



## **Cascadia Wildlands Project April, 2008**

### **The Exhibit**

This exhibit weaves art, ecology, activism, and wilderness experience into a vibrant interpretation of Cascadia's wild places and conservation movement. From photos that capture the art inherent in natural forms to short films illuminating the struggle to protect endangered ecosystems, the exhibit explores political, social, ecological, economic, and spiritual elements of wildland conservation. The exhibit displays works by several local artists with diverse backgrounds and ideologies. Although some works differ from the Cascadia Wildlands Project in philosophy or strategy, they offer a forum for discussion, reflection, and education.

This confluence of art and wildlands conservation epitomizes the City of Eugene's motto, "World's Greatest City of the Arts and Outdoors." Proceeds from exhibit sales benefit both the Cascadia Wildlands Project and DIVA, two critical nonprofit organizations working to enhance the quality of life in our community.

### **The Cascadia Wildlands Project**

The Cascadia Wildlands Project protects and restores the forests, waters, and wildlife of Cascadia. We educate, organize, advocate, and agitate to protect the beauty, ecological integrity, and future of the Cascadia bioregion. We envision vast hills of old growth forests, rivers full of salmon, wolves howling in the mountains, and vibrant communities sustained by these unique landscapes.

Founded in 1997 by a group of experienced forest activists, the Cascadia Wildlands Project has become a leader in the Pacific Northwest's grassroots conservation movement. Over the past 10 years, we have safeguarded roadless forests, protected imperiled fish and wildlife, and made old-growth forest protection a viable policymaking platform. Our primary goals are to permanently protect all remaining old-growth forests on public lands in Oregon, educate the public on the values of natural disturbances such as wildfire, restore landscapes degraded by unsustainable resource extraction, and recover imperiled wildlife species. We work with northwest communities to promote sustainable land management practices and excellent outdoor recreation opportunities.