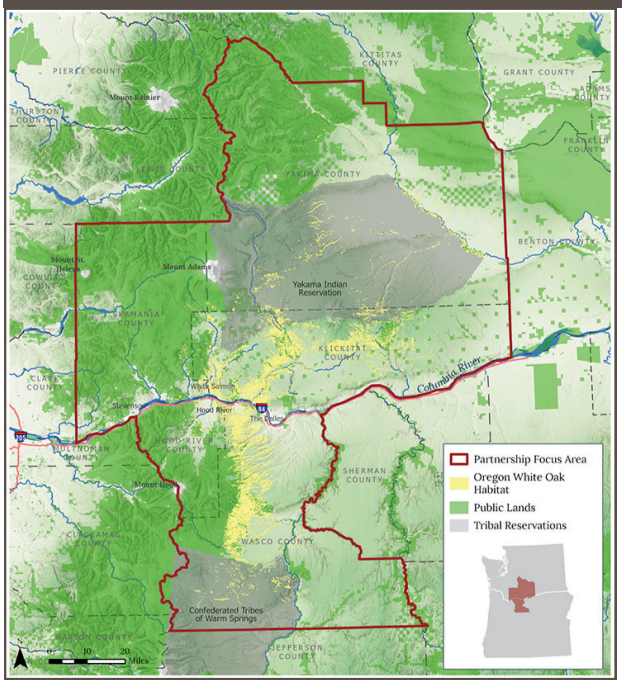
East Cascades Oak Partnership

About the Partnership: The East Cascades Oak Partnership (ECOP) is a collaboration among over 20 core partners to understand and care for Oregon white oak habitats in the Columbia River Gorge and East Cascades. ECOP works to protect and restore these biodiverse habitats as they experience threats from development, conifer encroachment, and a changing climate and fire regime. ECOP partners leverage resources and learning to implement a shared vision for oak conservation in the region.



Meet the Partners:

Columbia Land Trust, Cal Poly Humboldt, Columbia River Gorge Commission, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs of Oregon, Ekone Ranch, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Lomakatsi Restoration Project, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept., Oregon State University, Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture, The Conservation Fund, Underwood Conservation District, U.S. Forest Service, Wasco Soil Water & Conservation District, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and Washington Dept. of Natural Resources



Conservation Impact: Since 2020, ECOP has deployed millions of dollars in funding toward restoring and monitoring oak habitat plus supporting partners and the public with technical assistance and learning opportunities. ECOP has installed over 230 permanent monitoring plots and assessed over 10,000 acres to better understand these critical habitats and how to effectively steward them.

In 2025 alone, partners achieved over 3,700 acres of forest health treatments and 270 acres of understory restoration, protecting legacy trees and culturally important plants, and preparing woodlands stressed by climate change for intensifying fire.

Shovel-Ready ECOP Projects Ready for Investment



Klickitat Oaks

Estimated Impact: 75,000 acres **Estimated Cost:** $120M

ECOP partners are working to permanently protect a large scenic area of oak-pine woodlands and fire-adapted working forest. Perched between the Klickitat and White Salmon Rivers in south-central Washington and spanning the Columbia River into north-central Oregon, this provides a strategic link in the Pacific Flyway and wildlife migration corridors. $8.5M are needed to complete this $120M goal.



Grasshopper Fire Restoration

Estimated Impact: 1,000 acres **Estimated Cost:** $1.7M

In August 2026, the Grasshopper Fire burned across 93,000 acres, including numerous priority oak habitats and partner restoration and monitoring sites. Seeding, weed treatment, additional fuels reduction, and monitoring are needed to characterize success of fuels reduction investments, protect biodiversity, prevent undesirable change to fire regime and plant communities, and facilitate recovery of key habitats.



Cross-Boundary Forest Health and Fire Resilience

Estimated Impact: 2,000 acres **Estimated Cost:** $1.5M

ECOP is planning cross-boundary forest health treatments including fuels reduction, hand thinning, and underburning to prevent future catastrophic wildfires from damaging oak habitats in the White River Wildlife Area and Mt. Hood National Forest. This project will help protect remaining priority oak-pine woodlands in a region where many nearby habitats have already been damaged or lost to recent fires.

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