23
July	1.12	28	5.90	150	0.00	02	05
August	1.79	45	6.05	154	0.00	02	05
September	3.61	92	7.42	188	0.00	02	04
October	6.18	157	12.67	322	1.34	34	24
November	12.28	312	28.01	711	3.54	90	24
December	15.74	400	34.72	882	2.40	61	22

TEMPERATURE

	Me	an	Maximur	n Mean	Minimu	ım Mean	Record Length
Month	*F	*C	*F	*C	*F	*C	years
							-
January	26.6	-3.0	34.3	1.3	14.4	-9.8	30
•						- • -	
February		-1.2	39.1	3.9	25.0	-3.9	30
March	31.5	-0.3	36.3	2.4	27.4	-2.6	28
April	35.6	2.0	41.5	5.3	31.0	-0.6	29
May	42.5	5.9	47.9	8.8	38.5	3.6	26
June	49.9	10.0	55.0	12.8	45.7	7.6	18
July	58.0	14.5	63.2	17.3	51.6	10.9	23
August	57.2	14.0	63.8	17.7	53.1	11.7	24
September	50.4	10.2	57.1	13.9	45.0	7.2	25
October	41.9	5.5	46.8	8.2	36.7	2.6	26
November	33.3	0.7	39.2	4.0	27.7	-2.4	27
December	27.9	-2.3	35.3	1.8	20.5	-6.4	27

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Flora

The flora of the Three Creek RNA is characterized by a variety of forest and non-forest plant communities. Most of the forests of the RNA are old-growth forests in mid- to late-successional stages with a large proportion of shade-tolerant overstory species present in most stands. They are comprised of plant associations in the mountain hemlock, Pacific silver fir, and western hemlock series (Map 5) (Hemstrom, et al. 1987). Associations in the Pacific silver fir series make up the bulk of the forest stands in the RNA. Associations in the mountain hemlock series are limited to stands along the upper ridges of the RNA, while western hemlock associations occur at lower elevations along the northern boundary of the RNA. Included in the western hemlock series are 20 acres (8 ha) of clearcut that are now regenerating with Douglas-fir. noble fir, and western hemlock. Dominant tree species grade from western hemlock, Douglas-fir, and noble fir at the lowest elevations in the RNA; to western hemlock, Pacific silver fir, Douglas-fir, and noble fir; to nearly pure Pacific silver fir; and finally, to mountain hemlock along the highest ridgetops.

Glacial cirques at the heads of the two main drainages contain 800+ year-old (McCain, pers. comm.) mixed stands of Alaska-cedar, Pacific silver fir, and Douglas-fir. The forests of these moist, north-facing cirques apparently have been protected from periodic forest fires that burned through much of the western Cascades (Franklin and Dyrness 1973), and from strong southwesterly winds associated with fall and winter storms, and easterly winds that blow in the late summer and early fall.

The understory forest vegetation reflects the moist, cool conditions characteristic of most of the RNA. At lower elevations, western hemlock, Pacific silver fir, and Pacific yew (Taxus brevifolia) are common regenerating and intermediate canopy species. The shrub layer is dominated by vine maple (Acer circinatum) and thin-leaved blueberry (Vaccinium membranaceum). Pacific rhododendron (Rhododendron macrophyllum) and dull Oregongrape (Berberis nervosa) are more common on drier sites, and devil's club (Oplopanax horridum) and salmonberry (Rubus spectabilis) dominate in the moist riparian areas. The most common lower elevation herbs are starry solomon-plume (Smilacina stellata), coolwort foamflower (Tiarella trifoliata var. unifoliata), vanillaleaf (Achlys triphylla), dogwood bunchberry (Cornus canadensis), and queen's cup (Clintonia uniflora). On moister sites, Oregon oxalis (Oxalis oregana) forms dense patches.

At middle to high elevations, in the Pacific silver fir series, regeneration is dominated by Pacific silver fir with a smaller component of western hemlock. Alaska blueberry (Vaccinium

<u>alaskense</u>)/oval-leaf huckleberry (<u>Vaccinium ovalifolium</u>) (species not distinguished in this report) and thin-leaved blueberry dominate the shrub layer. Herb species commonly present are starry solomon-plume, dogwood bunchberry, queen's cup, vanillaleaf, and false bugbane (<u>Trautvetteria caroliniensis var.</u> occidentalis).

In the mountain hemlock stands at the highest elevations in the RNA, understory vegetation is generally sparse and tree regeneration is uncommon. Dominant shrubs are Alaska blueberry/oval-leaf huckleberry and thin-leaved blueberry. White rhododendron (Rhododendron albiflorum) and fool's huckleberry (Menziesia ferruginea var. ferruginea) may be locally dominant in these stands. The depauperate herb layer contains scattered clumps of beargrass (Xerophyllum tenax).

Extensive non-forested shrub communities are prominent on the steep talus slopes below the large north-facing cliffs that run generally east-west through the RNA, and on the slope below the ridge forming the west boundary. Many seeps and small streams originate in these areas. Drier sites are dominated by vine maple or may be nearly unvegetated, while moister sites may be dominated by vine maple, Sitka alder (Alnus sinuata), devil's club and stink currant (Ribes bracteosum). The understories contain Anderson's sword-fern (Polystichum andersonii), western springbeauty (Montia siberica), youth-on-age (Tolmiea menziesii), false bugbane, and mosses.

Two wet meadows containing the source of the eastern fork of Three Creek are located in the cirque in the southern part of the RNA. The vegetation of the meadows is dominated by sedges and wet site forbs such as white marshmarigold (Caltha biflora), Jeffrey's shooting star (Dodecathion jeffreyi), and pink elephants (Pedicularis groenlandica). Near the meadows, a variety of rock outcrops provides habitats for several interesting plant species including Sitka mistmaiden (Romanzoffia sitchensis) and threeleaf lewisia (Lewisia triphylla). The rocky ridgeline also provides important habitat for plant species of rock garden communities.

Two recent mapping projects have identified old growth forests on the Willamette National Forest. The "Old Growth Forests Within the Douglas-Fir Region" map produced by the Willamette National Forest identifies nearly all of the Three Creek RNA area as "old growth." The "Ancient Forest Existing in 1990" map produced by The Wilderness Society shows portions of the RNA as "Ancient Forest" and portions as "High Elevation Ancient Forest" (above 4700 feet, 1433 m).

No federally listed candidate or endangered plant species have been found in the Three Creek RNA. Habitats for several plants on the Region 6 Sensitive, Review, and Watch lists are present within the RNA. These lists should be consulted before undertaking any research or management activity in the area.

The following table lists plants documented within the RNA in the summers of 1991-1993.

Plant List for Three Creek RNA

SCIENTIFIC NAME

COMMON NAME

TREES

Abies amabilis Abies procera Acer circinatum Acer glabrum Acer macrophyllum Alnus sinuata Amelanchier alnifolia Castanopsis chrysophylla Chamaecyparis nootkatensis Corylus cornuta var. californica Picea engelmannii Prunus emarginata Pseudotsuga menziesii Rhamnus purshiana Rhododendron macrophyllum Salix lasiandra Salix sitchensis Sambucus callicarpa Sorbus sitchensis Sorbus scopulina Taxus brevifolia Thuja plicata Tsuga heterophylla Tsuga mertensiana

Pacific silver fir noble fir vine maple Rocky Mountain maple bigleaf maple Sitka alder western serviceberry giant chinkapin Alaska-cedar California hazel Engelmann spruce bitter cherry Douglas-fir cascara buckthorn Pacific rhododendron Pacific willow Sitka willow Pacific red elder Sitka mountain-ash Greene mountain-ash Pacific yew western redcedar western hemlock mountain hemlock

SHRUBS

Arctostaphylos nevadensis Berberis nervosa Chimaphila menziesii Chimaphila umbellata var. occidentalis prince's-pine Gaultheria ovatifolia Holodiscus discolor Menziesia ferruginea var. ferruginea Nothochelone nemorosa Oplopanax horridum Pachistima myrsinites Rhododendron albiflorum Ribes bracteosum Ribes lacustre Ribes sanguineum

pinemat manzanita dull Oregongrape little pipsissewa slender wintergreen creambush ocean-spray fool's huckleberry woodland beard-tongue devil's club mountain-boxwood white rhododendron stink currant swamp gooseberry red currant

Ribes viscosissimum var. hallii Rosa gymnocarpa Rubus lasiococcus Rubus leucodermis Rubus nivalis Rubus parviflorus Rubus spectabilis Rubus ursinus Vaccinium alaskense/ovalifolium Vaccinium ovalitolium Vaccinium membranaceum Vaccinium parvifolium

sticky currant baldhip rose dwarf bramble black raspberry snow bramble thimbleberry salmonberry Douglasberry Alaska blueberry/oval-leaf huckleberry thin-leaved blueberry red huckleberry

FORBS

Achillea millefolium Achlys triphylla Aconitum columbianum var. howellii2 Actaea rubra Adenocaulon bicolor Allium crenulatum 🖟 Anaphalis margaritacea Anemone deltoidea Antennaria racemosa Aquilegia formosa Arenaria macrophylla Arnica amplexicaulis var.amplexicaulis clasping arnica Arnica latifolia AAruncus sylvester Asarum caudatum Caltha biflora Calypso bulbosa Campanula scouleri Castillja rupicola√ Chrysanthemum leucanthemum² Circaea alpina Cirsium vulgare Clintonia uniflora Collinsia parviflora blue-eyed Coptis laciniata Corallorhiza maculata Corallorhiza mertensiana Cornus canadensis Delphinium glareosum Dicentra formosa Disporum hookeri Dodecathion jeffreyi √ Douglasia laevigata√ Epilobium alpinum var. lactiflorum Epilobium angustifolium Epilobium luteum Epilobium paniculatum

yarrow vanillaleaf monkshood western red baneberry trail-plant scalloped onion common pearly-everlasting threeleaf anemone raceme pussy-toes red columbine bigleaf sandwort mountain arnica sylvan goatsbeard wild ginger white marshmarigold fairy-slipper Scouler's harebell cliff paintbrush marguerite enchanter's nightshade common thistle queen's cup small-flowered Mary cutleaf goldthread spotted coral-root western coral-root bunchberry rockslide larkspur Pacific bleedingheart Hooker fairy-bell Jeffrey's shooting star smooth douglasia alpine willow-herb fireweed yellow willow-herb autumn willow-herb

Epilobium watsonii² Erigeron cascadensis Erigeron sp. Eriophyllum lanatum Erythronium grandiflorum Galium aparine Galium oreganum Galium triflorum Goodyera oblongifolia rattlesnake-plantain Habenaria saccata Heracleum lanatum Heuchera glabra Heuchera micrantha Hieracium albiflorum Hydrophyllum tenuipes Hypericum formosum Hypericum perforatum2 Hypochaeris radicata √Lactuca muralis
✓ Lewisia triphylla Lilium washingtonianum Linnaea borealis Listera caurina Listera cordata Lomatium martindalei Lupinus latifolius var. latifolius Lysichitum americanum Mertensia bella Mertensia paniculata Microsteris gracilis var. gracilis Mimulus guttatus Mitella breweri Mitella ovalis Montia parvifolia Montia siberica Orobanche uniflora Orthocarpus imbricatus Osmorhiza purpurea Oxalis oregana Parnassia fimbriata var. fimbriata Pedicularis bracteosa var. flavida Pedicularis groenlandica Pedicularis racemosa var. racemosa Penstemon rupicola Penstemon serrulatus Petasites frigidus Polygonum bistortoides Prunella vulgaris var. vulgaris² Pyrola asarifolia Pyrola picta Pyrola secunda var. secunda Ranunculus populago Romanzoffia sitchensis

Watson's willow-herb
daisy
Cascade daisy
eriophyllum
pale fawn-lily
cleavers
Oregon bedstraw
sweetscented bedstraw
western

slender bog-orchid cow-parsnip smooth alumroot smallflowered alumroot white-flowered hawkweed Pacific waterleaf western St. John's wort Klamath weed spotted cats-ear wall lettuce threeleaf lewisia Washington lily twinflower western twayblade heart-leaf listera Martindale's lomatium broadleaf lupine skunk cabbage Oregon lungwort tall lungwort microsteris monkey-flower Brewer's mitrewort oval-leaved mitrewort littleleaf montia western springbeauty naked broom-rape mountain owl-clover purple sweet-root Oregon oxalis Grass of Parnassus bracted lousewort pink elephants leafy lousewort rock penstemon coast penstemon sweet coltsfoot American bistort self-heal alpine pyrola white vein pyrola one-sided wintergreen mountain buttercup Sitka mistmaiden

Rumex acetosella² Saxifraga bronchialis Saxifraga caespitosa 🚉 🧽 Saxifraga ferruginea var. macounii Saxifraga mertensiana Sedum divergens 🐪 💡 Sedum oregonense Sedum spathulifolium Senecio bolanderi var. harfordii Senecio jacobaea Senecio sylvaticus Senecio triangularis Smilacina racemosa Smilacina stellata Stachys cooleyae Stellaria simcoei Stenanthium occidentale Streptopus roseus var. curvipes Taraxacum officinale Tiarella trifoliata var. unifoliata Tofieldia glutinosa Tolmiea menziesii granda Trautvetteria caroliniensis var. occidentalis Trientalis latifolia Trifolium repens Trillium ovatum Valeriana sitchensis Vancouveria hexandra 😘 :- Veratrum sp. Veronica serpyllifolia var. humifusa Viola glabella Viola sempervirens Xerophyllum tenax

sheep sorrel matted saxifrage tufted saxifrage rusty saxifrage wood saxifrage spreading sedum creamy stonecrop spatula-leaf stonecrop Bolander's groundsel tansy ragwort wood groundsel arrowleaf groundsel false spikenard starry solomon-plume Cooley's hedge-nettle Simcoe Mountain starwort stenanthium rosy twisted-stalk common dandelion coolwort foamflower sticky tofieldia youth-on-age

false bugbane
western starflower
white clover
white trillium
mountain heliotrope
white inside-out-flower
false hellebore
thyme-leaved speedwell
stream violet
redwoods violet
beargrass

SEDGES AND RUSHES

Carex deweyana
Carex lenticularis var. lenticularis
Carex luzulina
Carex mertensii
Carex microptera
Carex muricata
Carex rossii
Juncus effusus
Juncus ensifolius
Luzula campestris
Luzula divaricata
Luzula parviflora

Dewey's sedge
(none)
woodrush sedge
Merten's sedge
small-winged sedge
muricate sedge
Ross sedge
soft rush
dagger-leaf rush
field woodrush
spreading woodrush
smallflowered woodrush

GRASSES

Agrostis tenuis

colonial bentgrass

Bromus vulgaris
Calamagrostis canadensis
Cinna latifolia
Dactylis glomerata
Festuca arundinacea
Festuca rubra
Festuca subulata
Glyceria sp.
Koelaria cristata
Poa sandbergii

FERNS and ALLIES

Adiantum pedatum
Athyrium filix-femina
Blechnum spicant
Cryptogramma crispa
Cystopteris fragilis
Dryopteris austriaca
Equisetum arvense
Gymnopcarpium dryopteris
Lycopodium clavatum
Polypodium glycyrrhiza
Polystichum andersonii
Polystichum lonchitis
Polystichum munitum
Pteridium aquilinum
Selaginella wallacei

MOSSES and LIVERWORTS

Marchantia sp.²
Philonotis sp.
Rhizomnium glabrescens
Rhytidiadelphus loreus
Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus

Columbia brome
bluejoint reedgrass
woodreed
orchard-grass
tall fescue
red fescue
bearded fescue
mannagrass
koelaria
Sandberg's bluegrass

northern maidenhair fern
lady fern
deer-fern
rock-brake
brittle bladder-fern
mountain wood-fern
common horsetail
oak-fern
elk-moss
licorice-fern
Anderson's sword-fern
holly-fern
sword-fern
bracken
Wallace's selaginella

Nomenclature for trees follows Little (1979). Other tracheophyte nomenclature follows Hitchcock and Cronquist (1973). Tracheophyte groupings generally follow Garrison and Skovlin (1976). Bracheophyte nomenclature follows Vitt, et al. (1988). Inventory dates: 19 July; 2-4 September 1991.

Found along road at north edge of RNA.

