Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

Land and Water Conservation Fund
FY2015 Request
At more than 600 total acres, the two Castle Creek tracts are vital to the long-term protection of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT). Both parcels contain portions of the PCT and are in close proximity to a high-use PCT access point at the Parks Creek Trailhead that is very popular with hikers and equestrians. These high elevation parcels afford PCT users spectacular and sustained views of the Trinity Alps and the Scott Mountains, as well as one of the highest peaks in Northern California, Mount Eddy. In addition, the parcels are near the headwaters of the Trinity River and their acquisition is critical to the consolidation and protection of the Trinity River’s watershed.

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**Threats to the Landscape:** Agricultural conversion, residential development, visual intrusion, and loss of public access.

**Partner Contributions:** Over the past 10 years, the Pacific Crest Trail Association has provided 816,000 volunteer hours worth $16,900,000, as well as $8,300,000 in private dollars raised to benefit the trail – a total contribution of $25,200,000.
This map depicts the approximate location of proposed acquisition for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

References
All Data: Forest Service, BLM

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State Line, Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, California and Oregon

Project Details

LWCF Request: $1,828,000
Congressional Districts: CA-1, Representative La Malfa, and OR-2, Representative Walden
Acres: 914
Number of Tracts: 4
Acquiring Agency: USFS & BLM

Project Descriptions:

State Line (USFS) – At more than 600 acres, this tract is located immediately south of the Oregon-California state line. As the trail passes through the mixed coniferous forests of the region, evidence of private timber operations are visible. Consolidation of the publicly owned PCT corridor in this area would greatly improve the experience of hikers and equestrians on the National Scenic Trail. In addition, an important access point for trail maintenance is located on the parcel.

Cascade Siskiyou National Monument (BLM) – At nearly 300 total acres, the three tracts identified within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument would further consolidate the public ownership of the PCT’s corridor within the Monument. The parcels contain sections of PCT that are very popular with day users from the nearby Rogue Valley. The PCT in this area is the major avenue of exploration, whether on foot or horseback, for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, and the Soda Mountain Wilderness contained within. These tracks are part of a wider BLM effort to consolidate private land ownership in critical checkerboard and inholdings areas within the Monument.

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Legend:
- FY2015 LWCF Request
- FY2014 President's Budget
- Focal Area
- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
- National Forest Boundary
- Wilderness Boundary
- National Monument Boundary
- National Forest
- BLM
- Local Government
- Private

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Map 2 of 3
FY2015 National Trails System
LWCF Collaborative Funding Proposal

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More detailed cadastral maps can be requested from the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region.
The length of this property. This area is facing increased development pressure due to its close proximity to Seattle. This land is owned by Plum Creek Timber Company, a willing seller. The proposed acquisition is within the boundary of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The project area is located in eastern King County and western Kittitas County. King County, with a population of 1.8 million people, is the twelfth-most populous county in the United States. The area is heavily visited by the recreating public. It contains the headwaters of the Green River and a series of high mountain lakes, numerous streams and rivers, large stands of old growth, huckleberries, and mountain meadows. The scenic views are among the most striking in the Cascade Range. The area also provides habitat for a variety of endangered species, including grizzly bear, wolf, spotted owls, marbled murrelets, steelhead, salmon and bull trout. An abundance of other wildlife inhabit the area, including elk, deer, cougar, coyote, bobcat, and an occasional moose.

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