

# CONSERVATION VICTORIES

To provide protection for Oregon's old growth and natural treasures

## Highlights:

- **Provides legislative protection for old growth on 2.6 million acres of public forests in western Oregon for the first time in history.**
- **Adds nearly 150 miles of Oregon rivers to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, including:**
  - 93 miles of the iconic Rogue River and its tributaries;
  - 21 miles of the Molalla River;
  - 19 miles of the threatened Chetco River; and
  - 15 miles of Wasson and Franklin Creeks, tributaries of the Umpqua River
- **Protects 90,000 acres of Oregon forests as wilderness, including:**
  - 58,000 acres to be added to the existing Wild Rogue Wilderness
  - 32,000 acres of some of the last remaining old growth in Oregon's Coast Range and permanent protection for Devil's Staircase
- **Transfers more than 1,000,000 acres of mature and old growth forests from the Bureau of Land Management to the Forest Service to be managed as National Forest lands.**
- **Requires thousands of miles of legacy roads and logging roads in disrepair to be brought up to federal and state standards.**
- **Repeals the contentious O&C Act of 1937 that led to the Western Oregon Plan Revisions.**
- **Includes management restrictions on O&C Trust lands to protect clean water, terrestrial, and aquatic values, including:**
  - Prohibition on aerial application of herbicides and pesticides and a requirement for a public process for the development of an integrated Pest Management Plan;
  - Long and short timber rotation ages to provide diversification and to encourage the recruitment of complex, early seral habitat; and
  - A sustained yield requirement to prevent overcutting
- **Expedites land exchanges between the federal government, the O&C Trust lands, and private landowners to create larger contiguous blocks of forested land in western Oregon and to improve the conservation values of such lands.**
- **Ensures the scientific community and general public are represented on the O&C Board of Trustees**
- **Maintains federal ownership of all O&C lands and public access privileges.**