



Photo by Erik Fernandez — Boulder Lake

**Badger Creek Wilderness  
Boulder Lake Addition**

Hood River and Wasco Counties  
3,890 acres

Mount Hood National Forest

**Description:**

**B**oulder Lake is one of the more primitive areas in the Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness proposal, and home to some of the biggest trees in the proposal. Lush meadows, spectacular views, ancient

trees and rocky escarpments characterize Boulder Lake. The lake itself is a gorgeous turquoise green with crystal clear waters, surrounded by lush green grasses and dark evergreen firs and hemlock, and dramatic rocky cliffs. In the fall the Quaking Aspen growing through the rocky fields turn a majestic golden yellow.

**Ecological, geological, and scenic value:**

**B**oulder Lake proposal area contains the largest unprotected stand of old-growth in Mount Hood National Forest. While the dominant forest in the lower elevations is Douglas fir and Mountain hemlock, the upper elevations contain old-growth Pacific silver fir. The west and southwest facing slopes contain scattered large Ponderosa Pine trees. The unit provides habitat for pine marten, pileated woodpecker, and spotted owl, as well as important deer and elk habitat. Boulder Lake is designated as a Late Successional Reserve in the Northwest Forest Plan.

**Opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation:**

**B**oulder Lake is a popular fishing spot. Hiking, backpacking, camping, hunting, and bird watching are also possible in this unit.





Photo by Sandy Lonsdale — Boulder Creek Meadows

### Threats:

Logging threatens beautiful Boulder Lake's old-growth stands. One of the ugliest clear cuts on the Mount Hood National Forest forms the southern boundary of this proposal – the cut dates to the 1970's and is over a square mile with some sections not showing any signs of regrowth.

Wilderness designation will ensure permanent protection of this last best stand of old-growth in the Mount Hood National Forest, as well as its clear lake, streams, and wildlife. Our children and grandchildren deserve to enjoy this treasure tomorrow just as we do today.



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