

# **PROPOSAL – Simcoe Mountains**

**Total Project Acres 18,745/Current Request 6,000 Acres**

## **Conservation Values**

- **Deer winter range**
- **Western gray squirrel recovery**
- **Mid-Columbia River steelhead**
- **Spotted owl recovery**
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## **Recreational Values**

- **Deer hunting**
- **Wildlife viewing**



Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Estimated Acres	6,000
Existing Uses	Commercial forest and rangeland
Threats	Development
Intended Uses	This acquisition will be incorporated into the Klickitat Wildlife Area; and managed to provide species protection, habitat protection and recreation; while retaining its value to the community as a working forest. WDFW, the Washington State Conservation Commission, and the Eastern Klickitat Conservation District will work together as partners in managing this land to ensure that conservation outcomes are achieved in a way that is aligned with the needs of the community. To this end, these partners plan to develop a working lands easement and management plan for the property.
Project Description	This property offers a diverse mix of shrub steppe, Oregon white oak, riparian and Ponderosa pine forest and mixed conifer forest. This area also supports the state threatened western gray squirrel, and provides breeding and year-round habitat. The project will protect critical habitat and migratory corridors for deer (winter range) and other species. The acquisition is key to protecting critical steelhead habitat.
Partners/Supporters	Washington State Conservation Commission, Eastern Klickitat Conservation District



