

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Presentation Saturday, November 3
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# Forest News

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## Two Projects, One Vision

The Arch Cape Domestic Water Supply District and North Coast Land Conservancy are working in partnership with Sustainable Northwest to secure funding to purchase 5000 acres in forested land that forms the backdrop of Arch Cape.

The Arch Cape Water Domestic Water Supply seeks to acquire 2100 of these acres. This acquisition would protect the entire Arch Cape watershed, providing safe, clean drinking water for the community.

It would become a protected community forest that would be managed with clean water as the top priority. The community forest is a chance for Arch Cape to be able to have input and control over the activities occurring on the land. Responsible forest management activities

would provide timber revenue dollars that would help pay for the management and maintenance of the property and road system. This revenue source

Photo by Mary Olson



### Mature timber in an adjacent watershed

would help to fund future capital projects and stabilize rates for the Water District.

The forest would also provide recreational activities such as hiking, mountain biking, berry

picking, photography, birdwatching, and hunting. The many clearcuts above Arch Cape provide excellent foraging for songbirds and birds of prey. The forested areas along streams provide habitat for the American Dipper, Winter Wren, and Belted Kingfisher.

The upper portion of the project, that NCLC seeks to acquire, will become the Rainforest Reserve. This is high elevation coastal rainforest with some very unique habitats. The Rainforest Reserve is a part of a larger initiative known as the Coastal Edge.

The Coastal Edge Initiative seeks to protect rare habitats and create connectivity along the coast. This connectivity is important to species dependent on unique coastal habitat.

## Informational Event!

There will be an informational presentation about this project on Saturday, November 3, at 11am the Arch Cape Fire Station.

You will see a presentation followed by a Q&A session. Refreshments will be available. Please join us for this informational event!

Between the Arch Cape Forest and the Rainforest Reserve, the

entire watershed will be owned by conservation-minded land managers. This means responsible forest management with watershed health being the top priority.

Having control over the activities in the watershed will improve water quality, resulting in fewer issues and lower costs at the water treatment facility.



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## Arch Cape Watershed

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### **Two Projects, One Vision**

*Our vision is to provide clean, safe, and affordable drinking water to Arch Cape residents and visitors through the creation of a working, community-owned forest, to sustain the rich character and beauty of Oregon's coastal rainforest for generations.*

# Outreach Coordinator Mary Olson

Hello, I am Mary Olson and I was hired as the Outreach Coordinator for the Arch Cape Watershed. I will be working to increase awareness about the Arch Cape Forest and get more involvement from the community.

**I will be hosting the informational event November 3 at the Arch Cape fire station. Be sure to stop in and say hello.**

I have a background in forest management and have worked for timber companies, state and federal agencies. I currently work as District Technician for Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District. There, I conduct outreach regarding invasive species management, agricultural water quality, and best management practices for

agriculture.

I grew up in Spokane, Washington, and attended the University of Idaho earning a B.S. in Forest Products, Timber Harvesting.

I have lived and worked in Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon. I have been working here on the North Coast since 2009.

I am very passionate about responsible forest management and providing quality habitat for fish and wildlife. I enjoy all that the beautiful North Coast has to offer.

I enjoy hunting, fishing, birdwatching, and baking. I also have a small poultry operation and enjoy sharing eggs with my friends and neighbors.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the community, as well as spread-

ing the message about what a special opportunity it would be to make the Arch Cape Forest a reality providing clean, safe drinking water for residents and future generations.



**Mary Olson**