



WESTERN RIVERS  
CONSERVANCY

# Conserving the Great Rivers of the West



# Our Mission

A photograph of a kayaker on a river, surrounded by dense green forest. The kayaker is in the center of the river, moving towards the viewer. The water is slightly turbulent, and the forest is lush and green. The overall scene is serene and natural.

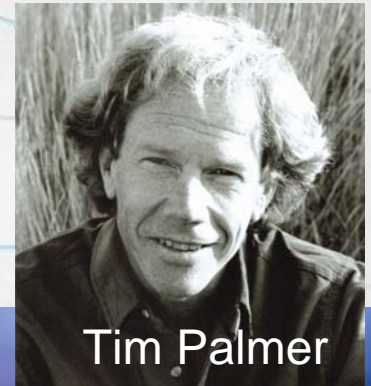
- Protect outstanding river ecosystems in the 11 western states
- Acquire land to conserve critical habitat
- Provide public access for compatible use and enjoyment
- Cooperate with other agencies and organizations to secure the health of whole ecosystems.

# Priority Areas



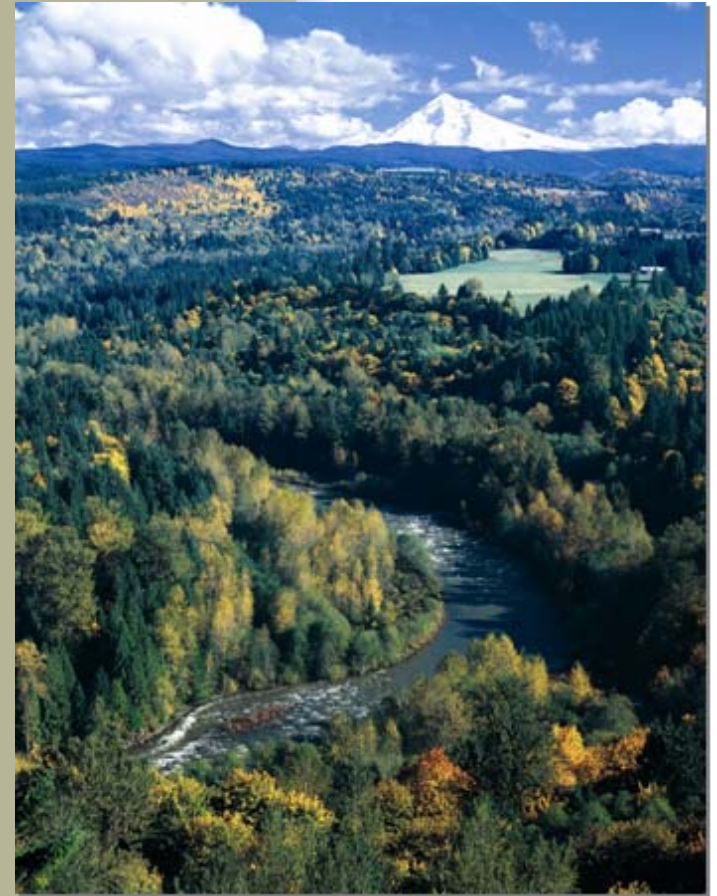
# Great Rivers of the West

- Survey of Outstanding Western Rivers



