



Welcome to Cascadia



CASCADIA
DEPARTMENT *of* BIOREGION

A 501(c)3 nonprofit social
movement organization.



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At a time marked by the erosion of trust, truth and the fragmentation of our communities and ecosystems, new approaches to governance and right livelihood are not just a preference but a necessity.

The challenges we face—from ecological degradation to social polarization—cannot be solved by the same top-down, siloed systems that created them.

Everywhere we look, it is clear that people and communities are doing the work. So how do we come together, to visualize, connect and support work already happening?

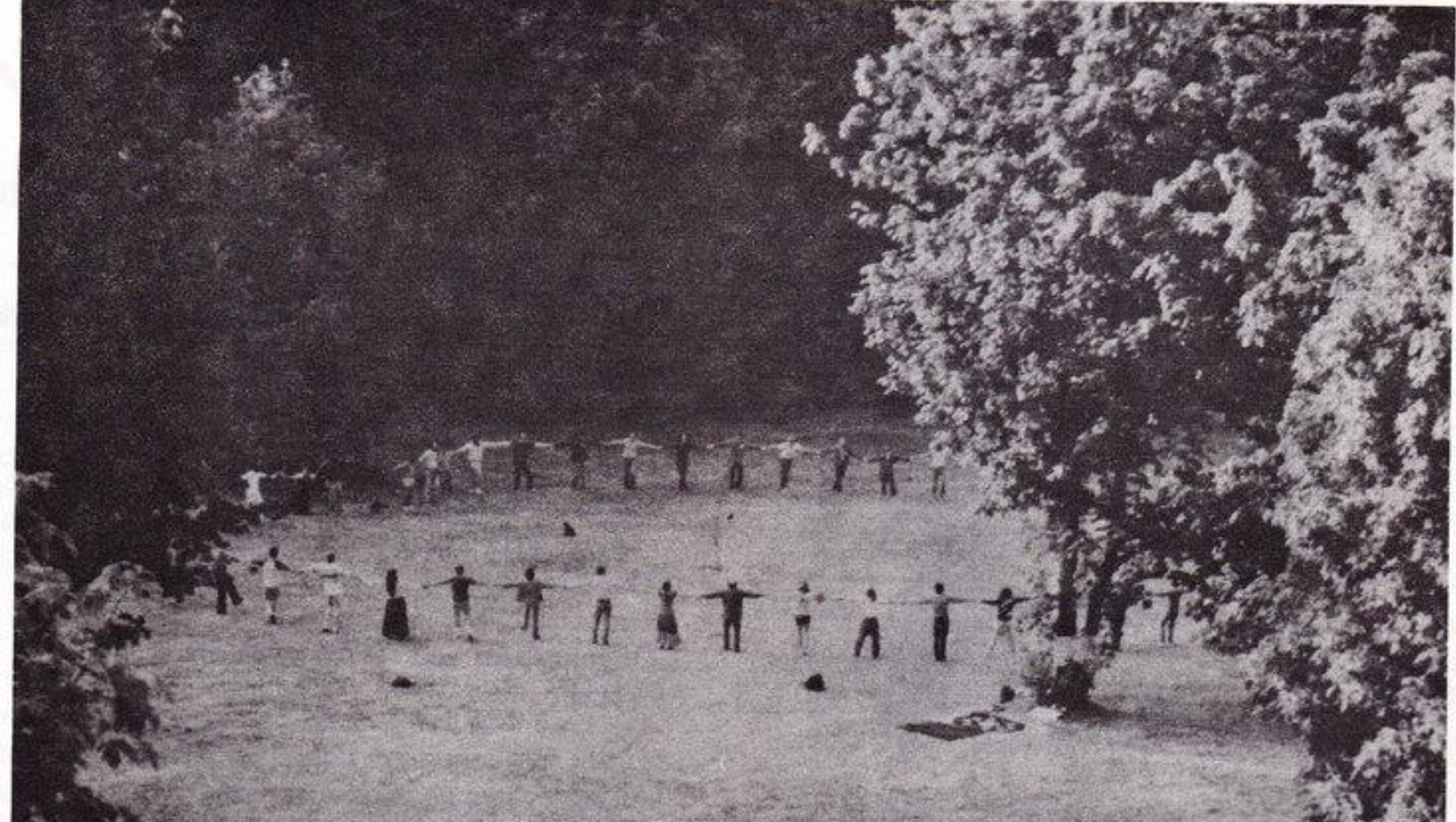
Here on Vashon, how do we grow relationships, trust and the social infrastructure we need to make shared decisions, coordinate, set priorities and flow resources as part of a coherent plan and strategy, not just here on one island, but the entire Salish Sea, or **across an entire bioregion?**

