Establishment Record Amendment

Addition to the Gold Lake Bog Research Natural Area

Willamette National Forest

Lane County, Oregon

Gold Lake Bog Middle Fork Ranger District Willamette National Forest

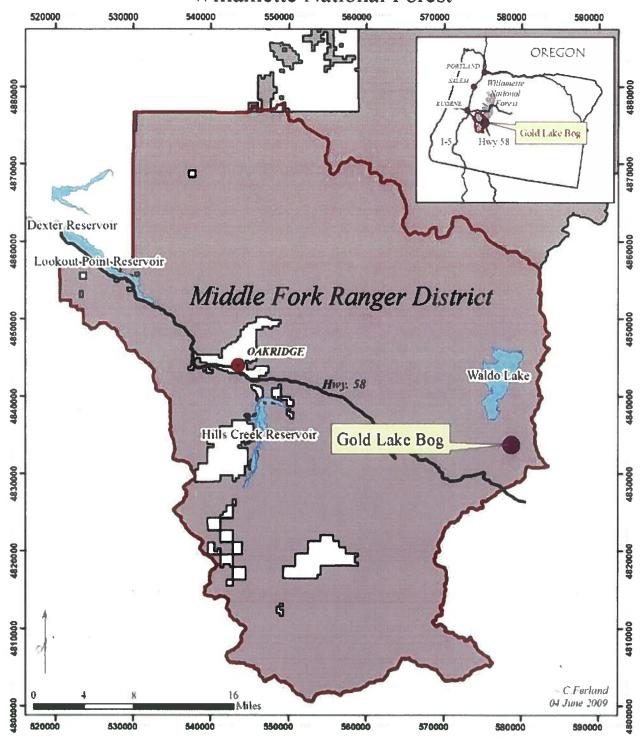


Figure 1. Location map – Gold Lake Bog RNA

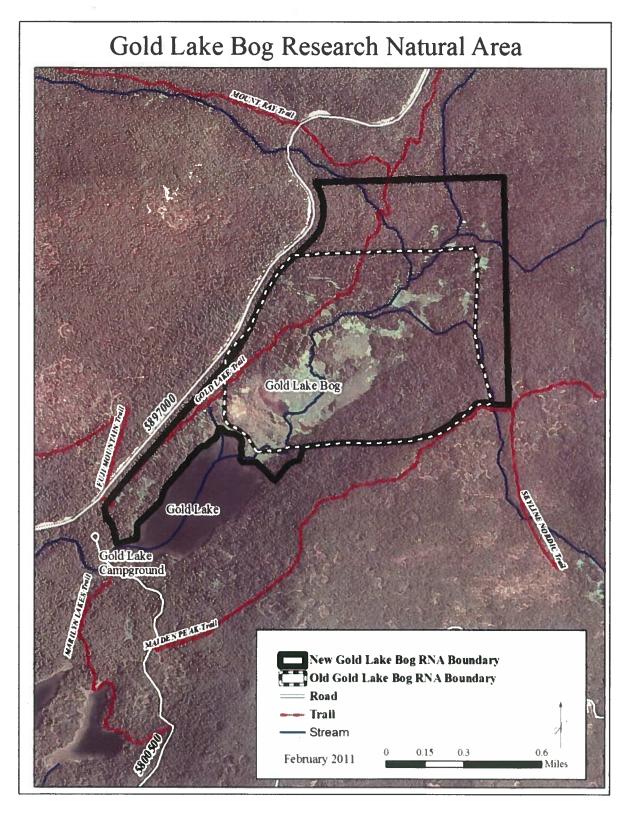


Figure 2. Boundary map – Gold Lake Bog RNA + RNA addition

Legal Description.

The RNA falls in portions of: Sections 20,21,28,29, & 30, T.22 S., R.6 E., Willamette Meridian.

The bearings and distances for the description are based on the Geodetic (Ground) measurements. Conversions shown are based on the UTM Grid Coordinate System, Zone 10, 1983 DATUM.

Average Mapping Angle for the RNA:

 $+0^{\circ}40'00"$

Average Grid Factor: 0.9994428

For conversion from feet to meters: 1 meter = 3.28084 feet

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QUAD SHEET NAME	ANGLE POINT	BEARING	DISTANCE FEET (METERS)	DESCRIPTION
WALDO LAK	E			1POINT OF BEGINNING, is the 1/4 corner between sections 20 & 21 as monumented by Fred Thomas. Approximate Latitude and Longitude: LATITUDE: 43°39'04.93" LONGITUDE: 122°01'17.83" thence,
		EAST	677.33 (206.45)	From the POB, go "DUE EAST" to a point that is "DUE NORTH" of a point that is N 30° W, 100 feet from the intersection of the Maiden Peak (#3681) & Skyline Nordic (#4383) Trails, to 2 Angle Point No. 2, thence,
		SOUTH	4,641.11 (1,414.61)	"DUE SOUTH" to a point that is N 30° W, 100 ft. from the intersection of Trails, Maiden Peak (#3681) & Skyline Nordic (#4383) to, 3 Angle Point No. 3, thence

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*	SOUTHWES	TERLY	2,000.00 (609.60) long a 100 ft. buffer line north of the centerline of the Maiden Peak Trail for "2,000 feet", to 4 Angle Point No. 4. The approximate Latitude and Longitude: Latitude: 43°38'12.00" Longitude: 122°01'31.50" thence,		
	WEST	2,000.00 (609.60)	Leaving the 100 foot buffer of the trail, going "DUE WEST" to a point that intersects the line that is 300 ft. from the easterly edge of the Gold Lake Bog, to, 5 Angle Point No. 5, thence,		
	SOUTHWES	TERLY	1,580.00 (481.90) Along the 300 foot buffer of the "Bog" to a point that is "S 33° E", approx. 125 ft. from a point where the shoreline of the lake transitions from NE to NW, to, 6 Angle Point No. 6. thence,		
	N 33° W	125.00 (38.10)	"N 33° W" to that point where the shoreline of the lake transitions from NE to NW, to, 7 Angle Point No. 7. The approximate Latitude and Longitude:		

NORTHWESTERLY & SOUTHWESTERLY

5,150.00 (1,569.72) Along the shoreline of the lake to a point that is 375 ft. from the centerline of Road No. 5800-500, to, 8 Angle Point No. 8. thence,

LONGITUDE: 122°02'16.60"

43°38'05.00"

LATITUDE:

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215.00 (65.53) Along the 375 ft. buffer line from Road No. 5800-500 for approx.

