

Eagle Creek Community Forest

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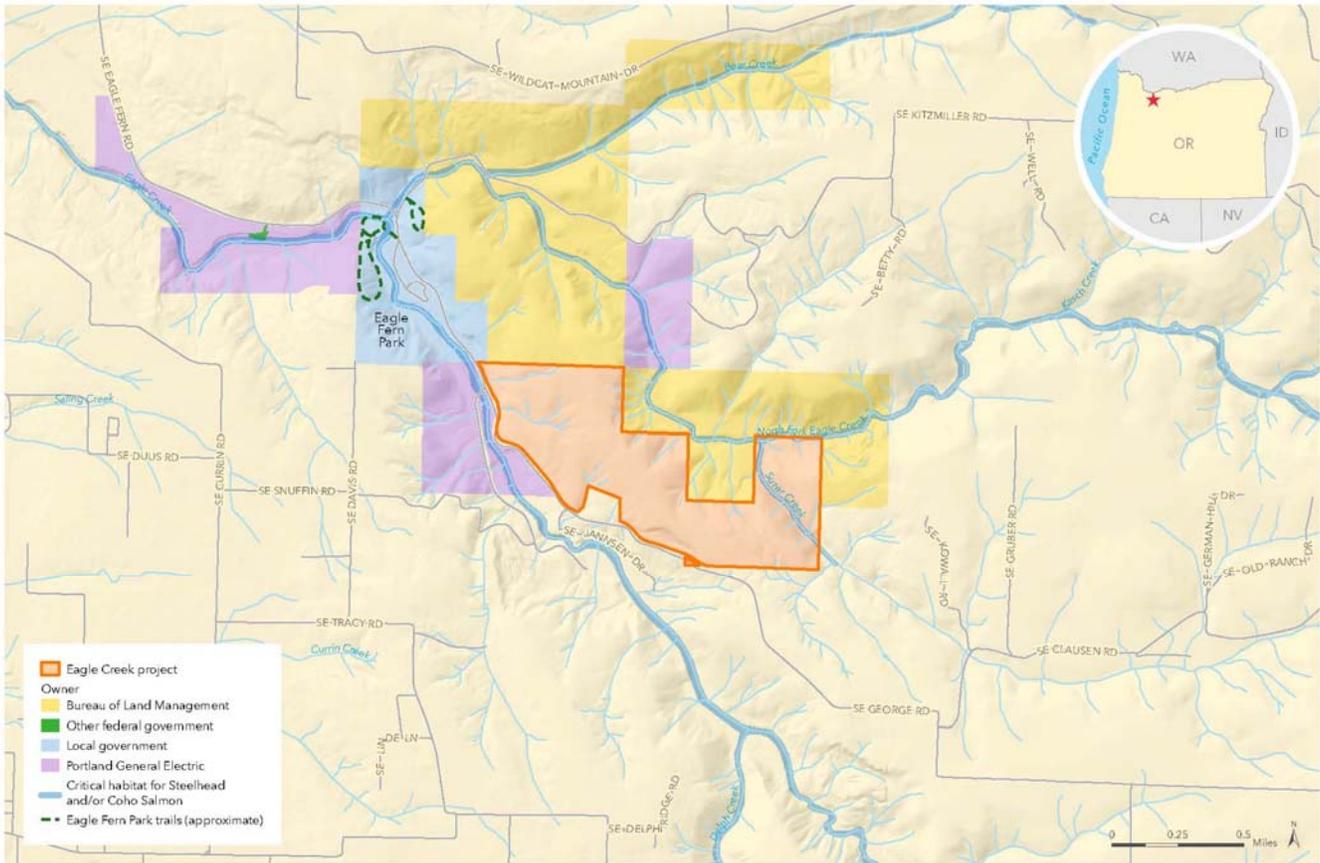
The Trust for Public Land and the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District are partnering to create a community forest along Eagle Creek, adjacent to popular Eagle Fern County Park and other conserved lands.

We envision a forest managed for habitat restoration, recreation, and continued harvest – all to benefit county residents 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 its main tributary, 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 key “strongholds” for these threatened fish. Adjacent to Eagle Fern Park is Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land and land owned by Portland General Electric for habitat conservation. Together, they constitute



over a thousand acres of mature forest. At the intersection of these lands is a 319-acre parcel, long managed for timber production but recently marketed for residential development. We are working to acquire this property and collaborate with neighboring owners to manage it tandem with the surrounding conserved lands.

Habitat Restoration, Recreation, and Forestry

The proposed Eagle Creek Community Forest is ideally situated to deliver multiple forest-related community benefits. It’s location adjacent to Eagle Fern Park and BLM land creates the potential to dramatically expand an existing

hiking trail network and potentially establish mountain biking trails at an appropriate distance from sensitive riparian areas. The property also contains the lowest half-mile of Suter Creek, a tributary with high potential for salmonid productivity that has recently benefitted from habitat restoration along the 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, through collaborative management agreements.



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