

Plum Creek's Conservation Commitment

As the nation's largest private landowner, Plum Creek recognizes that some of its lands have special values. So, it seeks opportunities to protect land that has visual, historic, recreational, forestry, wildlife habitat and other significant attributes through conservation sales, conservation easements and land exchanges.

A History of Partnerships

Since the company was founded in 1989, Plum Creek has formed partnerships to commit more than 1.3 million acres of land across the country to conservation. These partnerships with national groups like The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land, as well as numerous local and state groups, have resulted in approximately 160 land conservation transactions in 15 states. In addition, Plum Creek foresters manage thousands of acres of conservation property that the company has acquired through previous transactions.

Plum Creek continues to recognize opportunities to conserve land that has special value. Important conservation projects have provided public access to hunting land in Georgia, created a bicycle trail and wildlife corridor in Florida, and provided access to a popular snowmobile trail in Wisconsin.

Habitat Conservation Plans

More than a dozen species protected under the federal Endangered Species Act can be found on Plum Creek land, including northern spotted owls, marbled murrelets, grizzly bears, bull trout, Pacific salmon and more.

Montana Legacy Project

also known as The Working Forest Project

The Nature Conservancy and The Trust for Public Land reached an agreement to purchase 310,000 acres of western Montana forestland from Plum Creek.

This purchase is part of an effort to keep these forests in productive timber management and protect the area's clean water and abundant fish and wildlife habitat, while promoting continued public access to these lands for fishing, hiking, hunting and other recreational pursuits.

The lands in the agreement, which include part of the Swan Valley and areas surrounding Missoula, are located in the heart of the "Crown of the Continent," one of the most ecologically diverse and intact biological systems remaining in the United States.

An important goal of the agreement is the continued support of local timber economies. Though many factors affect the timber industry in western Montana, the conservation of these lands for forest uses will contribute to stability of the land base and its forest productivity. A condition of the agreement provides for continued timber harvesting on some of these lands to help supply Plum Creek mills with wood fiber for up to 15 years. This harvesting will be third-party certified as sustainable forestry.



These lands offer habitat for wide-ranging big game animals, grizzly bears, lynx, wolverine, bull trout and numerous other wildlife. The lands are also some of the most popular recreation areas in the western United States.

The Project has three phases:

Phase I (130,000 acres) - closed December 2008

Phase II (110,000 acres) - closed February 2009

Phase III (70,000 acres) - closed December 2010

Plum Creek is a leader in developing Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) – complex, long-term management plans directed at protecting key species and many other forest-dependent wildlife species. These plans and similar agreements, developed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners, outline forest management practices for Plum Creek that help us protect the Karner blue butterfly in Wisconsin, native fish in Montana, red-cockaded woodpecker in Arkansas and Louisiana, spotted owl in Washington and more. Approximately 1.5 million acres of company lands are involved in wildlife protection agreements throughout the country.

Recognition

Plum Creek's conservation efforts have been recognized by regional and national organizations. Recent awards include:

- Forest Landowner Champion Award (2010)
- Wisconsin Business Friend of the Environment Award (2009)
- Georgia Forestry for Wildlife Program Partner (2009 and 2008)
- Arkansas Environmental Stewardship (Envy) Award (2008)
- Dave Engleson Award presented by the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education (2008)
- Louisiana Environmental Leadership Award (2008)
- Florida Audubon Society's Sustainable Forestry Award (2007)



Karner Blue Butterfly

Plum Creek Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs)

Native Fish HCP
(Montana – 900,000 acres)

Red-Cockaded Woodpecker HCP
(Arkansas and Louisiana – 300,000 acres)

Central Cascades HCP
(Washington – 100,000 acres)

Karner Blue Butterfly HCP
(Wisconsin – 200,000 acres)



Red-Cockaded Woodpecker

Examples of Plum Creek Conservation Transactions Around the United States

(1989 through December 2010)



Swan Valley, Montana

Arkansas

Total acres conserved in Arkansas: **3,010**

Florida

Bayard Point Conservation Area
Nine-Mile Swamp Wetlands Protection
Phifer Flatwoods

Total acres conserved in Florida: **61,418**

Georgia

Camp Twin Lakes
Broxton Rocks (Flat Tub Wildlife Preserve)
Sansavilla Conservation Area

Total acres conserved in Georgia: **16,095**

Idaho

Lewis and Clark Historic Campsite/Trails

Total acres conserved in Idaho: **1,086**

Louisiana

Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge

Total acres conserved in Louisiana: **5,080**

Maine

Shoreline on Moosehead Lake
Shoreline on Flagstaff Lake
Mt. Abrams/Appalachian Trail

Total acres conserved in Maine: **417,561**

Michigan

White-tailed deer habitat

Total acres conserved in Michigan: **4,205**

Montana

Clearwater Game Range
Blackfoot River
Grizzly Bear Linkage Zones in Swan Valley
Swan River
Blackfoot Valley

Montana Legacy Project

Total acres conserved in Montana: **613,118**

New Hampshire

Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge

Total acres conserved in New Hampshire: **2,934**

North Carolina

Juniper Creek, Waccamaw River and
Lower Roanoke River

North Carolina Coastal Land Trust

Total acres conserved in North Carolina: **29,912**

Oregon

Marbled Murrelet Habitat

Total acres conserved in Oregon: **624**

South Carolina

Santee River/ACE Basin areas

Total acres conserved in South Carolina: **10,412**

Washington

Green River Watershed
Oak Creek Wildlife Habitat
Pacific Crest Trail

Total acres conserved in Washington: **101,524**

West Virginia

Gauley and Cherry Rivers

Total acres conserved in West Virginia: **318**

Wisconsin

Bad River Tribal Reservation
Black River and Northern Highland State Forests
Bayfield Coastal
Wolf River

Crex Meadows Wildlife Area

Total acres conserved in Wisconsin: **85,555**

**Total Acres Committed
to Conservation Since 1989:**

1,352,851



Flat Tub Wildlife Preserve, Georgia



Moosehead Lake, Maine