215 ft. to a point that is 200 ft. southeasterly from the centerline of the trail leading from the end of Rd. No. 5800-500, to, 9 Angle Point No. 9, thence,

NORTHEASTERLY

630.00 (192.02) Along the 200 ft. buffer line of the trail from the end Rd. 5800-500 to the intersection point that is 200 ft. from the centerline and junction of Trail No. 3674, to 10 Angle Point No. 10, thence,

NORTHERLY 300.00 (91.44)

Along the 200 ft. buffer line of Trail No. 3674 to the intersection point that is 200 ft. southerly from the centerline of Rd. No. 5897-000, to, 11 Angle Point No. 11, thence,

NORTHEASTERLY

8,000.00 (2,438.40) Along the 200 ft. buffer line from the centerline of Rd. No. 5897 to the intersection point that is "DUE WEST" of the ½ corner between Sections 20 and 21, to 12 Angle Point No. 12, *thence,

EAST

3,315.00 (1,010.41)

"DUE EAST" to the ¼ corner and the Point of Beginning.

Signature Page

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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, Establishment Record Content, in arriving at this recommendation.

Recommended by	Duane F. Bishop, District Ranger, Middle Fork Ranger District, Willamette National Forest	Date: 3/13/2013
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Recommended by	Meg Mitchell, Forest Supervisor, Willamette	Date: 3/26/13
	National Forest MMMML	/ /
Concurrence of	Robert Mansold	Date: 6/3//3
	Robert D. Mangold, Station Director (acting),	1 /
	USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research	
	Station	

By virtue of the authority vested in me by CFR 2.60(a) and 36 CFR 251.23 of the Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, I hereby order that the lands described in this Establishment Record be designated as part of the Gold Lake Bog Research Natural Area.

Regional Forester, Region 6

Date: 6-3-13

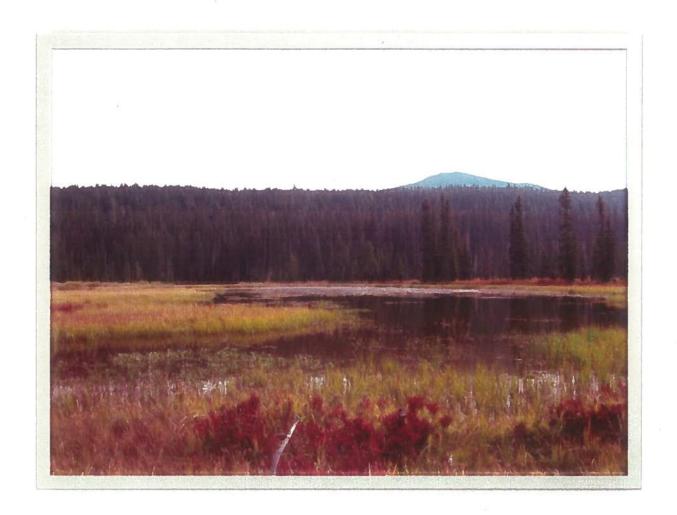


Figure 3. Fen vegetation within Gold Lake Bog Research Natural Area, including habitat for the Oregon spotted frog. View looking east towards Maiden Peak.

a. Introduction

The Gold Lake Bog Research Natural Area (RNA), was originally established on August 10, 1965 and included 415 acres (168 ha). The purpose of this establishment record amendment is to increase the size of the RNA by 241 ac (97 ha) for a total acreage of 656 ac (265 ha). The RNA is within the Salt Creek subwatershed of the Willamette River watershed, approximately 20 miles (32 km) east of the City of Oakridge, Oregon. The RNA and surrounding area are within the Willamette National Forest.

b. Justification section

- (1) <u>Justification Statement</u>. A review by the Forest determined that the existing RNA did not fully incorporate the key wetlands features, especially the extensive complex of springs that support the bog ecosystem. In 2009 a preliminary proposal was developed by district specialists for a Forest Plan amendment to expand the RNA with minor boundary adjustments to fully include and better protect the wetland system. Gold Lake is located immediately downstream of the RNA (USDAWNF 2010). The recommended RNA changes were designed to include the key wetlands supporting the bog ecosystem and Oregon spotted frog breeding and overwintering sites (USDAWNF 2011).
- (2) Principal Distinguishing Features. Gold Lake Bog is a complex of wetland habitats including: ponds, sedge-dominated fens, sedge-dominated marshes, willow and birch swamps, and seasonally dry grasslands. The wetland complex contains several interesting, and unique (to the Willamette National Forest), vegetation types. These types are mostly linked, and considerably influenced by Salt Creek as it meanders through the RNA toward Gold Lake. An area in the upper portion of the bog contains a mosaic association of Engelmann spruce, lodgepole pine, and bog birch. Although the latter species has a broad geographic range, it is quite rare on the Middle Fork Ranger District. The main portion of the fen occurs adjacent to Gold Lake, where a scattered overstory of lodgepole pine combines with a low shrub layer of bog laurel and bog blueberry growing on hummocks that are slightly drier than the surrounding wetland.

On the west corner of the fen near the north corner of Gold Lake are several large springs. Some emerge at the lake or fen margins and others flow in short creeks before entering the lake or the fen. These springs and spring-fed streams support typical fen vegetation.

The fen complex is surrounded by Montane Mixed Conifer Forest habitat type. Forest floor vegetation in this area is typically dominated by several species of huckleberry, beargrass, and occasionally rhododendron.

Beaver are a keystone species affecting the ecological and hydrological processes throughout the entire wetland area. The fen area also supports several species of rare plants as well as the largest breeding population of Oregon spotted frog west of the crest of the Cascade Mountains (USDAWNF 2011). The Oregon spotted frog is a candidate species for listing under the Endangered Species Act. The U. S. Geological Survey has conducted long-term research on breeding abundance of the frog population at the Gold Lake site (USDAWNF 2011).

A detailed description of Gold Lake Bog can be found in the Site Management Plan for the Oregon Spotted Frog attached to the Establishment Report.

The Pacific Northwest Interagency Natural Areas Committee recognizes the importance of a multi-agency natural area program within Oregon. Over the past three decades, coordination between agencies and organizations has ensured selection of high quality sites representation a broad range of ecological situations across Oregon. The State of Oregon Natural Areas Plan documents the ecological communities, and rare plant and animal species present within Oregon (ONHAC 2010). The communities and rare species of statewide significance that are represented at Gold Lake Bog RNA include:

- 50. Mountain hemlock/big huckleberry.
- 54. Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir forest.
- 73. Upper montane to subalpine pond, with aquatic beds and marshy shore.
- 82. Few flowered spikerush/brown moss fen, with lodgepole pine.
- 85. Geyer willow shrub swamp.
- 88. Bog birch shrub swamp.
- 90. Bog blueberry shrub swamp, with Engelmann spruce, lodgepole pine, and tufted hairgrass.
- 78 Oregon spotted frog (*Rana pretiosa*).

c. <u>Land Management Planning</u>. The original boundary for Gold Lake Bog was recognized in the 1990 Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (USDAWNF 1990). The expanded portion of the RNA was recognized in the Gold Lake Bog RNA Boundary Adjustment Decision Notice and Environmental Assessment (USDAWNF 2010).

