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Truck crash on Scottsburg Bridge closes Highway 38

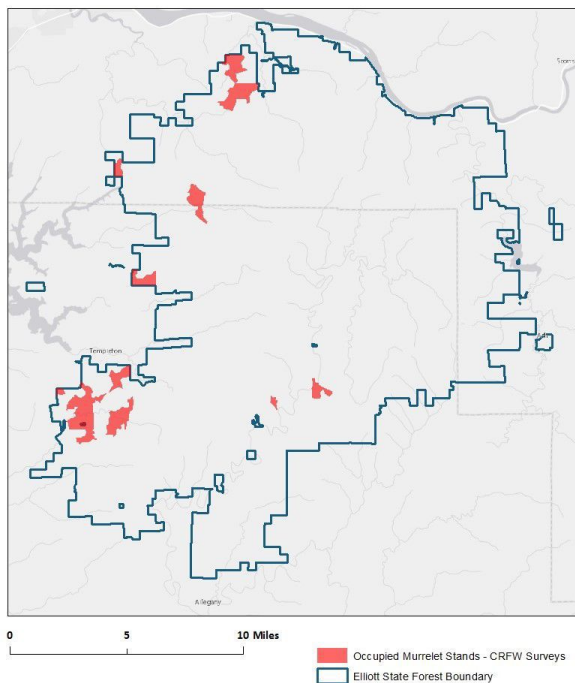
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Coast Range Forest Watch helps with Save the Elliott

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ELLIOTT STATE FOREST

Areas Protected as a result of CRFW Murrelet Surveys



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COOS BAY — Since 2013, Coast Range Forest Watch has been performing volunteer surveys for the endangered marbled murrelet in threatened coastal rainforests. Survey efforts have focused primarily on

the Elliott State Forest where nearly 3,000 acres of murrelet nesting habitat has been documented over the last four years; protecting those areas from harvest and ensuring that those old growth forests will stand for future generations.

This year may be Coast Range Forest Watch's most critical survey season to date. The State of Oregon is in the process of selling the Elliott State Forest, and if the state moves forward with the sale to Lone Rock Timber Company Coast Range Forest Watch surveyors would be forbidden in the forest. Since this summer may be our last chance to protect the remaining old-growth forest in the region, we are going to expand our capacity accordingly. We are planning to train more surveyors to focus surveys exclusively on the unprotected habitat in the Elliott.

Save the Elliott's funding drive for this survey season will support that field work by bringing more surveyors on board, resulting in greater greater costs and work to produce high quality data. Coast Range Forest Watch is an entirely volunteer-run organization with the majority of our funding used for required professional training of surveyors and acquiring necessary gear such as binoculars, compasses and GPS units.

Opportunities for you to help Save the Elliott

- Earth Day, April 22 at Down to Earth Home and Garden, Eugene, will contribute 5 percent of the Earth Day receipts and any additional donations to Coast Range Forest Watch. Come celebrate Earth Day with us and Down to Earth and support the preservation of species and habitat of coastal rainforest and the Elliott State Forest.
- Rally @ the State Land Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the DSL Building in Salem. Charter bus from Coos Bay leaves at 5:30 a.m. RSVP to savetheelliott@gmail.com.