RICK BROWN

Rick Brown is a biologist who has lived in Portland for 50+ years, where he worked and volunteered as an advocate for forest biodiversity conservation for some three decades before retiring in 2010. He worked for the National Wildlife Federation during the "forest wars" of the 1980s and 90s and for the Defenders of Wildlife as his attention turned to the complexities of conservation of the dry, fire-prone forests of eastern Oregon and the Intermountain West. In 2004, the journal Conservation Biology published his paper (along with co-authors James Agee and Jerry Franklin), Forest Restoration and Fire: Principles in the Context of Place. Rick has also served on the Board of Directors for several organizations: Portland Audubon, Oregon Natural Resources Council (now Oregon Wild), 350PDX and Oregon League of Conservation Voters. In 2008 the University of Oregon published his paper The Implications of Climate Change for Conservation, Restoration, and Management of National Forest Lands. Rick was a co-founder of MCAT's forest team. Retirement hasn't produced much in the way of spare time, but much of what there is goes to maintaining his wildlife and pollinator-friendly backyard habitat, aka "the jungle."

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