



Cooper Spur Wild and Free Coalition

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Coalition Position

Working to preserve and protect the biological integrity and historic nature of the northeast side of Mt. Hood

The population of Hood River County and that of the nearby metropolitan area is growing and is projected to grow in the future. Mt. Hood represents a major natural and recreational asset for growing populations.

The Cooper Spur Wild & Free Coalition believes that Mt. Hood should be managed to enhance opportunities for natural and non-commercial recreational use and that Mt. Hood should not be dedicated only to special interests or uses. Specifically, we believe wide sectors of the public should benefit from public property, and that Mt. Hood should be non-commercial wherever possible. Steps in that direction include:

- Employing the concept of sustainability and using a holistic approach to promote natural and non-commercial recreational opportunities for Mt. Hood, which includes reviewing specific proposals with regard to their place in an overall vision for the mountain.
- Emphasizing naturally based, non-commercial recreational opportunities so that Mt. Hood can serve the greatest mix of users in a sustainable environment.
- Capping commercial activities on and adjacent to Mt. Hood so as to improve the use of nearby existing commercial businesses and simultaneously preserve the natural setting of Mt. Hood.
- Preventing expansion of existing commercial operations on Mt. Hood and steering new facilities to the Hood River and Sandy "approaches" in a manner that is consistent with Oregon's Land Use Planning system and principles of sustainability.
- Returning portions of the Mt. Hood area to its natural condition by managing forestlands in a manner consistent with natural and non-commercial recreational use.

To that end, the Coalition wishes to engage with other organizations that share a vision for improving Mt. Hood's natural and non-commercial recreational assets for all.