Please help complete the Wildcat Falls Community Forest!



Dear Friend of Wildcat Falls,

We are in the final stretches of establishing the Wildcat Falls Community Forest, and still have some distance to go in raising the final necessary funds. Our fundraising momentum over the past two and a half years has included securing a US Forest Service (USFS) grant to cover 50% of the acquisition. Additionally, we have reached out to conservation groups and foundations who have responded with \$44,500, and over one hundred individual donors have contributed \$41,500. In order to take advantage of all funds raised to date, we must complete this project in the third quarter of 2020.

The groundwork to finalize this project has been laid. The appraisal for the Community Forest is completed and certified, and is consistent with our anticipated budget. A firm purchase agreement has been signed, the title commitment is prepared, and a surveyor is retained. A trail has been carefully designed and established, so that visitors will be able to make an enjoyable self- guided tour of the falls and a rock outcrop. Our community outreach continues, and we are here to answer your questions and listen to your suggestions. This effort is now over a decade of work for a small group who have been tenacious in protecting public enjoyment of this special place and preserving the ecological integrity of its old growth trees, rock outcrops, waterfalls and other incredible features of flora and fauna.

To complete the Wildcat Falls Community Forest, we need your help. Fulfilling this project is well within our grasp, but we still must raise additional funds to match the USFS grant and foundation sources. **Our goal is to raise \$30,000 by July 2020**. If you can help once again, or for the first time, your gift is much appreciated. If you are unable to make a gift at this time but wish to pledge for year end, funds will be still needed to satisfy this project for some time.

