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Abstract

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This guidebook describes the High Peak/Moon Creek Research Natural Area, a 617.5-ha (1,526-ac) tract of coniferous forest containing stands dominated by 100- to 150-year-old Douglas-fir, a small old-growth (500+ years) Douglas-fir stand, and riparian vegetation within the western hemlock zone of the Coast Range in western Oregon.

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Preface

The research natural area (RNA) described in this supplement¹ is administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Department of the Interior. The BLM/Salem District office has RNA program administrative responsibility, and the Tillamook Resource Area has on-the-ground management responsibility for the RNA. Scientists and educators wishing to visit or use the RNA for scientific or educational purposes should contact the Tillamook Resource Area, Area of Critical Environmental Concern Coordinator in advance and provide information about research or educational objectives, sampling procedures, and other prospective activities. Research projects, educational visits, and collection of specimens from the RNA all require prior approval. There may be limitations on research or educational activities.

High Peak/Moon Creek RNA is part of a federal system of such tracts established for research and educational purposes. Each RNA constitutes a site where natural features are protected or managed for scientific purposes and natural processes are allowed to dominate. Their main purposes are to provide:

- Baseline areas against which effects of human activities can be measured or compared.
- Sites for study of natural processes in undisturbed ecosystems.
- Gene pool preserves for all types of organisms, especially rare and endangered types.

The federal system is outlined in *A Directory of the Research Natural Areas on Federal Lands of the United States of America*.²

Of the 96 federal RNAs established in Oregon and Washington, 45 are described in *Federal Research Natural Areas in Oregon and Washington: A Guidebook for Scientists and Educators* (see footnote 1). Supplements to the guidebook such as this publication constitute additions to the system.

The guiding principle in management of RNAs is to prevent unnatural encroachments or activities that directly or indirectly modify ecological processes or conditions. Logging and uncontrolled grazing are not allowed, for example, nor

¹ Supplement No. 30 to Franklin, J.F.; Hall, F.C.; Dyrness, C.T.; Maser, C. 1972. Federal research natural areas in Oregon and Washington: a guidebook for scientists and educators. Portland, OR: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station. 498 p.

² Federal Committee on Ecological Reserves. 1977. A directory of the research natural areas on federal lands of the United States of America. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. [Irregular pagination].

is public use that might impair scientific or educational values. Management practices necessary to maintain or restore ecosystems may be allowed.

Federal RNAs provide a unique system of publicly owned and protected examples of undisturbed ecosystems where scientists can conduct research with minimal interference and reasonable assurance that investments in long-term studies will not be lost to logging, land development, or similar activities. In return, a scientist wishing to use an RNA is obligated to:

- Obtain permission from the appropriate administering agency before using the area.³
- Abide by the administering agency's regulations governing use, including specific limitations on the type of research, sampling methods, and other procedures.
- Inform the administering agency on progress of the research, published results, and disposition of collected materials.

The purpose of these limitations is to:

- Ensure that the scientific and educational values of the tract are not impaired.
- Accumulate a documented body of knowledge and information about the tract.
- Avoid conflict between studies and activities.

Research must be essentially nondestructive; destructive analysis of vegetation is generally not allowed, nor are studies requiring extensive modification of the forest floor or extensive excavation of soil. Collection of plant and animal specimens should be restricted to the minimum necessary to provide voucher specimens and other research needs. Under no circumstances may collecting significantly reduce populations of species. Collecting also must be carried out in accordance with agency regulations. Within these broad guidelines, appropriate uses of RNAs are determined by the administering agency.

³ Six federal agencies cooperate in this program in the Pacific Northwest: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; U.S. Department of Energy; and U.S. Department of Defense.

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Introduction

The High Peak/Moon Creek Research Natural Area (RNA) is a 617.5-ha (1,526-ac) tract of coniferous forest containing stands of 100- to 150-year-old Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), (See app. 1 for a complete list of scientific and common names of plant species), a small, old-growth (500+ years) Douglas-fir dominated stand, and riparian vegetation within the western hemlock zone of the northern Oregon Coast Range (Franklin and Dyrness 1973, USDI BLM 1996).

High Peak/Moon Creek RNA supports a representative cross section of forest associations that span low to mid elevations in the northern Oregon Coast Range. The majority of the area is dominated by stands that have developed following wildfires in the late 19th century. Overstory tree ages, for the most part, are within the 100- to 150-year-old age class. Douglas-fir is the dominant overstory species throughout the RNA.

A small stand of over 500-year-old Douglas-fir with a western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) subcanopy and regeneration layer occurs within the northwestern portion of the tract. Riparian vegetation at lower elevations within the RNA is dominated by red alder (*Alnus rubra*), and bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*). Western redcedar (*Thuja plicata*) occupies mesic sites slightly elevated from riparian areas along with Douglas-fir and western hemlock.

The High Peak/Moon Creek RNA was established in 1983 as a research natural area and an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The RNA is administered by the Salem District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and managed by the Tillamook Resource Area, BLM.

Access and Accommodations

High Peak/Moon Creek RNA is located approximately 11 air miles south-southeast of Tillamook, Oregon, in Tillamook County. The site occupies all or portions of T. 2 S, R. 8 W sec. 32, 33; and T. 3 S, R. 8 W, sec. 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9, Willamette Meridian.

The site may be accessed from the west by using county and BLM roads (fig. 1). Approximately 11 mi. (17.7 km) south of Tillamook, turn east off of U.S. Highway 101 onto East Beaver Creek Road. Proceed east for 7.7 mi (12.4 km), then turn right and cross a bridge. Proceed uphill on the main road to the “Y” intersection 0.9 mi from the bridge. Take the left fork (3-8-6) at the “Y” and proceed another 1.9 mi to a landing (dead end) and park your vehicle. This route provides access to the central parts of the RNA in sec. 5, T. 3 S, R. 8 W. Before attempting

