

Eagle Creek Community Forest

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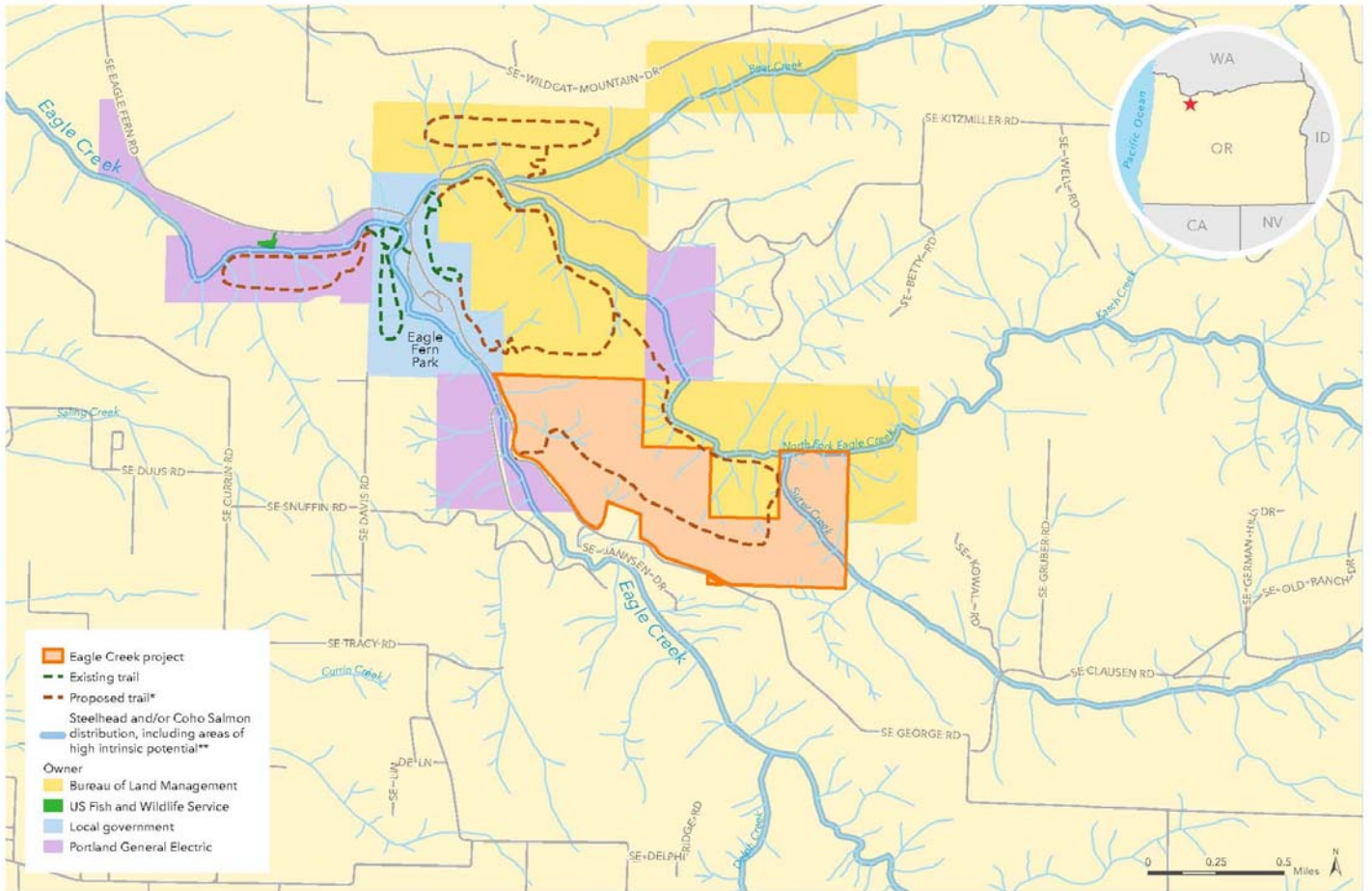
The Trust for Public Land, together with the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, is creating a community forest next to popular Eagle Fern County Park.

We aim to acquire 319 acres of private forest connecting Eagle Fern Park to over a thousand acres of nearby public and conserved lands. As a community forest, it will extend recreational opportunities at the park while supporting habitat restoration and continued harvest – all to benefit county residents and visitors for generations to come.

Putting the Landscape Puzzle Together

Eagle Creek springs clear and cold in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness on the Mount Hood National Forest. It flows through a rugged and remote canyon to meet the North Fork at Eagle Fern County Park.

Beloved by generations of county residents, Eagle Fern Park is home to an ancient forest and a popular swimming hole. It also helps support one of the most important wild winter steelhead runs in the entire Clackamas River Basin – in turn one of Oregon's strongholds for these threatened fish. Next to Eagle Fern Park is public land owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and owned by Portland General Electric (PGE) for habitat conservation. Together, they constitute



over a thousand acres of high quality, mature forest. At the intersection of these lands is 319 acres of private forestland, long managed for industrial timber production but recently marketed for residential development. We are working to acquire this property and coordinate management with surrounding conserved lands, creating a nearly 1400-acre community forest.

Trails, Habitat, and Forestry

The proposed Eagle Creek Community Forest will deliver multiple forest-related benefits to residents throughout the Portland metro area. Its

location next to Eagle Fern Park, PGE and BLM land creates the potential to dramatically expand an existing hiking trail network the potential establish mountain biking trails. The property also contains the lowest half mile of Suter Creek, an important salmon and winter steelhead stream that has recently been restored along five miles immediately upstream. The property’s young forests also provide a future source of revenue for Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District to support continued habitat restoration and management across the entire area.



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