Fauna

Three federally listed animal species are known to be present in the WNF. The peregrine falcon (<u>Falco peregrinus</u>) is federally listed as endangered, and several nest sites are known in the WNF. The extensive cliffs in the Three Creek RNA may be suitable nesting habitat for the peregrine falcon although none have been

sighted in the RNA (Morris, pers. comm.). The bald eagle (<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>) is federally listed as a threatened species, but there are no documented sightings or nest occurrences within the RNA. On the WNF, bald eagles almost always nest near major water bodies.

The northern spotted owl is listed as a threatened species, and utilizes mature and old growth forests for nesting and foraging. Spotted owls have been sighted in the RNA, but nesting has not been confirmed (Morris, pers. comm.). Nesting pairs have been confirmed in an adjacent area along Three Creek to the north of the RNA. The RNA is not in a SOHA or HCA but is identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a Critical Habitat Area (USDA Forest Service 1991). The old growth forests within the RNA provide habitat suitable for both foraging and nesting for the owl.

The area of the RNA is mapped on the "Big Game Emphasis Area" map (WNF 1990) as an area of "high emphasis." This category includes lands that are mostly unroaded and have forage that is of good quality and even distribution. Lands in this category are identified as possibly needing "intense management practices for elk" (Cervus elaphus). The wet meadows at higher elevations in the RNA are used by elk as summer habitat and during rutting (Morris, pers. comm.). The Forest Service is working with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to improve winter forage at lower elevations in surrounding areas, with the expectation that elk populations can be increased. Thus, there is potential for heavier use of the RNA by elk in the future (Morris, pers. comm.). The WNF has developed a list of habitat types and animal species using them for reproduction (Appendix C). The following habitat types from that list occur on the Three Creek RNA:

- temperate conifer forest (Douglas-fir/western hemlock; Douglas-fir/true fir)
- 2. high temperate conifer forest (true fir associations)
- 3. subalpine forest (mountain hemlock)
- 4. riparian coniferous (small creeks)

The following unique or threatened species potentially use the above habitat types within the RNA for reproduction:

- 1. northern spotted owl old growth component
- 2. Oregon slender salamander (<u>Batrachoseps wrighti</u>) several habitat components
- 3. fisher (Martes pennanti) mature forest and old growth components
- 4. wolverine (<u>Gulo gulo</u>) high elevation; mature forest and old growth

habitat components

The WNF has also identified unique habitat types occurring on the Forest, and the animals that use them for breeding, feeding,

resting, and roosting (Appendix C). The following unique habitat types occur within the Three Creek RNA:

- 1. Edges--Grass-Shrub
- 2. Edges -- Grass-Forest
- 3. Edges -- Shrub-Forest
- 4. Snags
- 5. Logs and Down Material
- 6. Burrows and Bank Cavities
- 7. Cliffs
- 8. Talus
- 9. Caves and Crevices

The following unique, threatened, and endangered animals potentially utilize the above unique habitats within the RNA:

- 1. northern spotted owl breeds in snags; feeds on shrub-forest edge
- 2. Oregon slender salamander breeds in snags, logs and down material, in talus, and in shrub-forest edges; feeds in burrows and bank cavities
- 3. tailed frog (Ascaphus truei) feeds and rests in logs and down material, and in talus
- 4. Townsend's big-eared bat (<u>Plecotus townsendii</u>) breeds in caves (a possible, but undocumented feature within the RNA) and crevices
- 5. fisher breeds in talus, snags, logs and downed material; forages on cliffs
- 6. wolverine breeds in caves and crevices, in talus, and in logs and down material
- 7. peregrine falcon breeds on cliffs and in crevices, rests on snags, and feeds and rests on shrub-forest edges and on talus

Wildlife species have not been systematically inventoried or studied within the RNA. The following fauna were observed in the Three Creek RNA in the summer of 1991 by the authors of this report:

AMPHIBIANS and REPTILES

northwestern garter snake unidentified frogs

Thamnophis ordinoides

BIRDS

turkey vulture
red-tailed hawk
blue grouse
ruffed grouse
downy woodpecker
western wood peewee
Steller's jay
common raven

Cathartes aura
Buteo jamaicensis
Dendragapus obscurus
Bonasa umbellus
Picoides pubescens
Contopus sordidulis
Cyanocitta stelleri
Corvus corax

red-breasted nuthatch
brown creeper
winter wren
golden-crowned kinglet
hermit thrush
varied thrush
hermit warbler
dark-eyed junco
purple finch
evening grosbeak

Sitta canadensis
Certhia americana
Troglodytes troglodytes
Regulus satrapa
Catharus guttatus
Ixoreus naevius
Dendroica occidentalis
Junco hyemalis oreganus
Carpodacus purpureus
Coccothraustes vespertina

- Nomenclature follows Nussbaum, et al. (1983) for amphibians and reptiles, Scott (1983) for birds, and Ingles (1965) for mammals.
- Not sighted; presence confirmed by tracks.

MAMMALS

✓pika
snowshoe hare
mountain beaver
Townsend's chipmunk
✓Roosevelt elk
✓black-tailed deer

Ochotona princeps
Lepus americanus
Aplodontia rufus
Eutamias townsendii
Cervus canadensis rooseveltii
Odocoileus hemionus columbianus

Included with this report as Appendix D are fauna species lists from the Wildcat Mountain and Middle Santiam RNA reports published by the USDA Forest Service. The fauna of these two areas is expected to be similar to that of the Three Creek RNA, except that the Middle Santiam RNA is at lower elevation and has more significant riparian habitat. The Middle Santiam RNA is 12 aerial miles (19 km) north of the Three Creek RNA, and the Wildcat Mountain RNA is 5 miles (8 km) east of the Three Creek RNA.

GEOLOGY

The RNA is located in the Western Cascades geological province (Sherrod 1986), which is generally comprised of rock much older than the High Cascades province to the east. The RNA, however, lies within an "island" of an overlying formation much more recent and typical of the High Cascades province. Extensive glacial activity during the Pleistocene resulted in the formation of the cliffs and cirques in the RNA. The cliffs have since been modified by slumping.

This area was mapped by Peck (1964) as Quaternary-Tertiary volcanic rocks of the High Cascade Range and Boring Lava, undivided. The USGS (1967) mapped the area as Quaternary-Tertiary basalt, andesite, and pyroclastic rocks. Walker and Duncan (1989) mapped the area as Tertiary basaltic and basaltic andesitic

rocks. They also mapped the upper slope of the RNA as ridge-capping basalt and basaltic andesite (Pliocene and Miocene), and the lower slopes as andesitic and basaltic rocks (Miocene).

SOILS

The Willamette National Forest Soil Resource Inventory was completed in 1973 (Legard and Meyer) and updated in 1990. Six soil mapping units occur within the Three Creek RNA (Map 6), representing the seven landtypes described below. Mapping unit 602 is composed of 60% landtype 61 and 40% landtype 21.

Landtype Descriptions

Landtype 1 Rock outcrop, andesites and basalts.

Hard, fresh andesite and basalt rock outcrops commonly forming cliffs and "rock knobs." This mapping unit is usually associated with volcanic dikes, vents, and plugs. Minor amounts of various volcanic materials or sediments may be present.

Landtype 3 Talus, rock outcrop, avalanche chutes, and low-site timber.

A complex of various kinds of rock outcrop, talus, and soils highly variable in depth, rock content, and moisture status. This mapping unit is generally found along upper sideslopes, ridgetops, and in areas of cirque topography.

Landtype 6 Wet non-forest land.

Areas that have high water tables or become seasonally ponded.

This mapping unit is highly variable in topographic position and is found in depressions, along streamside areas, and steep sideslopes. Boulder fields are often found within this unit on steep slopes. Vegetation consists of sedges (Carex species), rushes (Juncus species), grasses, Sitka alder, devil's club, and willow (Salix species).

Landtype 19 Loamy-skeletal, mixed Dystric Cryochrept.

Deep, nonplastic soils derived from glacial till and volcanic breccias. Surface soils are thin gravelly loams. Subsoils are thick gravelly cobbly loams. Bedrock is composed of moderately competent volcanic breccias, that may locally be weathered and soft. Depth to bedrock is usually greater than 10 feet (3.0 m). This landtype occurs on uneven to hummocky glacial benches and basins with slopes ranging up to 45 percent. Elevation ranges from 4000 feet (1219 m) to 4700 feet (1433 m). Soils are generally well drained but may be locally poorly drained causing ponding. Permeability is rapid to very rapid in the surface soils and rapid to slow in the subsoils.

Landtype 21 Loamy-skeletal, mixed Dystric Cryochrept.

Shallow, nonplastic to slightly plastic soils derived from residuum and colluvium. Surface soils are thin gravelly loams. Subsoils are thin gravelly loams and clay loams. Bedrock is moderately hard, competent to moderately competent, reddish volcanic breccias and tuffs. Depth to bedrock is usually less than 3 feet. This landtype occurs on steep, smooth to moderately dissected upper sideslopes and ridges with slopes ranging from 60 to greater than 90 percent. Elevation ranges from 3000 feet (914 m) to 5000 feet (1524 m). Soils are well to excessively drained. Permeability is rapid in the surface soils and rapid to very rapid in the subsoils.

Landtype 61 Loamy-skeletal Entic Cryumbrept.
Shallow, nonplastic soils derived from residuum and colluvium.
Surface soils are thin gravelly to very gravelly loams.
Subsurface soils are thin gravelly or cobbly loams. Bedrock is composed of competent, hard, highly to moderately fractured andesites and basalts. Depth to bedrock is usually less than 3 feet (0.9 m). This landtype occurs on steep, smooth to moderately dissected sideslopes and ridges with slopes ranging from 60 to greater than 90 percent. Elevation ranges from 1000 feet (305 m) to 5000 feet (1524 m). Soils are well to excessively drained. Permeability is very rapid in the surface soils and rapid in the subsoils.

Landtype 71 Loamy-skeletal Entic Cryumbrept. Shallow, nonplastic landtype derived from residuum and colluvium. Surface soils are thin sandy loams and loams. Subsoils are thin gravelly loams, fine sandy loams, and loams. Bedrock is composed of competent, hard andesites and basalts. Depth to bedrock is usually less than 3 feet (0.9 m). This landtype occurs on steep, smooth to uneven upper sideslopes and ridges with slopes ranging from 45 to 90 percent. Elevation ranges from 4400 feet (1341 m) to 6000 feet (1829 m). Soils are well drained. Permeability is rapid in the surface soils and rapid in the subsurface soils.

LANDS

All lands within the RNA boundary are reserved National Forest lands. There are no outstanding rights to any lands within the RNA (Watson, pers. comm.).

CULTURAL

No cultural studies have been done for lands within the RNA, although a cultural resources overview for the WNF was completed

in 1977 (Minor and Pecor) and updated in 1987 (Minor). No cultural sites have been identified within the RNA, and most of the RNA has a low probability of having such sites because of the low use associated with northerly aspects (Farque pers. comm.). The ridgeline forming the west, south and east boundary was probably used as a travel route by Warm Springs Indians from east of the Cascades, and by the Calapooya Indians from the Willamette Valley to the west. The Warm Springs Indians summered their horses at Squaw Mountain to the east of the RNA, where they were seen as recently as 1910, and travelled along this ridge on their way south to the Gold Hill huckleberry fields to trade with the Calapooya people. The Calapooya used the same route to reach other huckleberry fields near the RNA, until the tribe was decimated by disease in the 1830's.

Use of the RNA during this century has also been mostly limited to the ridgeline (Farque, pers. comm.), where two fire lookout points were used on the south and west boundaries of the RNA. A cabin-style lookout was built in 1932 on the southern peak of Twin Buttes. It was abandoned in 1965 and destroyed by the Forest Service in 1986. A 1/8th scale model of this lookout is housed at the Sweet Home Ranger Station. The eastern peak of Soapgrass Mountain was also used as a fire lookout point, although a lookout building was never constructed there.

In general, there appear to be few potential conflicts between the establishment of the Three Creek RNA and cultural resources. Nevertheless, care should be taken to identify and avoid cultural sites if any ground disturbing research is undertaken within the area, particularly along the ridgetops. Information on known cultural sites in the area is on file at the Sweet Home Ranger District Office.

IMPACTS AND POSSIBLE CONFLICTS

Mineral Resources

There are no unpatented mining claims within the RNA on file with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and no known mineral resources are in or adjacent to the RNA (Clayton, pers. comm.). The area will be withdrawn from mineral entry and have no surface occupancy for oil and gas leasing when possible and/or when considered necessary to protect the features for which the RNA was established.

Grazing

No grazing occurs in the RNA. There is a grazing allotment in the Gordon Meadows area approximately 2.5 miles (4.0 km) northeast of the RNA. The rugged terrain between the allotment and the RNA make it extremely unlikely that cattle will wander into the RNA (Morris, pers. comm.). No conflicts with the grazing resource will arise with the designation of the RNA.

Timber

Potential annual timber production from suited acres in the RNA is 47,000 cubic feet (1331 cu m) per year (Mayo, pers. comm.). Timber volume production was calculated using the WNF forest-wide average of 112 cubic feet/acre/year (7.8 cu m/ha/yr), and may underestimate productivity of forested lands in the RNA. The RNA contains 578 acres (234 ha) of forested land, of which 417 acres (169 ha) meet the productivity requirements of commercial forest land (Ragan, pers. comm.). The timber within the RNA was not included in the timber producing base specified in the LRMP (WNF 1990).

Watershed Values

The Three Creek RNA contains the headwaters of Three Creek, one of the major upper basin tributaries of the South Santiam River. The National Wetland Inventory draft maps (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1989a and 1989b) for the RNA show Three Creek as "Riverine, Upper Perennial, Unconsolidated Bottom, Permanently Flooded." Also mapped as wetlands are the areas adjacent to Three Creek near the bases of the cliffs. These areas are mapped as "Palustrine, Scrub-Shrub, Seasonally Flooded."

Headwater areas in the RNA are vegetated and undisturbed, and contribute to water quality by controlling erosion and prolonging summer water release. Establishment of the RNA will preserve these beneficial watershed values.

Recreation Values

No maintained trails exist within the RNA. Recreational use is light and probably limited to hikers and hunters entering the area from Road 2044-230 to the north. Camping and hiking occur along Trail no. 3386.0 to Gordon Lakes and Gordon Meadows, and dispersed camping occurs adjacent to the RNA along Road 2044-230 (Carlson, pers. comm.). None of these uses impacts the RNA significantly nor will the establishment of the RNA conflict with current recreational activities (Carlson, pers. comm.).

There has been interest in reopening two currently unmaintained, historical trails that approach the RNA from the west and from the south -- the Soapgrass Mountain Trail (no. 3390.0) and the trail (no. 3404.0) to the former lookout on Twin Buttes (Carlson, pers. comm.). The LRMP shows an extension of the Soapgrass Mountain Trail, numbered 3390.1, along the ridge forming the southwest boundary of the RNA, connecting the Soapgrass Mountain Trail with the Twin Buttes Lookout Trail. This proposed trail numbered 3390.1, was considered and dropped because the potential of impacting fragile rock garden communities along the upper ridgeline areas. Ending the reopened trail at the summit of Soapgrass Mountain, approximately one mile (1.6 km) northwest of

the RNA, would not reduce the scenic value of the trail, and impacts on RNA values would be avoided.

The proposed reopening of the trail to the old Twin Buttes lookout would provide access to potential rock climbing areas along the ridgeline forming the southern boundary of the RNA. The Sweet Home Ranger District included the trail and climbing area as one of several proposed climbing areas in a challenge grant application made to the Regional Forester (Carlson, pers. comm.). A trail and climbing activities also could seriously impact the rock garden communities and the upper basins where the oldest forest stands occur. According to Sweet Home Ranger District personnel, the proposal to develop the Twin Buttes Trail and climbing area is not encouraged and the district would defer to the RNA if a conflict over uses occurred. We recommend that the trail to Twin Buttes lookout not be reopened and that no rock climbing areas be developed in or near the RNA. Since the district has several other proposed climbing sites, overall impacts of the establishment of the RNA on future recreation values are slight.

