

# McKenzie River Corridor Vision 2010 Statement

The McKenzie River Valley is a landscape of rural farms, communities and forests. The history of the corridor is reflected in the home sites, communities, and recreational opportunities of the area. The highway through the corridor has received national attention as one of the country's most scenic highways. Residents are proud of the highway and their successful efforts to decrease the amount of long distance truck traffic through the corridor and to reduce vehicle speeds through the communities.

People traveling through the corridor see the clear, clean, cascading waters of the McKenzie River connecting a number of small, attractive, prosperous, and safe rural communities. The McKenzie River Corridor attracts visitors year-round who enjoy fishing, water activities, hiking, bicycling, winter sports, camping, sight seeing, and photographic opportunities. Both wild and hatchery fish populations are prospering in the watershed. There are many popular restaurants and business attractions in the corridor. New cottage industries, compatible with the rural character of the area help provide a stable, self-sufficient economy for the residents.

The schools of the corridor are the focal point of learning for all residents. People of all ages and interests work together on projects to improve the quality of life in the corridor. Residential and business development is carefully regulated to preserve the natural, rural appearance and beauty of the corridor. Land use management practices are strictly enforced in order to preserve the rural setting and maintain the highest levels of water quality. The McKenzie River Corridor has received state and national attention as a model watershed emphasizing sustainable practices in uses of natural and human resources.