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## **Northwest leaders will gather in Enterprise to promote community forestry**

*Dozens of cities, land trusts, foresters and more will gather May 7-9 at for  
NW Community Forestry Coalition Forum & Field Tour at Cloverleaf Hall*

Against the backdrop of one of the region's most successful community forests – East Moraine – several local land nonprofits are hosting the Northwest Community Forest Coalition Forum & Field Tour next month. It is a multi-day event bringing practitioners together to learn, share, and collaborate around opportunities for community forests across the region.

“Hosting the NWCFC is an opportunity to share the East Moraine Community Forest with our colleagues in the region,” said Katy Nesbitt of Wallowa County. “I look forward to learning how other community forests around the northwest are managed.”

Wallowa Resources is co-hosting the event locally with Wallowa County and Wallowa Land Trust, as well as Sustainable Northwest, a regional nonprofit that organizes the Northwest Community Forest Coalition. The coalition is a network of more than 40 active community forests spanning upwards of 215,000 acres. The coalition shares information, offers networking, and helps increase the capacity of the community forest movement.

This year's forum will include discussions about:

- Different approaches for creating community forests in Union and Wallowa counties.
- How regional or national nonprofits can support community-led forest conservation.
- Tips for managing recreation, hunting, and access on community forests.
- Alternative funding mechanisms to leverage community forest acquisitions.

To cap it all off, the group will visit both Mount Emily Recreation Area, in Union County and Wallowa East Moraine Community Forest, in Wallowa County.

To register, visit <https://www.nwcommunityforests.org/>