Wildlife and Plant Values

Designation of the RNA will preserve habitat for the spotted owl and other threatened, endangered, and unique species. The designation also would preserve a number of habitat types unique on the Willamette National Forest (see Fauna section).

Potential habitats for several rare plant species identified by the Oregon Natural Heritage Program (1991) are contained in the RNA, and will be preserved by the RNA designation.

Special Management Area Values

The proposed RNA does not lie within any congressionally-designated special management area such as wilderness, wild and scenic river, or national recreation area.

Transportation Plans

No road construction is planned within or adjacent to the RNA (Hatcher, pers. comm.). Current transportation plans will have no adverse impacts on the RNA. Establishment of the RNA will not impact the forest transportation system. Some spur roads off Roads 2044 and 1509 may not be maintained and/or may be blocked with berms in the future, limiting automobile access from the south side of the RNA (Hatcher, pers. comm.).

MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTION

The Three Creek RNA will be managed according to the goals, desired future condition, and standards and guidelines set forth

for RNAs in Management Area 4 of the LRMP for the WNF (1990) (Appendix B). According to the LRMP, RNAs "will be managed to provide for naturally occurring physical and biological processes without undo human intervention." Among the standards and guidelines listed in the LRMP are the following:

- an RNA management plan and implementation schedule for baseline data collection and periodic remeasurement shall be prepared;
- recreational activities within the RNA including camping, hunting and trapping will be discouraged;
 - recreational off-road vehicle use will be prohibited;
- new trail or road construction will not occur unless it enhances RNA values;
- existing trails will be allowed to remain if they do not compromise RNA values;
- introduction of exotic plant and animal species will be prohibited;
 - no programmed timber harvest will be scheduled;
- managed or naturally occurring fire may be used to perpetuate a sere provided prudent measures are taken to avoid catastrophe;
- no action will be taken against insects or diseases unless the outbreak threatens to drastically alter the natural ecological processes within the RNA or is an immediate threat to adjacent land;
 - the RNA will be recommended for withdrawal from locatable mineral exploration.

Vegetation Management

The RNA will be managed to maintain late successional forest communities. Human activities that will disturb or modify ecological processes will be minimized. Fires are unlikely on the cool, moist, north-facing slopes of the RNA, and should a fire occur, it probably would not burn a large area. Nevertheless, fire suppression is deemed necessary to protect the rare near-climax forest stands contained in the RNA. Prescribed burning to maintain particular seral stages is not anticipated. Fire management plan will emphasize late successional communities.

Exotic plant species are nearly non-existent in the RNA at this time; they are generally found only along the roadsides. If

monitoring detects increased occurrences of exotic plant species, IPM strategies will be implemented.

Elk Management

As mentioned in the Fauna section of this report, the Forest Service is working with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to enhance elk habitat in the area of the RNA with the expectation that elk populations can be increased. Elk use the wet meadows in the RNA, as well as travel routes above and below them. relatively scarce meadow communities add to the diversity of habitats occurring in the RNA, and contain a distinctive assemblage of plant and animal species. They are an important source of water for wildlife and hydrophytic plants. Evidence of trampling of the meadows, especially near springs and rivulets, was observed during field visits in the summer of 1991. Greater use of the meadows and associated travel routes by elk could further impact the vegetation and the smaller animal species. The condition of meadow flora and fauna, water quality, and erosion along the small waterways should be monitored closely. Alternatives for the prevention or amelioration of damage by elk herds should be examined before it becomes severe.

ADMINISTRATION RECORDS AND PROTECTION

The following principal contacts are responsible for the administration and protection of the Three Creek RNA.

1. For administration and protection of the physical area:

District Ranger Sweet Home Ranger District 3225 Highway 20 Sweet Home, Oregon 97386

2. For approval and coordination of research within the RNA, maintenance of the RNA databases and of lists of herbarium and animal species samples collected in the RNA:

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USFS Region 6 RNA Database Coordinator Forest Science Data Bank Peavy Hall 154 Oregon State University Corvallis, Oregon 97331

ARCHIVING

The Pacific Northwest Research Station Director will establish and maintain a system for archiving data and reports from the RNA that will facilitate the exchange of information among Research Stations and scientists. Data from the RNA will be archived in the FS R-6 RNA monitoring data base at the Forest Science Department, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon under cooperative agreement between the FSDB and the Forest Service.

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Forest Land Surveyor

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REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

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APPENDIX

- A Excerpt from Oregon Natural Heritage Plan (Natural Heritage Advisory Council to the State Land Board 1988).
- B Excerpt from Land and Resource Management Plan (Willamette National Forest 1990)
- C Willamette National Forest wildlife habitats and species lists (Willamette National Forest date unknown, and 1991)
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TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS - West Slopes and Crest, Oregon Cascades

Agency	Prior	ity Element Name	Present Representation
		Pacific Silver Fir Zone	
FS	Н	15. Silver fir/salal-Oregon grape community in northern or central Cascades.	
	+	16. Silver fir/rhododendron/beargrass community in northern or central Cascades.	Big Bend Mountain PRNA
FS	Н	17. Silver fir forest with huckleberry, vine maple and vanillaleaf in southern Cascades.	
	+	18. Silver fir/big huckleberry/beadlily on dry sites in northern or central Cascades.	Big Bend Mountain PRNA
	+	19. Silver fir/rhododendron community.	Big Bend Mountain PRNA Bull Run RNA
	+	20. Silver fir/big huckleberry/beargrass community.	Big Bend Mountain PRNA Bull Run RNA
	•	21. Silver fir/Alaska huckleberry community.	Bull Run RNA Wildcat Mountain RNA
	•	22. Silver fir/foamflower-Oregon oxalis community.	Bull Run RNA
	*	23. Silver fir/azalea-fool's huckleberry community.	Bull Run RNA
	+	24. Silver fir/Devil's club community.	Big Bend Mountain PRNA Bull Run RNA
	•	25. Mountain meadow-Sitka alder thicket forest mosaic in the northern Cascades.	Olallie Ridge RNA
	•	26. Mountain meadow-Sitka alder thicket forest mosaic in the south Cascades.	Upper Elk Meadows RNA
	•	27. Mountain hemlock-silver fir/beargrass community.	Wildcat Mountain RNA
	•	28. Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir forest.	Gold Lake Bog RNA
	, +	29. Alaska yellow cedar forest mosaic.	Three Creeks PRNA

PVT = Private Land ST = State Land FS = U.S. Forest Service NPS = National Park Service ACE = Army Corps of Engineers FWS = US Fish & Wildlife Service BLM = Bureau of Land Management

P.. = Proposed.. RNA = Research Natural Area ACEC = Area of Critical Environmental Concern SIA = Special Interest Area TNC = Nature Conservancy Preserve NHCA = Natural Heritage Conservation Area RSNA = Registered State Natural Area

H = High Priority M = Medium Priority L = Low Priority + = Adequately represented on proposed but not established area

• = Adequately represented in the area named

• = Partially protected due to designation, size, or quality at this site

MANAGEMENT AREA 4

Emphasis: Research Natural Areas

Management Goals

The goals of this management area are to preserve naturally occurring physical and biological units where natural conditions are maintained insofar as possible for the purposes of:

- Comparison with those lands influenced by man.
- Provision of educational and research areas for ecological and environmental studies.
- Preservation of gene pools for typical as well as rare and endangered plants and animals.

Desired Future Condition

Research Natural Areas (RNAs) will be managed to provide for naturally occurring physical and biological processes without undue human intervention. Plant and animal communities native to an area will be allowed to evolve unaltered, serving as a gene pool source and as a baseline for measuring long-term ecological change. RNAs will provide for nonmanipulative environmental research, observation and study. They will serve as control areas for comparing results from manipulative research, and for monitoring effects of resource management techniques and practices. Areas will preserve a wide spectrum of pristine values or natural settings that have unique educational and scientific interest. No programmed timber harvest will occur. Access will be limited to trails and roads that do not compromise the objectives of the RNA.

Description

This prescription applies to existing RNAs and areas recommended for inclusion during the life of this Plan. The sites designated as Research Natural Areas include:

Area Name	Acres	District	Date Estab- lished
Ollalie Ridge	720	McKenzie	1963
Gold Lake Bog	463	Oakridge	1965
Wildcat Mountain	1,000	Sweet Home	1968
Middle Santiam	1,145	Sweet Home	1979
Hagan Block	1,280	Blue River	1990
McKenzie Pass	1,195	McKenzie	1990
Rigdon Point	300	Rigdon	1990
Three Creeks	661	Sweet Home	1990
Torrey-Charlton	2,154	Oakridge	1990
Wildcat Mtn Addition	384	Sweet Home	1990

Site-specific resource values and management activities will be prescribed in individual Establishment Records. The Regional Forester and Pacific Northwest Station Director will prepare an Establishment Report for each recommended area; this document will describe features, objectives for establishment, and specific management direction.

Standards and Guidelines

PLANNING

- MA-4-01 A management plan shall be prepared for each RNA to fulfill objectives of the Establishment Report.
- MA-4-02 An implementation schedule for baseline data collection and periodic remeasurement shall be prepared for each RNA. The baseline data will serve as a benchmark for research needs as well as for long-term assessments of changes in the forest ecosystem.
- MA-4-03 Ecological responses to management activities or natural disturbances on or adjacent to RNAs should be measured when appropriate. Studies may be prioritized based on the significance of the potential impact.

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

- MA-4-04 Area management practices should result in a physical setting that meets or exceeds the ROS class of Roaded Natural.
- MA-4-05 Recreation activities and uses within RNAs shall be discouraged. This includes overnight camping; recreation use within 200 feet of lakes, ponds and streams; and pack and saddle stock use.
- MA-4-06 All recreation ORV use shall be prohibited.
- MA-4-07 Hunting and trapping shall be discouraged.
- MA-4-08 If other recreation use threatens research or education values, closures or permits should be instituted.
- MA-4-09 Educational use of an RNA should generally be directed toward the graduate level, but may be approved for any educational level.
- MA-4-10 On-site interpretive or demonstrative facilities shall be prohibited.
- MA-4-11 Publicity that would attract the general public to the RNA shall be avoided.

FOREST TRAIL SYSTEM

MA-4-12 New trails shall not be constructed unless they are needed for research purposes.

Existing trails may be allowed to remain as long as the RNA objectives are not compromised.

WILDERNESS

MA-4-13 If an RNA is established within wilderness, wilderness management direction shall take precedence.

SCENIC RESOURCES

MA-4-14 All design and implementation practices should be modified as necessary to meet the VQO of Preservation.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

- MA-4-15 Introduction of exotic plant and animal species shall not be permitted. Reintroduction of former native species, including fish stocking, may be permitted if the objectives of the RNA are met.
- MA-4-16 Control of excessive animal populations should be evaluated and control activities may be implemented where such populations threaten the RNA objectives.

Habitat improvement projects may be approved if they meet the objectives of the RNA.

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

- MA-4-17 No programmed harvest shall be scheduled.
- MA-4-18 Cutting and removal of all vegetation, including firewood, shall be prohibited, except as part of approved scientific investigation.
- MA-4-19 Felled trees shall remain in place, unless lying across trail or road. Trees shall not be removed. Hazard tree felling may be permitted along boundary trails or roads for safety.

FIRE MANAGEMENT

- MA-4-20 If fire is used to perpetuate a sere, it should mimic a natural fire, but with prudent measures to avoid catastrophe. Managed or naturally occurring fire may be used to perpetuate the sere and thus the cell that the RNA is meant to represent.
- MA-4-21 Suppression strategies, practices and activities shall be limited to those which have minimal impacts to RNA values.
- MA-4-22 Chemical fire retardants shall be avoided.
- MA-4-23 Fuels normally should be allowed to accumulate at natural rates unless they threaten the objectives of the RNA.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

MA-4-24 No action shall be taken against insects or diseases unless the outbreak threatens to drastically alter the natural ecological processes within the RNA or is an immediate threat to adjacent lands.

LANDS

- MA-4-25 Rights-of-way easements, including utility corridors, existing before RNA establishment shall be honored. Upgrading that would compromise the objectives of the RNA should be discouraged.
- MA-4-26 FERC licenses or permits that compromise the objectives of the RNA shall not be recommended.
- MA-4-27 All lands shall be retained and private inholdings acquired.

MINERALS AND ENERGY

- MA-4-28 RNAs shall be recommended for withdrawal from locatable mineral exploration.
- MA-4-29 RNAs may be recommended for lease issuance with a no surface occupancy stipulation.

FACILITIES

- MA-4-30 New trail or road construction should not occur, except to enhance RNA values.
- MA-4-31 Construction of new facilities shall be prohibited. Existing facilities may be allowed to deteriorate without replacement. Temporary research facilities and installations may be approved under permit.

Allen's hummingbird

western flycatcher western wood-pewee

western tanager

winter wren

MacGillivray's warbl

American robin

Townsend's warbler

Vaux's swift

Nashville warbler European starling

wood duck

WILDLIFE SPECIES FOR REPRODUCING

USE OF HABITAT

USE OF HABITATS . WILDLIFE SPECIES FOR REPRODUCING

HABITAT TYPE: Temperate Conifer Forest (Douglas-fir/Western hemlock) (Bouglas-fir/True fir)

GRASS/FORB	SHRUB STAGE	SAPLING - POLE (OPEN)	SAPLING - POLE (CLOSED)	LARGE SAWTIMBER OR MATURE FOREST	OLD GROWTH
Birds				(Continued)	(Continued)
				2 Wilson's warbler 2 black-headed grosbeak 2 black-throat gray wrbir 2 brown-headed cowbird 2 common barn-owl 2 great egret 2 long-eared owl 2 mourning dove 2 northern saw-whet owl 2 osprey 2 pileated woodpecker 5 purple finch 6 purple finch 7 red-brasted sapsucker 8 red-brasted sapsucker 9 red-brasted sapsucker 1 red-tailed hawk 2 red-tailed hawk 2 refenses swallow 3 violet-green swallow 4 western flycatcher 5 western screech-owl	2 American crow 2 American kestrel 2 American robin 2 European starling 2 Nashville warbler 2 Townsend's warbler 2 Mison's warbler 2 black-headed grosbeak 2 black-throat gray wrblr 2 brown-headed cowbird 2 chipping sparrow 2 common barn-owl 2 great blue heron 3 long-eared owl 4 mourning dove 5 rorange-crowned warbler 6 osprey 6 red-breasted sapsucker 7 ruffed grouse 7 ruffed grouse 8 ruffed grouse 8 ruffed sapsucker 9 sprey 9 red-breasted sapsucker 9 connections hummingbird 9 ruffed grouse
Amphibians and Reptiles					
1 N.W. garter snake 1 clouded salamander 1 north alligator lizard 1 racer 1 rubber boa 1 western fence lizard 1 western skink 2 OR slender salamander 2 common garter snake 2 common garter snake 2 ringneck snake 2 ringneck snake 2 ringneck snake	1 N.W. garter snake 1 clouded salamander 1 north alligator lizard 1 racer 1 ringneck snake 1 rubber boa 1 western fence lizard 1 western snake 2 OR slender salamander 2 common garter snake 2 gopher snake 2 sharptail snake 2 west red-backed slmndr	i clouded salamander i ensatina i north alligator lizard i rubber boa i western fence lizard i western pond turtle i western pond turtle common garter salamander common garter snake zringneck snake zsharptail snake zwestern skink	1 OR slender salamander 1 clouded salamander 2 west red-backed slmndr 2 ensatina 2 north alligator lizard 2 ringneck snake 2 rubber boa 2 sharptail snake 2 sharptail snake 2 western fence lizard	1 OR slender salamander 1 west red-backed slmndr 2 clouded salamander 2 ensatina 2 rorth alligator lizard 2 ringneck snake 2 rubber boa 2 sharptail snake	i OR slender salamander i west red-backed slmndr 2 clouded salamander 2 ensatina 2 north alligator lizard 2 ringneck snake 5 rubber boa 2 sharptail snake

^{1 *} Primary Habitat 2 * Secondary Habitat

HABITAT TYPE: Temperate Conifer Forest (Douglas-fir/Western hemlock) (Douglas-fir/True fir)

OLD GROWTH

LARGE SANTIMBER OR MATURE FOREST

SAPLING - POLE (CLOSED)

SAPLING - POLE (OPEN)

