

# Clackamas Wilderness

## Memaloose Lake Addition

Clackamas County  
1,192 acres  
Mount Hood National Forest

### Description:

**M**emaloose Lake is an exemplary remnant of stunning old-growth forest in the Clackamas River watershed with spectacular views and a delightful lake teeming with salamanders. Surrounded by clear-cuts, towering Noble and Douglas firs create a dense, shady canopy, and small plants and flowers carpet the forest floor. The area has several streams.

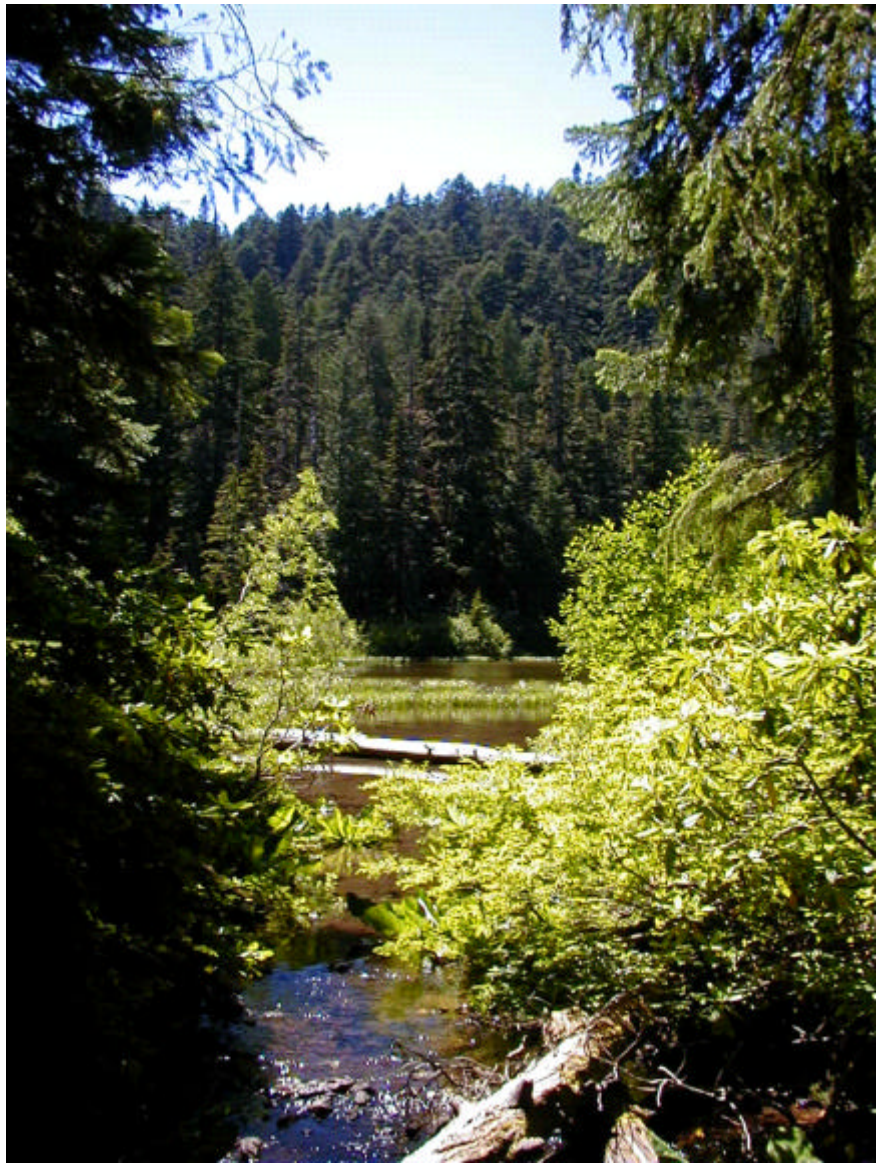
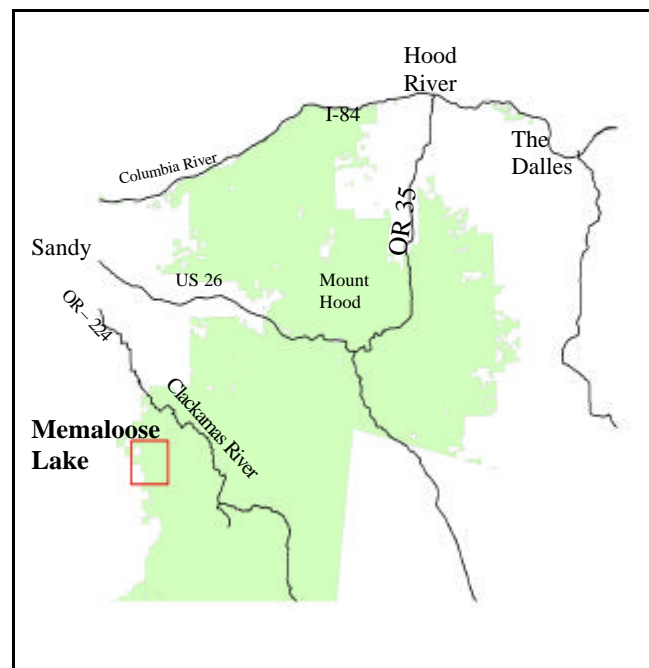


Photo by Erik Fernandez — Memaloose Lake

### Ecological, geological, and scenic value:

**T**he Noble fir, Douglas fir and Pacific silver fir of Memaloose Lake provide food and homes for pine marten, spotted owl, deer and elk. The lake and nearby marshes are important habitat for salamanders and other wetland species. The top of the mountain above Memaloose Lake offers spectacular views of Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier, and Mt. St. Helens, among others.





*Photo by ONRC— Coniferous Forest*

### Opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation:

**C**amping, hiking, backpacking, and hunting are popular activities in Memaloose Lake. This remarkable area is truly remote, and there are abundant opportunities for solitude and recreation.

### Threats:

**C**lear-cuts and wholesale logging have decimated much of the area surrounding Memaloose Lake. This fine example of unspoiled old-growth, awesome views, and important wildlife habitat should be spared a similar fate. Wilderness protection is the best, permanent protection to prevent logging at Memaloose Lake.



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