



Say No to Aloha Trout Forest Management Project!

Despite failing ecosystems in the Oregon Coast Range, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is pushing forward with a controversial plan to log close to 2,000 acres of pristine, resilient, older forest habitat on public lands in Oregon's Coast Range.

The [Aloha Trout Forest Management Project](#), located east of Alsea in the Alsea River watershed, has some of the oldest forests in the region. Much of the project is within the headwaters of Honey Grove Creek and Seely Creek, two major tributaries to the Alsea River and spawning grounds for endangered species of Oregon Coast Coho Salmon and Oregon Coast Chinook Salmon and sensitive species of Oregon Coast Steelhead and Pacific Lamprey. The main justification for the Aloha Trout project is, unsurprisingly, to meet timber production targets. Much of the Alsea River watershed surrounding the project area has been commercially clear cut within the last decade and the Aloha Trout Logging Project will further degrade critical salmon spawning habitat with potential for warming of the crucial cold water creeks, increased sediment load in the water, and dangerous herbicide runoff.

Alsea residents have been working with the BLM for the last year to designate two sections of public land as the "Honey Grove Natural Area" where neighbors have enjoyed hiking, mountain biking, mushroom foraging, and bird watching throughout the area and along a 6-mile hand-built single track trail that's been a part of the community for close to a decade. Now the BLM has back-tracked and designated a majority of the area as "moderate-intensity timber area" where up to 95% of the trees will be cut down for commercial logging. This will completely change the landscape and be a hard blow to the community where access to older forest on public land is limited.

The agency says most of the forests in the project area are 65-75 years old with some legacy trees as old as 130 years. The BLM is moving forward with actions that would remove or degrade 1,800 acres of incredibly important spotted owl and marbled murrelet habitat and punch new roads and skyline yarding corridors right through breathtaking older forest groves, all while increasing fire hazard in "regeneration harvest" (aka clearcut) units for at least the next 50 years.

This project is in the scoping phase and BLM requested comments be submitted on the planning website by November 12th, 2024 to <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2034802/570>. You can also comment directly to Matthew Betenson, Mary's Peak Field Manager by email to BLM_OR_NO_PublicComments_NEPA@blm.gov or by letter at BLM, Northwest Oregon District Office, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR 97306.

Your Comments Matter! Please help us stop Aloha Trout Project by commenting before November 12.

-Friends of Honey Grove

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