SHRUB STAGE

GRASS/FORB

Manmals					
1 CA ground squirrel	1 Pacific jumping mouse	1 Douglas' squirrel	Douglas' squirrel	i California myotis	1 California myotis
1 Tourse 410 mouse	A KOOSevelt eik	I Kooseveit eik	I Townsend's chipmunk	l Douglas' squirrel	1 Douglas' squirrel
Townsend S mote	1 lownsend's vole	I townsend's chipmunk	1 Trowbridge's shrew	I Townsend's chipmunk	1 Townsend's chipmunk
L LOWINSERIO S VOICE	1 popcat	Dobcat	l black bear	I Trowbridge's shrew	1 Trowbridge's shrew
t coast mole	1 coast mole	I coast mole	1 bushy-talled woodrat	l Yuma myotis	1 Yuma myotis
L coyote	I coyote	1 coyote	l dusky shrew	l black bear	1 big brown bat
l creeping vole	i creeping vole	I creeping vote	1 dusky-footed woodrat	i bushy-tailed woodrat	1 black bear
i ermine (sht-tld weasel)	l deer mouse	l deer mouse	l ermine (sht-tld weasel)	I dusky shrew	1 bushy-tailed woodrat
l long-tailed vole	I dusky-footed woodrat	I dusky-footed woodrat	1 porcupine	1 dusky-footed woodrat	dusky shrew
I mule deer/blk-tld deer	1 long-tailed vole	1 long-tailed weasel	1 raccoon	i ermine (sht-tld weasel)	1 dusky-footed woodrat
l red fox	l long-tailed weasel	1 mountain beaver	l red tree vole	1 fisher	l ermine (sht-tld weasel)
l vagrant shrew	1 mountain beaver	1 mountain lion	1 shrew-mole	oat	
l western pocket gopher	1 mountain lion	I mule deer/blk-tld deer	1 western red-backed vole	l long-legged myotis ?	
2 Townsend's chipmunk	I mule deer/blk-tld deer	1 porcupine	2 California myotis		1 little brown myotis
2 Virginia opossum	1 porcupine	1 spotted skunk	2 Pacific jumping mouse	1 mountain lion	1 long-pared myntic
2 badger	1 red fox	2 California myotis	2 Virginia opossum	I north flying squirrel	
2 brush rabbit	1 snowshoe hare	2 Pacific jumping mouse	2 Yuma myotis	1 porcupine	_
2 deer mouse	1 spotted skunk	2 Townsend's mole	2 bobcat	1 raccoon	1 north flying sauirel
2 dusky shrew	2 CA ground squirrel	2 Townsend's vole	2 brush rabbit	I red tree vole	1 concuping
2 gldn-mtld grnd squfrrel	2 Townsend's chipmunk	2 Virginia opossum	2 coast mole	l shrew-mole	1 raccoon
2 mink	2 Townsend's mole	2 black bear	2 coyote	1 western red-backed vole	1 red tree vole
2 mountain beaver	2 Virginia opossum	2 brush rabbit	2 creeping vole	2 Pacific jumping mouse	1 western red-backed vole
	2 brush rabbit	2 bushy-tailed woodrat ?	2 deer mouse	2 Virginia opossum	2 bobcat
2 river otter	2 bushy-tailed woodrat	2 dusky shrew	2 gldn-mtld grnd squirrel ;	2 big brown bat	2 brush rabbit
2 shrew-mole	2 dusky shrew	2 ermine (sht-tld weasel)	2 gray fox	2 bobcat	2 coast mole
2 spotted skunk	2 ermine (sht-tld weasel)	2 gldn-mtld grnd squirrel a	2 little brown myotis	2 brush rabbit	2 covote
2 striped skunk	2 gldn-mtld grnd squirrel	2 gray fox	2 long-eared myotis	2 coast mole	2 creeping vole
	2 gray fox	2 long-tailed vole	2 long-leaged myotis	2 covote	2 deer mouse
	2 mink	2 mink	2 long-tailed weasel	2 creeping vole	2 aldn-mtld arnd saufrrel
		2 raccoon	2 mink	2 deer mouse	2 Jong-tailed weasel
	2 river otter		2 mountain beaver	2 gldn-mtld grnd squirrel	2 mink
		2 river otter	2 mountain 1fon	2 little brown myotis	2 mountain beaver
		2 shrew-mole	2 mule deer/blk-tld deer ;	2 long-eared myotis	2 mountain 11on
	2 vagrant shrew	2 snowshoe hare	2 north flying squirrel	2 long-tailed weasel	2 mule deer/blk-tld deer
		2 vagrant shrew	2 red fox	2 mink	2 river otter
	2 yellow-pine chipmunk	2 yellow-pine chipmunk 3	2 river otter	2 mountain beaver	2 shrew-mole
			2 snowshoe hare	2 mule deer/blk-tld deer	2 silver-haired bat
		•	Z vagrant shrew	2 river otter	2 snowshoe hare
			Western gray squirrel	2 silver-haired bat	2 vagrant shrew
		•	yellow-pine chipmunk	2 snowshoe hare	2 western gray squirrel
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			-	r western gray squirres	

HABITAT TYPE: High Temperate Conifer Forest (True Fir Association)

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GRASS/FORB	SHRUB STAGE	SAPLING - POLE (OPEN)	SAPLING - POLE (CLOSED)	LARGE SANTIMBER OR MATURE FOREST	OLD GROWTH
Birds					
	1 Townsend's solitaire	1 American robin	1 evening prosbeak	Rarrow's anidensis	1 Darman **
2 Townsend's solitaire	1 blue grouse		1 colden-crowned kinglet	Conner's bounds	1 Coccatt hank
	1 common nighthawk	1 blue grouse	1 harlequin duck	1 Hammond's flycatcher	1 Hammond's flycatcher
_	1 dark-eyed junco	1 dark-eyed junco	1 pine siskin	l gray Jay	1 gray lay
2 turkey vuiture	1 dusky flycatcher	dusky flycatcher	1 sharp-shinned hawk	1 Steller's Jay	I Steller's Jay
z willte-crowned sparrow	I nermit thrush	I nermit thrush	2 American crow	1 Townsend's solitaire	1 Townsend's solitaire
	I rurous nummingolra	1 orange-crowned warbler	Z American robin	1 Townsend's warbler	1 Townsend's warbler
	2 American robin	1 voltage summed continue	2 Cassin's Tinen	I barred ow!	1 Yaux's swift
	2 Brewer's blackbird	2 American cros	<pre>c couper's nawk 2 Harmond's flysatcher</pre>	1 brown creeper	l bald eagle
		2 Brewer's blackbird	2 orav jav	1 chartent hacked childen	1 barred OWI
	2 MacGillfvray's warbler	2 Cooper's hawk	2 Steller's Jay	1 common merdanser	i orown creeper 1 hufflabaad
			2 Swainson's thrush	1 common raven	1 chestnut-backed chckdee
		2 MacGillivray's warbler	2 Wilson's warbler	1 dark-eyed junco	1 common merganser
			2 band-tailed pigeon	1 evening grosbeak	1 common raven
		2 Steller's Jay	2 barred owl	1 golden-crowned kinglet	1 dark-eyed junco
		USDAUL S. MOSULEMS Z	2 black-backed woodpecker	I great horned owl	1 evening grosbeak
	_	Z WIJSON'S Warbler	2 brown creeper	1 hairy woodpecker	1 golden-crowned kinglet
	2 rox sparrow	2 band-talled pigeon	Z brown-headed cowbird	I harlequin duck	I great horned owl
	_	2 callians burneded cowdiff	2 destruit-backed chekdee	i nermit thrush	I hairy woodpecker
		2 chicope numminguira	2 before eyed junco	I hermit warbier	I harlequin duck
	2 presents contract county an	2 for continue	2 halfy woodpecker	I nooded merganser	I hermit thrush
	2 trabba and trab	2 control to the	2 lermit thrush	I mountain chickadee	I hermit warbler
	2 thinky value	2 June 1- Laired Cowner	Z rong-eared own	I northern flicker	I hooded merganser
	Z WILLE-CLOWNED Sparrow	2 mountain quali 2 mine ciebie	2 mountain chickadee	I northern goshawk	I mountain chickadee
		2 pine Siskin	2 northern pygmy-owl	I northern pygmy-owl	I northern flicker
		2 strong nummingoird	2 pine grosbeak	1 Olive-sided flycatcher	1 northern goshawk
		2 snarp-sninned nawk	z reg-breasted sapsucker	1 pine grosbeak	1 northern pygmy-owl
			z red-breasted sapsucker	I pine siskin	I northern saw-whet owl
		2 warbling vired	2 ruby-crowned Kinglet	I red crossbill	1 Olive-Sided flycatcher
		Z will te-trowned sparrow	2 collaboration	1 red-breasted nuthaten	pyleated woodpecker
			2 thus tood coodsocker	1 ruby-crowned Kinglet	I pine grospeak
			2 varied thrush	1 characteristics	1 pine Siskin
			2 western wood-newee	1 solitary viren	* red clossoff
			2 white-headed woodbecker	1 varied thrush	red-tailed hawk
			2 winter wren	1 Western tanager	1 ruby-crowned kinglet
			2 yellow-rumped warbler	1 winter wren	1 sharp-shinned hawk
				2 American crow	1 solitary vireo
				2 American kestrel	1 varied thrush
				2 American robin	1 western tanager
				2 Cassin's finch	1 winter wren
				2 Clark's nutcracker	2 American crow
				2 MacGillivray's warbler	2 American kestrel
				Z Nashville warbler	Z American robin
				2 Swainson's thrush	Z Cassin's finch o Clart's authorities
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2 racer
2 ringmeck snake
2 western fence lizard
2 western pond turtle
2 western skink

l north alligator lizard l rubber boa 2 OR slender salamander 2 clouded salamander 2 common garter snake

Amphibians and Reptiles

USE OF HABITATS BY WILDLIFE SPECIES FOR REPRODUCING

HABITAT TYPE:
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h Temperate Co
ite Conifer Forest
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	Birds	GRASS/FORB
		SHRUB STAGE
	(OrEN)	SAPLING - POLE
	(CLOSED)	SAPLING - POLE
(Continued) 2 Wilson's warbler 2 band-tailed pigeon 2 black-backed woodpecker 2 Wilson 2 black-backed woodpecker 2 Wilson 2 brown-headed cowbird 2 chipping sparrow 2 long-eared owl 2 chipping sparrow 2 long-eared owl 2 chipping sparrow 2 orange	MATURE FOREST	LARGE SANTIMRED OF
	OLD GROWTH	

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1 north alligator lizard 1 rubber boa 2 OR slender salamander 2 clouded salamander 2 common garter snake 2 racer 2 ringneck snake 2 western fence lizard 2 western pond turtle 2 western skink		
l ensatina l north alligator lizard l rubber boa l rubber boa 2 OR slender salamander 2 clouded salamander 2 common garter snake 2 ringneck snake 2 ringneck snake 2 western fence lizard 2 western pond turtle		
1 OR slender salamander 2 clouded salamander 2 ensatina 2 north alligator lizard 2 ringneck snake 2 rubber boa		
1 OR slender salamander 2 clouded salamander 2 ensatina 2 north alligator lizard 2 ringneck snake 2 rubber boa	2 chipping sparrow 2 long-eared owl 2 long-eared owl 2 northern saw-whet owl 2 osprey 2 pileated woodpecker 2 red-breasted sapsucker 2 red-tailed hawk 2 three-toed woodpecker 2 tree swallow 2 violet-green swallow 2 violet-green swallow 2 western flycatcher 2 western screech-owl 2 western wood-pewee 2 white-headed woodpecker	2 brown-board content 2 Wilson's warbler
1 OR slender salamander 2 ensatina 2 north alligator lizard 2 ringneck snake 2 rubber boa	<pre>Z black-backed woodpecker 2 black-backed woodpecker 2 brown-headed cowbird 2 chipping sparrow 2 long-eared owl 2 oranged-crowned warbler 2 oranged-crowned warbler 2 red-breasted sapsucker 2 rufous hummingbird 2 red-breasted woodpecker 2 tree swallow 2 three swallow 2 thrkey vulture 2 trollet-green swallow 2 western flycatcher 2 western screech-owl 2 western screech-owl 2 western wood-pewee 2 white-headed woodpecker</pre>	2 Wilson's warbler

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1 Pacific jumping mouse 1 coast mole 1 coyote 1 creeping vole 1 long-tailed weasel 1 mule deer/blk-tld deer 1 vagrant shrew 1 vestern pocket gopher 1 vellow-bellied marmot 2 CA ground squirrel 2 Townsend's mole 2 Townsend's mole 2 townsend's wole 3 brush rabbit 4 deer mouse 4 dusky shrew 5 gldn-mtld grnd squirrel 6 heather vole 7 mink 8 mountain beaver 8 raccoon 9 red fox 9 river otter 9 spotted skunk 9 yellow-pine chipmunk	GRASS/FORB Mammals
Pacific jumping mouse 1 Roosevelt elk 1 bobcat 1 coast mole 1 coyote 1 creping vole 1 deer mouse 1 gldn-mtld grnd squirrel 1 long-talled weasel 1 mink 1 mountain beaver 1 mountain beaver 1 mountain lion 1 mountain lion 2 mountain beaver 1 wellow-pine chipmunk 2 CA ground squirrel 2 Townsend's chipmunk 2 CA ground squirrel 3 Townsend's wole 2 brush rabbit 2 bushy-tailed woodrat 2 dusky shrew 2 ermine (sht-tld weasel) 3 heather vole 2 long-tailed vole 3 porcupine 2 raccoon 3 ref ox 3 river otter 3 shrew-mole 3 spotted skunk 3 vagrant shrew 5 western pocket gopher 5 2	SHRUB STAGE
1 Douglas' squirrel 1 Roosevelt elk 1 Townsend's chimunk 1 bobcat 1 coast mole 1 creeping vole 2 creeping vole 2 deer mouse 2 gidn-mtld grnd squirrel 3 mountain beaver 2 mountain beaver 2 mountain lion 3 mule deer/blk-tld deer 3 yellow-pine chipmunk 4 Pac'fic jumping mouse 5 lownsend's wole 6 black bear 6 brush rabbit 6 bushy-tailed woodrat 6 dusky shrew 6 ermine (sht-tld weasel) 6 long-eared myotis 7 long-eared myotis 8 long-tailed vole 8 mink 8 porcupine 9 raccoon 9 red fox 8 red fox 8 ported skunk 8 vagrant shrew 9 vagrant shrew	SAPLING - POLE (OPEN)
Douglas' squirrel Trowbend's chipmunk Trowbridge's shrew black bear bushy-tailed woodrat dusky shrew lermine (sht-tld weasel) gldn-mtld grnd squirrel western red-backed vole California myotis Pacific jumping mouse yuma myotis bobcat brush rabbit coast mole creeping vole creeping vole deer mouse little brown myotis long-eared myotis long-legged myotis long-legged myotis long-tailed weasel mountain beaver mountain beaver mountain beaver mount flying squirrel porcupine red fox river otter shrew-mole snowshoe hare yellow-pine chipmunk	SAPLING - POLE (CLOSED)
1 Douglas' squirrel 1 Townsend's chipmunk 1 Trowbridge's shrew 1 Yuma myot's 1 big brown bat 1 black bear 1 bushy-tailed woodrat 1 dusky shrew 1 ermine (sht-tld weasel) 1 fisher 1 gldn-mtld grnd sqirrel 1 hoary bat 1 long-legged myotis 1 mountain lion 1 mountain lion 2 Callfornia myotis 2 Pacific jumping mouse bobcat 2 brush rabbit 2 coast mole 2 coyote 2 coyote 2 coyote 2 creeping vole 3 brush rabbit 2 creeping vole 3 deer mouse 2 deer mouse 2 heather vole 3 long-eared myotis 3 long-eared myotis 3 long-tailed weasel 2 mountain beaver 2 mountain beaver 3 mountain beaver 3 mountain beaver 4 mountain beaver 5 mountain beaver 5 mountain beaver 6 porcupine 7 raccoon 7 red tree vole 7 river otter 7 shrew-mole 7 silver-haired bat 7 snowshee hare 7 vagrant shrew 7 vagrant shrew 7 vagrant shrew 7 vallow-pine chipmunk	LARGE SANTIMBER OR MATURE FOREST
I Douglas' squirrel I Townsend's chipmunk I Trowbridge's shrew Yuma myotis I big brown bat I black bear I bushy-tailed woodrat I dusky shrew I ermine (sht-tid weasel) I fisher I gldn-mtld grnd squirrel I hoary bat I long-legged myotis I marten I north flying squirrel I western red-backed vole California myotis I marten I north flying squirrel I western red-backed vole California myotis Coust mole California myotis I marten I north flying squirrel I western red-backed vole California myotis I marten I north flying squirrel I western red-backed vole California myotis I mouse Cast mole Creeping vole Creeping vole Creeping vole Coyote	OLD GROWTH

