Protect Lava Lake and its tributaries with Wild and Scenic River Protection

Lava Lake and its tributary creeks sit between Hwy 20 and Hwy 22 in the southeast part of the proposed Douglas-fir National Monument.



Outstandingly Remarkable Values

Recreational

Lava Lake is not visible from the nearest road, but a short trail leads to and around the lake.

Scenic

Old lava flows are laced with a beautiful high elevation trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

Wildlife

Beaver find great habitat along the creeks that feed Lava Lake. Its unspoiled natural habitat supports numerous bird, butterfly and amphibian species as well.

Botanical

Open meadows in the High Cascades are very uncommon. Lava Lake Meadows are wet, mesic and dry all in one.

Geologic

As the name implies, Lava Lake sits in an old lava flow, representative of High Cascades volcanic activity.

We nominate Wild and Scenic River status for Lava Lake and the tributaries that feed the lake – Crescent, Maude, Twelve, Danny, Park, and North Fork and South Fork Park Creeks. – 26 miles total. Nearby private clearcuts riddle the area and make this area an island of natural high elevation forest. This public land must remain intact with no timber harvest including buffers around tributaries and permanent mineral rights withdrawal.