

# MT. ASHLAND DEMONSTRATION FOREST

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Pacific Forest Trust (PFT) has just purchased 1,120 acres of forest land along the Siskiyou Crest near Ashland, Oregon to create the Mount Ashland Demonstration Forest, which will serve as a model for how forestry focused on enhancing climate benefits can meet the moment for people and wildlife. This project is part of a larger effort, led by the Land Trust Alliance, to protect carbon-rich landscapes and create vital wildlife corridors called the Pacific Northwest Resilient Landscapes Initiative. By funding land trust-led efforts to purchase and manage lands, this initiative is already having a major impact in 3 states.

## OBJECTIVES

- The Mt. Ashland project will serve as a model for how protection and active restoration can improve habitat quality, increase climate resilience, maintain carbon stocks, and connect protected lands.
- The Pacific Northwest Resilient Landscapes Initiative helps land trusts strategically protect thousands of acres of land, with a focus on providing equitable benefits to communities.

## PATHWAYS FOR SCALING



Sale of forest land and conservation easements provide opportunities for private landowners to receive financial benefits in exchange for conserving their land.



\$2.1 billion dollars in the Inflation Act is dedicated to the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), which help landowners access financial assistance to conserve farms and woodlands and manage them for climate benefits.

## LOCATION

The Mt. Ashland Demonstration Forest is in southern Oregon, near the city of Ashland. The Pacific Northwest Resilient Landscapes Initiative covers Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

## FUNDING AMOUNT AND SOURCES

\$1.1 million from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board; \$413,125 from the Pacific Northwest Resilient Landscapes Initiative; \$1 million donated land value.

## PROGRAM PARTNERS

The Pacific Forest Trust, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the Pacific Northwest Resilient Landscapes Initiative, the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF), Idaho Community Foundation, Seattle Foundation, Land Trust Alliance.

## SUCCESSES TO DATE



PFT has already conserved 12,000+ acres of forests in Oregon, complimenting the 100,000+ acres conserved in northern California.



The Pacific Northwest Resilient Landscapes initiative has already undertaken 24 projects in 3 states.

For more information about this and other innovative and scalable projects implementing Natural Climate Solutions in the U.S., please visit [www.usnature4climate.org/building-ambition/](http://www.usnature4climate.org/building-ambition/).