Olympic National Forest Wilderness Additions

1 Elwha Foothills

The Mount Baldy and Madison Creek areas protect habitat for elk, blacktail deer and fisher. Both areas increase protections for the largest salmon restoration project in the LLS

2 Dungeness Rainshadow

The popular Deer Ridge area will complete wilderness protection for the middle Gray Wolf watershed, including the lower Deer Ridge trail and recent Slab Camp road restoration. The Lower Gray Wolf includes the first two miles of the ever-popular trail. Three O'Clock Ridge and Upper Dungeness protect the middle Dungeness slopes and stunning old-growth forest along the upper Dungeness trail

3 Mount Townsend North

The northern ridges and trails of popular Mount Townsend are long overdue for wilderness protection. Dirty Face Ridge, Sleepy Hollow, Little Quilcene, and Silver Lake way trails offer rugged day hiking, summer wildflowers, and sweeping views — all within easy access from Puget Sound.

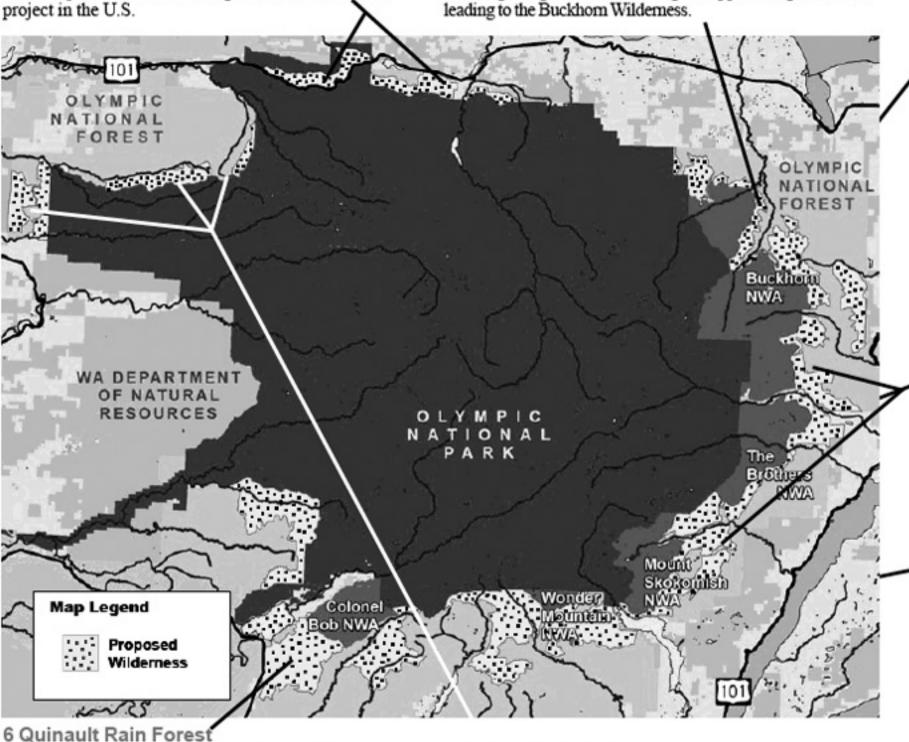
4 East Slope and Hood Canal

Hamilton Mountain and North

Dosewallips Ridge are prominent features
from Puget Sound. Jupiter Ridge offers a
splendid ridgetop hike to Mount Jupiter in
the Brothers Wilderness. The alpine summits of Mounts Ellinor and Washington
anchor the wall of canal-front peaks. Lena
Lake, tucked beneath rugged peaks, remains the most popular backpack destination in the Olympic Forest.

5 Skokomish Wilderness

Lightning Peak looms over Lake Cushman. Beyond it the South Fork Skokomish River harbors elk, salmon, and a scenic, year-round trail through one of the most splendid, but unprotected old-growth forests in the Olympics.



The Quinault valley is a last lowland stronghold for elk, salmon, and the quiet grandeur of the lowland Olympic rain forest. South Quinault Ridge forms the backdrop to Lake Quinault, and popular nature trails take visitors of all ages through groves magnificent trees. Moonlight Dome protects a more remote, bit equally stunning forest. And Sams River, once roaded and logged, is now a recovering forest and important tributary to ONP's Queets River.

7 Quillayute Watershed

No wilderness has been designated in the heavily logged Northwest corner of Olympic National Forest, but salmon still depend upon the many streams of the vast Quillayute watershed. Elk Reade protects the lower Bogachiel River just west of Olympic Park; Rugged Ridge connects the park to the remote Sitkum River to the north, and Alkee Creek is an important tributary to the salmon-rich Sol Duc River.