Keystone Preserve
Acquisition

The Keystone Nature Preserve is truly a keystone - defined as “the fundamental base of a system on which all else depends” of the Elk River Watershed. The Nature Preserve occupies 163 acres where the river transitions out of its wild canyon headwaters and rolls into the more gentle lowlands. Keystone’s slopes are prominent when viewed from both the Elk River and Elk River Road. The property is adjacent to an Inventoried Roadless Area in Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest that connects to the Grassy Knob & Copper Salmon Wilderness areas. Each year during fishing season, thousands of locals and visitors drift by Keystone and enjoy the view of its mature forest. The lucky ones may land a chinook or steelhead in sight of one of its old Grand firs, Douglas firs or Red cedars. Whether hiking, camping, fishing or sightseeing, everyone who heads up the river enjoys the view of Keystone’s unbroken forest.

Keystone was WRLT’s first purchase in 2004, helping us establish and maintain the sense of how special our designated Wild & Scenic Elk River truly is for all to appreciate nature at its finest.

Working together to keep the irreplaceable lands and waters of the southern Oregon coast forever wild and abundant. We believe our enduring environment, economic prosperity, and rural coastal culture are connected. From Tenmile Lakes to Brookings, we conserve and steward natural spaces people and wildlife depend on for clean air, fresh water, and healthy habitat. And by partnering with willing landowners, we help working farms, forests, and ranches preserve their legacy today for future generations.

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