Purple Mountain
Acquisition

Located within the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest on Elk River is a lush forest with abundant wildlife. Small, cool headwater streams from the property feed into the most productive steelhead tributary on the Elk River Watershed.

The forest is recovering from being harvested when it was privately owned. WRLT’s acquisition of the property has helped to reduce fragmentation of a significant stretch of mature forest which will eventually become old growth, while protecting downstream habitat for steelhead and coho salmon. In Fall of 2017, over 1,200 root rot-resistant Port Orford Cedar trees were planted by Wild Rivers Land Trust staff and volunteers.

In November 2019, the Purple Mountain property became part of the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest with funding from the federal Land & Water Conservation Fund. The property and surrounding public lands provides public access for recreational use while being managed as a late successional forest.