

## **2.0. THE JACKSON CREEK WATERSHED.**

The Jackson Creek watershed is part of the Klamath geological province of southwest Oregon and northwest California, a large diverse ecological region long recognized by ecologists as uniquely different from adjoining areas. Vegetation diversity in the region is the product of a long history and a wide variety of contrasting environmental factors involving climate, geology, soils, topography and biological elements. Superimposed over this environmental grid are the effects of management activities, urban development and natural disturbances (particularly fire events), and other human uses

of the landscape. This broad array of site factors coupled with major regional and local environmental gradients create a wide variety of ecological communities in southwest Oregon landscapes. As a result the Siskiyou Mountains, which include this watershed, have a particularly rich mixture of species from adjoining regions and great diversity in habitats.

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