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USE OF HABITATS BY WILDLIFE SPECIES FOR REPRODUCING

HABITAT TYPE: Subalpine Forest (Mountain Hemlock)

l common nighthawk l mountain bluebird l rosy finch l water pipit l white-crowned sparrow 2 Townsend's solitaire 2 mountain quail 2 turkey vulture	GRASS/FORB Birds
I Townsend's solitaire I calliope hummingbird I common nighthawk I dark-eyed junco I fox sparrow I hermit thrush I mountain fuail I rufous hummingbird I white-crowned sparrow I yellow-rumped warbler 2 American robin 2 Lincoln's sparrow 2 Wilson's warbler 2 chipping sparrow 2 turkey vulture	SHRUB STAGE
I American robin I Townsend's solitaire I calliope hummingbird I dark-eyed junco I fox sparrow I hermit thrush I pine grosbeak I rufous hummingbird I white-crowned sparrow I yellow-rumped warbler 2 Steller's jay 2 Wilson's warbler 2 band-tailed pigeon 2 chipping sparrow 2 mountain quail 2 pine siskin 2 sharp-shinned hawk	SAPLING - POLE (OPEN)
l Cassin's finch l calliope hummingbird l evening grosbeak l golden-crowned kinglet l pine siskin l sharp-shinned hawk American robin Steller's jay Wilson's warbler band-tailed pigeon black-backed woodpecker brown creeper dark-eyed junco fox sparrow gray jay hermit thrush long-eared owl mountain chickadee rorthern pygmy-owl red-breasted nuthatch ruby-crowned kinglet rufous hummingbird three-toed woodpecker varied thrush yellow-rumped warbler	SAPLING - POLE (CLOSED)
l Barrow's goldeneye l Cassin's finch l Clark's nutcracker l Steller's jay l Townsend's solitaire l Townsend's warbler bufflehead l calliope hummingbird common raven l dark-eyed junco l evening grosbeak golden-crowned kinglet gray jay hermit thrush mountain chickadee northern flicker l pine grosbeak pine siskin red-breasted nuthatch rufous hummingbird sharp-shinned hawk pine siskin red-breasted huthatch rufous hummingbird sharp-shinned hawk three-toed woodpecker varied thrush American kestrel American bjin Hammond's flycathcer vaux's swift Vaux's swift lown's warbler band-tailed pigeon black-backed woodpecker brown creeper chipping sparrow great horned owl great horned owl proventhern pygny-owl olive-sided flycatcher cosprey ruby-crowned kinglet viollet-green swallow western screech-owl	LARGE SAWTIMBER OR MATURE FOREST
l Barrow's goldeneye l Cassin's finch l Clark's nutcracker l Hammond's flycatcher gray jay l Steller's jay l Townsend's warbler l bufflehead l calliope hummingbird common raven l dark-eyed junco l evening grosbeak golden-crowned kinglet hermit thrush l mountain chickadee northern flicker l mountain chickadee northern flicker l mountain chickadee northern flicker l red crossbill red crossbill red crossbill red crossbill red-breasted nuthatch sharp-shinned hawk three-toed woodpecker varied thrush sharp-shinned hawk three-toed woodpecker varied thrush sharp-shinned owl sharp-shinned owl sharp-shinned owl chipping sparrow graat horned owl look great l varied thrush l sharp-shinned hawk three-toed woodpecker l varied thrush l sharp-shinned pigeon l varied thrush l sharp-shinned owl l sharp-shinned owl l row sparrow l row great horned owl look great l owler-sided flycatcher look prowned kinglet rufous hummingbird rufous hummingbird violet-green swallow western screech-owl	OLD GROWTH

HABITAT TYPE: Subalpine Forest (Mountain Hemlock)

i Pacific Jumping mouse l badger l creeping vole l heather vole l hong-tailed weasel l ong-tailed weasel l mule deer/bik-tid deer l red fox l western pocket gopher l yellow-bellied marmot fownsend's mole Crownsend's vole Crownsend's vole Croyote deer mouse dusky shrew gldn-mtld grid squirrel mountain beaver shrew-mole vagrant shrew yellow-pine chipmunk	I north alligator lizard 2 N.W. garter snake 2 common garter snake	GRASS/FORB
1 Pacific jumping mouse 1 Roosevelt elk 1 bobcat 1 coyote 1 creeping vole 1 deer mouse 1 gldn-mtld grnd squirrel 1 heather vole 1 long-tailed weasel 1 mountain lion 1 mule deer/blk-tld déer 1 red fox 1 yellow-pine chipmunk 2 Townsend's mole 2 Townsend's vole 2 badger 2 bushy-tailed woodrat 2 coast mole 2 dusky shrew 2 ermine (sht-tld weasel) 2 mountain beaver 2 shrew-mole 2 snowshoe hare 2 vagrant shrew 2 western pocket gopher	l north alligator lizard 2 common garter snake	SHRUB STAGE
Douglas' squirrel Roosevelt elk Townsend's chipmunk bobcat creeping vole deer mouse gldn-mtld grmd squirrel long-tailed weasel mule deer/blk-tld deer red fox yellow-pine chipmunk Pacific jumping mouse townsend's vole badger bushy-tailed woodrat coast mole dusky shrew ermine {sht-tld weasel} long-tailed vole mountain beaver shrew-mole snowshoe hare vagrant shrew 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	2 north alligator lizard 2 rubber boa	SAPLING - POLE (OPEN)
1 Douglas' squirre? 1 Townsend's chipmunk 1 Trowbridge's shrew 1 dusky shrew 1 dusky shrew 1 ermine (sht-tid wease?) 1 gldn-mtld grnd squirrel 1 mountain lion 1 red fox 1 western red-backed vole 2 hoterine 2 Pacific jumping mouse 2 black bear 2 bushy-tailed woodrat 2 bushy-tailed woodrat 2 coast mole 2 creeping vole 3 creeping vole 4 deer mouse 2 little brown myotis 1 long-eared myotis 2 long-tailed wease? 3 long-tailed wease? 5 mountain beaver 6 mule deer/blk-tid deer 7 mule deer/blk-tid deer 8 shrew-mole 9 vagrant shrew 9 vellow-pine chipmunk	1 OR slender salamander 2 north alligator lizard 2 ensatina 2 rubber boa	SAPLING - POLE (CLOSED)
I Douglas' squirrel I Townsend's chipmunk I Trowbridge's shrew I dusky shrew I ermine (sht-tld weasel) I fisher I gldn-mtld grnd squirrel I marten I mountain lion I north flying squirrel I western red-backed vole I wolverine 2 Pacific jumping mouse 2 big brown bat 2 black bear 2 bobcat 2 bushy-tailed woodrat 2 coast mole 2 creeping vole 2 deer mouse 2 heather vole 2 little brown myotis 2 long-eared myotis 2 long-tailed weasel 2 mountain beaver 2 mule deer/blk-tld deer 2 shrew-mole chipmunk	1 OR slender salamander 2 north alligator lizard 2 ensatina	LARGE SANTIMBER OR MATURE FOREST
I Douglas' squirrel I Townsend's chipmunk I Trowbridge's shrew dusky shrew l ermine (sht-tld weasel) I fisher I gldn-mtld grnd squirrel I little brown myotis I long-eared myotis I long-eared myotis I western red-backed vole I wolverine 2 big brown bat 5 black bear 2 bobcat 5 creeping vole 6 creeping vole 7 coast mole 8 creeping vole 9 deer mouse 9 heather vole 1 long-tailed weasel 2 mountain beaver 2 mountain beaver 2 mountain beaver 2 mountain beaver 3 mule deer/blk-tld deer 2 shrew-mole 2 vagrant shrew 2 yellow-pine chipmunk	1 OR slender salamander 2 north alligator lizard 2 ensatina	OLD GROWTH

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HABITAT TYPE: Riparian - Coniferous

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Birds GRASS/FORB SHRUB STAGE SAPLING - POLE (OPEN) SAPLING - POLE (CLOSED) LARGE SAWTIMBER OR MATURE FOREST (Continued) OLD GROWTH

Wilson's warbler
black-backed woodpecker
black-headed grosbeak

2 MacGillivray's warbler

Cassin's finch

2 black-backed woodpecker 2 black-headed grosbeak

2 brown-headed cowbird ? black-throat gray wrblr

chipping sparrow

downy woodpecker

2 Wilson's warbler 2 Yaux's swift 2 Hutton's vireo Yaux's swift

2 great egret
2 great horned owl
2 hairy woodpecker
2 house finch

dark-eyed junco chipping sparrow brown-headed combird black-throat gray wrblr

downy woodpecker

fox sparrow

Amphibians and Reptiles

common garter snake

2 common garter snake

2 common garter snake
2 west red-backed slmndr

2 common garter snake
2 ensatina

2 common garter snake 2 ensatina

2 warbling vireo 2 willow flycatcher

turkey vulture warbling vireo

2 three-toed woodpecker 2 turkey vulture

solitary vireo

sharp-shinned hawk rufous hummingbird ring-necked duck pileated woodpecker orange-crowned warbler

rufous-sided towhee

2 tree smallow 2 warbling vireo 2 willow flycatcher

2 ring-necked duck
2 rufous-sided towhee 2 red-tailed hawk

2 pileated woodpecker

northern pygmy-owl northern goshawk mourning dove long-eared owl

osprey

northern pygmy-owl olive-sided flycatcher

mountain chickadee

orange-crowned warbler

? mourning dove 2 mountain chickadee

great horned owl hairy woodpecker

house finch

great blue heron fox sparrow dark-eyed junco

northern goshawk

solitary vireo

three-toed woodpecker

2 common garter snake
2 ensatina

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l Pacific jumping mouse l Townsend's vole l Virginia opossum coast mole deer mouse l long-tailed vole mink mule deer/blk-tld deer river otter river otter striped skunk vagrant shrew water vole Townsend's chipmunk Townsend's mole badger beaver coyote creeping vole dusky shrew heather vole long-tailed weasel muntain beaver muskrat rutria red fox shrew-mole spotted skunk water shrew yellow-pine chipmunk	GRASS/FORB Mammals
l Pacific Jumping mouse l Virginia opossum l beaver l bobcat l coast mole l deer mouse l dusky-footed woodrat l ermine (sht-tld weasel) l mink l mountain beaver l mule deer/blk-tld deer l striped skunk l yellow-pine chipmunk Roosevelt elk l rownsend's wole strownsend's wole strownsend's vole coyote creeping vole dusky shrew heather vole long-tailed weasel muskrat poncupine raccoon red fox snowshoe hare spotted skunk vagrant shrew water vole muskrat poncupine	SHRUB STAGE
l Virginia opossum l beaver l dusky-footed woodrat l ermine (sht-tld weasel) mink l mountain beaver l mule deer/blk-tld deer l river otter shrew-mole l water shrew l yellow-pine chipmunk 2 Douglas' squirrel 2 Pacific jumping mouse 2 Roosevelt elk 2 Downsend's chipmunk 2 black bear 2 black bear 2 black bear 2 coast mole 2 coyote 2 coyote 2 creeping vole 2 deer mouse 2 dusky shrew 2 long-eared myotis 2 long-eared myotis 2 long-earled weasel 2 muskrat 2 porcupine 2 raccoon 2 red fox 2 snowshoe hare 2 vagrant shrew	SAPLING - POLE (OPEN)
l Virginia opossum l bushy-tailed woodrat l dusky shrew l dusky-footed woodrat l ermine (sht-tld weasel) mink river otter shrew-mole l water shrew 2 California myotis 2 Douglas' squirel 2 Pacific jumping mouse 7 Towbridge's shrew 2 Yuma myotis 2 beaver 2 black bear 2 black bear 2 black bear 2 coyote 2 little brown myotis 2 long-eared myotis 2 long-tailed weasel 2 mountain beaver 2 mule deer/blk-tld deer 2 moute deer/blk-tld deer 2 mouth flying squirrel 2 porcupine 2 red tree vole 2 red tree vole 2 snowshoe hare 2 yellow-pine chipmunk	SAPLING - POLE (CLOSED)
I Trowbridge's shrew I Virginia opossum I Yuma myotis I bushy-tailed woodrat I dusky-footed woodrat I dusky-footed woodrat I ermine (sht-tld weasel) I ong-legged myotis I marten I mink I raccoon I river otter I shrew-mole I water shrew 2 California myotis 2 Douglas' squirrel 2 Pacific jumping mouse 2 Townsend's chipmunk 2 beaver 2 big brown bat 2 black bear 2 big brown myotis 2 deer mouse 2 fisher 2 deer mouse 2 fisher 2 little brown myotis 2 long-eared myotis 2 long-eared myotis 2 long-eared myotis 2 long-eariled weasel 3 mountain beaver 2 mule deer/blk-tld deer 2 mule deer/blk-tld deer 2 mule deer/blk-tld deer 2 silver-haired bat 2 snowshoe hare 2 vellow-pine chipmunk	LARGE SANTIMBER OR MATURE FOREST
I California myotis I Trombridge's shrew I Yuma myotis I bushy-tailed woodrat I dusky shrew I dusky-footed woodrat I ermine (sht-tld weasel) I little brown myotis I nong-legged myotis I mink I raccoon I river otter I silver-haired bat I raccoon I river otter I silver-haired bat I bater shrew I pouglas' squirrel I sount a opossum I beaver I black bear I townsend's chipmunk I raccoon I silver-haired bat I water shrew I pouglas' squirrel I sount bear I sount bear I townsend's chipmunk I mink I raccoon I mink I raccoon I river otter I silver-haired bat I rownsend's chipmunk I raccoon I river otter I sount bat I porcupine I rownshoe hare I const mole I rownshoe hare I red tree vole I red tree vole I shrew-mole I rownshoe hare I rownshoe chipmunk	OLD GROWTH

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BREEDING

l American robin l Brewer's blackbird l California quail European starling Lincoln's sparrow l Townsend's solitaire l Virginia rail blue grouse l brown-headed cowbird chestnut-backed chickadee chipping sparrow common nighthawk dark-eyed Junco dusky flycatcher levening grosbeak hermit thrush l azuli bunting marsh wren l mountain quail l ring-necked pheasant ruffed grouse l rufous-sided towhee scrub jay song sparrow sora white-crowned sparrow sora white-crowned sparrow sora whillow flycatcher yellow-breasted chat Bewick's wren Steller's jay common yellowthroat fox sparrow house wren mourning dove northern harrier (marsh hawk) savannah sparrow western kingbird western kingbird western kingbird western kingbird

l band-tailed pigeon 1 golden eagle 1 western screech-owl

HABITAT FEATURE: Edges--Grass-Shrub

Mammal s 2 sharptail snake 2 western fence lizard Amphibians and Reptiles BREEDING l creeping vole l long-tailed vole l mountain beaver Roosevelt elk Townsend's mole brush rabbit yellow-bellied marmot yellow-pine chipmunk coast mole western pocket gopher California ground squirrel Townsend's vole clouded salamander northwestern garter snake ringneck snake rubber boa golden-mantled ground squirrel heather vole long-tailed weasel mule deer/black-tailed deer coyote northern alligator lizard striped skunk deer mouse bobcat racer vagrant shrew snowshoe hare red fox 2 hoary bat
2 little brown myotis
2 mountain lion
2 silver-haired bat 2 gopher snake 1 Virginia opossum
1 ermine (short-tailed weasel)
2 Yuma myotis FEEDING ONLY 2 northwestern salamander 2 roughskin newt 2 western skink 2 western toad FEEDING AND RESTING

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2 black swift 2 northern rough-winged swallow

