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Top of Busy Wild Creek, looking downstream into Nisqually Community Forest.
Photo taken from the parcel acquired with the PSE Foundation grant.

PSE Foundation provides \$500,000 to Nisqually Land Trust

The Puget Sound Energy Foundation has provided half a million dollars* to the Nisqually Land Trust to help them purchase property that is a key portion of their watershed. The property called Busy Wild North is 320 acres of forestland on Busy Wild Creek, which is the headwaters of the Mashel River, the largest tributary to the Nisqually River. It is the furthest headwaters of the 21-mile Busy Wild Creek–Mashel River corridor. Everything that happens on the property affects the entirety of the river system below it.

Acquiring this property will complete Phase One of the Nisqually Community Forest (NCF)—a 1,920-acre block of timberlands managed specifically to provide benefits to our local communities. The NCF is the first and largest community forest in Washington State and has created a model now being adopted throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Acquiring this property will allow the Nisqually Land Trust to change timber management and increase stream flow and water quality in Busy Wild Creek, especially during spawning season. This is key to the survival of Nisqually steelhead trout, which are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The \$500,000 grant from the PSE Foundation will go toward the total property cost.

*Puget Sound Energy and the PSE Foundation are wholly separate entities. No portion of this money came from customer dollars.

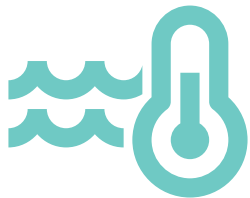
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