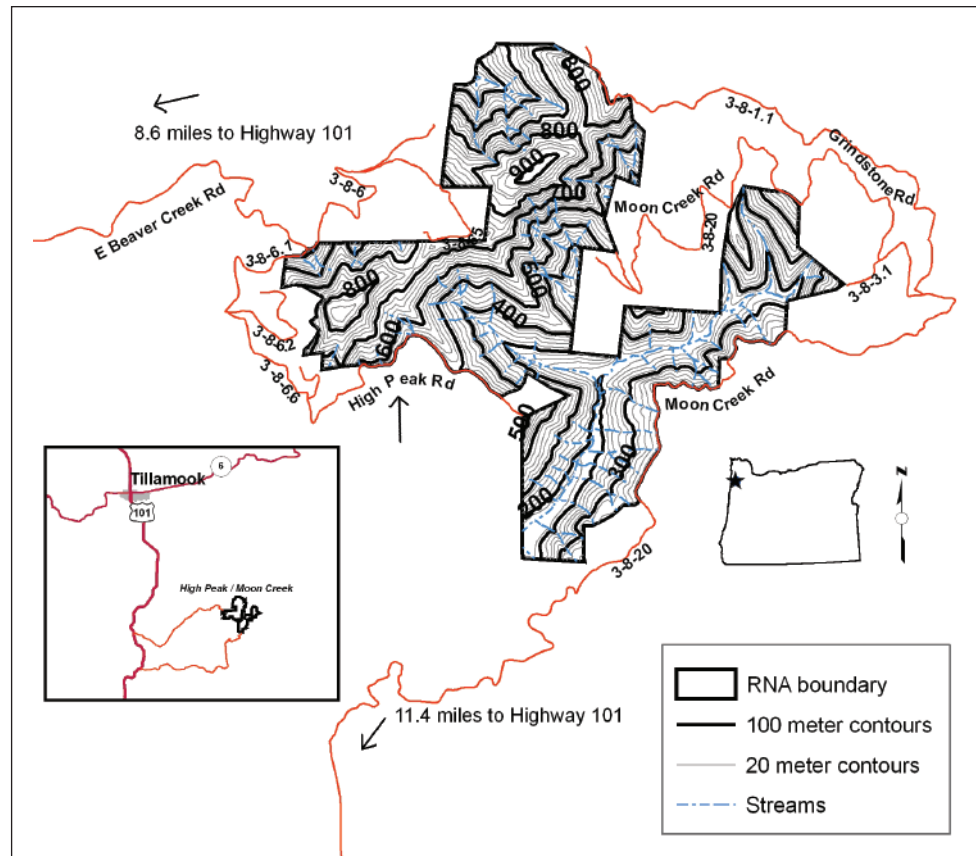


Figure 1—High Peak/Moon Creek Research Natural Area (RNA) boundary and access.

to access the site, contact the BLM Tillamook Resource Area office in Tillamook to obtain permission to use the RNA and for current road and traffic information.

There are no developed trails within the site. Cross country foot travel is difficult because of steep slopes, and heavy shrub cover in some areas. A choice of nearby lodging accommodations is available in Tillamook, Oregon.

Environment

The High Peak/Moon Creek RNA ranges in elevation from 165 to 908 m (540 to 2,980 ft). Moon Creek is a first- and second-order watershed containing headwaters and much of the upper reaches within the site boundary. A small portion of the headwaters of Beaver Creek are also included where it flows northwest off a portion of the ridge connecting High Peak to Grindstone Mountain (see fig. 1). The entire area is within the Nestucca River Watershed.

The geologic setting of the RNA owes its origin to the Tillamook Volcanics of the upper middle Eocene. Composing a major part of the Tillamook Highlands, the

Tillamook Volcanics are a largely basaltic subaerial flow sequence forming the rugged topography of the area today. These flows consist of high titanium tholeiitic to alkalic subaerial basalt and lesser dacite and rhyolite resting on a submarine apron of pillow basalt and breccia and basalt lapilli tuff (Wells et al. 1995).

Terrain is rugged with deeply incised drainages. Slopes are typically steep and comprise a 360° range of aspects. Landslides are prevalent in the surrounding landscape as well as within the RNA boundary (see “Disturbance History” section).

Soils in the RNA have provisionally been mapped as of 2005 (Fillmore and Shipman, n.d.). Sixty percent of the area is provisionally mapped as Klistan-Harslow-Hemcross complex, 60 to 90 percent slopes. Collectively, these series are classified as deep to very deep, well drained, and occur from 61 to 671 m (200 to 2,200 ft) elevation on summits, benches, and sideslopes of mountains. Parent material is colluvium from basalt or tuff. Their taxonomic class is Medial-skeletal, ferrihydritic, mesic Alic Hapludands. Another 20 percent of the area is provisionally mapped as Caterl-Laderly-Murtip complex, 60 to 90 percent slopes. As a complex, these soils are moderately to very deep, well drained, and occur above 549 m (1,800 ft) elevation on summits, benches, and sideslopes of high mountains. Parent material is colluvium and residuum from basalt or tuff. Their taxonomic class is Medial to medial-skeletal, ferrihydritic, frigid Alic Hapludands. A variety of other soil mapping units and series make up the remaining 20 percent of the RNA (Fillmore and Shipman, n.d.).

Soils that formed in colluvium derived from igneous materials associated with geologic rock units such as Tillamook Volcanics commonly have low bulk density, high liquid limit, low plasticity, and high cation exchange capacity (Fillmore and Shipman, n.d.).

Climate

A majority of the High Peak/Moon Creek RNA lies within the wet, mild climate typical of the *Tsuga heterophylla* Zone (Franklin and Dyrness 1973). The climate is strongly maritime, owing to its proximity to the Pacific Ocean. Summers are usually dry and warm with the June-August period receiving about 5 percent of the total annual precipitation. Winters are typically cool and wet. The majority of precipitation occurs during the November-March period; mostly in the form of rain below 549 m (1,800 ft) elevation. High winter precipitation results in extensive leaching of bases and in low base saturation. Above 549 m (1,800 ft), snow may cover the area with average monthly snow depth in excess of 51 mm (2 in) occurring from November through April. Average monthly maximum snow depth of 254

mm (10 in) occurs in January. In summer, the soils at the higher elevations dry out for brief periods (Fillmore and Shipman, n.d.).

Meteorological data from the nearest climatic station of comparable elevation and distance from the Pacific Ocean are taken from Laurel Mountain. These data were collected from 1978 to 2005. The Laurel Mountain station is located on the mountain summit at 1094 m (3,589 ft) elevation, approximately 46 km (28.6 miles) south-southeast of the RNA (Western Regional Climate Center 2006).

Average Minimum January Temperature	-0.8° C (30.5° F)
Average Maximum January Temperature	4.4° C (40° F)
Average Minimum July Temperature	9.3° C (48.7° F)
Average Maximum July Temperature	18.7° C (65.6° F)
Average Annual Precipitation	3100 mm (122.03 in)
Average June-August Precipitation	160 mm (6.30 in)
Average Annual Snowfall	2982 mm (117.4 in)

Vegetation

The entire RNA lies within the *Tsuga heterophylla* Zone described by Franklin and Dyrness (1973). Forest plant associations of the northern Oregon Coast Range have been classified and described by Hemstrom and Logan (1986) and more recently by McCain and Diaz (2002).

The High Peak/Moon Creek RNA is characterized by mature coniferous forest stands. Figure 2 illustrates the age-class distribution of forest communities within the RNA. Stands in the 80- to 160-year-old age class predominate. Less than 5 percent of the RNA currently supports forested stands <80 years of age. One area on the eastern RNA boundary owes its recent origin to recovery from the historic Tillamook Burns of 1933-51. Sites mapped as “nonforested” represent a composite of rock outcroppings, talus, and riparian areas. Collectively they occupy less than 5 percent of the RNA (USDI BLM 1994).

The 100- to 150-year-old coniferous forest is well represented.