Gold Lake Bog is classified as a Research Natural Area (RNA) land allocation under the Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1990). Research Natural Areas are set aside as areas where natural processes should be allowed to occur without human intervention. Their intent is to provide areas for non-manipulative environmental research, observation, and study. Specifically timber harvest is prohibited and access is limited to roads and trails that do not compromise the objectives of the RNA.

d. <u>Management Prescription</u>. The desired condition of the RNA is to provide for naturally occurring physical and biological processes without undue human intervention. The goals of the RNA are to provide protected areas that can be used to compare lands influenced by humans, provide educational and research areas for ecological and environmental studies, and preserve gene pools of rare and endangered plants and animals.

The RNA network within the Pacific Northwest encompasses a diverse assemblage of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems represented in Oregon and Washington. Many RNA sites, such as Gold Lake Bog, serve as integral components of regional conservations strategies. Natural areas also provide a range of necessary ecological services for humans, including carbon sequestration, air and water filtration, water supply and regulation, erosion and sediment control, and local climate regulation. RNAs also hold aesthetic, cultural, and intrinsic values that contribute to an increase in the quality of life for humans (Wilson et al. 2009, Thompson and Starzomski 2007)

Recreation. Recreational use should be restricted or prohibited if such use threatens or interferes with the objectives or purposes for which the Research Natural Area is established (FSM 4063.35). Motorized recreation is prohibited at Gold Lake Bog RNA. There are established hiking trails on both sides of the bog, including Gold Lake Trail which passes through the RNA on the northwest side and Maiden Peak Trail on the southeast side. Although both trails are close to the bog, there appears to be an adequate buffer of upland forest between the trail and the bog that keeps most visitors from entering the bog. There is a developed campground (Gold Lake Campground) on the southern edge of Gold Lake. Most of the recreational use in the area is concentrated within the campground, the trails, and non-motorized boat and fly-fishing on Gold Lake. Forest Road 5897 runs parallel to the Research Natural Area along the northwest edge and facilitates travel by passenger vehicles in the summer and fall and snowmobiles in the winter and spring. This road is the main access to Waldo Lake, an important

recreational attraction on the Willamette National Forest. It is the second largest lake in Oregon and is revered for its pristine waters.

The existing developed campground southwest of the RNA is in a Management Area 12 Developed Recreation Site Prescription, which allows facilities and improvements, consistent with resource protections that support meaningful recreational experiences. The area surrounding Marilyn Lakes southwest of Gold Lake is in an Old Growth Grove Management Area Prescription 7, which preserves representative old-growth forests and provide opportunities for the public to enjoy the educational, aesthetic and spiritual values associated with such forests. Both of the developed campground and the old growth grove are outside the proposed management changes to Gold Lake and would not affect the RNA (USDAWNF 1990).

Existing Oregon Revised Statute 830.180 prohibits motors on Gold Lake, other than by Department of State Police and governmental agencies of Oregon and the federal government having jurisdiction on the described waters (USDAWNF 1990).

<u>Timber management</u>. No programmed timber harvest will be scheduled. Felled trees may be permitted for to ensure the safety of visitors Additional details can be found in the Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP), Chapter IV.

e. <u>Use or Control of Fire and Grazing</u>. Fire should be natural and only for maintaining or promoting the ecological features for which the RNA is established. To control fire within Research Natural Areas, only methods that cause the least disturbance should be considered. No direct suppression activities, fire lines, fire retardant, or water dipping in Gold Lake should occur. Methods that employ ground machinery should also not be used. In developing a fire management plan, consider the role of natural fire in sustaining or managing the vegetation at the site. Any prescribed fire should mimic natural processes (USDA WNF 1990).

g. Physical Site Description and Climatic Conditions.

- (1) Location: The RNA is located on the Willamette National Forest, Middle Fork Ranger District. The RNA falls in portions of: Sections 20,21,28,29, & 30, T.22 S., R.6 E., Willamette Meridian.
- (2) Access: Beginning at the Middle Fork Ranger Station travel south-east on Highway 58 until Highway 58 intersects with road 5897 located in Township 22S, Range 5 ½E, Section 35. Proceed east on 5897 to the trailhead 3677 located in T22SR06E Section 30. This will take to the southeast corner of the RNA. From this point, proceed northeast into the RNA.

(3) Climate: The Salt Creek watershed where Gold Lake resides has a temperate climate with generally wet cool winters and dry warm summers. Average annual precipitation ranges from about 40 inches (102 cm) in the lower portion of the watershed to approximately 80 inches (203 cm) in the higher elevations. Above 4,000 feet (1219 m) in elevation, the majority of winter precipitation falls as snow. Yearly snow depths are variable but generally the snow period occurs from (September) November through March (May).

h. Ecological Description.

- (1) Topography and hydrology: The topography is flat, except in the northwestern and southeastern corners where lower portions of adjoining slopes are included within the RNA boundary. Three small ponds occur within the central portion of the fen. Ray, Salt, and Skyline Creeks converge and flow through the tract. Elevations range from 1,463 to 1,646 m (4,800 to 5,400 ft.).
- (2) Geology: Gold Lake Bog and surrounding mountains are located in the volcanic High Cascades. Bedrock is composed of Pliocene-Pleistocene olivine basalt and basaltic andesite. The area is covered by Aeolian deposits of volcanic ash and dacitic pumice, much of which came from the Mount Mazama eruption 6,600 years ago.
- (3) Soils: Soils in upland areas appear to be nondescript, Brown Podzolic forest soils developed in volcanic ash. Most of the ash is probably from the eruption of Mount Mazama 6,600 years ago. Organic soils predominate within the fen and along lake margins
- (4) Vegetation: Gold Lake Bog RNA lies within the mountain hemlock zone and is dominated by coniferous forests. Mountain hemlock forest associations occupy 81% of the RNA. White fir/grand fir forest associations occur on roughly 12% of the area, and Pacific silver fir forests occur on 7.5% of the site. The mountain hemlock zone has the highest elevation and coldest temperatures of the potential natural vegetation zones within the central Cascade Mountains. Plant community types occurring within the RNA include herbaceous wetland dominated by sedges, rushes, and grasses.

