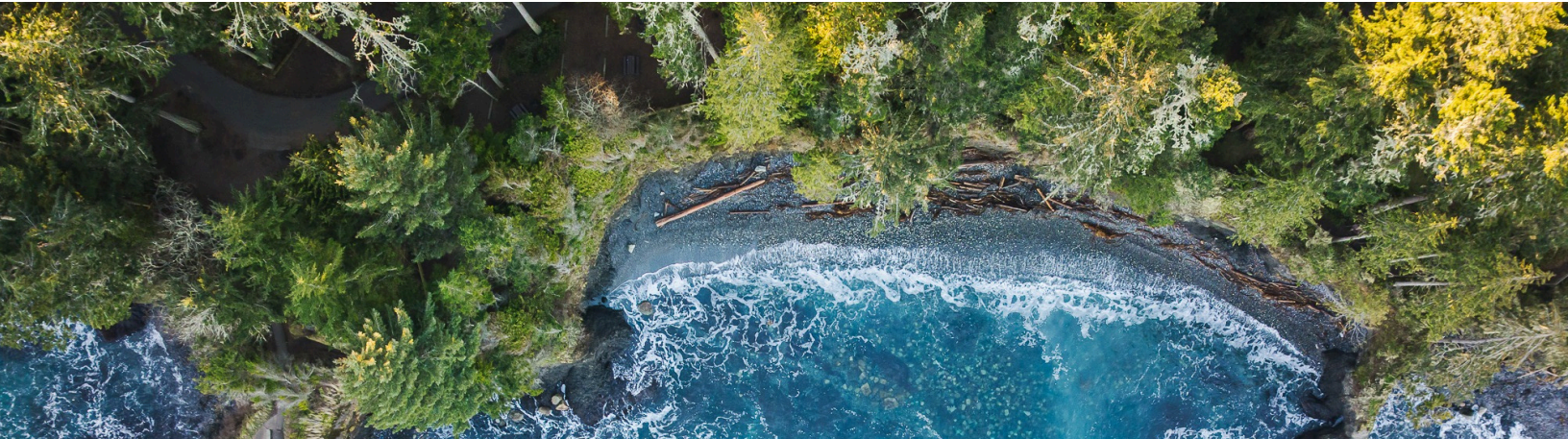


# Striped Peak's Legacy Forests

Rare coastal forests on Washington's Olympic Peninsula are at risk of being logged



Protecting the Striped Peak Legacy Forests will preserve one of the Olympic Peninsula's last intact coastal forest ecosystems. The Striped Peak Legacy Forests are located in Clallam County, WA, along the Salish Sea and near the base of Olympic National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve.

Striped Peak contains rare coastal forest ecosystems, including stands of trees over 200 years old. The area is culturally significant. It contains an old village site and is a place for tribal citizens to gather native and medicinal plants as well as cedar bark.

Conservation of this region will safeguard wildlife habitat, maintain the popular trail network, and protect a landscape essential to maintaining biodiversity. Visited by about 20,000 people a year, we cannot lose this coastal gem.

## What is happening?

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plans to log approximately 300 acres of forest in the Striped Peak Recreation Area, which they manage. It is located next to the Salt Creek Recreation Area, a Clallam County park. Two timber sales, "Tiger Stripes" and "Bird's Eye View," would clearcut large portions of this rare coastal forest and cut across a big portion of the Striped Peak Trail / Straight Slope Trail. The Tiger Stripes sale has already been auctioned to Murphy Company, and the Bird's Eye View sale (originally not scheduled until 2028) could move forward in early 2027 unless we act now.



OnX Map showing the location of the Strait Slope / Striped Peak Trail (in blue) and location of planned timber sales - Birds Eye View and Tiger Stripes Sorts (in red). The Salt Creek Recreation Area and Tongue Point are to the left (west) of the trail.

## Take action:

- 1) If you are an individual or business who cares about these forests visit our webpage to click on the link add your name to our sign-on letter asking the DNR to protect them.
- 2) Call and email the head elected official, Commissioner of Public Lands, Dave Uthergrove (who oversees the DNR) as well as other policymakers. Tell them why they should protect the Striped Peak Legacy Forests next to Salt Creek Recreation Area.

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- 3) Email 5 friends asking them to do the same.

## What's our plan?

We are working with community members and volunteer experts to gather important data to support the creation of the Striped Peak Conservation Area. DNR already has a program to create conservation areas and manages approximately 128,000 acres as part of natural areas. Areas may be conserved for many reasons, including because they are outstanding examples of native ecosystems, habitat for endangered, threatened, and sensitive plants and animals, and scenic landscapes. Either the Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands (Dave Uthergrove) or the Washington State Legislature can create a conservation area.

The Striped Peak area has all of these characteristics and more - rare plants and lichens; migratory and birding areas; cougar dens and other wildlife; and ancient trees. Low-impact recreation (such as hiking trails) and outdoor education are also key attributes of conservation areas.

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