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Ochoco Mountains National Recreation Area

Protecting Oregon's Secluded Gem

A proposed National Recreation Area for one of Oregon's most ecologically diverse landscapes.

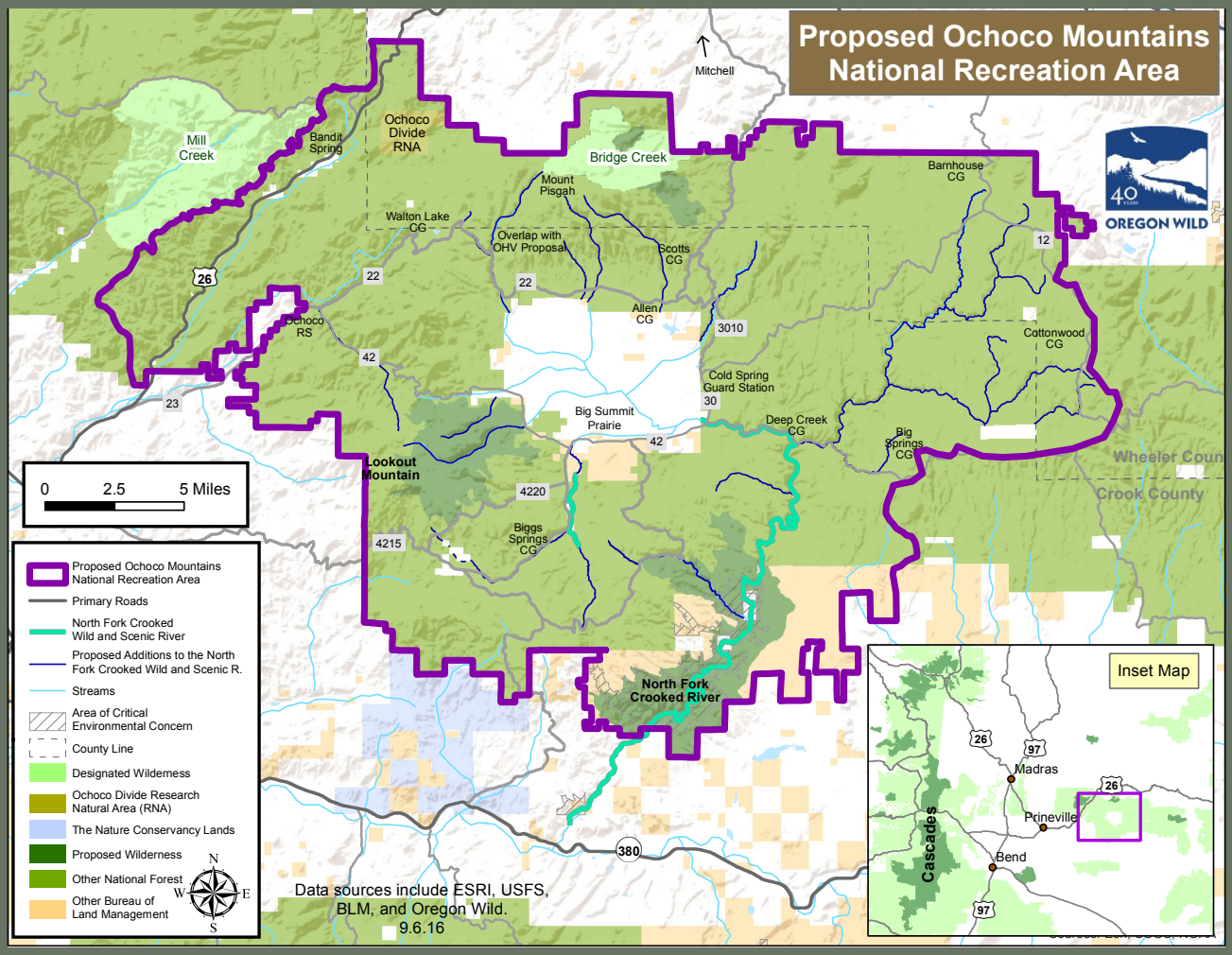
The Ochoco Mountains are a secluded mecca for wildlife and recreation in central Oregon, featuring giant pine trees, rare trout, sparkling streams, wildflower meadows, and epic recreational opportunities. Hiking, biking, hunting, horseback riding, fly fishing, and cross-country skiing are among the best ways to experience the Ochocos.

A visit to Lookout Mountain or Mount Pisgah on a clear day, is rewarded with views stretching from Mount Shasta in California to Mount Rainier in Washington.

The Ochoco Mountains also serve as a critical wildlife corridor between the Cascades and the Blue Mountains. As wolves return to the Cascades, the most likely travel corridor for them is the Ochoco Mountains.

The proposed National Recreation Area would protect old-growth forests and restore fish and wildlife habitat, while allowing for restorative thinning to reduce fuels to natural levels. Off-road vehicles would be strictly limited to existing, designated roads.

THE PROPOSAL



Get Involved!

- **Join** Oregon Wild and help protect the wildlife, wildlands, and water that make our state special.
- **Call** Senators Wyden and Merkley and Representative Walden and encourage them to protect the natural legacy of the Ochocos!

  Senator Wyden (503) 326-7525
  Senator Merkley (503) 326-3386
  Rep. Walden (202) 225-6730

- **Visit** our website, stay up-to-date, and **take action!**

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The Ochocos: An Ecological Wonder

- A plethora of pristine wildflower meadows interspersed with forests that feature some of the largest old-growth ponderosa pines in Oregon.
- At least 28 different native plant communities and habitat for rocky mountain elk, mule deer, and a number of sensitive species.
- Habitat for the rare interior redband trout and native populations of rainbow trout provide for high-quality dispersed fishing.