Plant associations and plant communities (McCain and Diaz 2002, USNVC 2013) present within Gold Lake Bog RNA are:

Vegetation type	Size	Percentage of total
Pseudotsuga menziesii/Arctostaphylos uva- ursi-Spirea betulifolia var. lucida-Paxistima myrsinites	0.36 ha (0.89 ac)	0.14%
Abies amabilis/ Gaultheria shallon-Berberis nervosa	0.27 ha (0.67 ac)	0.10%
Abies amabilis/ Acer circinatum-Achlys	0.63 ha (1.56 ac)	0.24%

triphylla

Tsuga mertensiana/ Vaccinium scoparium- Vaccinium membranaceum	217.98 ha (538.6 ac)	82.63%
Tsuga mertensiana/ Vaccinium membranaceum-Menziesia ferruginea	44.46 ha (109.9 ac)	16.85%
Fen	0.09 ha (0.22 ac)	0.03%

Three sensitive plant species have been documented at Gold Lake Bog. Rannoch-rush (Scheuchzeria palustris) is a unique, rush-like plant found in fens, ponds, and lake margins at moderate to high elevations in the central western Cascade Mountains. It is found at four locations on the Willamette National Forest. Scheuchzeria grows with other fen-dependent plant species such as bladderworts (Utricularia spp.), sundews (Drosera spp.), and alpine laurel (Kalmia microphylla). Lesser bladderwort (Utricularia minor) and yellowishwhite bladderwort (Utricularia ochroleuca) are insectivorous fen plants. Each has bladders that act as insect-catching devices. Both species grow in water channels throughout the fen. Lesser bladderwort is known from three other locations on the Willamette National forest. Yellowishwhite bladderwort is known from only 1 other site on the Forest (USDAWNF 2010). In addition, a sensitive moss species, Tomenthypnum nitens, occurs at Gold Lake Bog and this is the only location known on the Willamette National Forest. In Oregon, this moss species is ranked as a G5S2 List 2.

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f. Appendices

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Appendix 2 Updated amphibian, bird, reptile and mammal list

Appendix 3 Updated insect list

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Appendix 1 -- Updated plant list 123

