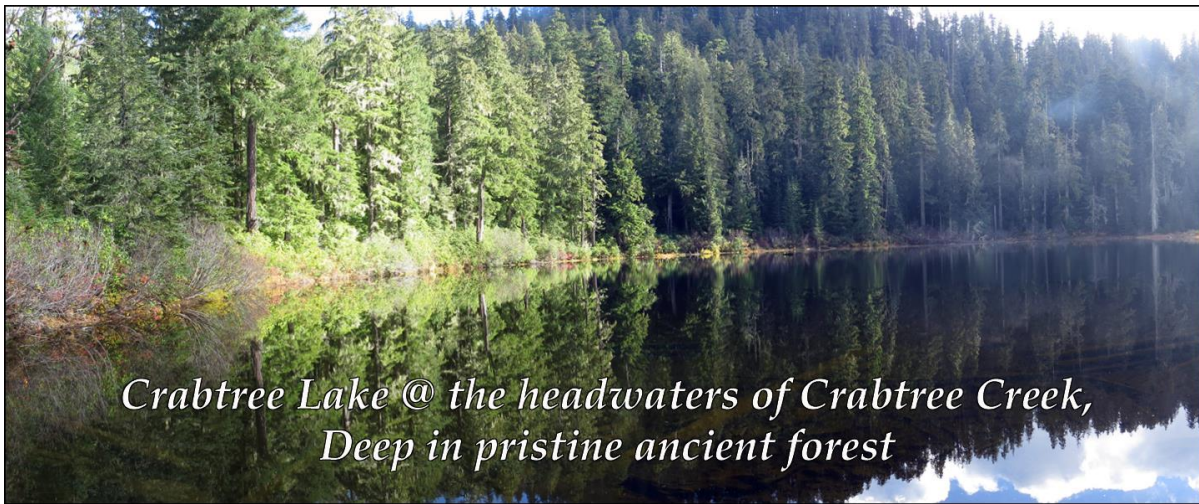




Protect Crabtree Creek as a Wild and Scenic River



*Crabtree Lake @ the headwaters of Crabtree Creek,
Deep in pristine ancient forest*

Crabtree Creek is within the Crabtree Complex Research Natural Area and Outstanding Natural Area. The Carolyn's Crown/Shافر Creek Research Natural Area (part of the Crabtree Complex) is a 798-acre tract of coniferous forest containing stands of 600- to 900-year-old old-growth Douglas-fir, some of the oldest in the state of Oregon.

Outstandingly Remarkable Values



Recreational

According to the National Rivers Inventory: “Rock outcrops and open spaces to dense, relatively undisturbed old-growth forest. Hiking, fishing, and studying nature.”

Scenic

According to BLM, “Scenic qualities such as forest cover type, complex of habitats and geologic features considered exceptional within the Salem District.”

Wildlife

According to BLM, includes “Several Bureau Special Status wildlife species and northern spotted owl; cliffs provide unique habitat with potential for raptor use.”

Ecological/Biological Diversity.

According to BLM, “Relatively undisturbed old-growth forest; fills several West Cascades Ecosystem elements identified in the Oregon Natural Areas Program; the area has a population of Alaska-cedar that is fairly uncommon in this region.”

We urge Wild and Scenic River protection for 5 miles of Crabtree Creek. Given the threat of current and future timber cutting throughout the area, we also urge the establishment of a 1/2 mile buffer along Crabtree Creek and a permanent withdrawal of mineral rights.