Tree age data were collected from three tall trees within each of four permanent plots established within the RNA in 2005. Tree cores indicate that the 100- to 150-year-old age class is well represented within the plots, and, based on tree heights and diameters, this age class is prevalent throughout the large majority of the site. Diameters at core height ranged between 44 and 113 cm (17 and 44 in). Tree ages ranged from 90 years old in the smallest diameter tree to 146 years old in the largest diameter tree. The median diameter and age for the group (n = 12) were 84 cm (33 in) and 125 years old, respectively.

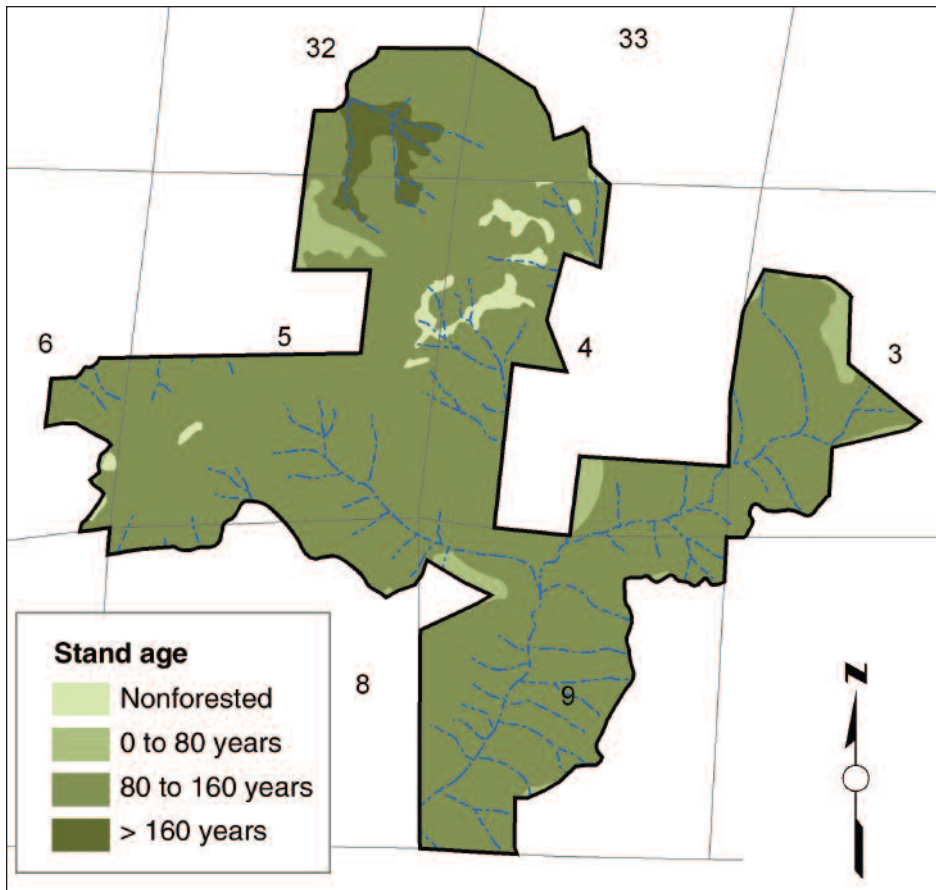


Figure 2—Stand age class distribution in High Peak/Moon Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area.

Shrub and herb vegetation varies with elevation, aspect, slope, and soil conditions. Appendix 1 lists vascular plants by scientific and common names and is arranged by life form. The list includes species known to occur within the RNA as well as species expected to occur within the area based on potential habitats, elevation, aspect, soils, and climate. Species are also included if they have been identified elsewhere within the Nestucca River watershed in comparable habitats (USDI BLM 1994).

Douglas-fir is the most common and widespread overstory tree throughout the site. Western hemlock is also a widespread tree, occupying the regeneration layer or the subcanopy. Other conifers such as western redcedar and Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*) are present in a few areas. Red alder and bigleaf maple are locally abundant adjacent to riparian areas and along road edges and other recently disturbed areas.

Typical tall shrubs include vine maple (*Acer circinatum*), cascara (*Rhamnus purshiana*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*), and red elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa* var. *arborescens*). The 0.5- to 2-m-tall, medium shrub layer includes red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*), blue huckleberry (*V. ovalifolium*), salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), thimbleberry (*R. parviflorus*), salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), and various species of currant (*Ribes* spp.). Low Oregongrape (*Berberis nervosa*) is widespread and abundant in the low shrub layer throughout the area.

Common understory herbaceous species include redwood sorrel (*Oxalis oregana*), candyflower (*Claytonia sibirica*), starry false Solomonseal (*Maianthemum stellatum*), false lily-of-the-valley (*M. dilatatum*), and Hooker's fairybells (*Prosartes hookeri*). A variety of ferns are also a conspicuous component of the herb layer: western swordfern (*Polystichum munitum*), ladyfern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), and deerfern (*Blechnum spicant*).

Tables 1 and 2 summarize the physical features, plant association, and understory composition and frequency of four permanent plots established in 2005. Plots 747, 748, and 750 represent examples of the western hemlock/Oregon oxalis (*Tsuga heterophylla*/*Oxalis oregana*-Northwest Oregon Coast) plant association as defined by McCain and Diaz (2002). This plant association occurs throughout the Coast Range on moist, shaded sites. Stands are located on flat to steep slopes on a variety of slope positions. This association ranges from 67 to 689 m (200 to 2,260 ft) elevation on a variety of aspects. Soil depth averages 127 cm (50 in) with 94 cm (37 in) of effective rooting depth. The shrub layer is sparse with tall shrubs averaging 22 percent cover and low shrubs averaging only 4 percent cover (McCain and Diaz 2002). Figure 3 illustrates understory conditions with this plant association. In the Oregon Coast Range, this association occurs along the more mesic parts of the precipitation gradient and falls in an intermediate position along the temperature gradient compared to other associations within the *Tsuga heterophylla* Zone (McCain and Diaz 2002).

Plot 749 exemplifies the western hemlock/western swordfern (*Tsuga heterophylla*/*Polystichum munitum*-Northwest Oregon Coast) plant association (McCain and Diaz 2002). This plant association occurs on productive sites throughout the Coast Range, especially in the south. Stands occupy flat to steep slopes on all slope positions and aspects. Elevations range from 67 to 689 m (200 to 2,260 ft). Soils are well drained but receive continuous subsurface moisture. They are usually deep and rich in organic matter. This association has the sparsest shrub layer in the western hemlock series, with tall shrubs averaging 12 percent cover and low shrubs

Table 1—Physical features of four permanent plots in the High Peak/Moon Creek Research Natural Area

	Plot number			
	747	748	749	750
Physical features:				
Elevation (m)	713	649	530	518
Aspect (°)	340	170	200	80
Slope grade (%)/(°)	49/26	40/22	60/31	51/27
Landform	Upper 1/3 slope	Upper 1/3 slope	Upper 1/3 slope	Upper 1/3 slope

Table 2—Plant association, understory coverage, and frequency of four permanent plots in the High Peak/Moon Creek Research Natural Area