Ferns & Allies

Blechnaceae

Blechnum spicant

Deer fern

Dryopteridaceae

Polystichum munitum

Western swordfern

Equisetaceae

Equisetum arvense

Field horsetail

Equisetum hyemale

Scouringrush horsetail

Ophioglossaceae

Sceptridium multifidum

Leathery grapefern

Woodsiaceae

Athyrium filix-femina

Common ladyfern

Cystopteris fragilis

Brittle bladderfern

Trees & Shrubs: Conifers

Cupressaceae

Juniperus communis

Common juniper

Pinaceae

Abies amabilis

Pacific silver fir

Abies concolor x grandis

Grand fir – White fire hybrid

Abies grandis

Grand fir

Abies lasiocarpa

Sub alpine fir

Abies magnifica x procera

California red fir – noble fir hybrid

Picea engelmannii

Engelmann spruce

Pinus contorta var. latifolia

Lodgepole pine

Pinus monticola

Western white pine

Pseudotsuga menziesii

Douglas-fir

Tsuga heterophylla

Western hemlock

Tsuga mertensiana

Mountain hemlock

Trees & Shrubs: Dicots

Adoxaceae

Sambucus racemosa

Red elderberry

Berberidaceae

Berberis nervosa

Cascade barberry

Betulaceae

Alnus rubra

Red alder

Alnus viridis ssp. sinuata

Sitka alder

Betula glandulosa

Resin birch

Caprifoliaceae

Lonicera caerulea

Sweetberry honeysuckle

Lonicera conjugialis

Purpleflower honeysuckle

Lonicera involucrata

Twinberry honeysuckle

Celastraceae

Paxistima myrsinites

Oregon boxleaf

Cornaceae

Cornus sericea

Redosier dogwood

Ericaceae

Arctostaphylos nevadensis

Pinemat manzanita

Gaultheria humifusa Alpine spicywintergreen

Gaultheria ovatifolia Western teaberry

Kalmia macrophylla Alpine laurel

Rhododendron macrophyllum Pacific rhododendron

Vaccinium cespitosum Dwarf bilberry

Vaccinium membranaceum Thinleaf huckleberry

Vaccinium ovalifolium Oval-leaf blueberry

Vaccinium scoparium Grouse whortleberry

Vaccinium uliginosum Bog blueberry

Grossulariaceae

Ribes cereum Wax currant

Ribes lacustre Prickly currant

Ribes triste Red currant

Rosaceae

Amelanchier alnifolia Saskatoon serviceberry

Rosa gymnocarpa Dwarf rose

Rubus lasiococcus Roughfruit berry

Sorbus sitchensis Western mountain ash

Spiraea douglasii Rose spirea

Salicaceae

Salix commutata Undergreen willow

Salix geyeriana Geyer willow

Salix lucida ssp. lasiandra Pacific willow

Salix sitchensis Sitka willow

Salix sp. Willow

Sapindaceae

Acer circinatum Vine maple

Herbaceous dicots

Apiaceae

Angelica arguta Lyall's angelica

Angelica genuflexa Knealing angelica

Cicuta douglasii Western water hemlock

Heracleum maximum Common cowparsnip

Ligusticum grayi Gray's licorice-root

Osmorhiza berteroi Sweetcicely

Perideridia gairdneri Gardner's yampah

Sphenosciadium capitellatum Woollyhead parsnip

Aristolochiaceae

Asarum caudatum British Columbia wild ginger

Asteraceae

Achillea millefolium Common yarrow

Adenocaulon bicolor American trailplant

Agoseris aurantiaca Orange agoseris

Anaphalis margaritacea Pearly everlasting

Antennaria rosea Rosy pussytoes

Arnica latifolia Broadleaf arnica

Arnica mollis Hairy arnica

Canadanthus modestus Giant mountain aster

Cirsium remotifolium Fewleaf thistle

Erigeron aliceae Alice Eastwood's fleabane

Hieracium albiflorum White hawkweed

*Mycelis muralis³ Wall-lettuce

Rainiera stricta False silverback

Rudbeckia occidentalis Western coneflower

Senecio triangularis Arrowleaf ragwort

Solidago canadensis Canada goldenrod

Symphyotrichum spathulatum Western mountain aster

*Taraxacum officinale Common dandelion

Berberidaceae

Achlys triphylla Sweet after death

Vancouveria hexandra White inside out flower

Boraginaceae

Hackelia micrantha Jessica sticktight

Hydrophyllum occidentale Western waterleaf

Hydrophyllum tenuipes Pacific waterleaf

Mertensia paniculata Tall bluebells

Nemophila parviflora Smallflower nemophila

Brassicaceae

Arabis drummondii Drummond's rockcress

Caryophyllaceae

Cerastium nutans Nodding chickweed

Sagina sp. Pearlwort

Stellaria longipes Longstalk starwort

Stellaria obtusa

Rocky Mountain chickweed

Cornaceae

Cornus unalaschkensis

Western cordilleran bunchberry

Crassulaceae

Sedum spathulifolium

Broadleaf stonecrop

Droseraceae

Drosera anglica

English sundew

Drosera rotundifolia

Roundleaf sundew

Ericaceae

Chimaphila menziesii

Little prince's pine

Chimaphila umbellata

Pipsissewa

Hemitomes congestum

Coneplant

Moneses uniflora

Single delight

Monotropa hypopithys

Pinesap

Orthilla secunda

Sidebells wintergreen

Pyrola asarifolia

Liverleaf wintergreen

Pyrola picta

Whiteveined wintergreen

Fabaceae

Lathyrus nevadensis

Sierra pea

Lathyrus polyphyllus

Leafy pea

*Lotus corniculatus

Bird's-foot trefoil

Lupinus latifolius

Broadleaf lupine

Trifolium longipes

Longstalk clover

Hypericaceae

Hypericum anagalloides

Tinker's penny

Hypericum formosum

Western St. John's-wort

Lamiaceae

Agastache urticifolia

Nettle leaved giant hyssop

Prunella vulgaris

Common selfheal

Lentibulariaceae

Utricularia intermedia

Flatleaf bladderwort

Utricularia macrorhiza

Common bladderwort

Utricularia minor

Lesser bladderwort

Utricularia ochroleuca

Yellowishwhite bladderwort

Linnaeaceae

Linnaea borealis

Twinflower

Menyanthaceae

Menyanthes trifoliata

Buckbean

Montiaceae

Claytonia sibirica

Siberian springbeauty

Nymphaeaceae

Nuphar lutea ssp. polysepala

Rocky Mountain pond-lily

Onagraceae

Chamerion angustifolium

Fireweed

Circaea alpina

Small enchanter's nightshade

Epilobium ciliatum ssp. watsonii

Fringed willowherb

Epilobium glaberrimum

Glaucous willowherb

Epilobium oregonense

Oregon willowherb

Epilobium sp.

