Everyone who calls the Pacific Northwest home knows the unique beauty and opportunities for recreation the region has to offer. You can help protect and preserve that beauty, and our opportunities for play, with a gift to The Conservation Fund.

The Fund is working across the country to conserve the precious places we all need to thrive, protecting the natural, historic and working lands that are disappearing rapidly. Here in the Pacific Northwest, we are creating lasting conservation solutions through the following programs:

**Conservation Acquisitions**: enables conservationists, government agencies, community leaders and land trusts to protect properties for wildlife, recreation and/or historic significance. In the Pacific Northwest, the Fund has protected more than **100,000 acres**.

**Conservation Loans**: offer flexible financing and expert technical assistance to protect key properties and recover natural habitats. In the Pacific Northwest, nine conservation groups have used eleven loans to conserve more than **1,300 acres** of land valued at **$7.6 million**.

**Working Forest Fund**: addresses an urgent conservation challenge: the loss of America’s last big, intact, privately-held forests. In the Pacific Northwest, the Fund has protected more than **79,200 acres** to benefit working forestlands.

Your gift to The Conservation Fund will make a positive impact on the Pacific Northwest’s environment and economy. The Fund is top-rated for its effectiveness and efficiency. We have the lowest overhead and highest programmatic investment of any environmental charity in America. That means we put 96 cents of every dollar you donate directly into conservation.
Conservation Acquisitions

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument: Encompassing a diverse array of habitat types, Oregon’s Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument stretches across about 113,000 acres in southwest Oregon. In 2012, we conserved part of the largest remaining privately held property within the monument’s boundaries.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park: In 2004, we purchased more than 920 acres from Weyerhaeuser. Designated one of the nation’s top conservation priorities by the National Park Service, the property includes land critical to the Fort to Sea Trail, which will connect the Fort Clatsop National Memorial to Sunset Beach State Recreation Area and the shores of the Pacific Ocean.

Conservation Loans

Pacific Crest Trail: In 2015, the owner of a 402-acre property at Stevens Pass, which contains 3/4 of a mile of the Pacific Crest Trail, expressed interest in closing off public access to the trail and selling the property to a developer. The Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA), the nonprofit organization that maintains and protects the trail, and the U.S. Forest Service, which administers the trail, worked with the landowner to purchase the property, but the federal funding secured for the purchase had been diverted to help pay the costs of fighting 2017 wildfires, leaving the deal in jeopardy of falling through.

With the landowner’s funding deadline looming, PCTA turned to the Fund’s Conservation Loans program, which provided $1.2 million in bridge financing. Combined with funds raised from Pacific Crest Trail supporters, PCTA was able to purchase the property at the last minute. The property will remain under its ownership until additional federal funding can be secured for transfer to the U.S. Forest Service.

Whidbey-Camano Land Trust: A loan from The Conservation Fund gave Whidbey-Camano Land Trust the capital they needed to complete the purchase of three adjoining waterfront properties, creating the only public beach access to Possession Sound on southeast Whidbey Island near the community of Glendale.

Working Forest Fund

Gilchrist State Forest: In 2015, the Fund was instrumental in helping the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) ultimately add 29,000 acres—bringing the forest to a total of 72,000 acres. The ODF will manage the land to provide a range of long-term benefits, including wildlife habitat, timber harvesting and public access for recreation.