FEEDING AND RESTING

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2 fox sparrow
2 hermit thrush
2 mountain quail
2 mountain quail
2 olive-sided flycatcher
2 red-breasted sapsucker
2 red-tailed hawk

2 American crow 2 Clark's nutcracker 2 Steller's jay 2 Swainson's thrush 2 Townsend's solitaire

western screech-owl western wood-pewee

common raven dusky flycatcher

2 red-tailed naws 2 ring-necked pheasant

¹ Brewer's blackbird
1 Cooper's hawk
1 long-eared owl
1 turkey vulture
2 American kestrel
2 bald eagle
2 bald eagle
2 spotted sandpiper

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USE OF SPECIAL of UNIQUE HABITATS BY WILDLIFE
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HABITAT FEATURE: Edges--Grass-Forest

BREEDING

FEEDING ONLY

Birds (Continued)

scrub Jay

song sparrow varied thrush western tanager

wood duck

yellow-rumped warbler

Amphibians and Reptiles

l clouded salamander i northwestern garter snake rubber boa northern alligator lizard sharptail snake Western fence lizard ringneck snake

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silver-haired bat Yuma myotis ermine (short-tailed weasel) Virginia opossum little brown myotis California myotis mountain lion Marten heather vole mountain beaver mule deer/black-tailed deer Townsend's chipmunk Townsend's mole coyote creeping vole Roosevelt elk

1 vagrant shrew
1 western pocket gopher
2 California ground squirrel
2 Douglas' squirrel
2 Townsend's vole bobcat

brush rabbit coast mole

dusky shrew deer mouse

golden-mantled ground squirrel long-tailed vole long-tailed weasel northern flying squirrel

Spotted skunk
striped skunk
weslern gray squirrel
yellow-bellied marmot

1 = Primary Habitat
2 = Secondary Habitat

RESTING ONLY

FEEDING AND RESTING

2 Pacific giant salamander 2 northwestern salamander 2 roughskin newt 2 western toad

HABITAT FEATURE: Edges -- Shrub-Forest

BREEDING

FEEDING ONLY

2 sharp-shinned hawk

2 peregrine falcon 2 turkey vulture

long-eared owl bald eagle Cooper's hawk

FEEDING AND RESTING

RESTING DNLY ruby-crowned kinglet 2 Clark's nutcracker 2 black swift 2 northern goshawk 2 spotted owl American crow black-throated gray warbler Wilson's warbler band-tailed pigeon black-capped chickadee black-headed grosbeak Lewis' woodpecker MacGillivray's warbler Nashville warbler orange-crowned warbler northern sam-whet owl Swainson's thrush Iownsend's solitaire brown-headed cowbird calliope hummingbird Hammond's flycatcher green-tailed towhee Allen's hummingbird northern pygmy-owl green-backed heron Brewer's blackbird American goldfinch mountain bluebird European starling common barn-owl common nighthawk lesser goldfinch great horned owl northern oriole American kestrel dusky flycatcher dark-eyed junco American robin Cassin's finch Hutton's vireo pine grosbeak pine siskin Bewick's wren hermit thrush fox sparrow golden eagle purple finch Vaux's swift blue grouse house finch house wren bushtit Birds

HABITAT FEATURE: Edges--Shrub-Forest

BREEDING

FEEDING ONLY

FEEDING AND RESTING

RESTING ONLY

Birds (Continued)

red-tailed hawk ruffed grouse

l rufous hummingbird | rufous-sided towhee | scrub jay | varied thrush warbing vireo western bluebird

western screech-owl western tanager western wood-pewee willow flycatcher winter wren

1 yellow warbler
1 yellow warbler
2 American crow
2 California quail
2 Steller's jay
2 common raven
2 mountain quail
3 mountain quail
6 mourtain quail
7 common raven
7 common raven
8 contern flicker
9 olive-sided flycatcher
9 red-breasted sapsucker

song sparrow
western kingbird
white-crowned sparrow
wood duck

2 yellow-breasted chat

USE OF SPECIA . (UNIQUE HABITATS BY WILDLIFE

HABITAT FEATURE: Edges--Shrub-Forest

BREEDING

FEEDING ONLY

RESTING ONLY

FEEDING AND RESTING

2 western toad

Amphibians and Reptiles

l ensatina 2 Oregon slender salamander 2 clouded salamander 2 northern alligator lizard 2 northwestern garter snake

1 California myotis 1 Virginia opossum 1 big brown bat 1 ermine (short-tailed weasel) 1 hoary bat little brown myotis | mountain lion | silver-haired bat | Yuma myotis marten 1 deer mouse 1 heather vole 1 mountain beaver 1 mule deer/black-tailed deer vagrant shrew
Western gray squirrel
Douglas' squirrel
Townsend's chipmunk Roosevelt elk red fox

2 California ground squirrel

Mammals

bobcat

brush rabbit bushy-tailed woodrat coast mole

coyote

dusky shrew
2 dusky-footed woodrat
2 dusky-footed woodrat
2 golden-mantled ground squirrel
2 long-tailed wease?
2 snowshoe hare
2 spotted skunk
2 striped skunk
2 western pocket gopher
2 yellow-pine chipmunk

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Birds

FEEDING ONLY

15 ONLY

RESTING ONLY

2 Hammond's flycatcher 2 dusky flycatcher 2 olive-sided flycatcher 2 peregrine falcon 2 red-talled hawk

bald eagle belted kingfisher Cooper's hawk 2 sharp-shinned hawk 2 turkey vulture 2 western kingbird

FEEDING AND RESTING

black-backed woodpecker black-capped chickadee chestnut-backed chckdee white-breasted nuthatch white-headed woodpecker red-breasted nuthatch red-breasted sapsucker northern pygmy-owl northern saw-whet owl three-toed woodpecker violet-greem swallow western bluebird western screech-owl osprey pileated woodpecker mountain bluebird mountain chickadee northern flicker Barrow's goldeneye European starling European starling American kestrel common merganser hooded merganser downy woodpecker halry woodpecker common barn-ow! great horned owl brown creeper Bewick's wren Vaux's swift tree swallow Song Sparrow spotted owl bufflehead house wren house finch

USE OF SPECIAL A UNIQUE HABITATS BY WILDLIFE

HABITAT FEATURE: Snags

BREEDING

FEEDING ONLY

FEEDING AND RESTING

RESTING ONLY

Amphibians and Reptiles

2 Oregon slender salamander 2 clouded salamander

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California myotis
Douglas, squirrel
Virginia opossum
Yuma myotis
big brown bat

2 ermine (short-tailed weasel)

long-eared myotis long-legged myotis marten

northern flying squirrel raccoon

silver-haired bat Western gray squirrel black bear

2 bobcat 2 bushy-tailed woodrat 2 deer mouse 2 gray fox

hoary bat little brown myotis

2 porcupine 2 spotted skunk 2 yellow-pine chipmunk

HABITAT FEATURE: Logs and Down Material

BREEDING	FEEDING ONLY	RESTING ONLY	FEEDING AND RESTING
Birds			
1 Bewick's wren 1 Townsend's solitaire 1 house wren 1 ruffled grouse 1 rufous-sided towhee 1 turkey vulture 2 Barrow's goldeneye 2 California quail 2 common merganser 2 california quail 2 cumon merganser 2 dark-eyed junco 2 mountain chickadee 2 red-breasted sapsucker 2 song sparrow 2 white-breasted nuthatch 2 wood duck	1 hairy woodpecker 1 northern filcker 1 pileated woodpecker 2 Cooper's hawk 2 Steller's jay 2 barred owl 2 black-backed woodpecker 2 green-tailed towhee 2 northern goshawk 2 sharp-shinned hawk 2 white-headed woodpecker	1 blue grouse	
Amphibians and Reptiles 1 Oregon slender salamander 1 clouded salamander 1 common garter snake		1 western pond turtle	1 Dunn's salamander 1 Pacific giant sala 1 Pacific tree frog

I Dunn's salamander
I Pacific giant salamander
I Pacific tree frog
I northwestern salamander
I tailed frog
I western fence lizard
I western toad
2 gopher snake

l ensatina l northern alligator lizard l ringneck snake l rubber boa l sharptail snake l western red-backed salamander l western skink 2 northwestern garter snake 2 western rattlesnake

UNIQUE HABITATS BY WILDLIFE USE OF SPECIAL

HABITAT FEATURE: Logs and Down Material

BREEDING

FEEDING ONLY

RESTING ONLY

FEEDING AND RESTING

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1 Townsend's chipmunk 1 Trowbridge's shrew 1 Virginia opossum 1 black bear 1 bobcat 1 bushy-tailed woodrat 1 coyote

creeping vole
deer mouse
dusky shrew
ermine
fisher
golden-mantled ground squirrel

l gray fox 1 heather vole 1 long-tailed vole 1 long-tailed weasel marten

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I mountain beaver
1 porcupine
1 red fox
1 shrew-mole
1 spotted skunk
1 water shrew
1 western red-backed vole

2 Townsend's mole 2 Coast mole 2 dusky-footed woodrat 2 mountain lion 2 snowshoe hare 2 striped skunk 2 vagrant shrew 2 yellow-pine chipmunk

HABITAT FEATURE: Burrows and Bank Cavities

BREEDING

Birds

FEEDING ONLY

RESTING ONLY

FEEDING AND RESTING

Amphiblans and Reptiles

belted kingfisher northern rough-winged swallow

| Barrow's goldeneye | Townsend's solitaire | bank swallow

l gopher snake

1 Oregon slender salamander 1 ensatina 1 western toad

racer

l rubber boa

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California ground squirrel
Townsend's chipmunk
Townsend's mole
Townsend's vole
Virginia opossum
beaver
black bear
coast mole

creeping vole coyote

deer mouse dusky shrew golden-mantled ground squirrel

gray fox

I heather vole I long-tailed vole I long-tailed weasel mink

mountain beaver

red fox

river otter shrew-mole spotted skunk striped skunk vagrant shrew

water shrew water vole

wolverine yellow-bellied marmot yellow-pine chipmunk

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JNIQUE HABITATS BY WILDLIFE
USE OF SPECIAL
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FEEDING AND RESTING

RESTING ONLY

FEEDING ONLY

BREEDING

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Birds
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l Townsend's solitaire
| bank swallow
| belted kingfisher
| black swift
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canyon wren

common raven

| double-crested cormorant | northern rough-winged swallow | peregrine falcon | rock dove | rock wren

iturkey vulture | violet-green swallow 2 American dipper 2 American kestrel

European starling

common barn-owl golden eagle great horned owl

2 house finch

2 red-tailed hawk 2 western gull

Amphibians and Reptiles

l western rattlesnake

1amma]s

2 black bear
2 ermine (short-tail weasel)
2 fisher
2 marten
2 red fox
2 striped skunk California myotis

2 silver-haired bat

bobcat

deer mouse coyote

2 pacific tree frog 1 western fence lizard 2 western skink

Yuma myotis big brown bat

bushy-tailed woodrat long-legged myotis mountain lion

porcupine

2 golden-mantled ground squirrel 2 little brown myotis 2 long-tailed weasel

2 yellow-pine chipmunk

HABITAT FEATURE: Talus

FEEDING AND RESTING

2 peregrine falcon

RESTING ONLY			
FEEDING ONLY	2 American kestrel 2 black swift 2 common raven 2 great horned owl 2 red-tailed hawk	1 spotted skunk 2 black bear 2 coyote 2 striped skunk	
BREEDING	Birds canyon wren common nighthawk rock wren rock wren rosy finch fownsend's solitaire fownsend's solitaire Amphibians and Reptiles Dunn's salamander olympic salamander western red-backed salamander western skink	/ Uregon Siender Salamander // Clouded salamander // Ensatina // Porthern alligator lizard // Mammals // Townsend's chipmunk // bobcat // bobcat // boshy-tailed woodrat // deer mouse // ermine (short-tailed weasel)	fisher golden-mantled ground squirrel long-tailed vole nountain lion pika wolverine yellow-bellied marmot yellow-pine chipmunk badger gray fox long-tailed weasel marten marten

l sharptail snake l western fence lizard 2 Pacific giant salamander 2 Pacific tree frog 2 ringneck snake 2 rubber boa 2 tailed frog 2 western toad

^{1 =} Primary Habitat
7 = Secondary Habitat

USE OF SPL . A OR UNIQUE HABITATS BY WILDLIFE

HABITAT FEATURE: Caves and Crevices

BREEDING

FEEDING ONLY

RESTING ONLY

FEEDING AND RESTING

Birds

I Townsend's solitaire
combon merganser
I northern rough-winged swallow
I peregrine falcon
I rosy finch
I turkey vulture
C common barn-owl
g great horned owl

Amphibians and Reptiles

1 Dunn's salamander

Mammals

I California myotis
I Townsend's big-eared bat
I Yuma myotis
I big brown bat
I bobcat
I little brown myotis

1 wolverine
2 black bear
2 bushy-tailed woodrat
2 coyote
2 ermine (short-tailed weasel)
2 gray fox
2 long-eared myotis
2 long-tailed weasel

2 marten 2 pika 2 porcupine 2 raccoon 2 spotted sku

spotted skunk

2 Pacific tree frog

2 silver-haired bat

FAUNA OF WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST AMPHIBIANS. REPTILES AND FISHES

AMPHIBIANS

Salamanders

*Oregon slender salamander (Batrachoseps wrighti)
Rough-skinned newt (Taricha granulosa)
Pacific giant salamander (Dicamptodon ensatus)
Northwestern salamander (Ambystoma gracilis)
Olympic salamander (Rhyacotriton olympicus)
Dunn's salamander (Plethodon dunni)
Ensatina (Ensatina eschscholtzi)
Clouded salamander (Aneides ferreus)

Frogs and Toads

Yellow-legged frog (Rana boylei)
Cascade frog (Rana cascadae)
Red-legged frog (Rana aurora)
Western toad (Bufo boreas)
Pacific tree frog (Hylla regilla)
*Tailed frog (Ascaphus truei)
Spotted frog (Rana pretiosa)
Bullfrog (Rana catesbeiana)

REPTILES

Western pond turtle (Clemmys marmorota)
Western fence lizard (Sceloporus occidentalis)
Western skink (Eumeces skiltonianus)
Short-horned lizard (Phyronosoma douglassi)
Northern alligator lizard (Gerrhonotus coeruleus)
Southern alligtor lizard (Gerrhonotus multicarinatus)
Rubber boa (Charina bottae)
Western ringneck snake (Diadophis amabilis)
Sharp-tailed snake (Contia tenuis)
Racer (Coluber constrictor)
Common garter snake (Thammophis sirtalis)
Northwestern garter snake (Thamnophis ordinoides)
Gopher snake (Pituophis melanoleucus)

Fishes

Spring chinook (Oncorhynchus tschwaytscha)
Kokanee (Oncorhynchus nerka)
Coho (Oncorhynchus kisutch)
Rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus gairderni)
Summer steelhead (Oncorhynchus gairdneri)
Winter steelhead (Oncorhynchus gairdneri)
Cutthroat trout (Oncorhynchus clarki)

AMPHIBIANS, REPTILES AND FISHES (CONT.)

***Hackleman cutthroat trout (Oncorhynchus clarki hackelmanii) Brown trout (Salmo Trutta) Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar) Brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis) Bull trout (Salvelinus confluentus) Mountain whitefish (Prosopium williamsoni) Large-mouth bass (Micropterus salmoides) brown bullhead (Ictalurus nebulosus) White crappie (Pomoxis annularis) Black crappie (Pomoxis nigromaculatus) Oregon chub (Oregonichthys crameri) Largescale sucker (Catostomus macrocheilus) Mountain sucker (Catostomus platyrrhynchus) Trout-perch (Percopsis transmontanus) Northern squawfish (Ptychocheilus oregonensis) Chiselmouth (Acrocheilus alutaceus) Redside shiner (Richardsonius balteatus) Cottids (Cottus sp.) Speckled dace (Rhinichthys osculus) Blackside dace Rhinichthys osculus nubilus) Longnose dace (Rhinichthys cataractae dulcis) Leopard dace (Rhinichthys falcatus) Prickly sculpin (Cottus asper Torrent sculpin (Cottus confusus) Reticulate sculpin (Cottus rhotheus) Piute sculpin (Cottus beldingi) Western brook lamprey (Lampetra richardsoni Pacific lamprey (Lampetra tridentatus)

Nomenclature of reptiles and amphibians are based on "A Field Guide to Western Reptiles and Amphibians", Robert C. Stebbins, published by Houghton Mifflin Co. 1966.