Species	Plant Association			
	TSHE/OXOR ^{a b} (plot 747)	TSHE/OXOR (plot 748)	TSHE/POMU (plot 749)	TSHE/OXOR (plot 750)
	Cover Frequency	Cover Frequency	Cover Frequency	Cover Frequency
Percent				
Shrub cover ^c				
<i>Berberis nervosa</i> ^d			1	
<i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i>			1	
<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>			tr ^e	
Herb cover and frequency ^c				
<i>Oxalis oregana</i> ^d	56 100	41 96	11 79	69 96
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	3 7	19 61	57 79	16 39
<i>Claytonia sibirica</i>	5 68	1 7		6 34
<i>Coptis laciniata</i>	1 11			
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	3 7			
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	tr 4		1 11	
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>	tr 7	tr 4		
<i>Listera cordata</i>	tr 4			
<i>Viola glabella</i>	tr 4			
<i>Anemone deltoidea</i>		tr 4		
<i>Prosartes hookeri</i>			1 4	1 7
<i>Trisetum cernuum</i>			tr 4	tr 14
<i>Trillium ovatum</i>			1 4	
<i>Trientalis latifolia</i>			tr 4	
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>			tr 4	
<i>Hesperostipa comata</i>				1 14
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>				tr 4
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>				tr 4
<i>Galium triflorum</i>				tr 4

^a TSHE-*Tsuga heterophylla*, OXOR-*Oxalis oregana*, POMU-*Polystichum munitum*.

^b Plant association names all have a suffix, NWO Coast, which differentiates them from plant associations having similar names that occur in the Oregon Cascades sensu McCain and Diaz (2002).

^c Cover is expressed as percentage of foliar cover; frequency is expressed as percentage of relative frequency. Zero values are not included.

^d See appendix 1 for a listing of scientific names matched with their common name equivalent.

^e tr = trace (<0.5 percent foliar cover).



Figure 3—Western hemlock/Oregon oxalis (*Tsuga heterophylla*/*Oxalis oregana*-Northwest Oregon Coast) plant association with mature Douglas-fir overstory mixed with western hemlock in the subcanopy and reproduction size classes. Oregon oxalis is abundant and western swordfern is scattered throughout the herbaceous groundcover. Taken from plot 750 (see TSHE/OXOR in table 2).

averaging 6 percent cover. Herbaceous cover is dominated by western swordfern. The western hemlock/western swordfern plant association occurs in an intermediate position along the precipitation gradient and on the warmer end of the temperature gradient (McCain and Diaz 2002). Figure 4 shows an example of the understory conditions of this plant association.

One old-growth Douglas-fir stand contrasts with the younger stands typical of the RNA.

One small stand of old-growth Douglas-fir (500+ years old) and western hemlock contrasts with the younger, fire-initiated stands typical of the RNA. Old-growth stands are increasingly uncommon in the northern Oregon Coast Range owing primarily to widespread timber harvesting over the past century and to large-scale wildfires. The Moon Creek old-growth stand is the last remaining stand in an area extending from 16 km (10 mi) south of Mount Hebo to the north end of the old Tillamook Burn. Less than 1 percent of the Nestucca River watershed is forested by stands in excess of 130 years. Scarcity of late-seral-stage habitat is the major



Figure 4—Western hemlock/western swordfern (*Tsuga heterophylla*/*Polystichum munitum*-Northwest Oregon Coast) plant association supports large Douglas-fir with western hemlock reproduction in the subcanopy. Western swordfern is the dominant species in the ground layer, and Oregon oxalis is present in minor amounts along with western trillium (*Trillium ovatum*) and starry false Solomonseal (*Maianthemum stellatum*). Taken from plot 749 (see TSHE/POMU in table 2).

factor contributing to declining population viability of many species of wildlife and plants (USDI BLM 1994). The few remaining stands of old growth and contiguous late-seral-stage habitat are important today for habitat-dependent species with low mobility or small home ranges. They are also important to scientists, educators, and land managers as research areas and as unique outdoor educational laboratories that can inform us about the long-term history of the land and provide perspective on future landscape management options.

Gray (2005) characterized the structure and composition of the Moon Creek old-growth stand in order to provide information on potential desired future conditions for younger forests in late-successional reserves (USDA and USDI 1994). Table 3 summarizes vegetation understory conditions based upon a 1-ha (2.47-ac) plot design used for Continuous Vegetation Survey by the BLM in western Oregon.

Table 3—Understory composition of a 500-year old Douglas-fir/western hemlock stand within the High Peak/Moon Creek Research Natural Area

	Cover	Frequency
	Percent	
Shrubs:		
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	12	100
<i>Berberis nervosa</i>	4	67
<i>Menziesia ferruginea</i>	tr	33
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	1	33
<i>Ribes</i> sp.	tr	33
<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	1	33
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	tr	33
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	1	67
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	tr	33
<i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i>	1	100
Herbs:		
<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	tr	33
<i>Asarum caudatum</i>	tr	33
<i>Campanula scouleri</i>	tr	33
<i>Claytonia sibirica</i>	tr	33
<i>Dicentra formosa</i>	tr	33
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	tr	33
<i>Galium triflorum</i>	1	67
<i>Hieracium albiflorum</i>	tr	33
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i>	tr	33
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	tr	33
<i>Marah oreganus</i>	tr	33
<i>Mimulus dentatus</i>	tr	33
<i>Moneses uniflora</i>	tr	33
<i>Mycelis muralis</i>	tr	33
<i>Oxalis oregana</i>	28	100
<i>Prosartes hookeri</i>	tr	33
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	1	33
<i>Stachys mexicana</i>	tr	67
<i>Streptopus amplexifolius</i>	tr	33
<i>Tiarella trifoliata</i>	1	67
<i>Trientalis latifolia</i>	tr	67
<i>Trillium ovatum</i>	tr	67
<i>Viola sempervirens</i>	1	33
Ferns:		
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	1	100
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	2	67
<i>Polypodium glycyrrhiza</i>	tr	33
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	40	100

Sources: Gray 2005, USDI BLM 1997.

Comparison between the old-growth stand sampled by Gray (2005) with four 0.1-ha (0.25-ac) plots established in 2005 in the 100- to 150-year age class is limited by the lack of randomization and the variation in plot size and sampling protocol. However, some general patterns merit comment. Examination of tables 2 and 3 suggests that percentages of cover and frequency are higher for shrubs in the old-growth plot than in the 100- to 150-year-old stands. Shrub species richness (number of species) is also higher in the old-growth plot. Understory herbaceous species richness is also slightly higher in the old-growth plot. It is unclear if these differences are a result of stand age, disturbance history, or differences in habitat and plant association characteristics.

