



We protect water

Safe drinking water is a basic necessity. Forest landowners are careful to protect it for all of us.

The majority of Oregon's drinking water comes from forests, including forests that produce wood. Landowners take precautions to safeguard water sources, such as preventing chemicals and muddy runoff from getting into streams.

As a result, Oregon's water quality is among the highest in the nation.

Now, that's a good reason to be Forest Proud.

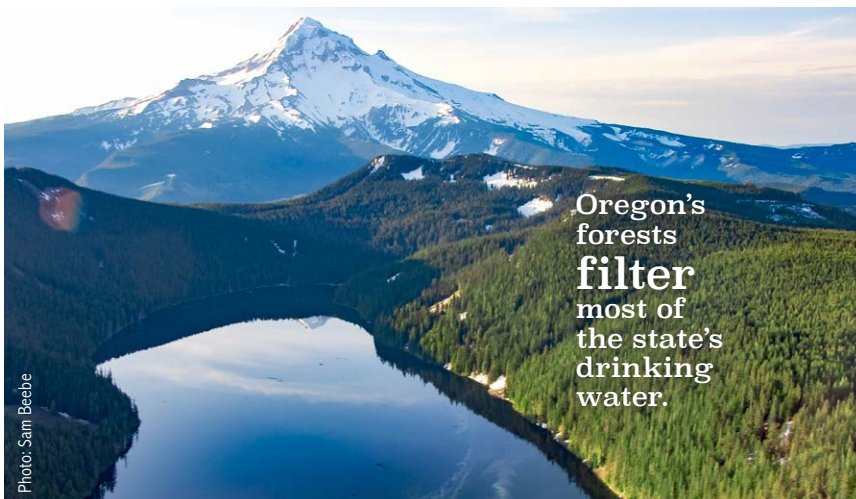
From forest to faucet

Oregon's highest-quality drinking water comes from forests. That's because soils in these wooded areas act as a natural water filter.

Here's how it works: Forest soils absorb rainwater. Contaminants in the water bind with soil particles and decompose. Eventually, the filtered water flows into nearby streams, groundwater and drinking-water sources.

Protecting water

An important part of working in Oregon's forests is protecting water. Forest managers carefully plan timber harvests to avoid muddying streams. Loggers use modern equipment that's less impactful on soil and water. It's also illegal to apply chemicals over streams.



Oregon's forests filter most of the state's drinking water.

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Safeguarding water

Oregon law restricts timber harvesting, road building and the use of chemicals near streams. This protects fish and the source of much of the state's drinking water.

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