



Volunteer Activity: Snail Monitoring

Join us as we help survey for snails! Come out and help us search for and measure endangered Oregon Forestsnails.

The Work:

- We're looking for eager volunteers to help us monitor and count native snail species
- This will involve walking through the forest on a FVC property to 8 pre-set plots
- We will be on our hands and knees searching through leaf litter and around ferns to locate snails and slugs
- When found, snails and slugs will be picked up and placed in containers to be counted before they are released

Why It's Helpful:

- In the spring, snails emerge from the ground to feed and look for mates
- Monitoring helps us get an idea of changes in the forest
- Recapturing snails from previous years gives us information on their health
- Gives us an idea of how the population is doing and how long they live for

What To Expect:

- Surveys will be on warm days, preferably after a rain. The ground will likely be moist. You will be kneeling on the ground to search for snails.
- High visibility vests, gloves and snail collection containers will be provided
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable footwear (hiking boots recommended)
- All training will be provided on the day
- Surveys will take several hours
- There is no shelter or bathroom facilities on site



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