The most prominent differences between the old-growth stand and the 100- to 150-year-old stands are tree size, density, and reproduction patterns. The old-growth stand supported 18 live Douglas-fir with diameters at breast height (d.b.h.) ranging between 155 and 255 cm (61 and 100 in). In the 100- to 150-year-old plots, live Douglas-fir were considerably smaller and ranged from 35 to 115 cm (14- to 45-in) d.b.h. Douglas-fir reproduction in the 5- to 25-cm (2- to 10-in) diameter classes was absent in both the 100- to 150-year-old stands and in the old-growth stands. Reproduction in the smaller diameter classes was almost entirely western hemlock in both stands. However, reproduction in the 5- to 25-cm (2- to 10-in) diameter classes was about three times as much in the old-growth stand (possibly a result of nurse-log reproduction on downed trees). The overstory trees in the 100- to 150-year-old stands were all Douglas-fir, these being roughly half the diameter of the Douglas-fir overstory trees in the old-growth stand. Western hemlock dominance in the subcanopy of the old-growth stand is reflected in the moderate representation of individuals in the 65- to 155-cm (26- to 61-in) diameter class (Gray 2005). Western hemlock was present, but only as a minor component of the mid-canopy and subcanopy in the 100- to 150-year-old stands in the 65- to 85-cm (26- to 33-in) d.b.h. diameter classes.

Some differences exist between mature and old-growth Douglas-fir stands.

Fauna

Reptiles, amphibians, freshwater and anadromous fish, birds, and mammals known or expected to occur within the RNA are listed in appendix 2. These lists have been compiled from a combination of field observations and published literature. Taken together, they represent an informed approximation (best approximation using multiple sources) of species expected to occur within or use the RNA for portions of their life cycles (Csuti et al. 1997, USDI BLM 1994).

Disturbance History

The Oregon Coast Range is characterized by a pattern of large-scale, infrequent stand-replacement fires typical of cool moist climates where lightning is uncommon. Many of these fires are larger than 8094 ha (20,000 ac) and occur between 150 and 300 years (Agee 1990). During long periods of drought (measured in years), lightning storms couple with high winds to create the potential for high-intensity fire events. This can lead to extensive stand-destroying crown fires (Agee 1993). Large fires such as the 1933 Tillamook Fire are clearly part of the recent historical record. Almost all coniferous forests within the *Tsuga heterophylla* Zone (such as that in the northern Oregon Coast Range) are first- or multigeneration stands originating from fire. In the absence of stand-destroying fire over hundreds of years, Douglas-fir will eventually die out and western hemlock will play an increasingly important role, especially in more mesic sites (Agee 1993).

Although the Oregon coast and Coast Range can receive storm winds exceeding 161 km per hour (100 mph), there is no evidence that large-scale windthrow has occurred within the RNA. Similarly, there is no evidence of catastrophic damage within the RNA resulting from insects or disease.

A combination of Tillamook Volcanics bedrock, steep slopes, shallow soils, weak rock, and high rainfall combine to produce extensive debris slides and flows within the Moon Creek subwatershed, especially in its upper reaches. A 1988-89 inventory of Moon Creek subwatershed identified 170 active debris slides and debris flows. Eighty-five percent of these have been attributed to roads and timber harvest activities (USDI BLM 1994).

Research History

Monitoring studies were conducted to assess distribution, habitat, population status, and trend for Oregon fetid adder's-tongue (*Scoliopus hallii*) (Scofield 1979-1984). Similar studies were conducted for withered bluegrass (*Poa marcida*) as part of a statewide geographic assessment of the species status (Scofield 1987-1991). Although results were inconclusive, generally both species were determined to be more abundant within their respective ranges in Oregon than previously known.

In 1997 and 1998, Gray (2005) established a plot in the old-growth stand within the RNA to characterize old-growth conditions (see discussion in "Vegetation" section of this report and table 3).

Four permanent vegetation plots were established in 2005 to characterize and monitor change in forest composition and structure within the 100- to 150-year-old age class, the most common and widespread age class within the RNA (the project summarized, in part, in table 3.) Data are on file at the Salem District office of the BLM.

Maps and Aerial Photography

Maps—applicable to High Peak/Moon Creek RNA: Topographic—Blaine 7.5 minute 1:24,000 scale; BLM Salem District Westside Recreation Map 1:10,560 1996. **Aerial Photography**—2003 color 1:12,000.

English Equivalents

1 hectare (ha) = 2.47 acres (ac)
 1 kilometer (km) = 0.62 miles (mi)
 1 meter (m) = 3.28 feet (ft)
 1 centimeter (cm) = 0.394 inch (in)
 1 millimeter (mm) = 0.0394 inch (in)
 $^{\circ}\text{Celsius } (^{\circ}\text{C}) = 1.8 \times ^{\circ}\text{C} + 32 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{Fahrenheit } (^{\circ}\text{F})$

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Appendix 1: Plants^{1 2}

Scientific name	Common name
Coniferous trees:	
<i>Picea sitchensis</i> (Bong.) Carr.	Sitka spruce
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Mirbel) Franco	Douglas-fir
<i>Taxus brevifolia</i> Nutt.	Western yew
<i>Thuja plicata</i> Donn.	Western redcedar
<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> (Raf.) Sarg.	Western hemlock
Deciduous trees >8 m (26.3 ft) tall:	
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i> Pursh	Bigleaf maple
<i>Alnus rubra</i> Bong.	Red alder
<i>Prunus emarginata</i> (Dougl.) Walp.	Bitter cherry
Tall shrubs 2-8 m (6.6-26.3 ft) tall:	
<i>Acer circinatum</i> Pursh	Vine maple
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> Nutt.	Serviceberry
<i>Aruncus sylvestris</i> Kostel.	Goatsbeard
<i>Corylus cornuta</i> L. var. <i>californica</i> (DC.) Sharp	Hazelnut
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i> (Pursh) Maxim.	Oceanspray
<i>Malus fusca</i> Schneid.	Pacific crab apple
<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i> Torr. & Gray ex Hook. & Arn.	Indian plum
<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i> DC.	Cascara
<i>Salix</i> sp.	Willow
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i> L. var. <i>arborescens</i> (Torr. & Gray) Gray	Red elderberry
Medium shrubs 0.5-2 m (1.6-6.6 ft) tall:	
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i> Pursh	Salal
<i>Menziesia ferruginea</i> Smith	False huckleberry
<i>Oplopanax horridus</i> (Smith) Miq.	Devilsclub
<i>Ribes bracteosum</i> Dougl. ex Hook.	Stink currant
<i>Ribes lacustre</i> (Pers.) Poir.	Black gooseberry, prickly currant
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> Pursh	Red-flowering currant
<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i> Nutt.	Baldhip rose
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i> Nutt.	Thimbleberry
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i> Pursh	Salmonberry
<i>Spiraea douglasii</i> Hook.	Hardhack, Douglas spirea
<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i> (L.) Blake	Snowberry
<i>Vaccinium ovalifolium</i> Smith	Blue huckleberry
<i>Vaccinium parvifolium</i> Smith	Red huckleberry
Low shrubs <0.5 m (1.6 ft) tall:	
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> (L.) Spreng.	Kinnikinnick, common bearberry

¹ Compiled by: Kurt Heckerroth, Jaye Rhodes, and Reid Schuller.

² Nomenclature for vascular plants, ferns, and fern-allies follows the Oregon Flora Project Web site (2006), and North American Flora Web site (2006).