Willowherb

Orobanchaceae

Castilleja miniata Giant red Indian paintbrush

Pedicularis bracteosa var. flavida Towering lousewort

Pedicularis groenlandica Elephanthead lousewort

Pedicularis racemosa Sickletop lousewort

Papaveraceae

Dicentra formosa Pacific bleeding heart

Phrymaceae

Mimulus guttatus Seep monkeyflower

Mimulus primuloides Primrose monkeyflower

Plantaginaceae

Veronica americana American speedwell

Veronica serpyllifolia var. humifusa Brightblue speedwell

Veronica wormskjoldii American alpine speedwell

Polemoniaceae

Phlox adsurgens Northern phlox

Polemonium californicum Moving polemonium

Polygonaceae

Bistorta bistortoides American bistort

*Rumex acetosella Common sheep sorrel

Primulaceae

Dodecatheon jeffreyi Sierra shootingstar

Ranunculaceae

Aconitum columbianum Columbian monkshood

Aquilegia formosa Western columbine

Caltha leptosepala White marsh marigold

Ranunculus aquatilis White water crowfoot

Ranunculus flammula Greater creeping spearwort

Ranunculus gormanii Gorman's buttercup

Ranunculus uncinatus Woodland buttercup

Ranunculus sp. Buttercup

Rosaceae

Comarum palustre Purple marshlocks

Fragaria virginiana Virginia strawberry

Geum macrophyllum Largeleaf avens

Potentilla drummondii Drummond's cinquefoil

Rubiaceae

Galium trifidum ssp. columbianum Three-petal bedstraw

Galium triflorum Fragrant bedstraw

Saxifragaceae

Micranthes odontoloma Brook saxifrage

Micranthes oregana Oregon saxifrage

Mitella breweri Brewer's miterwort

Mitella caulescens Slightstemmed miterwort

Tiarella trifoliata var. unifoliata Oneleaf foamflower

Valerianiaceae

Valeriana sitchensis Sitka valerian

Violaceae

Viola adunca Hookedspur violet

Viola glabella Pioneer violet

Viola macloskeyi Small white violet

Viola orbiculata

Darkwoods violet

Monocots

Amaryllidaceae

Allium validum

Pacific onion

Araceae

Lysichiton americanus

American skunkcabbage

Asparagaceae

Camassia quamash

Small camas

Maianthemum racemosum

Feathery false lily of the valley

Maianthemum stellatum

Starry false lily of the valley

Liliaceae

Calochortus tolmiei

Tolmie star-tulip

Clintonia uniflora

Bride's bonnet

Erythronium grandiflorum

Yellow avalanche-lily

Lilium columbianum

Columbia lily

Prosartes hookeri

Drops-of-gold

Streptopus amplexifolius

Claspleaf twistedstalk

Streptopus lanceolatus var. curvipes

Twistedstalk

Melanthiaceae

Trillium ovatum

Pacific trillium

Veratrum viride

Green false hellebore

Xerophyllum tenax

Common beargrass

Orchidaceae

Corallorhiza maculata

Summer coralroot

Corallorhiza mertensiana Pacific coralroot

Corallorhiza striata Hooded coralroot

Corallorhiza sp. Coralroot

Goodyera oblongifolia Western rattlesnake plantain

Listera caurina Northwestern twayblade

Listera convallarioides Broadlipped twayblade

Listera cordata Heartleaf twayblade

Listera sp. Twayblade

Platanthera dilatata Scentbottle

Platanthera sparsiflora Sparse-flowered bog orchid

Platanthera stricta Slender bog orchid

Platanthera sp. Fringed orchid

Spiranthes romanzoffiana Hooded lady's tresses

Spiranthes stellata Starry lady's tresses

Potamogetonaceae

Potamogeton alpinus Alpine pondweed

Potamogeton foliosus Leafy pondweed

Potamogeton natans Floating pondweed

Scheuchzeriaceae

Scheuchzeria palustris Rannoch-rush

Tofieldiaceae

Triantha occidentalis Western false asphodel

Typhaceae

Sparganium emersum European bur-reed

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Graminoids

Cyperaceae

Carex aquatilis var. dives Sitka sedge

Carex echinata ssp. echinata Star sedge

Carex limosa Mud sedge

Carex simulata Analogue sedge

Carex subfusca Brown sedge

Carex utriculata Northwest Territory sedge

Eleocharis palustris Common spikerush

Eleocharis quinqueflora Fewflower spikerush

Eriophorum gracile Slender cottongrass

Scirpus microcarpus Panicled bulrush

Juncaceae

Juncus balticus Mountain rush

Juncus orthophyllus Straightleaf rush

Juncus parryi Parry's rush

Juncus sp. Rush

Poaceae

Agrostis scabra Rough bentgrass

Calamagrostis canadensis Bluejoint

Calamagrostis stricta Slimstem reedgrass

*Dactylis glomerata Orchardgrass

Danthonia intermedia Timber oatgrass

Deschampsia cespitosa Tufted hairgrass

Dichanthelium acuminatum

Tapered rosette grass

Glyceria borealis

Small floating mannagrass

Glyceria leptostachya

Davy mannagrass

Hordeum brachyantherum

Meadow barley

*Hordeum murinum ssp. murinum

Wall barley

Muhlenbergia filiformis

Pullup muhly

*Phleum pratense

Timothy

*Poa pratensis

Kentucky bluegrass

Torreyochloa pallida

Pale false mannagrass

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¹ Taxa observed or reported to occur within the Research Natural Area.

² List developed by Tanya Harvey and the Eugene chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon in 2012

³ * = non-native species

Appendix 2 -- Updated amphibian, bird, reptile and mammal list¹

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Source
AMPHIBIANS			
Northwestern Salamander	Ambystoma gracile	Known	USGS Observations
Long-toed Salamander	Ambystoma macrodactylum	Potential	
Pacific Giant Salamander	Dicamptodon tenebrosus	Potential	
Oregon Slender Salamander	Batrachoseps wrightii	Potential	
Ensatina	Ensatina eschscholtzii	Potential	
Dunn's Salamander	Plethodon dunni	Potential	
Rough-skinned Newt	Taricha granulosa	Known	USGS Observations
Western Toad	Bufo boreas	Known	USFS Observations
Pacific Chorus (Tree) Frog	Pseudacris regilla	Known	USFS Observations
Cascades Frog	Rana cascadae	Known	USGS Observations
Oregon Spotted Frog	Rana pretiosa	Known	USGS/USFS Observations
REPTILES			
Northern Alligator Lizard	Elgaria coerulea	Potential	
Rubber Boa	Charina bottae	Potential	
Common Garter Snake	Thamnophis sirtalis	Potential	

BIRDS

Double-crested Cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Wood Duck	Aix sponsa	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Known	USFS Observations
Cinnamon Teal	Anas cyanoptera	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Gadwall	Ana strepera	Known	USFS Observations
American Wigeon	Anas americana	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola	Known	USFS Observations
Barrow's Goldeneye	Bucephala islandica	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Hooded Merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus	Potential	
Common Merganser	Mergus merganser	Potential	
Ring-necked Duck	Aythya collaris	Known	USFS Observations
Lesser Scaup	Aythya affinis	Known	Audubon Society Observations

Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularia	Known	USFS Observations
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	Known	USFS Observations
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Known	USFS Observations
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Accipiter striatus	Known	USFS Observations
Cooper's Hawk	Accipiter cooperii	Known	USFS Observations
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	Known	USFS Observations
Golden Eagle	Aquila chrysaetos	Potential	
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius	Potential	
Merlin	Falco columbarius	Potential	
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	Potential	
Ruffed Grouse	Bonasa umbellus	Potential	
Sooty (Blue) Grouse	Dendragapus fuliginosus	Known	USFS Observations
Mountain Quail	Oreortyx pictus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Sora	Porzana carolina	Known	Audubon Society Observations
American Coot	Fulica americana	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	Potential	

Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Known	USFS Observations
Western Screech-owl	Otus kennicottii	Potential	
Great Horned Owl	Bubo virginianus	Known	USFS Observations
Northern Pygmy-owl	Glaucidium gnoma	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Northern spotted owl	Strix occidentalis caurina	Known	USFS Observations
Barred Owl	Strix varia	Known	USFS Observations
Great Gray Owl	Strix nebulosa	Potential	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Aegolius acadicus	Potential	
Common Nighthawk	Chordeilis minor	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Black Swift	Cypseloides niger	Potential	
Vaux's Swift	Chaetura vauxi	Known	Audubon Society Observations
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Woodpecker	albolarvatus		
Three-toed Woodpecker	Picoides tridactylus	Known	USFS Observations
Black-backed Woodpecker	Picoides arcticus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	Known	USFS Observations
Pileated Woodpecker	Dryocopus pileatus	Known	USFS Observations
Lewis' Woodpecker	Melanerpes lewis	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus borealis	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Western Wood-Pewee	Contopus sordidulus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii	Known	USFS Observations
Hammond's Flycatcher	Empidonax hammondii	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Dusky Flycatcher	Empidonax oberholseri	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	Empidonax difficilis	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	Known	USFS Observations
Violet-green Swallow	Tachycineta thalassina	Known	USFS Observations
Northern Rough- winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Cliff Swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	Known	Audubon Society Observations

Gray Jay	Perisoreus canadensis	Known	USFS Observations
Steller's Jay	Cyanocitta stelleri	Known	USFS Observations
Clark's Nutcracker	Nucifraga columbiana	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Band-tailed Pigeon	Patagioenas fasciata	Potential	
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	Potential	
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	Known	USFS Observations
Common Raven	Corvus corax	Known	USFS Observations
Mountain Chickadee	Parus gambeli	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	Parus rufescens	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sitta canadensis	Known	USFS Observations
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	Known	USFS Observations
Winter Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes	Known	USFS Observations
Rock Wren	Salpinctes obsoletus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Marsh Wren	Cistothorus palustris	Potential	
American Dipper	Cinclus mexicanus	Known	USFS Observations
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Regulus satrapa	Known	USFS Observations
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Regulus calendula	Known	Audubon Society