# Oregon's Great Rivers – Current Projects

Sandy and Salmon Rivers



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## Sandy and Salmon Rivers



Marmot Dam

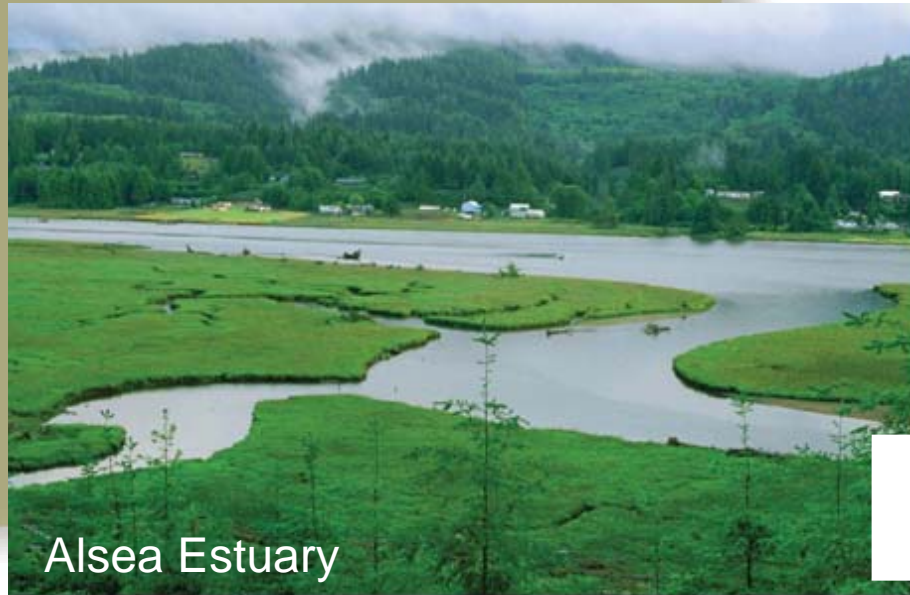


Free-flowing river

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Drift Creek  
(Alesea River)



Alesea Estuary

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Lower John Day River

**Murtha Ranch**



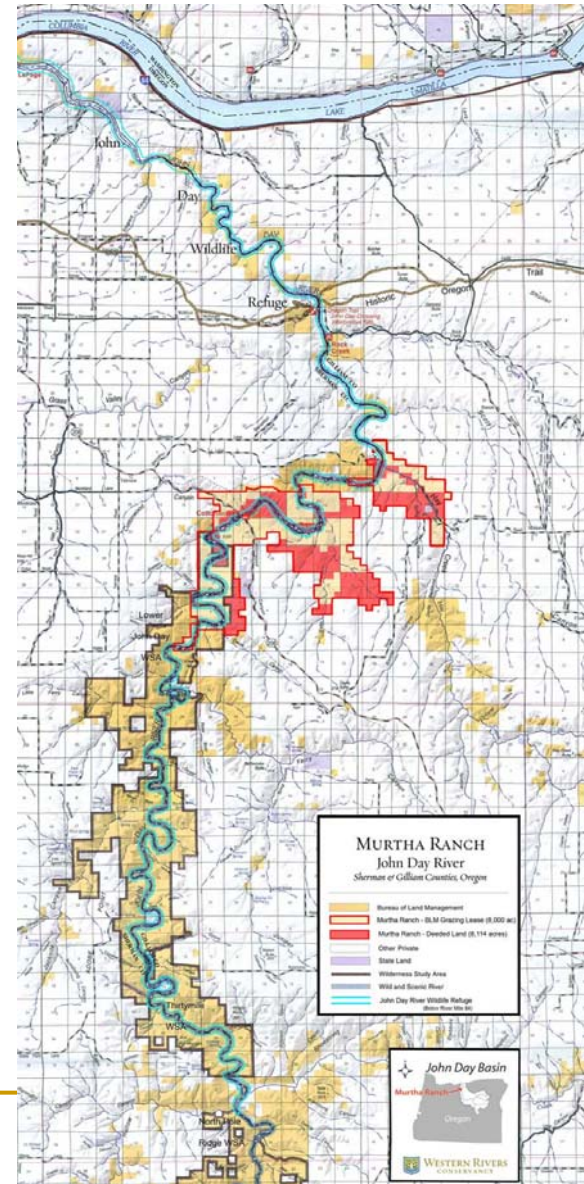


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- 8,114 deeded acres
- 8,000 acre BLM grazing lease
- 16 river miles
- Adjacent to: Lower John Day Wildlife Refuge; BLM Wilderness Study Areas



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