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^{**}Species or subspecies listed as "Threatened" on Forest Service Region 6 list of Endangered, Threatened or Unique Species.

^{***}The Hackleman cutthroat trout is not on the R-6 list but is considered "unique" on the Forest, because it has been isolated for 10,000 years and may have developed into a distinct race.

BIRDS OF THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

SPECIES

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Common loon (Gavia immer)
 Pacific loon (Gavia pacifica)
 Western grebe (Aechmophorus occidentalis)
 Horned grebe (Podiceps auritus)
 Pied-billed grebe (Podilymbus podiceps)
 Leach's storm-petrel (Oceanodroma leucorhoa) (Accidental)
 Double-crested cormorant Phalacrocorax auritus)
 Tundra swan (Cygnus columbianus)
 Trumpeter swan (Cygnus buccinator) (accidental)
 Canada goose (Branta canadensis)
 Greater white-fronted goose (Anser albifrons)
 Snow goose (Chen caerulescens)
 Mallard (Anas platyrhynchos)
 Pintail (Anas acuta)
 Gadwell (Anas strepera)
Eurasian widgeon (Anas penelope)
American wigeon (Anas americana)
Northern shoveller (Anas clypeata)
Green-winged teal (Anas crecca)
Cinnamon teal (Anas cyanoptera)
Blue-winged teal (Anas discors)
Wood duck (Aix sponsa)
Redhead (Aythya americana)
Canvasback (Aythya valisineria)
Ring-necked duck (Aythya collaris)
Greater scaup (Aythya marila)
Lesser scaup (Aythya affinis)
Common goldeneye (Bucephela clangula)
Barrow's goldeneye (Bucephela islandica)
Bufflehead (Bucephela albeola)
*Harlequin duck (Histrionicus histrionicus)
Oldsquaw (Clangula hyemalis) (Accidental)
White-winged scoter (Melanitta fusca) (Accidental)
Surf scoter (Melanitta perspecillata)
Common merganser (Mergus merganser)
Hooded merganser (Lophodytes cucullatus)
Ruddy duck (Oxyura jamaicensis)
Turkey vulture (Cathartes aura)
Goshawk (Accipiter gentilis)
Cooper's hawk (Accipiter cooperi)
Sharp-shinned hawk (Accipiter striatus)
Northern harrier (Circus cyaneus)
Rough-legged hawk (Buteo lagopus)
Ferruginous hawk (Buteo regalis)
Red-tailed hawk (Buteo jamaicensis)
Swainson's hawk (Buteo swainsoni)
Golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos)
**Northern bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus alascanus)
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*Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)
  Prairie falcon (Falco mexicanus)
  **Peregrine falcon (Falco peregrinus)
  Merlin (Falco columbarius)
  American kestrel (Falco sparverius)
  Turkey (Meleagris gallopavo) (introduced)
  Blue grouse (Dendragapus obscurus)
 Ruffed grouse (Bonasa umbellus)
 California quail (Callipepla californicus)
 Mountain quail (Oreotyx pictus)
 Ring-necked pheasant (Phasianus colchicus)
 Common egret (Casmerodius albus)
 Cattle egret (Bubulcus ibis) (Accidental)
 Great blue heron (Ardea herodias)
 Green-backed heron (Butorides striatus)
 American bittern (Botaurus lentiginosus)
 White-faced ibis (Eudocimus albus) (Accidental)
 Sandhill crane (Grus canadensis)
 American coot (Fulica americana)
 Semipalmated plover (Charadrius semipalmatus)
 Killdeer (Charadrius vociferus)
 Greater yellowlegs (Tringa melanoleocus)
 Lesser yellowlegs (Tringa flavipes)
 Solitary sandpiper (Tringa solitaria)
 Spotted sandpiper (Actitus macularia)
 Long-billed dowitcher (Limnodromus scolopaceus)
Red phalarope (Phalaropus fulicarius) (Accidental)
Red-necked phalarope (Phalaropus lobatus) (Accidental)
 Common snipe (Gallinago gallinago)
Pectoral sandpiper (Calidris melanotos)
Dunlin (Calidris alpina)
Least sandpiper (Calidris minutilla)
Glaucous-winged gull (Larus glaucescens)
California gull (Larus californicus)
Ring-billed gull (Larus delawarensis)
Bonaparte's gull (Larus philadelphis) (Accidental)
Caspian tern (Sterna caspia)
Band-tailed pigeon (Columba fasciata)
Rock dove (Columba livia) (Introduced)
Mourning dove (Zenaida macroura)
Western screech owl (Otus kennicottii)
Great horned owl (Bubo virginianus)
Long-eared owl (Asio otus)
Barn owl (Tyto alba)
Barred Owl (Strix varia)
**Northern spotted owl (Strix occidentalis caurina)
Great grey owl (Strix nebulosa)
Boreal owl (Aegolius funereus)
Northern saw-whet owl (Aegolius acadicus)
Flammulated owl (Otus flammeolus)
Northern pygmy owl (Glaucidium gnoma)
Common nighthawk (Chordeiles minor)
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Black swift (Cypseloides niger) Vaux's swift (Chaetura vauxi) Calliope hummingbird (Stellula calliope) Annna's hummingbird (Calypte anna) Rufous hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus) Belted kingfisher (Ceryle alcyon) Northern flicker (Colaptes auratus) Pileated woodpecker (Dryocopus pileatus) White-headed woodpecker (Picoides albolarvatus) Lewis woodpecker (Melanerpes lewis) Red-naped sapsucker (Sphyrapicus ?) Red-breasted sapsucker (Sphyrapicus ruber) Williamson's sapsucker (Sphyrapicus thyroideus) Hairy woodpecker (Picoides villosus) Downy woodpecker (Picoides pubescens) Black-backed woodpecker (Picoides arctus) Three-toed woodpecker (Picoides tridactylus) Western kingbird (Tyrannus verticalis) Willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii) Hammond's flycatcher (Empidonax hammondii) Dusky flycatcher (Empidonax oberholseri) Gray flycatcher (Empidonax wrightii) Western flycatcher (Empidonax difficilis) Western wood pewee (Contopus sordidulis) Olive-sided flycatcher (Contopus borealis) Horned lark (Eremophila alpestris) Barn swallow (Hirundo rusticus) Cliff swallow (Hirundo pyrrhonota) Violet-green swallow (Tachycineta thalassina) Tree swallow (Tachycineta bicolor) Bank swallow (Riparia riparia) Rough-winged swallow (Stelgidopteryx serripennis) Purple martin (Progne subis) Steller's jay (Cyanocitta stelleri) Scrub jay (Aphelocoma coerulescens) Gray jay (Perisoreus canadensis) Black-billed magpie (Pica pica) Clark's nutcracker (Nucifraga columbiana) Common raven (Corvus corax) American crow (Corvus brachyrhynchos) Black-capped chickadee (Parus atricapillus) Mountain chickadee (Parus gambeli) Chestnut-backed chickadee (Parus rufescens) Bushtit (Psaltriparus minimus) Wrentit (Chamaea fasciata) Dipper (Cinclus mexicanus) White-breasted nuthatch (Sitta carolinensis) Red-breasted nuthatch (Sitta canadensis) Brown creeper (Certhia americana) House wren (Troglodytes aedon) Winter wren (Troglodytes troglodytes) Bewick's wren (Thryomanes bewickii)

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Rock wren (Salpinctes obsoletus)
Marsh wren (Cistothorus palustris)
Mockingbird (Mimus polygottos)
American robin (Turdus migratorius)
Varied thrush (Ixoreus naevius)
Townsend's solitaire (Myadestes townsendii)
Hermit thrush (Catharus guttatus)
Swainson's thrush (Catharus ustulatus)
Western bluebird (Sialia mexicana)
Mountain bluebird (Sialia currucoides)
Golden-crowned kinglet (Regulus satrapa)
Ruby-crowned kinglet (Regulus calendula)
American pipit (Anthus spinoletta)
Bohemian waxwing (Bombycilla garrulus) (Accidental)
Cedar waxwing (Bombycilla cedrorum)
Northern shrike (Lanius excubitor)
Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)
Solitary vireo (Vireo solitarius)
Hutton's vireo (Vireo huttoni)
Red-eyed vireo (Vireo olivaceus)
Warbling vireo (Vireo gilvus)
Tennessee warbler (Vermivora peregrina) (Accidental)
Orange-crowned warbler (Vermivora celata)
Nashville warbler (Vermivora ruficapilla)
Yellow warbler (Dendroica petechia)
Yellow-rumped warbler (Dendroica coronata)
Townsend's warbler (Dendroica townsendi)
Hermit warbler (Dendroica occidentalis)
Black-throated gray warbler (Dendroica nigrescens)
Northern waterthrush (Seiurus noveboracensis)
Common yellow-throat (Geothlypis trichas)
Yellow-breasted chat (Icteria virens)
MacGillivrays warbler (Oporornis tolmiei)
Wilson's warbler (Wilsonia pusilla)
American redstart (Setophaga ruticilla)
House sparrow (Passer domesticus)
Western meadowlark (Sturnella neglecta)
Yellow-headed blackbird (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus)
Red-winged blackbird (Agelaius phoeniceus)
Brewer's blackbird (Euphagus cyanocephalus)
Brown-headed cowbird (Molothrus ater)
Northern oriole (Icterus galbula bullockii)
Western tanager (Piranga ludoviciana)
Black-headed grosbeak (Pheucticus melanocephalus)
Evening grosbeak (Coccothraustes vespertina)
Lazuli bunting (Passerina amoena)
Purple finch (Carpodacus purpureus)
Cassin's finch (Carpodacus cassinii)
House finch (Carpodacus mexicanus)
Pine grosbeak (Pinicola enucleator)
Rosy finch (Levcosticte arctoa)
Pine siskin (Carduelis pinus)
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American goldfinch (Carduelis tristris) Lesser goldfinch (Carduelis psaltria) Red crossbill (Loxia curvirostra) White-winged crossbill (Loxia leucoptera) Green-tailed towhee (Pipilo chlorurus) Rufous-sided towhee (Pipilo erythrophthalmus) Savannah sparrow (Passerculus sandwichensis) Vesper sparrow (Pooecetes gramineus) Lark sparrow (Chondestes grammacus) Dark-eyed junco (Junco hyemalis oreganus) Chipping sparrow (Spizella passerina) Brewer's sparrow (Spizella breweri) White-crowned sparrow (Zonotrichia leucophrys) Golden-crowned sparrow (Zonotrichia atricapilla) White-throated sparrow (Zonotrichia albicollis) Fox sparrow (Passerella iliaca) Lincoln's sparrow (Melospiza lincolnii) Song sparrow (Melospiza melodia)

Nomenclature of Birds is based on "A Guide to Field Identification, Birds of North America", Robbins, Bruun, Zim and Singer published by Golden Press, New York, 1983; and Checklist of North American Birds, American Ornithologists' Union, 1974.

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MAMMALS OF THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

SPECIES

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Opposum (Didlephus virginiana), (Introduced)
Dusky shrew (Sorex obscurus)
Vagrant shrew (Sorex vagrans)
Water shrew (Sorex palustris)
Trowbridge shrew (Sorex trowbridgii)
Coast mole (Scapanus orarius)
Shrew mole (Neurotrichus gibbsii)
Little brown myotis (Myotis lucifugus)
California myotis (Myotis californicus)
Long-eared myotis (Myotis evotis)
Yuma myotis (Myotis yumanensis)
***Townsend's big-eared bat (Plecotus townsendii)
Big brown bat (Eptesicus fuscus)
Pika (Ochotona princeps)
Snowshoe hare (Lepus americanus)
Brush rabbit (Sylvilagus bachmani)
*Mountain beaver (Aplondontia rufus)
Beechey ground squirrel (Ostosphermophilus beecheyi)
Sierra Nevada golden-mantled ground squirrel (Callospermophilus lateralis)
Yellow pine chipmunk (Eutamias amoenus)
Townsend chipmunk (Eutamias townsendii)
Western gray squirrel (Scirus griseus)
Douglas squirrel (Tamiasciurus douglasii)
Northern flying squirrel (Glaucomys sabrinus)
Mazama pocket gopher (Thomomys mazama)
Beaver (Castor canadensis)
Deer mouse (Peromyscus maniculatus)
Bushy-tailed woodrat (Neotoma cinerea)
Red tree mouse (Phenacomys longicaudus)
Western red-backed mouse (Clethrionomys occidentalis)
Oregon meadow mouse (Microtus oregonia)
White-footed vole (Microtus albipes)
Water rat (Microtus richardsoni)
Porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum)
Red Fox (Vulpes fulva)
Coyote (Canis latrans)
Black bear (Euarctos americanus)
Ring-tailed cat (Bassariscus astutus)
Raccoon (Procyon lotor)
Marten (Martes americana)
*Fisher (Martes pennanti)
Ermine (Mustela erminea)
Long-tailed weasel (Mustela frenata)
Mink (Mustela vison)
*Wolverine (Gulo luscus)
Spotted skunk (Spilogale putorius)
Striped skunk (Mephitis mephitis)
River otter (Lutra canadensis)
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MAMMALS OF THE WILLAMETEE (CONT.)

Mountain lion (Felis concolor)

Bobcat (Lynx rufus)

Roosevelt elk (Cervus canadensis roosevelti)

Black-tailed deer (Odocoileus hemionus columbianus)

Mule deer (Odocoileus hemionus hemionus)

Yellow bellied marmot (Marmota flaviventris)

*Species or subspecies listed as "Unique" on Forest Service Region 6 list of Endangered, Threatened or Unique Species.

Nomenclature of Mammals based on "Mammals of the Pacific States" by F. Ingles, Standford University Press, 1965.

• Reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals believed to be in the Middle Santiam Research N Area are listed below:1



Order	Scientific name	Common name	Elevation and habitat ²		
REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS ³					
Candata	Ambystoma gracila	Northwestern salamander	Low-mid; riparian, upland (during rains)		
	Aneides ferreus	Clouded salamander	Low; upland		
	Batrachoseps wrighti	Oregon slender salamander	Low-mid		
	Dicamptodon ensatus	Pacific giant salamander	Low-high; riparian, upland		
	Ensatina eschscholtzi				
	subspecies oregonensis	Ensatina	Low; riparian-upland		
	Plethodon dunni	Dunn's salamander	Low; riparian-upland		
	Rhyacotriton olympicus	Olympic salamander	Low; riparian		
	Taricha granulosa	Rough-skinned newt	Low-high; riparian, upland		
Anura	Ascaphus truei	Tailed frog	Low-mid; riparian		
	Bufo boreas	Western toad	Low-high; riparian, upland		
	Hyla regilla	Pacific tree frog	Low-mid; riparian, upland		
	Rana aurora	Red-legged frog	Low; riparian, upland (only during heavy rains)		
	Rana cascadae	Cascade frog	High; riparian, upland		
Serpentes	Charina bottae	Rubber boa	Low-mid; upland		
	Diadophis punctatus	Ringneck snake	Low; upland		
	Thamnophis ordinoides	Northwestern garter snake	Low-high; upland		
	Thamnophis sirtalis	Common garter snake	Low-high; upland, riparian		
Squamata	Sceloporus occidentalis	Western fence lizard	Low; upland		
BIRDS*					
Anseriformes	Aix sponsa	Wood duck	Low; riparian		
	Ardea herodias	Great blue heron	Low; riparian		
	Histrionicus histrionicus	Harlequin duck	Low; riparian		
	Mergus merganser	Common merganser	Low; riparian		
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^{&#}x27;Vertebrates listed are believed to use the area during some part of the year; information supplied by Chris Maser, wildlife biologist, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Corvallis, Oregon.

 $^{^2}$ Elevation: low=300 to 800 m, mid=800 to 1200 m, high=1200+ m.

³Nomenclature follows Stebbins (1966).

⁴Nomenclature follows Peterson (1961).

