FOREST LAND USE DESIGNATIONS IN THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

Interactive web maps:
http://www.gorgecommission.org/scenic-area/maps/
Management Plan forest protections

Land Use Designations maintain forest lands in forest
  ◦ Limits conversion
  ◦ New residences are not permitted in Large Woodland or Commercial Forest (new policy)

Large minimum parcel sizes
  ◦ Properties cannot be split up

Fire protection policies protect forests from ignitions
  ◦ Home design, siting, materials
  ◦ Raising awareness of Firewise principles
What about forestry?

The National Scenic Area Act (federal legislation) protects the rights of non-federal forest landowners provided by state laws in the GMA

- In the GMA, forest practices are managed under either Washington or Oregon’s Forest Practices Act (ODF or DNR).
- In the SMAs, forest practices are managed under the state FPAs and reviewed by the U.S. Forest Service for consistency with the Management Plan.
- Forest practices, except for resource enhancement projects to improve forest health, are not allowed in designated Open Space.
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Approaches to Climate Adaptation in NSA Forests
Example climate change actions considered by the Commission

Ecological Resilience
(restoration, fuels reduction)
- Support all-lands efforts to restore and enhance forest health (e.g. ECOP)
- Simplify or reduce permitting for projects that build ecological resilience

Fire Prevention
(keeping homes out of forests, education)
- Prohibit or remove development from high risk and high severity areas (e.g. new MP policy)
- Landowner outreach and partnerships (e.g. UCD)

Community Protection
(minimizing damage and losses)
- Explore Fire Adapted Communities opportunities
- Support emergency planning and services?