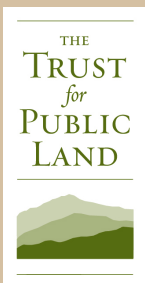


Upper Wenatchee Community Lands Plan

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The Upper Wenatchee River Basin is spectacularly beautiful, ecologically diverse and economically essential. The basin has a range of physical characteristics and uses, and a complex ownership pattern. Lower elevation areas along rivers and lakes are largely in private ownership, some substantially subdivided and built out. Surrounding lands are a checkerboard of private and public ownership, dominated by Weyerhaeuser, Washington State Parks, and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

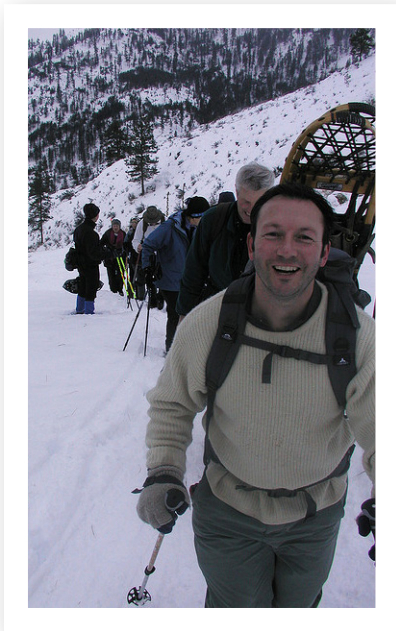
The way that this forested checkerboard is managed impacts many public priorities, including an economy supported by local jobs and businesses, vibrant recreation opportunities, thriving populations of fish and wildlife, and reduced threat of catastrophic wildfire. Local leaders want to take a proactive approach to guiding the future land uses within the watershed. Developing a vision for future ownership and management of these lands is necessary and prudent, in light of potential large-scale land sales.

The Upper Wenatchee Community Lands Plan (UWCLP) project will bring together local stakeholders to create this vision and a work plan to implement it. The project is a joint effort of Chelan County, The Trust for Public Land, The Nature Conservancy and the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust.



The specific objectives of the project are: identify the values associated with the Upper Wenatchee watershed landscapes; create community awareness of those

values; map lands that exemplify the values; and develop an action plan outlining voluntary actions to help ensure that these lands and the values attached to them serve our communities for generations to come.



The vision articulated in the Community Lands Plan can guide future investments by public and private property owners and potentially lead to land management that will benefit local communities. Through the planning process the partners aim to answer questions such as:

- **What are the community values present on the landscape? What are the major threats to these values? What are the overarching short and long-term goals of the community for the landscape?**
- **How can private and public partners and community members work together to generate the funding, political will, and community support needed to make the community vision a reality?**
- **What are the key steps to achieve the community vision? Who are the key players? What is the appropriate timeline?**

This effort will focus on working lands (timber and orchards), important water resource lands, exciting recreation lands, and other lands that feature critical community values as identified through the process. In summary, this is a consensus process for stakeholders in the region to develop a shared vision for prioritizing voluntary activities related to development, conservation, recreation and working lands.

Your insight and experience are important to creating this vision. The partners thank you in advance for participating in the Community Lands Plan.



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