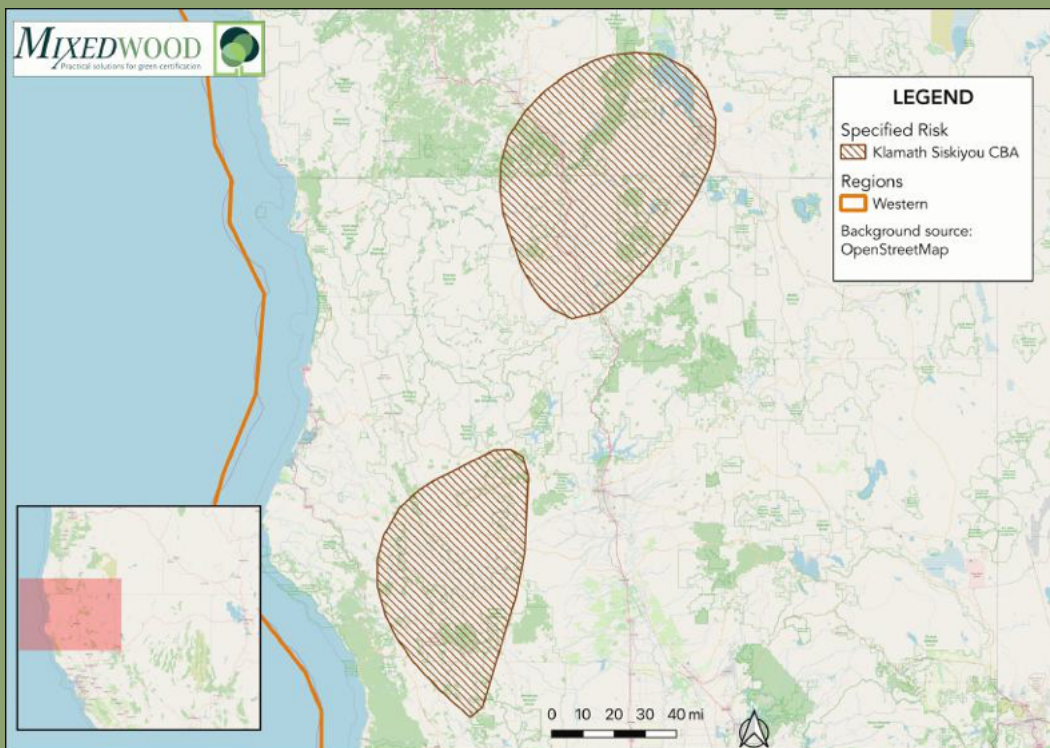


Description

The biodiversity in the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion is driven by geologic, topographic, and climatic complexity and history. The region was not covered by glaciers during recent ice ages, which mean that it provided a refuge for many species that did not survive elsewhere. Additionally, the diversity in the geophysical landscapes has resulted in many unique combinations of characteristics in different places that promote a diversity of forest and other ecosystem types. In turn, this high diversity of unique fine- scale habitats supports a very large number of terrestrial and aquatic species, including many invertebrate and plant species. The forest-based biodiversity in the Klamath-Siskiyou is largely sustained in diverse mixed conifer stands that are adapted to low- to mid-severity and frequency fires.¹

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU CBA

FSC Controlled Wood
Specified Risk Fact Sheet



FSC US
Region: Pacific Coast

Type: Critical Biodiversity Area (CBA)

NRA Category: HCV 3.1

Scope: moderate

¹Forest Stewardship Council. (2018). FSC US Controlled Wood Regional Meeting Report Pacific Coast & Rocky Mountain Regions: Portland, OR. Retrieved from <https://us.fsc.org/download.controlled-wood-regional-meeting-report-pacific-coast-rocky-mountain-regions.a-704.pdf>





High Conservation Value (HCV)

This CBA is considered an HCV because it contains a high overall species richness, diversity, or uniqueness within a defined area compared to other sites within the same biogeographic area. The CBA was identified using a species richness index originally published by NatureServe and The Nature Conservancy that identifies areas with high concentrations of rare species.

Recommended Mitigation

- **Avoidance:** verified evidence that wood procurement is not active in the identified area.
- **Education & Outreach:** information sharing with landowners, loggers, wood suppliers.
- **Procurement Policy:** supporting and promoting conservation.

Mitigation Resources

- **Pacific Forest Trust website**. Project description & support opportunity.
- **Partnership for Forestry Education** - Oregon: Know your Forest. Educational Website for OR Forest Landowners.
- **Siskiyou Field Institute website**. Program description & support opportunity.
- **Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center**. Program description & support opportunity.

Information Sources

- **Conservation Biology Institute**: Assessment of the Klamath-Siskiyou. Online summary with links to publication.
- **California Wilderness Coalition** - Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Area Additions: Fact Sheet PDF.

