

# RIVERS LAND TRUST

## Keeping our wild & working lands forever abundant

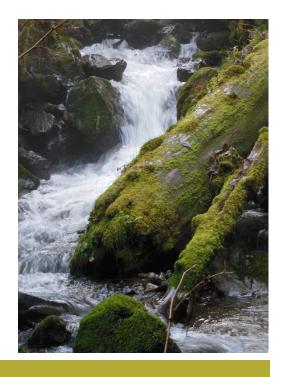
### **Bear Creek**

#### **Acquisition**

Bear Creek Natural Area was once an old homestead prior to being purchased by Roseburg Forest Products. Wild Rivers Land Trust purchased the 217-acre property to protect it from logging and the resulting fragmentation of wildlife habitat on the Elk River. The goal was to manage the land in a way similar to the adjacent National Forest, helping to promote old-growth forests and protecting fish and wildlife in a wild and untouched area.

In 2017, following restoration work to improve salmon habitat on the property, Wild Rivers Land Trust transferred ownership of the Bear Creek Natural Area to the United States Forest Service, ensuring its long term stewardship. Because of our work, the public will now be able to recreate on this property and access Bear Creek, Bald Mt Creek and the surrounding meadow and forest, forever. Federal ownership also affords the full protection of the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act to the streams, forest, salmon, spotted owls, marbled murrelets and other treasured species.





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.

#### **Wild Rivers Land Trust**

Together, we are keepers of this wild place

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