



in partnership with

Ocean Mountain Ranch

Developing a Sustainable

Port Orford Community Stewardship Area

Developing a Sustainable Oregon Coast

The southern coast of Oregon is a rare place on earth, where beautiful wild & scenic rivers tumble down through steep canyons and the tallest and largest carbon-sequestering forests in the world on their way to a rocky coastline with wide stretches of sandy beach, before pouring out into the mighty Pacific Ocean. Along the rugged coast are picturesque working ports, made of hillside homes, small waterfront cafes, vibrant art communities, and more parks per mile than anywhere in the USA.



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The Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT) has a mission to engage Port Orford fishers and other community members in developing and implementing a Port Orford Community Stewardship Area plan that ensures the long-term sustainability of the Port Orford reef ecosystem and social system dependent on it. The Redfish Rocks area south of Port Orford has been designated as a marine reserve and a broader area of some 30 miles in length along the southern Oregon coast forms the unique 1,320-square-mile land and sea stewardship area to protect terrestrial, freshwater, intertidal and ocean reserves.

Located in the stewardship area headwaters along a 1000' ridgeline overlooking the Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve and the largest remaining old



growth forest directly on the southern Oregon coast, Ocean Mountain Ranch (OMR) is a carbon-negative project that will provide for long-term yield of high-quality hardwood, softwood, and wildlife habitat while serving as a model organic forestry/grazing operation. OMR incorporates residential, agricultural, educational, recreational, and industrial activities to promote sustainable land development best practices by mixing nature, tradition, and economics for a sustainable future. <http://www.triplepundit.com/2010/10/southern-oregon-coast-mixing-nature-tradition-economics-sustainable-future/>

Working in conjunction with Sustainable Land Development Initiative (SLDI), Ocean Mountain Ranch is implementing an ODF-approved Forest Stewardship Plan to meet the community's environmental, social, and economic needs while adhering to Oregon LCDC guidelines and Curry County zoning regulations. Working within the structures outlined by the various government agencies, OMR plans a mixture of permitted and conditional forestry-grazing zoning uses to provide an exemplary demonstration project which will:



- Promote and educate landowners about sustainable forestry practices;
- Provide a forestry consulting resource to woodland owners;
- Link local wood producers to emerging markets;
- Facilitate community-based forestry projects;
- Explore woody biomass utilization opportunities;
- Promote and assist in fire fuels reduction efforts;
- Assist landowners in exploring opportunities in ecosystem services (carbon credits, conservation easements, etc).

In partnership with other Port Orford Community Stewardship Area stakeholders, it is the ongoing quest of SLDI and OMR to continue to foster collaborative work that will promote communal, ecological and economical sustainability as the primary principles of a balanced "people, planet and profit" land development philosophy.



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