



The Mt. Adams Community Forest Project is an effort led by Mt. Adams Resource Stewards (MARS) to acquire priority working forestlands in the south Mt. Adams region for community-based management. Private forests in the area have been central to the existence of several, small rural communities since the early 1900's. A brief history of what was once known as the Klickitat Tree Farm is shared on the back. Forest ownership changes and an interest in linking a locally defined conservation effort with community stabilization and revitalization efforts inspired the creation of Mt. Adams Resource Stewards in 2004 with the community forest project as a key feature.

The Mt. Adams Community Forest Project was shaped by a series of community and stakeholder meetings and a trip that included a number of MARS board members, community members and partners to learn about New England community forests in 2008. Local residents and stakeholders prioritized lands adjacent to communities, major roads, recreation sites, viewsheds, water sources and wildlife migration corridors, as well as those known for exceptional forestry values. A concern that was consistently voiced was that of potential encroachment of new homes and cabins into productive forestland and what that would mean for a forest-based economy, the rural character of the area and growing threats from wildfire.

In 2011, MARS completed its first community forest purchase of the 100 acre Mill Pond property east of Glenwood, protecting a pond, wetlands and upland forest that are frequently enjoyed by locals. A second purchase of the 300 acre Pine Flats property was completed in 2014, expanding on what is thought to be Washington's first non-profit owned, working community forest.

An annual public community forest meeting is held in Glenwood to gather feedback regarding management direction. The MARS board of directors, with representatives from Glenwood, Trout Lake, Klickitat, White Salmon and Hood River, has ultimate decision making authority. In 2012, the board of directors developed and adopted the following vision for the community forest:

"The Mt. Adams Community Forest (MACF) is a "working forest" managed in exemplary fashion to provide a sustainable flow of wood products to the local economy, maintaining traditional land uses, providing local employment, and exploring other compatible uses of forest land. The traditional uses include timber management, recreation, education, wildlife management, livestock grazing, aesthetics and research.

Lands will be open for public use while concurrently protecting natural resources. State-of-the-art practices in addition to customary practices will be employed to responsibly manage the forest. The forest management will be certified by a recognized forest certification organization.

The community forest will be managed by Mt. Adams Resource Stewards with local community input. Strategic and tactical decision making will be more independent than federal and state lands. The community forest management will be complimentary to adjacent private and public land management."



Timeline of Klickitat Forestry Operations and the Mt. Adams Community Forest

- 1909 Western Pine Lumber Company formed; construction of sawmill in Klickitat
- 1922 J. Neils Lumber Company acquires Western Pine Lumber and their holdings
- 1928 Mt. Adams Pine Company (mill owned by the Collins family of Portland) in the Glenwood area acquired by J. Neils and later dismantled (circa 1931)
- 1925-1930 Various logging camps and settlements established between Klickitat River and the Glenwood Valley
- 1939 Sustained yield plan proposed by Dr. Walter Meyer of Yale is adopted. This plan is a first of its kind in the nation.
- 1957 St. Regis Lumber Company acquires J. Neils Lumber.
- 1984 Champion International Corporation acquires St. Regis Lumber.
- 1988 Company woods operation ends.
- 1994 Klickitat sawmill operations end.
- 2000 International Paper Company acquires Champion
- 2001 International Paper sells Klickitat holdings to Rainier Timber Company managed by The Campbell Group
- 2005 Hancock Natural Resource Group acquires Klickitat holdings on behalf of clients from RTC
- 2008 Conservation Forestry LLC purchases holdings from one of Hancock's clients (12,000+ acres)
- 2011-2014 MARS purchases first community forest properties from Conservation Forestry
- 2014-2015 SDS Lumber/Stevenson Land Co/Broughton Lumber purchases holdings of two Hancock clients and the remaining Conservation Forestry lands

