

Forest Park: Conceptual Future Conditions

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This map is conceptual in nature and shows ideal conditions for balancing ecological health with reducing fire risk, based on an analysis of terrain features and fire risk factors. This map is not intended to suggest that every acre of Forest Park should be managed toward its desired condition. Many of the changes will occur naturally over time based on normal ecological processes.

Native Shrubs

These locations are primarily under powerlines, where the current vegetation is a mix of native shrubs as well as noxious invasives such as Himalayan blackberry and Scotch broom. The long-term goal is to minimize the role of invasives in these areas.

Oak - Deciduous Forest

There are currently several small areas along the eastern edge of the park that support residual Oregon white oak communities. At elevations below 500' and on south and east aspects - dry sites - restoration and expansion of Oregon white oak habitat is desirable due to its value for wildlife and its uniqueness within the park.

Mixed Forest






Douglas-fir mixes with bigleaf maple and red alder over much of the park. These mixed stands are relatively fire resistant because the deciduous species are much less flammable than evergreens.

As the forest ages, increasing numbers of evergreens such as hemlock, western red-cedar, and grand fir are expected to replace the deciduous trees. This will increase the risk of wildfire. By favoring deciduous trees, particularly on drier south-facing slopes and near homes and roads, long-term fire risk can be reduced.

Evergreen Forest

These areas are mainly on cooler, moister north slopes, where accumulations of hemlock and cedar in the understory will not pose as great a fire risk as on drier sites. These areas will naturally tend toward evergreen dominance with no intervention.

Additional Map Elements

-  Park Boundary*
-  Fire Road or Other Closed Road
-  Streets
-  Water
-  Structures

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



* Park Boundary layer includes the Holman Property, Madley Park, the Pittock Mansion Acres, and Limton Park which adjoin Forest Park.

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