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Berberis nervosa</i> Pursh	Oregongrape
<i>Linnaea borealis</i> L.	Twinflower
<i>Rubus leucodermis</i> Dougl.	Blackcap, whitebark raspberry
<i>Rubus ursinus</i> Cham. & Schlecht.	Native blackberry
Ferns and allies:	
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i> L.	Maidenhair fern
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> (L.) Roth.	Ladyfern
<i>Blechnum spicant</i> (L.) Sm.	Deerfern
<i>Dryopteris</i> sp.	Woodfern
<i>Polypodium glycyrrhiza</i> DC. Eat.	Licoricefern
<i>Polystichum munitum</i> (Kaulf.) Presl	Western swordfern
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> (L.) Kuhn.	Brackenfern
<i>Selaginella</i> sp.	Clubmoss, spikemoss
Herbs:	
<i>Achlys triphylla</i> (Smith) DC.	Vanilla leaf, deer foot
<i>Actaea rubra</i> (Ait.) Willd.	Baneberry
<i>Adenocaulon bicolor</i> Hook.	Pathfinder, trailplant
<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> (L.) Benth.	Pearly everlasting
<i>Anemone deltoidea</i> Hook.	Three-leaved anemone
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i> Fisch.	Red columbine
<i>Asarum caudatum</i> Lindl.	Wild ginger
<i>Campanula scouleri</i> Hook. ex A. DC.	Scouler's harebell
<i>Cephalanthera austinae</i> (A. Gray) Heller	Phantom orchid
<i>Chimaphila menziesii</i> (R. Br. ex D Don) Spreng	Little princes pine
<i>Chimaphila umbellata</i> (L.) Bart.	Princes pine
<i>Chrysosplenium glechomifolium</i> Nutt.	Water carpet
<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop.	Canada thistle
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i> (Savi) Tenore	Bull thistle
<i>Claytonia sibirica</i> (L.) Howell	Candyflower
<i>Clintonia uniflora</i> (Schult.) Kunth	Queen's cup
<i>Coptis asplenifolia</i> Salisb.	Fern-leaved goldthread
<i>Corallorhiza maculata</i> (Raf.) Raf. var. <i>mertensiana</i> (Bong.) Cald. & R.L. Taylor	Western coralroot
<i>Corallorhiza maculata</i> (Raf.) Raf. var. <i>maculata</i>	Spotted coralroot
<i>Delphinium</i> sp.	Larkspur
<i>Dicentra formosa</i> (Haw.) Walp.	Bleeding heart
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> L.	Foxglove
<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i> L.	Fireweed
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i> Raf.	Purple-leaved willowherb
<i>Equisetum arvense</i> L.	Horsetail
<i>Galium kamtschaticum</i> (Steller ex JA) Schultes subsp. <i>oreganum</i> Steller	Oregon bedstraw
<i>Galium triflorum</i> Michx.	Sweet-scented bedstraw
<i>Goodyera oblongifolia</i> Raf.	Rattlesnake plantain
<i>Heracleum lanatum</i> Michx.	Cow parsnip
<i>Hieracium albiflorum</i> Hook.	White-flowered hawkweed
<i>Hydrophyllum fendleri</i> (Gray) Heller	Fendler's waterleaf

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Hydrophyllum tenuipes</i> Heller	Slender-stem waterleaf
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i> L.	St. John's wort
<i>Hypopitys monotropa</i> Crantz.	Pinesap
<i>Iris tenax</i> Dougl.	Oregon iris
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> Lam.	Oxeye daisy
<i>Lilium columbianum</i> Leichtl. ex Duchart.	Tiger lily
<i>Listera caurina</i> Piper	Northwestern twayblade
<i>Listera cordata</i> (L.) R. Br.	Heart-leaved twayblade
<i>Lupinus</i> sp.	Lupine
<i>Lysichiton americanus</i> Hult. & St. John	Skunk cabbage
<i>Maianthemum dilatatum</i> (Wood.) Nels. & Macbr.	False lily-of-the-valley
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i> (L.) Link	Starry false Solomonseal
<i>Marah oreganus</i> (T. & G.) Howell	Manroot
<i>Mentha arvensis</i> L.	Field mint
<i>Mimulus dentatus</i> Nutt. ex Benth.	Coastal monkeyflower
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i> DC.	Yellow monkeyflower
<i>Moneses uniflora</i> (L.) Gray	Single delight
<i>Monotropa uniflora</i> L.	White indian pipe
<i>Mycelis muralis</i> (L.) Dumort.	Wall lettuce
<i>Oenanthe sarmentosa</i> Presl ex DC.	Water parsley
<i>Osmorhiza chilensis</i> H. & A.	Mountain sweet-cicely
<i>Oxalis oregana</i> Nutt.	Redwood sorrel
<i>Phacelia nemoralis</i> Greene ssp. <i>oregonensis</i> Heckard	Woodland phacelia
<i>Prosartes hookeri</i> Torr.	Hooker's fairybells
<i>Prosartes smithii</i> (Hooker) Utech Shinwari & Kawano	Smith's fairybells
<i>Prunella vulgaris</i> L.	Self-heal
<i>Pterospora andromedea</i> Nutt.	Pinedrops
<i>Pyrola picta</i> Smith	Wintergreen
<i>Ranunculus repens</i> L.	Buttercup
<i>Ranunculus uncinatus</i> D. Don	Small-flowered buttercup
<i>Rumex acetosella</i> L.	Sheep sorrel, sour weed
<i>Rumex occidentalis</i> Wats.	Western dock
<i>Scoliopus hallii</i> Wats.	Oregon fetid adder's-tongue
<i>Scrophularia californica</i> Cham. & Schlecht.	California figwort
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i> L.	Tansy ragwort
<i>Stachys mexicana</i> Benth.	Mexican hedge-nettle
<i>Streptopus amplexifolius</i> (L.) DC.	Claspleaf twistedstalk
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> Wiggers	Common dandelion
<i>Tellima grandiflora</i> (Pursh) Dougl.	Fringecup
<i>Tiarella trifoliata</i> L.	Foamflower
<i>Tolmiea menziesii</i> (Pursh) T. & G.	Piggy back plant
<i>Trientalis latifolia</i> Hook.	Starflower
<i>Trifolium dubium</i> Sibth.	Small hop-clover
<i>Trillium ovatum</i> Pursh	Western trillium
<i>Urtica dioica</i> L.	Stinging nettle
<i>Vancouveria hexandra</i> (Hook.) Morr. & Decais.	Inside-out flower

