



FORESTS FOR OUR FUTURE: CENTRAL CASCADES

FORESTS THAT MATTER

The Nature Conservancy in Washington has acquired almost 48,000 acres of rich, beautiful forestland located on both sides of I-90 between Snoqualmie Pass and Cle Elum. The area is irreplaceable habitat for wildlife, including elk and bear, as well as

48,000 acres conserved in our backyard

rare and threatened species such as wolverine and spotted owl. The headwaters of the Yakima River are critical for salmon and steelhead. These forests are frequented by more than 200 species of birds including many who use this area for their annual migration. Touching three lakes and adjacent to the Teanaway Community Forest, this project connects some of the most ecologically diverse forests in the world.

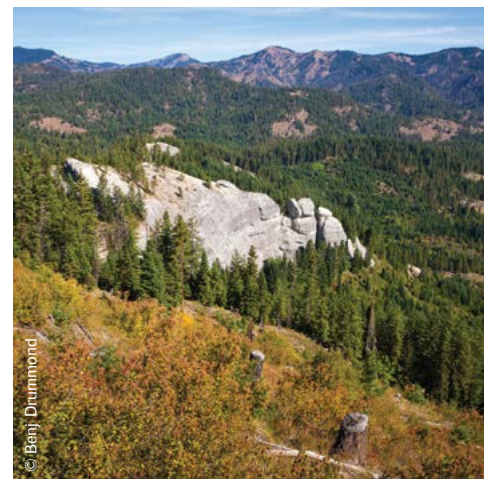
WORKING LANDS

This land has served people for generations. Whether we are seeking a place to hunt, harvest timber, or enjoy a scenic escape from daily life, we rely on these forests. The land is a vital part of the watershed that feeds the Yakima River Valley and

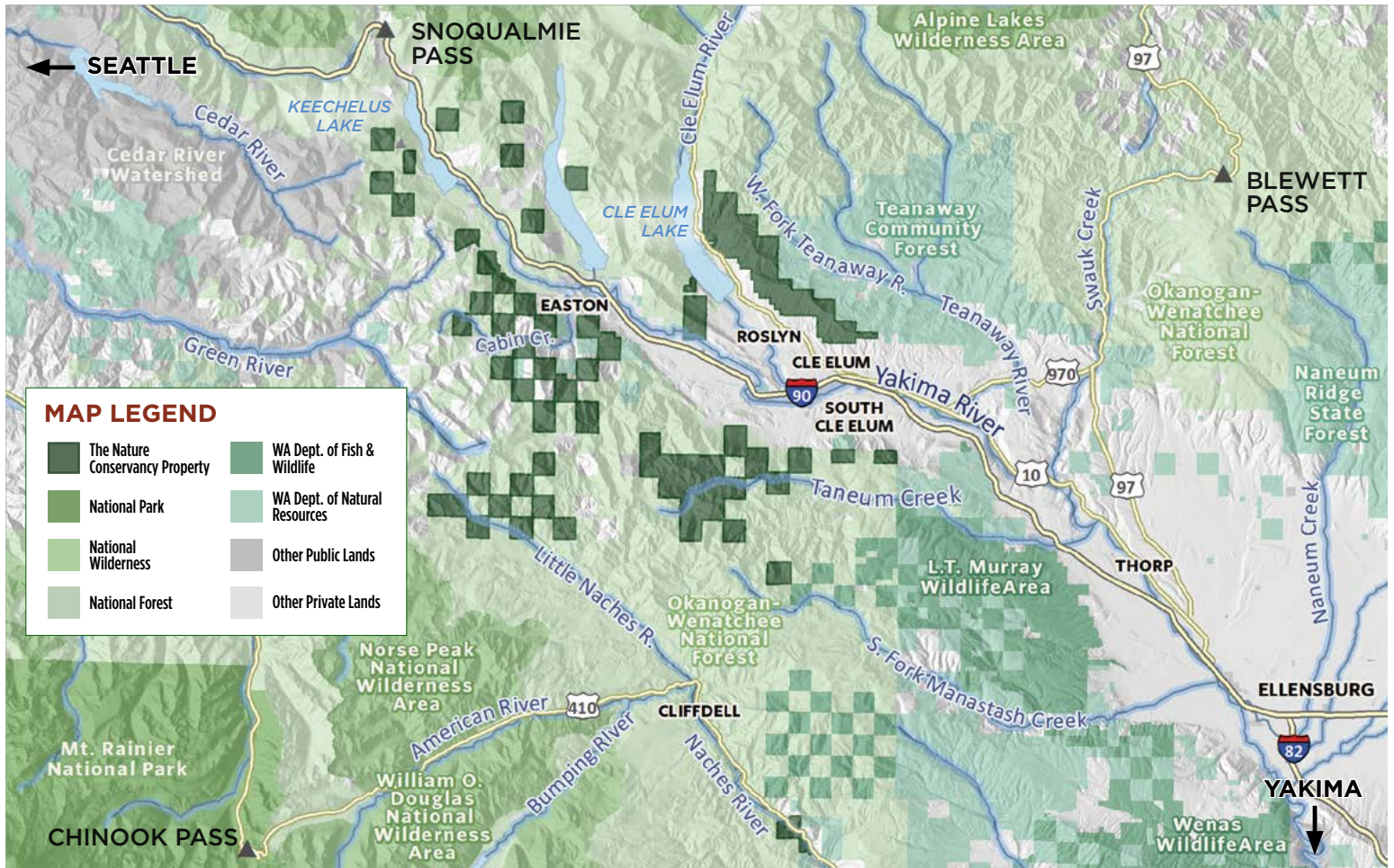
its farmlands, which support a \$1.8 billion agricultural industry and 75% of U.S. beer hops. For generations, people have hiked, fished, hunted and camped here. The Conservancy is committed to working with local communities and all who cherish this land, ensuring these hardworking forests are preserved for conservation, economic and community benefit and public use.