Order	Scientific name	Common name	Elevation and habitat ²
Falconiformes	Accipiter gentilis Buteo jamaicensis Cathartes aura	Goshawk Red-tailed hawk Turkey vulture	Low-mid; old growth Low-high Low-high
Galliformes	Bonasa umbellus Dendragapus obscurus :	Ruffed grouse Blue grouse	Low-mid Low-high
Columbiformes	Columba fasciata Zenaidura macroura	Band-tailed pigeon Mourning dove	Low-high Low-mid
Strigiformes	Aegolius acadius Bubo virginianus Glaucidium gnoma Strix occidentalis	Saw-whet owl Great-horned owl Pygmy owl Spotted owl	Low-mid; old growth Low-mid Low-mid; old growth, riparian Low-high; old growth
Caprimulgiforme	s Chordeiles minor	Common nighthawk	Low-high; openings
Apodiformes	Chaetura vauxi Megaceryle alcyon Selasphorus rufus	Vaux's swift Belted kingfisher Rufous hummingbird	Low-high; old growth Low; riparian Low-high; openings, forest margins
Piciformes	Colaptes cafer Dendrocopos pubescens Dendrocopos villosus Dryocopus pileatus Sphyrapicus varius	Red-shafted flicker Downy woodpecker Hairy woodpecker Pileated woodpecker Red-breasted sapsucker	Low-high Low-high; second growth, old growth Low-high; old growth Low-high; old growth Low-high; old growth
Passeriformes	Bombycilla cedrorum Certhia familiaris Cinclus mexicanus Contopus sordidulus Corvus corax Cyanocitta stelleri Dendroica auduboni Dendroica townsendii Empidonax difficilis Empidonax hammondii Empidonax oberholseri Hesperiphona vespertina	Cedar waxwing Brown creeper Dipper (water ouzel) Western wood pewee Common raven Steller's jay Audubon's warbler Hermit warbler Townsend's warbler Western flycatcher Hammond's flycatcher Dusky flycatcher Evening grosbeak	Low-high Low-high; old growth Low-high; riparian Low-high; forest margins Low-high; cliff Low-high; old growth Low-mid; forest margins Low-high; old growth Low-high; old growth Low-high; old growth Low-mid; old growth Low-mid; old growth Low-high; forest margin High; openings, old growth

Scientific name

Common name

Elevation and habitat²

Hylocichla guttata Hylocichla ustulata Ixoreus naevius Junco hyemalis Leucosticte tephrocotis

Loxia curvirostra Melospiza melodia Myadestes townsendi

Nucifraga columbiana

Oporornis tolmiei Parus articapillus

Parus rufescens

Perisoreus canadensis
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota
Pinicola enucleator
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
Piranga ludoviciana
Regulus calendula
Regulus satrapa
Sialia mexicana
Fox sparrow
Gray jay
Cliff swallow
Pine grosbeal
Rufous-sided
Western tana
Ruby-crowned
Golden-crown
Western bluel

Sitta canadensis Spinus pinus Stelgidopteryx ruficollis Sturnus vulgaris Tachycineta thalassina

Troglodytes troglodytes

Turdus migratorius Vireo solitarius Zonotrichia leucophrys Hermit thrush
Swainson's thrush
Varied thrush
Slate-colored junco
Gray-crowned rosy
finch
Red crossbill
Song sparrow
Townsend's solitaire

Clark's nutcracker

MacGillivray's warbler Black-capped chickadee

Chestnut-backed
chickadee
Fox sparrow
Gray jay
Cliff swallow
Pine grosbeak
Rufous-sided towhee
Western tanager
Ruby-crowned kinglet
Golden-crowned kinglet
Western bluebird

Red-breasted nuthatch Pine siskin Rough-winged swallow Starling Violet-green swallow

Winter wren

Robin Solitary vireo White-crowned sparrow Low-high; old growth Low-high; old growth Mid-high; old growth Low-high; openings Mid-high; old growth

High; old growth

Low-high; openings Low-high; old growth, riparian High; old growth, forest margins Low; forest margins Low-high; second growth, old growth Low-high; second growth, old growth Low-high; openings Mid-high; old growth Cliff; low; riparian Low-high; old growth Low-high; openings Low-high; old growth Low-high; old growth Mid-high; old growth High; openings, forest margins Low-high; old growth Low-high

Low-high; openings, riparian Low-high; old growth, second growth Low-high Low-mid Low-high; openings

Low; riparian

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Order	Scientific name	Common name	Elevation and habitat ²
		MAMMALS ⁵	
Insectivora	Neurotrichus gibbsi	Shrew-mole	Low high war and 1 1
	Scapanus orarius	Pacific mole	Low-high; riparian-upland
	Sorex bendirei	Pacific water shrew	Low-high; riparian-upland
	Sorex obscurus	Dusky shrew	Low-high; riparian
	Sorex trowbridgei	Trowbridge shrew	Low-high; riparian-upland Low-high; second growth, old growth
	Sorex vagrans	Vagrant shrew	Low-high; upland
	Sorex obscurus	Dusky shrew	Low-high; riparian-upland
Chiroptera	Eptesicus fuscus	Big brown bat	Low-high; old growth,
	Lasionycteris noctivagans	Silver-haired bat	second growth Low-high; old growth, second growth
	Lasiurus cinereus	Hoary bat	Low-high
	Myotis californicus	California myotis	Low-high; riparian
,	Myotis evotis	Long-eared myotis	Low-high; riparian
	Myotis lucifugus	Little brown myotis	Low-high
	Myotis volans	Long-legged myotis	Low-high
	Myotis yumanensis	Yuma myotis	Low; riparian
	Plecotus townsendi	Western big-eared bat	Low-high; cliff, old
Lagomorpha	Lepus americanus	Cmanusk as house	growth, second growth
0p	Ochotona princeps	Snowshoe hare Pika	Low-high
	•	rika	Mid-high; talus slopes
Rodentia	Aplodontia rufa	Mountain beaver	Low-mid
	Castor canadensis	Beaver	Low; riparian
	Clethrionomys occidentalis	California red-backed vole	Low-high; second growth, old growth
	Erethizon dorsatum	Porcupine	Low-high
	Eutamias townsendi	Townsend chipmunk	Low-high
	Glaucomys sabrinus	Northern flying squirrel	Low-high; second growth, old growth
	Microtus longicaudus	Longtail vole	Low; riparian
	Microtus richardsoni	Richardson vole	Low-high; riparian
	Neotoma cinerea	Bushytail woodrat	Low-high; talus slopes,
	Peromyscus maniculatus	Deer mouse	old growth Low-high
	Phenacomys albipes	Pacific phenacomys	
	Phenacomys longicaudus	Tree phenacomys	Low; riparian Low-mid; second growth,
	Tamiasciurus douglasi	Chickaree	old growth Low-high; second growth,
	Zapus trinotatus	Pacific jumping mouse	old growth Low; riparian

⁵Nomenclature follows Burt and Grossenheider (1976).

Order	Scientific name	Common name	Elevation and habitat ²
Carnivora	Canis latrans	Coyote	Low-high; openings
	Felis concolor	Mountain lion	Low-high
	Lutra canadensis	River otter	Low-mid; riparian
	Lynx rufus	Bobcat	Low-high
	Martes americana	Marten	Low-high; talus slopes, old growth
	Mustela erminea	Shorttail weasel	Low-high
	Mustela frenata	Longtail weasel	Low-high
	Mustela vison	Mink	Low-mid; riparian
	Procyon lotor	Raccoon	Low-mid; riparian
	Spilogale putorius	Spotted skunk	Low-mid
	Ursus americanus	Black bear	Low-high
	Vulpes fulva	Red fox	Mid-high; openings
Artiodactyla	Cervus elaphus subspecies		
	roosevelti	Roosevelt elk	Low-high
	Odocoileus hemionus		_
	subspecies columbianus	Blacktail deer	Low-high

Table WM-2. — Tentative list of mammals for Wildcat Mountain Research Natural Area

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Order .	Scientific name	Common name
Insectivora	Neürotrichus gibbsi	shrew mole
	Scapanus orarius	coast mole
	Scapanus townsendi	Townsend mole
	Sorex bendirii	marsh shrew
	Sorex palustris	northern water shrew
	Sorex trowbridgii	Trowbridge shrew
	Sorex vagrans	wandering shrew
Chiroptera	Eptesicus fuscus	big brown bat
_	Lasionycteris noctivagans	silver-haired bat
	Lasiurus borealis	red bat
	Lasiurus cinereus	hoary bat
	Myotis californicus	California myotis
	Myotis evotis	long-eared myotis
	Myotis lucifugus	little brown myotis
	Myotis thysanodes	fringed myotis
	Myotis volans	long-legged myotis
	Myotis yumanensis	Yuma myotis
	Plecotus townsendi	Townsend big-eared bat
Lagomorpha	Lepus americanus	snowshoe hare
	Ochotona princeps	pika
Rodentia	Aplodontia rufa	mountain beaver
	Arborimus albipes	white-footed vole
	Arborimus longicaudus	red tree vole
	Clethrionomys californicus	California red-backed vole
	Erethizon dorsatum	porcupine
	Eutamias amoenus	yellow-pine chipmunk
	Eutamias townsendi	Townsend chipmunk
	Glaucomys sabrinus	northern flying squirrel
	Microtus longicaudus	long-tailed vole
	Microtus oregoni	Oregon or creeping vole
	Microtus richardsoni	Richardson vole
	Microtus townsendi	Townsend vole
	Neotoma cinerea	bushy-tailed wood rat
	Peromyscus maniculatus	deer mouse
	Phenacomys intermedius	heather vole
	Tamiasciurus douglasi	chickaree
	Thomomys mazama	Mazama pocket gopher
	Zapus trinotatus	Pacific jumping mouse
Carnivora	Canis latrans	coyote
	Canis lupus	wolf
	Felis concolor	mountain lion or cougar
	Gulo luscus	wolverine
	Lynx rufus	bobcat
	Martes americana	marten
	Martes pennanti	fisher
	Mustela erminea	short-tailed weasel or ermine
	Mustela frenata	long-tailed weasel
	Mustela vison	mink
	Procyon lotor	raccoon
	Spilogale putorius	spotted skunk or civet cat
	Ursus americanus	black bear
	Vulpes fulva	red fox
Artiodactyla	Cervus canadensis	wapiti or elk
	Odocoileus h. hemionus	mule deer

DECISION NOTICE/DESIGNATION ORDER AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Three Creek Research Natural Area

USDA Forest Service, Willamette National Forest Sweet Home Ranger District Linn County, Oregon

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Chief of the Forest Service, in Forest Service Manual Section 4063, I hereby established the Three Creek Research Natural Area (RNA). It shall be comprised of 691 acres of land in Linn County, Oregon, on the Sweet Home District of the Willamette National Forest, as described in the section of the Establishment Record entitled "location".

The Regional Forester recommended the establishment of this RNA in the Record of Decision for the Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan in 1990. That recommendation was the result of an analysis of the factors listed in 36 CFR 219.25 and Forest Service Manual 4063.41. Results of the Regional Forester's analysis are documented in the Forest Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement which are available to the public.

The Regional Forester has reexamined the Three Creek area to ensure that the environmental effects of establishing the area as an RNA have not changed since 1990. This analysis is documented in the attached environmental assessment. Based on the analysis in the environmental assessment, it is my decision to adopt Alternative A, to establish Three Creek as an RNA. Alternative A is selected because it provides long-term protection and recognition of very old, late-successional stands. The Three Creek RNA will be managed in compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and Forest Service Manual direction regarding RNA's, and in accordance with the management direction identified in the Forest Plan.

The other alternative considered was Alternative B, the "No Action" alternative which would continue management of Three Creek as a "proposed" RNA. Alternative B was not selected because it would only provide short-term protection of the Three Creek area.

Alternative B is consistent with the Forest Plan. Although the proposed action (Alternative A) is consistent with the management direction, it is not consistent with the land allocation for the Three Creek Area in the Forest Plan. The Willamette Forest Plan is hereby amended to change the allocation of the Three Creek area from "Proposed" to Established RNA. This is a non-significant amendment of the Forest Plan [36 CFR 219.10(f)].

It has been determined through the environmental assessment that the proposed action is not a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment, therefore, an environmental impact statement is not needed. This determination is based on the following factors (40 CFR 1508.27):

A. Context

Although this is an addition to the national system of RNA's, both short-term and long-term physical and biological effects are limited to the local area.

B. Intensity

- 1. There are no known effects on public health and safety.
- 2. There are no known effects on historic or cultural resources, actual or eligible National Register of Historic places sites, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers. Effects on ecologically critical areas are minimal.
- 3. Effects on the human environment are not uncertain, do not involve unique or unknown risks, and are not likely to be highly controversial.
- 4. The action is not likely to establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects.
- 5. No significant direct, indirect or cumulative impacts to natural resources or other components of the human environment are anticipated.
- 6. The proposed action will not adversely affect any federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species or associated critical habitat, nor will it affect any Regionally sensitive plant or animal species.
- 7. The proposed action is consistent with the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (USDA, USDI 1994).
- 8. The proposed action in consistent with Federal, State, and local laws and requirements for the protection of the environment.

Legal notice of this decision will appear in The Oregonian. The Forest Supervisor of the Willamette National Forest shall notify the public of this decision and mail a copy of the Decision Notice/Designation Order to all persons on the Willamette Forest Plan mailing list.

Implementation of this decision shall not occur within seven days following publication of the legal notice of the decision in The Oregonian.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 217. Any written Notice of Appeal must be fully consistent with 36 CFR 217.9 (Content of a Notice of Appeal) and must include the reasons for appeal. A written notice of appeal must be submitted to:

Chief, USDA Forest Service 14th & Independence Ave., S.W. P.O. Box 96090 Washington, D.C. 20090-6090

within 45 days of the date of legal notice of this decision.

For further information, contact Alice Smith, Sweet Home Ranger District, 3225 Highway 20, Sweet Home, Oregon, 97386, or by phone at (503) 367-5168.

Regional Forester

March 29, 1995

Date

NANCY GRAYBEAL (for)

Deputy Regional Forester

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Three Creek Research Natural Area Willamette National Forest, Sweet Home Ranger District, Linn County, Oregon

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to establish the Three Creek Research Natural Area (RNA) proposed in the Willamette National Forest (WNF) Land and Resource Management Plan (USDA Forest Service 1990), and to manage it according to the direction provided in the WNF Plan (Chp. IV., pages 134-137). The proposed action, formal designation of the RNA by the Regional Forester, will amend the Forest Plan.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of establishing the Three Creek RNA is to contribute to a series of RNA's designated to "illustrate adequately or typify for research or education purposes, the important forest and range types in each forest region, as well as other plant communities that have special or unique characteristics of scientific interest and importance" (36 CFR 251.23). The Three Creek RNA contributes to this series of RNA's by providing an example of very old stands of Douglas-fir, Pacific silver fir, and Alaska yellow-cedar, as discussed in the WNF EIS (Chp. III., p. 170). An evaluation by the Regional RNA Committee, pursuant to direction in Forest Service Manual (FSM) 4063.04b, of the need for RNA's identified these types as suitable and desirable for inclusion in the national network. Establishment of the Three Creek RNA provides long-term protection and recognition of this type.

The Three Creek area was identified in the WNF Plan as a "proposed" RNA based on the relatively undisturbed conditions of these types in the area at that time. Comments received from interested and affected members of the public supported establishment of an RNA in the area. Site conditions and public concerns have been reviewed; no important changes have occurred. Conditions and environmental effects of designation are the same as described on pages 167-170 of the EIS for the WNF Plan. Designation of alternate RNA's for protection of this type was considered during WNF Plan development (WNF Plan EIS, Chp. III., pages 169-170). Three Creek was determined at that time to provide the most appropriate site for inclusion in the national network for protection of this type.

Alternatives and Environmental Consequences

Alternative A, Proposed Action

Alternative A would designate a 691 acre area as the Three Creek RNA. Three Creek was estimated to be 725 acres in the WNF Plan (Chp. IV., p. 29); more precise measurement sets acreage at 691 as described on page 3 of the attached Establishment Record (ER). Management of the area discourages recreation use; ORV use is prohibited, as is timber harvest. Fire management strategies will emphasize late successional communities (WNF Plan, Chp. IV., pages 134-137).