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## Mount Hood Wilderness

## Tamanawas Falls Addition

Hood River County  
709 acres

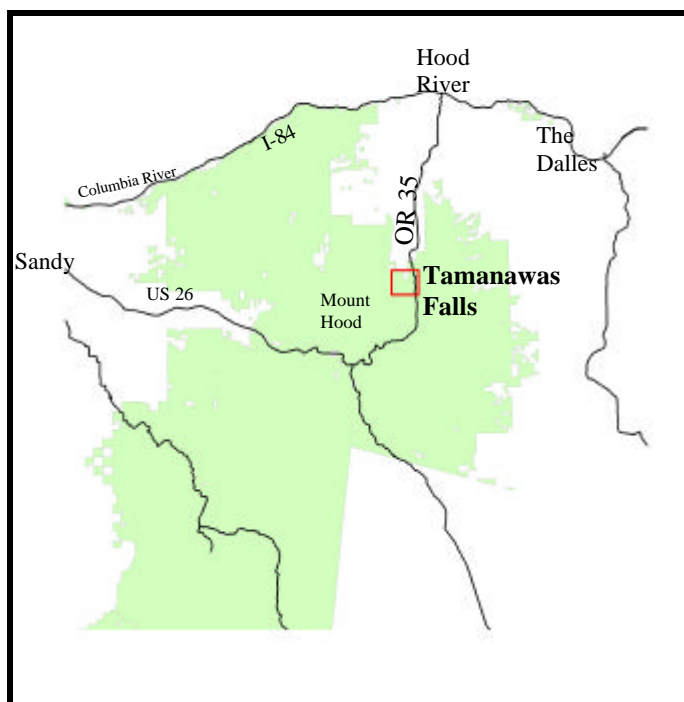
Mount Hood National Forest

### Description:

**T**amanawas Falls' striking cascade, clear streams and lush vegetation are identified as a scenic viewshed in the Mount Hood Forest plan. Cold Springs Creek, which spills over Tamanawas Falls, is a tributary to the proposed Wild and Scenic East Fork Hood River. The lower portions of the very scenic Polallie Creek are also a part of this unit.

### Ecological, geological, and scenic value:

**T**amanawas Falls is one of the highlights of the views along the scenic Mount Hood loop drive from Hood River. This area hosts winter and summer steelhead runs, and contributes cold clear water to the East Fork Hood River which has threatened runs of Coho salmon. Tamanawas Falls has one of the highest concentrations of elk in the Hood River Valley. The forest provides important connectivity for species dependent on late seral forest communities. The vegetation of the Tamanawas Falls unit includes old-growth Ponderosa Pine, Western Red Cedar, Douglas Fir, Western Larch and Cottonwood.





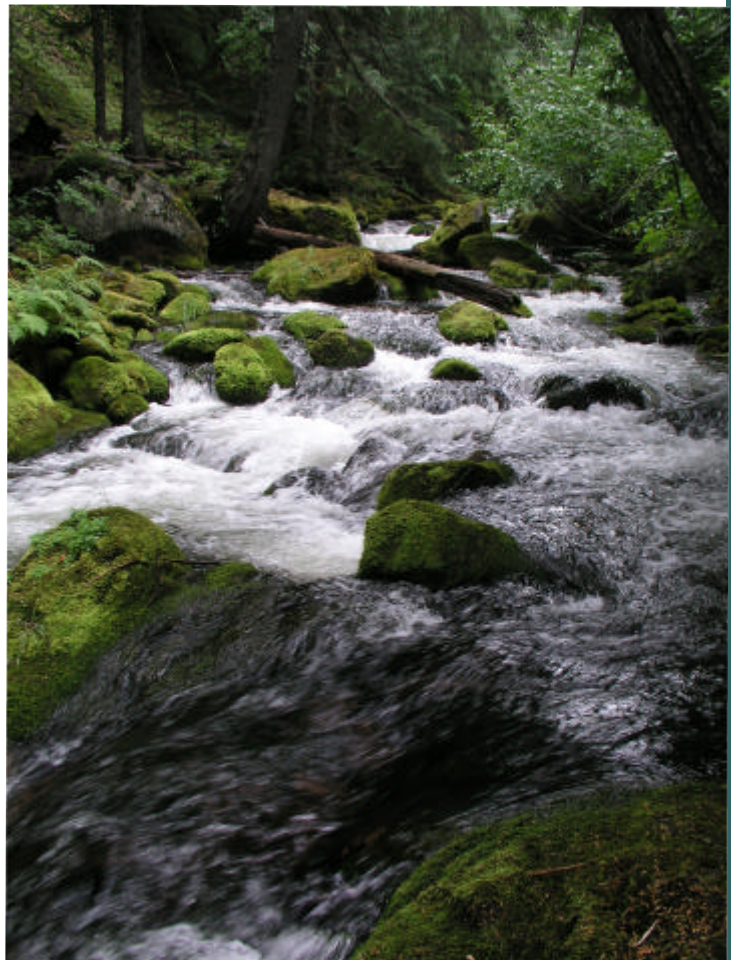
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## Opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation:

**T**amanawas Falls is a popular spot for hiking, backpacking, camping, hunting, and bird watching. The Tamanawas Falls Trail and the northern end of the Elk Meadows Trail are in this unit. This lush area offers solitude and inspiring beauty for its visitors.

## Threats:

**L**ogging could threaten the beautiful Tamanawas Falls' old-growth stands and clear waters. Wilderness designation will ensure permanent protection of this Mount Hood gem. Our children and grandchildren deserve to enjoy this treasure tomorrow just as we do today.



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