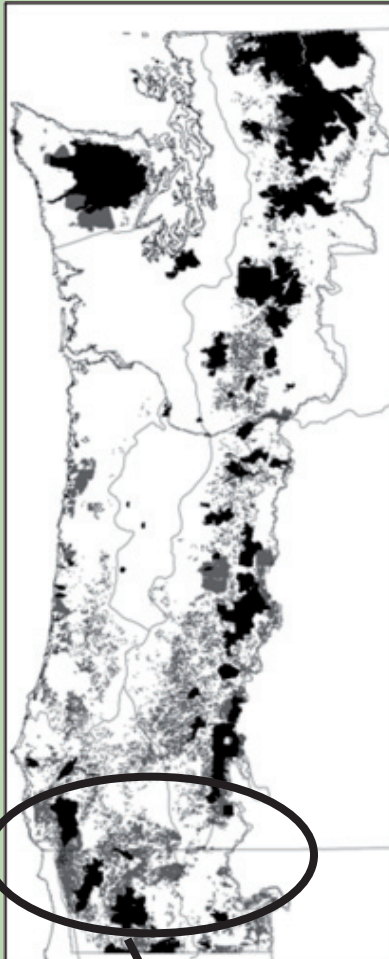


America's First Climate Refuge: The Siskiyou Crest National Monument



**The Siskiyou Crest along the
Oregon/California border.**

A recent scientific study by the Klamath Center for Conservation Research evaluated how the regional system of reserves across the Pacific Northwest can be made more resilient to the escalating impacts of global climate change.

They projected future species' distributions based on an ensemble of contrasting climate models, and incorporated uncertainty between alternate climate projections into the prioritization process. Their results suggest that systems of fixed reserves designed for resilience can increase the likelihood of retaining the biological diversity of forest ecosystems under climate change.

The black areas in this figure are already congressionally protected reserves, while the gray areas are identified as the highest priority areas for conservation.

This study concludes that the region including and surrounding the Siskiyou Crest along the Oregon/California border contains one of the highest concentrations of priority conservation areas across the entire Pacific Northwest.