A CHECKERED PAST

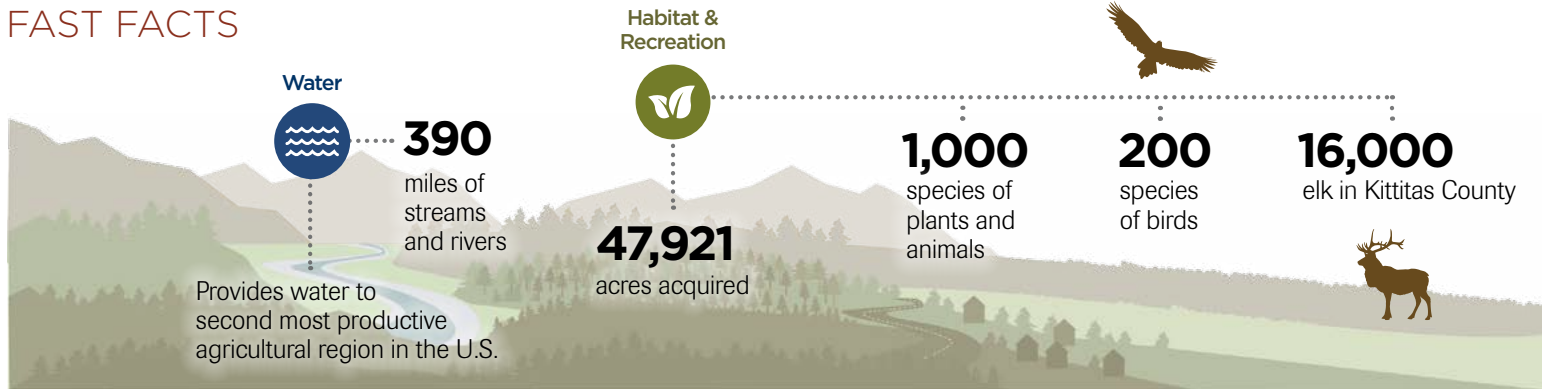
These are “checkerboard” lands—square-mile units of land that were granted 150 years ago to the railroads in an “every other unit” checkerboard pattern. Over time, these lands became owned by major timber companies. As a result, vast stretches of western land are broken into a checkerboard pattern of public and private ownership, making it difficult and costly to manage, and impeding wildlife migration patterns. The Conservancy has worked for decades to reconnect the checkerboard. Forests For Our Future builds on past work to protect land, water, and wildlife around Manastash Creek, the Naches River and the Tieton River, and on years of experience collaborating with local communities to restore forests to health.



LAND FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE



FAST FACTS



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With your support, we will protect clean water, conserve habitat for wildlife, create healthy forests that are resilient to climate change, benefit local communities, and ensure that people can continue to hike, fish and hunt in these iconic forests.

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