



PLAY, STAY, MAKE A DIFFERENCE: STEWARDSHIP FUNDS RETURN BENEFITS TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Whether staying for a weekend in Jackson Hole, stopping to enjoy the ancient forests surrounding Lake Quinault Lodge or visiting the Timberline Lodge National Historic Landmark, your visits to many of America's premiere destinations offer the added bonus of surrounding National Forests chock full of outdoor recreation opportunities.

For the past five years, the National Forest Foundation has been providing a way for visitors to help protect these places where they play. At a variety of businesses, guests can contribute \$1 per room night, ski lift ticket, raft trip, or golf game. The NFF's Ski Conservation Fund and Forest Stewardship Fund take those collective donations, leverage them with additional support, and turn them into the good work that ensures vibrant forests and quality outdoor experiences.

The small mountain community of Sisters, Ore., has put the stewardship fund idea to work in a big way for their beloved rivers. Here within the Deschutes National Forest, a half dozen lodges have banded together to ensure a bright future for the Metolius River and Whychus Creek through guest contributions.

From Vail to Snowbird, many other resorts are demonstrating how the dollars add up to tremendous conservation benefits. Here's just a sampling of the valuable work skiers and other outdoors enthusiasts have supported in recent years:

WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO ▶

Do you remember a particularly amazing summer job? Thanks to contributions from guests at Vail Resorts, two interns with the Student Conservation Association had the opportunity to spend a summer as wilderness rangers in the spectacular Holy Cross, Eagle's Nest, and Flat Tops Wilderness Areas. Maintaining backcountry trails and campsites, they were no strangers to crosscut saws, pulaskis, and other hand tools of wilderness managers. Visitors to the White River National Forest will benefit from their hard work for years to come, and these interns will long remember their summer working and sleeping in the wilderness.



UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST, UTAH ▲

As snow sports enthusiasts know, healthy watersheds are integral to a great ski season. Guests at Snowbird Resorts can rest easy knowing that their contributions have helped improve Little Cottonwood, Big Cottonwood, and Millcreek canyons. As part of the Healthy Watershed Restoration Program, the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation brought together over 700 volunteers to improve trails, repair road crossings, and treat invasive species on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.



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INYO NATIONAL FOREST, CALIFORNIA ▲

Boot soles, horse hooves, livestock feed, and tire treads—these are just a few of the ways that non-native plants find their way into our National Forests. At Mono Lake, where underground, geyser-like seeps support unique plant and animal species, rapidly

spreading white sweet clover is a threat to native species along the lakeshore. Mammoth Mountain's guests made it possible for almost 200 volunteers to combat invasive weeds, helping to protect Mono Lake's distinctive shoreline habitat.

DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST, OREGON

Anyone who's ever tied a fly or baited a hook knows that fish thrive in the nooks and crannies in streams and rivers, finding cover in cool pools made by trees and brush. Without this streamside cover, fish populations can dwindle. That's why the Upper Deschutes River Coalition, with funding from guest contributions made at Sunriver Resort and Sun Country Tours, spent a summer placing large woody debris along the banks of the Deschutes River. Many hands—from youth volunteers to giant machines—are working together to improve the river's fish and wildlife habitat.

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As you're planning your next outdoor getaway, consider visiting one of these locations. Not only will you be treated to beautiful surroundings, but you'll have the opportunity to become a steward of public lands. Each of these businesses collects guest contributions to support stewardship of the surrounding National Forest.

CALIFORNIA

- China Peak
- Heavenly Mountain Resort
- Kirkwood Mountain Resort
- Mt. Shasta Ski and Board
- Northstar at Tahoe
- Sierra at Tahoe
- Sugar Bowl

COLORADO

- Arapahoe Basin Ski & Snowboard Area
- Beaver Creek Resort
- Breckenridge Ski Resort
- Copper Mountain Resort
- Keystone Resort
- The Lodge and Spa at Cordillera
- Vail Mountain
- Winter Park Resort

NEW MEXICO

- Ski Apache

OREGON

- Black Butte Ranch
- Cascade Vacation Rentals
- Cold Springs Resort
- Cooper Spur Mountain Resort
- Lake Creek Lodge
- Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort
- Skamania Lodge
- Sun Country Tours
- Sunriver Resort
- Timberline Lodge and Ski Area

UTAH

- Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort

WASHINGTON

- Lake Quinault Lodge

WYOMING

- Jackson Hole Mountain Resort
- Togwotee Mountain Lodge