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Viola glabella</i> Nutt.	Stream violet, yellow wood violet
<i>Viola sempervirens</i> Greene	Evergreen violet
Grasses, sedges and rushes:	
<i>Agrostis exarata</i> Trin.	Spike bentgrass
<i>Carex deweyana</i> Schwein.	Dewey's sedge
<i>Elymus glaucus</i> Buckl.	Blue wildrye
<i>Hesperostipa comata</i> (Trin. & Rupr.) Barkworth	Needle-and-thread
<i>Holcus lanatus</i> L.	Velvetgrass
<i>Luzula parviflora</i> (Ehrh.) Desv.	Small-flowered woodrush
<i>Melica subulata</i> (Griseb.) Scribn.	Alaska oniongrass
<i>Poa laxiflora</i> Buckley	Loose-flowered bluegrass
<i>Poa marcida</i> A.S. Hitchc.	Withered bluegrass
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i> Presl	Small-fruited bulrush
<i>Trisetum cernuum</i> Trin.	Nodding trisetum
Mosses: ³	
<i>Antitrichia</i> sp.	
<i>Brachythecium asperrimum</i> (Mitt.) Sull.	
<i>Bryum miniatum</i> Lesq.	
<i>Buxbaumia piperi</i> Best	
<i>Claopodium bolanderi</i> Best	
<i>Dichodontium</i> sp.	
<i>Dicranum</i> sp.	
<i>Dicranum tauricum</i> Sapehin.	
<i>Eurhynchium oreganum</i> (Sull.) Jaeg.	
<i>Eurhynchium</i> sp.	
<i>Fontinalis</i> sp.	
<i>Hookeria</i> sp.	
<i>Hylocomium splendens</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	
<i>Hypnum</i> spp.	
<i>Isothecium stoloniferum</i> Brid.	
<i>Leucolepis menziesii</i> (Hook.) Steere	
<i>Mnium</i> sp.	
<i>Neckera</i> sp.	
<i>Orthotrichum lyellii</i> Hook. & Tayl.	
<i>Plagiomnium insigne</i> (Mitt.) Koponen	
<i>Plagiothecium undulatum</i> (Hedw.) B.S.G.	
<i>Polytrichum juniperinum</i> Hedw.	
<i>Polytrichum</i> sp.	
<i>Rhacomitrium canescens</i> (Hedw.) Brid.	
<i>Rhizomnium glabrescens</i> (Kindb.) Koponen	
<i>Rhizomnium</i> sp.	
<i>Rhytidiadelphus loreus</i> (Hedw.) Warnst.	
<i>Rhytidiadelphus triquetrus</i> (Hedw.) Warnst.	
<i>Scleropodium</i> sp.	
<i>Tetraphis pellucida</i> Hedw.	
<i>Ulota</i> sp.	

³ Nomenclature follows Missouri Botanical Garden Web site (2006).

Scientific name	Common name
Liverworts: ³	
<i>Conocephalum conicum</i> (L.) Dumort.	
<i>Frullania nisquallensis</i> Sull.	
<i>Porella navicularis</i> (Lehm. & Lindenb.) Lindb.	
<i>Scapania bolanderi</i> Austin	
<i>Scapania</i> sp.	
Lichens: ⁴	
<i>Alectoria imshaugii</i> Brodo & D. Hawksw.	
<i>Bryoria</i> sp.	
<i>Cetraria orbata</i> (Nyl.) Fink	
<i>Cladonia squamosa</i> Hoffm.	
<i>Cladonia</i> sp.	
<i>Evernia prunastri</i> (L.) Ach.	
<i>Hypogymnia enteromorpha</i> (Ach.) Nyl.	
<i>Hypogymnia imshaugii</i> Krog	
<i>Hypogymnia inactiva</i> (Krog) Ohlsson	
<i>Hypogymnia oceanica</i> Goward	
<i>Hypogymnia physodes</i> (L.) Nyl.	
<i>Hypogymnia tubulosa</i> (Schaerer) Hav.	
<i>Lobaria oregana</i> (Tuck.) Müll. Arg.	
<i>Melanelia</i> sp.	
<i>Menegazzia</i> sp.	
<i>Neofuscelia</i> sp.	
<i>Ochrolechia</i> sp.	
<i>Parmelia hygrophila</i> Goward & Ahti	
<i>Parmelia sulcata</i> Taylor	
<i>Peltigera britannica</i> (Gyelnik) Holt.-Hartw. & Tønsberg	
<i>Peltigera collina</i> (Ach.) Schrader	
<i>Peltigera membranacea</i> (Ach.) Nyl.	
<i>Peltigera neopolydactyla</i> (Gyelnik) Gyelnik	
<i>Peltigera pacifica</i> Vitik.	
<i>Peltigera venosa</i> (L.) Hoffm.	
<i>Pilophorus</i> sp.	
<i>Platismatia glauca</i> (L.) Culb. & C. Culb.	
<i>Platismatia herrei</i> (Imshaug) Culb. & C. Culb.	
<i>Platismatia lacunosa</i> (Ach.) Culb. & C. Culb.	
<i>Platismatia norvegica</i> (Lynge) Culb. & C. Culb.	
<i>Platismatia stenophylla</i> (Tuck.) Culb. & C. Culb.	
<i>Pseudocyphellaria anomala</i> Brodo & Ahti	
<i>Pseudocyphellaria crocata</i> (L.) Vainio	
<i>Ramalina farinacea</i> (L.) Ach.	
<i>Sphaerophorus globosus</i> (Hudson) Vainio	
<i>Sticta fuliginosa</i> (Hoffm.) Ach.	
<i>Sticta</i> sp.	
<i>Usnea filipendula</i> Stirton	
<i>Usnea</i> sp.	

⁴ Nomenclature follows Brodo et al. 2001.

Appendix 2: Reptiles, Amphibians, Birds, Fish, and Mammals Expected to Use High Peak/Moon Creek Research Natural Area¹

Reptiles and Amphibians		
Order	Scientific name	Common name
Caudata	<i>Ambystoma gracile</i>	Northwest salamander
	<i>Ambystoma macrodactylum</i>	Long-toed salamander
	<i>Aneides ferreus</i>	Clouded salamander
	<i>Dicamptodon tenebrosus</i>	Pacific giant salamander
	<i>Ensatina eschscholtzii</i>	Ensatina
	<i>Plethodon dunni</i>	Dunn's salamander
	<i>Plethodon vehiculum</i>	Western redback salamander
	<i>Rhyacotriton kezeri</i>	Columbia torrent salamander
	<i>Taricha granulosa</i>	Rough-skinned newt
Anura	<i>Ascaphus truei</i>	Tailed frog
	<i>Bufo boreas</i>	Western toad
	<i>Pseudacris regilla</i>	Pacific chorus frog
	<i>Rana aurora</i>	Red-legged frog
	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>	Bullfrog
	<i>Rana pretiosa</i>	Spotted frog
Squamata	<i>Elgaria coerulea</i>	Northern alligator lizard
	<i>Charina bottae</i>	Rubber boa
	<i>Coluber constrictor</i>	Racer
	<i>Contia tenuis</i>	Sharptail snake
	<i>Sceloporus occidentalis</i>	Western fence lizard
	<i>Thamnophis elegans</i>	Western terrestrial garter snake
	<i>Thamnophis ordinoides</i>	Northwestern garter snake
Testudines	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>	Common garter snake
	<i>Clemmys marmorata</i>	Western pond turtle
Birds¹		
Order	Scientific name	Common name
Falconiformes	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's hawk
	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned hawk
	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Red-tailed hawk
	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Turkey vulture
	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine falcon
	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American kestrel
	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	Ruffed grouse
Galliformes	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	California quail
	<i>Dendragapus obscurus</i>	Blue grouse
	<i>Fulica americana</i>	American coot
	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Wild turkey
	<i>Oreortyx pictus</i>	Mountain quail
	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Ring-necked pheasant

¹ Nomenclature taken from Csuti et al. 1997.