			Observations
Western Bluebird	Sialia mexicana	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Mountain Bluebird	Sialia currucoides	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Townsend's Solitaire	Myadestes townsendi	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustulatus	Known	USFS Observations
Hermit Thrush	Catharus guttatus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	Known	USFS Observations
Varied Thrush	Ixoreus naevius	Known	USFS Observations
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Hutton's Vireo	Vireo huttoni	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Warbling Vireo	Vireo gilvus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Orange-crowned Warbler	Vermivora celata	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Nashville Warbler	Vermivora ruficapilla	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Yellow Warbler	Dendroica petechia	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Yellow-rumped Warbler	Dendroica coronata	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Townsend's Warbler	Dendroica townsendii	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Hermit Warbler	Dendroica occidentalis	Known	Audubon Society Observations

Northern Waterthrush	Seiurus noveboracensis	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Macgillivray's Warbler	Oporornis tolmiei	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Wilson's Warbler	Wilsonia pusilla	Known	USFS Observations
Western Tanager	Piranga rubra	Known	USFS Observations
Black-headed Grosbeak	Pheucticus melanocephalus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Spotted Towhee	Pipilo maculatus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Fox Sparrow	Passerella iliaca	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Lincoln's Sparrow	Melospiza lincolnii	Known	Audubon Society Observations
White-crowned Sparrow	Zonotrichia leucophrys	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Dark-eyed Junco	Junco hyemalis	Known	USFS Observations
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Brewer's Blackbird	Euphagus cyanocephalus	Known	USFS Observations
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Bullock's Oriole	Icterus bullockii	Potential	

Pine Grosbeak	Pinicola enucleator	Potential	
Purple Finch	Carpodacus purpureus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Cassin's Finch	Carpodacus cassinii	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Red Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	Known	USFS Observations
White-winged Crossbill	Loxia leucoptera	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Pine Siskin	Carduelis pinus	Known	USFS Observations
American Goldfinch	Carduelis tristis	Known	Audubon Society Observations
Evening Grosbeak	Coccothraustes vespertinus	Known	Audubon Society Observations
MAMMALS			
Vagrant Shrew	Sorex vagrans	Potential	
Baird's Shrew	Sorex bairdi	Potential	
Fog Shrew	Sorex sonomae	Potential	
Pacific Shrew	Sorex pacificus	Potential	
Water Shrew	Sorex palustris	Potential	
Pacific Marsh Shrew	Sorex bendirii	Potential	
Trowbridge's Shrew	Sorex trowbridgii	Potential	
Shrew-mole	Neurotrichus gibbsii	Potential	
Coast Mole	Scapanus orarius	Potential	
California Myotis	Myotis californicus	Potential	
Yuma Myotis	Myotis yumanensis	Potential	

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Little Brown Myotis	Myotis lucifugus	Potential	
Long-legged Myotis	Myotis volans	Potential	
Long-eared Myotis	Myotis evotis	Potential	
Silver-haired Bat	Lasionycteris noctivagans	Potential	
Big Brown Bat	Eptesicus fuscus	Potential	
Hoary Bat	Lasiurus cinereus	Potential	
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	Corynorhinus townsendii	Potential	
Snowshoe Hare	Lepus americanus	Known	USFS Observations
Mountain Beaver	Aplodontia rufa	Potential	
Townsend's Chipmunk	Tamias townsendii	Potential	
Belding's Ground Squirrel	Spermophilus beldingi	Potential	
California Ground Squirrel	Spermophilus beecheyi	Potential	
Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel	Spermophilus lateralis	Potential	
Douglas' Squirrel	Tamiasciurus douglasii	Known	USFS Observations
Northern Flying Squirrel	Glaucomys sabrinus	Potential	
Western Pocket Gopher	Thomomys mazama	Potential	
Badger	Taxidea taxus	Potential	
American Beaver	Castor canadensis	Known	USFS Observations
Deer Mouse	Peromyscus maniculatus	Potential	

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Bushy-tailed Woodrat	Neotoma cinerea	Potential	
Western Red-backed Vole	Clethrionomys californicus	Potential	
Heather Vole	Phenacomys intermedius	Potential	
White-footed Vole	Phenacomys albipes	Potential	
Red Tree Vole	Arborimus Iongicaudus	Potential	
Montane Vole	Microtus montanus	Potential	
Long-tailed Vole	Microtus Iongicaudus	Potential	
Creeping Vole	Microtus oregoni	Potential	
Water Vole	Microtus richardoni	Potential	
Western Jumping Mouse	Zapus princeps	Potential	
Pacific Jumping Mouse	Zapus trinotatus	Potential	
Common Porcupine	Erethizon dorsatum	Potential	
Coyote	Canis latrans	Known	USFS Observations
Red Fox	Vulpes vulpes	Potential	
Black Bear	Ursus americanus	Known	USFS Observations
Common Raccoon	Procyon lotor	Potential	
American Marten	Martes americana	Known	USFS Observations
Fisher	Martes pennanti	Potential	
Ermine	Mustela erminea	Potential	
Long-tailed Weasel	Mustela frenata	Potential	
Mink	Mustela vison	Potential	

Wolverine	Gulo gulo	Potential	
Western Spotted Skunk	Spilogale gracilis	Potential	
Northern River Otter	Lutra canadensis	Known	USFS Observations
Mountain Lion	Felix concolor	Potential	
Bobcat	Lynx rufus	Potential	
Roosevelt Elk	Cervus elaphus	Known	USFS Observations
Black-tailed Deer	Odocoileus hemionus	Known	USFS Observations
Mule Deer	Odocoileus hemionus	Potential	
FISH			
Brook Trout	Salvelinus fontinalis	Known	ODFW Observations
Rainbow Trout	Oncorynchus mykiss	Known	ODFW Observations
Cutthroat Trout	Oncorhynchus clarki	Potential	

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¹ Species documented and suspected to occur

