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Connecting People to the Wonders of Our State Forests



OREGON'S STATE FORESTS—rich in heritage and natural bounty—hold a special place in the hearts of many. With miles of trails winding through breathtaking scenery, inviting campsites awaiting your tent, and the iconic Tillamook Forest Center offering educational programming on a variety of forest topics, adventure awaits you around every corner.

As we entered 2023, the State Forests Trust of Oregon (SFTO)

embarked on a new journey fueled by a passion for fostering connections among those who deeply appreciate these public lands. Our goal? To forge stronger bonds with the vibrant community of organizations and individuals who visit, cherish, and help steward the recreation facilities and interpretive programs across Oregon's state forests.

To our donors, volunteers, and the dedicated staff of the Oregon Department of Forestry, we owe you a debt of gratitude for your unwavering partnership and support in this endeavor. Through our collective efforts, we ensure these treasured natural spaces

remain accessible and enjoyed for generations to come.

Together, we are crafting a legacy of adventure and stewardship that will endure beyond our time.

24,735
OVERNIGHT CAMPERS



64,562
NIGHTS STAYED

2023 Highlights

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Throughout 2023, our Board of Trustees engaged in strategic planning sessions to enhance our support for Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) Recreation, Interpretation & Education Program. This includes expanding our role through strategic partnerships to maintain trails and introduce under-represented groups to the wonders of our state forests. We look forward to furthering this work in 2024 and beyond.

TRACKING VISITOR USE AT BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN BIKE AREA



ODF and SFTO teamed up with Oregon State University and the University of Washington, to try out new ways to track visitor activity at Black Rock Mountain Bike Area (BRMBA). This year-long study gave us important info on who's using the trails, what they're doing, how it affects their health, and the economic boost it brings to nearby communities. Now, we're aiming to do similar research at more recreation spots in state forests

LEADING THE WAY IN RECREATION

People of color have long enjoyed outdoor recreation in the United States, from before the creation of National Parks to today. However, they have also experienced adverse treatment, like racism, bigotry, and threats, leaving many feeling vulnerable and wary of spending time recreating in public lands meant for all. To help promote how people of color can feel safe and welcome while recreating in state forests, SFTO commissioned filmmaker and photographer, Chad Brown, to create an exhibit highlighting people of color who find joy and healing in nature and foster the outdoor recreationist community. This exhibit will open May 18, 2024 at the Tillamook Forest Center (TFC), with a special presentation on June 15, 2024.

SANTIAM STATE FOREST TREE PLANTING



Following the devastating 2020 Labor Day fires, generous donations from Oregonians helped ODF plant 46 acres of the Fern Ridge Project Area.

VISITORS TO THE TILLAMOOK FOREST CENTER

1,161 students

619 interpretive program participants

15,901 others

Total 17,681



Oregonians have a deep connection to their state forests. The Trust is a key partner in maintaining their support for the recreational areas and educational programs that contribute so much to their lives.

-Michael Wilson, State Forests Division Chief, Oregon Department of Forestry

This initiative aims to explore various methods for restoring forests after wildfires. Additionally, ODF and SFTO engaged 70 students from the Career Technical Education Center to participate in replanting, fostering a legacy of community support for the Santiam State Forest.

DONORS CELEBRATE TILLAMOOK FOREST CENTER REOPENING



After a three-year closure due to the pandemic, the Tillamook Forest Center reopened its doors in March 2023. To commemorate this milestone, the SFTO and Center staff hosted a special reception for over 50 donors, many of whom have cherished memories connected to the timber industry and the community's efforts to replant after the Tillamook Burn.

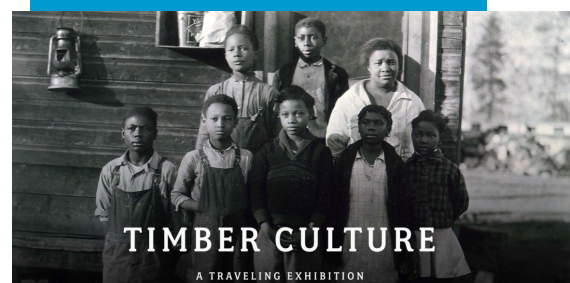
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



In July, Hundreds of visitors to the Tillamook Forest Center joined the 50th anniversary celebration of the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests. Families mingled with active and retired foresters, all united in celebrating these beloved and iconic forests lands. As integral parts of Oregon's legacy of public forest stewardship, these forests hold a special place in the hearts of Oregonians. It was a joyous occasion, filled with shared memories and a deep appreciation for these unique state forests.

TIMBER CULTURE EXHIBIT

With funding from SFTO, the Tillamook Forest Center hosted the Timber Culture exhibit on loan from the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center. The exhibit shed light on the diverse history of loggers and their families who moved to Oregon during the Great Migration, exploring issues of race and social justice through our state's past.



BUILDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

In 2023, the Trust connected donors, volunteers and outdoor enthusiasts through our **e-newsletter and social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook**. We're thrilled to showcase a diverse array of individuals enjoying Oregon's stunning state forests, as well as the dedicated volunteers who tirelessly welcome visitors and work hard to build and maintain trails.

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SFTO General Fund	\$105,172	\$105,418	\$63,347
Tillamook Forest Center Fund	\$32,570	\$13,185	\$271,241
State Forests Recreation Fund	\$5,259	\$9,717	\$127,727
State Forests Wildfire Restoration	\$7,790	\$9,761	\$11,432
Reserve Fund (new in 2023)	\$0	\$0	\$15,189