Birds (continued)

Order	Scientific name	Common name
Charadriiformes	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>	Marbled murrelet
	<i>Charadrius vociferous</i>	Killdeer
Columbiformes	<i>Columba fasciata</i>	Band-tailed pigeon
	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Mourning dove
Strigiformes	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	Northern saw-whet owl
	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	Great-horned owl
	<i>Glaucidium gnoma</i>	Northern pygmy owl
	<i>Otus kennicottii</i>	Western screech-owl
	<i>Strix occidentalis</i>	Spotted owl
	<i>Strix varia</i>	Barred owl
Caprimulgiformes	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Common nighthawk
Apodiformes	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>	Vaux's swift
	<i>Calypte anna</i>	Anna's hummingbird
	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	Rufous hummingbird
Coraciiformes	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	Belted kingfisher
Piciformes	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern flicker
	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Pileated woodpecker
	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Downy woodpecker
	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Hairy woodpecker
	<i>Sphyrapicus ruber</i>	Red-breasted sapsucker
Passeriformes	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Red-winged blackbird
	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	Cedar waxwing
	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	Pine siskin
	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	Lesser goldfinch
	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	American goldfinch
	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	House finch
	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	Purple finch
	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Swainson's thrush
	<i>Certhia americana</i>	Brown creeper
	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>	Wrentit
	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	American dipper
	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	Evening grosbeak
	<i>Contopus borealis</i>	Olive-sided flycatcher
	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	Western wood peewee
	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	American crow
	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Common raven
	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	Steller's jay
	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	Yellow-rumped warbler
	<i>Dendroica nigrescens</i>	Black-throated gray warbler
	<i>Dendroica occidentalis</i>	Hermit warbler
	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Yellow warbler
	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	Pacific-slope flycatcher
	<i>Empidonax hammondi</i>	Hammond's flycatcher
	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	Willow flycatcher
	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	Brewer's blackbird
	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Common yellowthroat
	<i>Hirundo pyrrhonota</i>	Cliff swallow
	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn swallow

Birds (continued)

Order	Scientific name	Common name
	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	Varied thrush
	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Dark-eyed junco
	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Red crossbill
	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Song sparrow
	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Brown-headed cowbird
	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	Townsend's solitaire
	<i>Oporornis tolmiei</i>	MacGillivray's warbler
	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>	Black-capped chickadee
	<i>Parus rufescens</i>	Chestnut-backed chickadee
	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	Gray jay
	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	Black-headed grosbeak
	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	Spotted towhee
	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	Summer tanager
	<i>Progne subis</i>	Purple martin
	<i>Psaltirparus minimus</i>	Bushtit
	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	Ruby-crowned kinglet
	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Golden-crowned kinglet
	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	Western bluebird
	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Red-breasted nuthatch
	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	White-breasted nuthatch
	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	European starling
	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Tree swallow
	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	Violet-green swallow
	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	Bewick's wren
	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	House wren
	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Winter wren
	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	American robin
	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	Orange-crowned warbler
	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Warbling vireo
	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>	Hutton's vireo
	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	Solitary vireo
	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	Wilson's warbler
	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	White-crowned sparrow

Freshwater and anadromous fish found in the Nestucca River watershed²

Scientific name	Common name
<i>Cottus</i> spp.	Sculpin species
<i>Lampetra richardsoni</i>	Brook lamprey
<i>Lampetra tridentatus</i>	Pacific lamprey
<i>Lampetra ayresi</i>	River lamprey
<i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i>	Cutthroat trout
<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>	Coho salmon
<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>	Chum salmon
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	Steelhead trout
<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	Chinook salmon
<i>Rhinichthys</i> sp.	Dace

² Adapted from USDI BLM 1994.

Mammals expected to occur within the High Peak/Moon Creek Research Natural Area³

Order	Scientific name	Common name
Insectivora	<i>Neurotrichus gibbsii</i>	Shrew-mole
	<i>Scapanus townsendii</i>	Townsend's mole
	<i>Scapanus orarius</i>	Coast mole
	<i>Sorex vagrans</i>	Vagrant shrew
	<i>Sorex bairdi</i>	Baird's shrew
	<i>Sorex bendirii</i>	Pacific water shrew
	<i>Sorex trowbridgii</i>	Trowbridge's shrew
Chiroptera	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>	Townsend's big-eared bat
	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	Big brown bat
	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	Silver-haired bat
	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary bat
	<i>Myotis californicus</i>	California myotis
	<i>Myotis yumanensis</i>	Yuma myotis
	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little brown myotis
	<i>Myotis volans</i>	Long-legged myotis
	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>	Fringed myotis
	<i>Myotis evotis</i>	Long-eared myotis
Lagomorpha	<i>Lepus americanus</i>	Snowshoe hare
	<i>Sylvilagus bachmani</i>	Brush rabbit
Rodentia	<i>Aplodontia rufa</i>	Mountain beaver
	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	American beaver
	<i>Clethrionomys californicus</i>	Western red-backed vole
	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	Common porcupine
	<i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i>	Northern flying squirrel
	<i>Microtus longicaudus</i>	Long-tailed vole
	<i>Microtus oregoni</i>	Creeping vole
	<i>Microtus townsendii</i>	Townsend' vole
	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>	Nutria
	<i>Neotoma cinerea</i>	Bushy-tailed woodrat
	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	Muskrat
	<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	Deer mouse
	<i>Phenacomys albipes</i>	White-footed vole
	<i>Phenacomys longicaudus</i>	Red tree vole
	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>	Western gray squirrel
	<i>Spermophilus beecheyi</i>	California ground squirrel
	<i>Tamias townsendii</i>	Townsend's chipmunk
	<i>Tamiasciurus douglasii</i>	Douglas' squirrel
	<i>Thomomys mazama</i>	Western pocket gopher
	<i>Zapus trinotatus</i>	Pacific jumping mouse
Carnivora	<i>Canis latrans</i>	Coyote
	<i>Felis concolor</i>	Mountain lion
	<i>Lutra canadensis</i>	Northern river otter
	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	Bobcat
	<i>Martes americana</i>	American marten
	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	Striped skunk

³ Nomenclature, distribution and habitat characteristics adapted from Csuti et al. 1997.

Mammals (continued)

Order	Scientific name	Common name
	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	Ermine
	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	Long-tailed weasel
	<i>Mustela vison</i>	Mink
	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	Mule deer
	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	Common raccoon
	<i>Spilogale gracilis</i>	Western spotted skunk
	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	Common gray fox
	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	Black bear
	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Red fox
Artiodactyla	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	Elk