

Mt. Hood National Forest

Salmon Watch® ♦ ♦ ♦

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Salmon Watch® is a multi-Forest conservation education program sponsored by Oregon Trout, a non-profit organization dedicated to protect and restore native wild fish and the ecosystems that sustain them. Over a dozen major partners and foundations support and contribute to the effort each year.

How it Works

The program takes hundreds of middle and high school students each year to nearby watersheds to watch and learn about wild spawning salmon, and to study aquatic and riparian ecology and the relationship of humans to their environments. The idea is to acquaint the leaders of tomorrow with the historical, cultural, and economic importance of these fish to the Pacific Northwest.

During class field trips to salmon spawning grounds, Forest Service fisheries biologists teach students about the complexity of the salmon life cycle, riparian ecology, and stream ecology. They also serve as expert guides in the field, discuss importance of in-stream conditions and riparian areas, and help students view spawning salmon.

Salmon Watch® began in fall of 1993 in the Portland metropolitan area, when 18 classes visited salmon spawning sites on the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Today the program has expanded to the Corvallis/Salem, Eugene, Medford/Grants Pass, Gold Beach/Bandon, Roseburg, Condon, Monument, Bend/Sisters, Tillamook, Hood River, and Dufur areas, and takes place in the Mt. Hood, Rogue River, Siskiyou, Siuslaw, and Willamette National Forests and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Over 40,000 students have participated in the Salmon Watch® program since 1993. More than 425 teachers and 1,600 volunteers have been involved. In 2005 alone, a total of 5,190 elementary, middle, and high school students from 97 schools in Oregon participated — the majority from the Portland metro area.

To learn more about Salmon Watch®, visit www.oregontrout.org/4education/salmonwatch.html, or contact Dan Shively, 503-668-1605.

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