Appendix 3 – Updated insect list - Dragonflies and damselflies¹

<u>Common name</u> <u>Scientific name</u>

American emerald Cordulia shurtleffii

Black meadowhawk Sympetrum danae

Blue-eyed darner Rhionaeschna multicolor

Boreal bluet Enallagma boreale

Brush-tipped emerald Somatochlora walshii

California darner Rhionaeschna californica

Canada darner Aeshna canadensis

Chalk-fronted corporal Ladona julia

Common Green darner Anax junius

Pacific spiketail Cordulegaster dorsalis

Common whitetail Plathemis lydia

Crimson-ringed whiteface Leucorrhinia glacialis

Dot-tailed whiteface Leucorrhinia intacta

Eight-spotted skimmer Libellula forensis

Emerald spreadwing Lestes dryas

Four-spotted skimmer Libellula quadrimaculata

Great Basin snaketail Ophiogomphus morrisoni

Hudsonian whiteface Leucorrhinia hudsonica

Lyre-tipped spreadwing Lestes unguiculatus

Somatochlora

Mountain emerald semicircularis

Northern bluet Enallagma annexum

Common name

Scientific name

Northern spreadwing

Lestes disjunctus

Pacific forktail

Ischnura cervula

Paddle-tailed darner

Aeshna palmata

Ringed emerald

Somatochlora albicincta

Sedge darner

Aeshna juncea

Sedge sprite

Nehalennia irene

Shadow darner

Aeshna umbrosa

Spotted spreadwing

Lestes congener

Tiaga bluet

Coenagrion resolutum

Twelve-spotted Skimmer

Libellula pulchella

Variable Darner

Aeshna interrupta

Vivid Dancer

Argia vivida

Western forktail

Ischnura perparva

Western Pondhawk

Erythemis collocata

Western red damsel

Amphiagrion abbreviatum

White-faced meadowhawk

Sympetrum obtrusum

Zig-zag darner

Aeshna sitchensis

¹ Compiled by Cary Kerst, 2011.

Appendix 4 – Research since initial RNA designation

Oregon spotted frog (Rana pretiosa) Gold Lake Bog site management plan (excerpts)¹

This is one of the largest breeding populations of *R. pretiosa* in Oregon and is one of only three known populations west of the Cascade Crest in Oregon.

The primary habitat for the Oregon spotted frog occurs on the northeast side of Gold Lake within Gold Lake Bog Research Natural Area. This area is a complex of wetland habitats including: ponds, *Carex*-dominated marshes, sphagnum "bogs" (fens), and willow and birch swamps. This area is currently being occupied by lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*). Whether forest development in this area poses a longer-term indirect effect to *R. pretiosa* is speculative, but warrants monitoring for habitat changes.

Key sites selected for tree and shrub encroachment monitoring included Gold Lake Bog and the marsh area surrounding a pond northeast of Gold Lake (referred in this study as Gold Pond or Gold Pond Marsh). Gold Lake Bog was monitored because it is the primary area containing rare and sensitive floral bog species and conversion to forest cover would likely mean loss of these species. Gold Pond Marsh contains some of the most important egg-laying and overwintering habitat for this *R. pretiosa* population. Hydrological regimes could be altered if beaver populations are reduced or their activity and habitat use patterns shift. Beavers impact the distribution and availability of aquatic habitat in several ways that are relevant to *R. pretiosa*.

Monitoring transects were also established at several other smaller wetland openings near these two major sites. No immediate threats to documented *R. pretiosa* overwintering and egg-laying sites from conifer development were observed. Gold Pond Marsh and wetlands to the west of the pond appeared relatively stable with evidence of increased tree mortality at some sites. Recent lodgepole pine establishment adjacent to the north shore of Gold Lake and at one site along the northwest corner of Gold Pond Marsh are not directly in known breeding and wintering habitat. A survey of beaver activity and habitat structures determined that beavers are currently using the site. Moreover, as beavers are a keystone species, continued monitoring of water levels, temperatures, and beaver presence is warranted.

Interactions with non-native fishes and American bullfrogs were also examined and introduced fish predators are implicated in the declines of several ranid frogs elsewhere in the western U.S., but there is little data on the details of interactions with *R. pretiosa* at Gold Lake Bog. Because of this, Maintaining the broad array of habitats in the area that allow vulnerable life stages of *R. pretiosa* cover and habitat segregation from fish predators probably benefits frog populations. A largely unknown but potentially important interaction is the potential for both frogs and fish to use springs and inflow streams in winter. Non-native fish are likely impacting this *R. pretiosa* population.

However removal of these fish from the lake and bog is not a feasible alternative. Thus, monitoring of frog numbers and careful coordination with ODFW fisheries management is essential.

Vegetation changes such as conifer encroachment into the fen ("bog") and adjacent marsh area were examined to determine whether conifer invasion has become a limited threat to the *R. pretiosa* population on the premise that hydrologic regimes are maintained by beavers and climatic changes do not reduce water inputs to the system. Continued monitoring of changes in conifer encroachment and water levels is warranted.

Invasive flora and fauna should be limited and not expand beyond existing non-native species (i.e. brook and rainbow trout). Key biological elements such as beaver should remain an active resident of the bog; unrestricted by trapping or dam removal.

Researchers concluded that the desired site condition at Gold Lake Bog would be one that includes a spring-fed, wetland system with active beavers and a healthy, stable or increasing population of *R. pretiosa*. This system should remain fen habitat with abundant open water interspersed with willow and alder clumps. Conifers are a natural part of this system, but they should be regulated by the natural hydrologic and fire regimes so that open wetland areas including shallow ponds, sedge marshes, and sphagnum bogs are maintained.

Naturally ignited fires would benefit the ecology of the fen and surrounding wetland within in the areas referred to as Gold Pond and Gold Pond Marsh on the northeast side of Gold Lake. Fire suppression is not encouraged anywhere within the boundaries of the bog/Research Natural Area. Specifically, direct attack via constructed firelines and/or fire retardant should be prohibited. Additionally, a restriction on dipping out of Gold Lake is advised.

Monitoring should continue indefinitely to assess hydrologic and habitat conditions for *R. pretiosa* and other sensitive vascular plant species and mosses.

¹ adapted from: **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Willamette National Forest (USDA WNF). 2011.** Gold Lake Bog, Oregon spotted frog (*Rana pretiosa*), site management plan. On file with Middle Fork Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, 46375 Highway 58, Westfir, OR 97492. 53 p.

Vegetation studies 1980-2002 (excerpts)

Christy (2003) mapped plant associations at Gold Lake Bog in 1980, compiled species lists for each association, and established four transects in ecotones to monitor vegetation change over time by use of repeat photography. These transects were rephotographed in 1988 and 2002, and remeasured in 2002.

Vegetation and hydrology changes documented for the 1980-2002 time period include:

- In 2002, invasion by lodgepole pine was evident around the margins of the fen mat:
- In some areas, Geyer willow (Salix geyeriana) showed heavy cropping by elk or deer, and elk bedding is common throughout this area;
- Abundant forage in the fen makes this prime elk habitat;
- In some areas, flooding appears to be killing bog blueberry (Vaccinium uliginosum); and
- What was nearly dry in September 1980 is completely flooded, full of *Carex utriculata, Menyanthes trifoliata*, and *Potamogeton natans* in 2002.

² adapted from: Christy, J.A. 2003. Summary of vegetation studies, 1980-2002, Gold Lake Bog Research Natural Area. On file with: Middle Fork Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, 46375 Highway 58, Westfir, OR 97492.