

Mt Adams Resource Stewards
Working Forest Survey

Name: Trout Lake Community Council

TLCC response is italicized.

Are you concerned about threats to private working forests across the Mt Adams region?

Yes, high.

What threats to private working forests most concern you?

Our concerns around working forests in the Trout Lake valley involve fragmentation of tracts and liquidation of timber assets in an unsustainable manner. Without proper planning, and protection for critical tracts, haphazard development could irreversibly damage the character of our forests and community.

Why?

All of the above.

Our highest priorities are loss of rural character, impacts on the landscape, wildlife and habitat preservation, and local jobs.

Are there particular private forest properties in the Trout Lake Valley that are especially important to protect as intact working forests?

We identified several tracts that we feel are essential to the rural, wooded character of the valley, important for the local economy, or generally at risk. These tracts are the Chubb property, the forested areas along the east side of Hwy 141 including Bear Valley, the tracts in the center of the valley around Little Mtn Rd, Woodruff family properties, and the Dean estate on the west side of the valley. Also of concern are the buffer areas around any spring, or source of historic or potential drinking water.

Are you familiar with the Mt Adams Community Forest Project that is working to purchase and hold in trust priority forestlands? How would you rate your interest in welcoming a community forest?

As a council, we are very interested in the concept, but as of yet unfamiliar with the Project. We would welcome an opportunity to learn more.

How would you prioritize benefits of a Mt Adams Community Forest expansion in the Trout Lake Valley?

Our top priorities are working lands preservation, habitat preservation, water quality and quantity, and economic stimulus. Of utmost importance, we believe that preserving our working lands and employing best management practices would facilitate other benefits, such as habitat preservation and water quality enhancement.

Would you like more information about expansion efforts?

Yes.