Right Relationship

How the Land Organizes Us

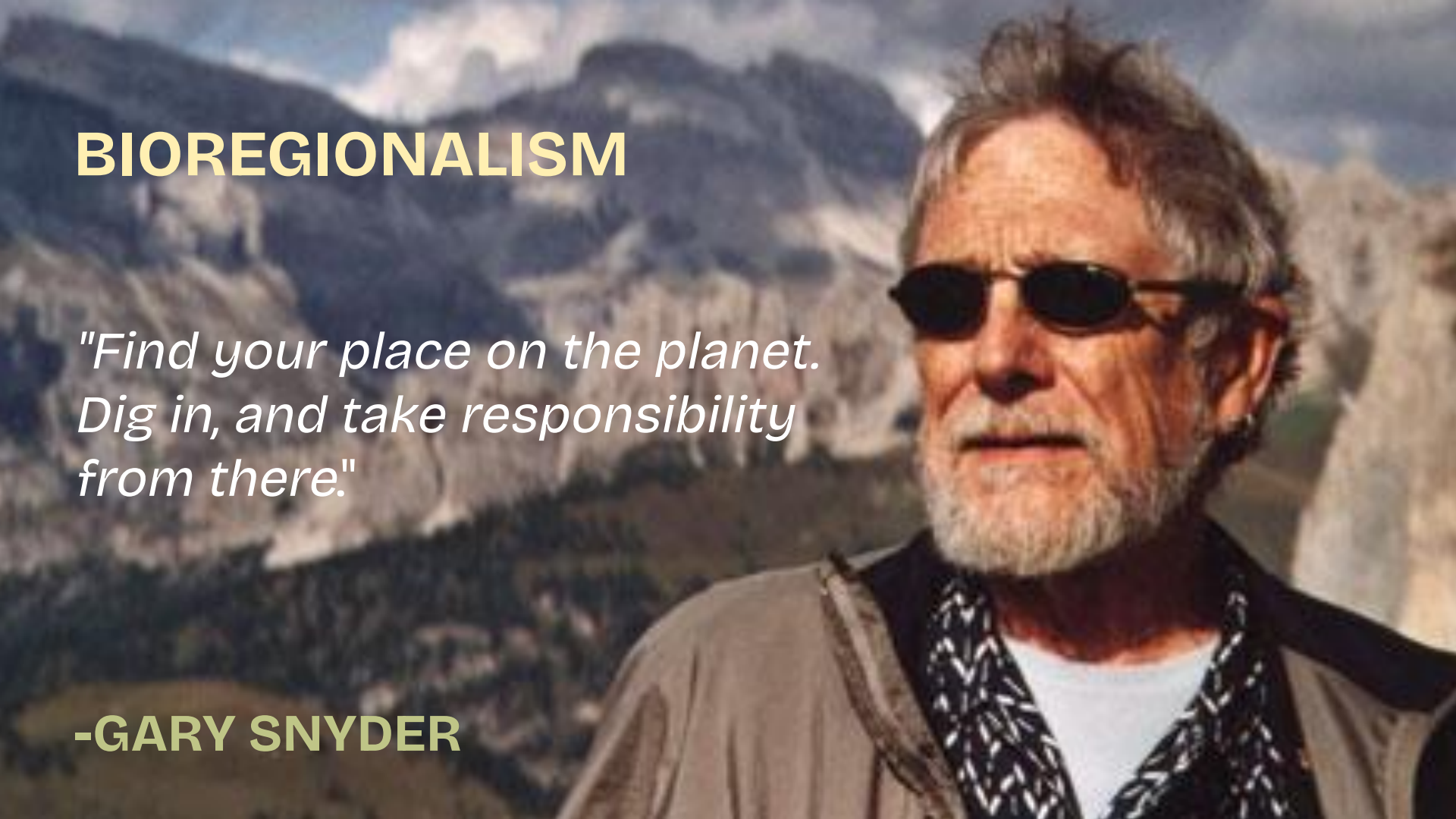
Regeneration

Bioregionalism



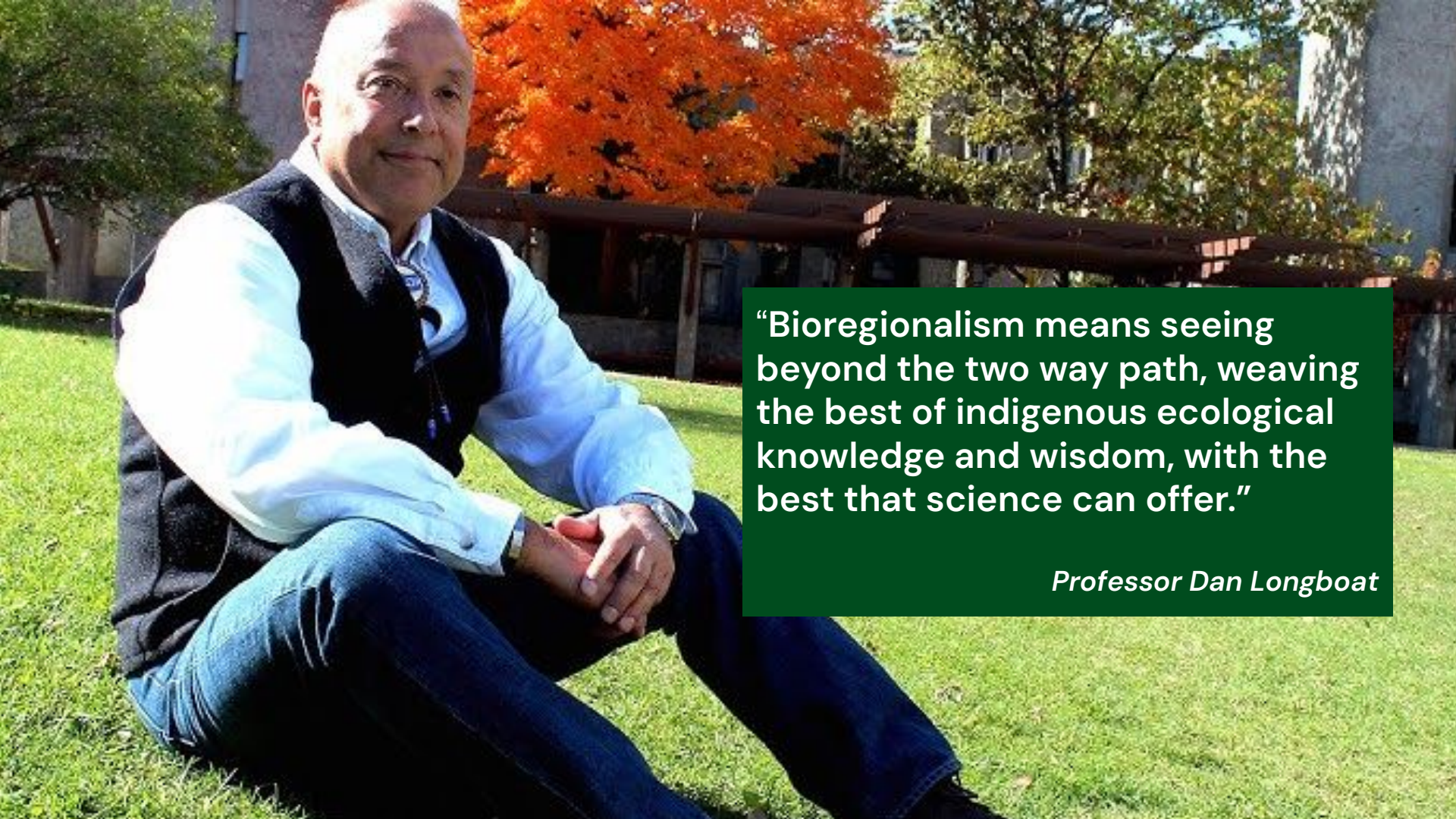


BIOREGIONALISM

A photograph of Gary Snyder, an older man with grey hair and a beard, wearing sunglasses and a patterned scarf. He is standing in a mountainous landscape with rocky peaks and some vegetation in the background.

*"Find your place on the planet.
Dig in, and take responsibility
from there."*

-GARY SNYDER

A man, Professor Dan Longboat, is sitting on a green lawn. He is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, a dark vest, and blue jeans. He has his hands clasped in his lap and is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. In the background, there are trees with vibrant orange and yellow autumn leaves, and a wooden structure, possibly a pergola or walkway, is visible. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

“Bioregionalism means seeing beyond the two way path, weaving the best of indigenous ecological knowledge and wisdom, with the best that science can offer.”

Professor Dan Longboat

Frameworks of Life... Bioregions and life places



Image: Willamette Valley

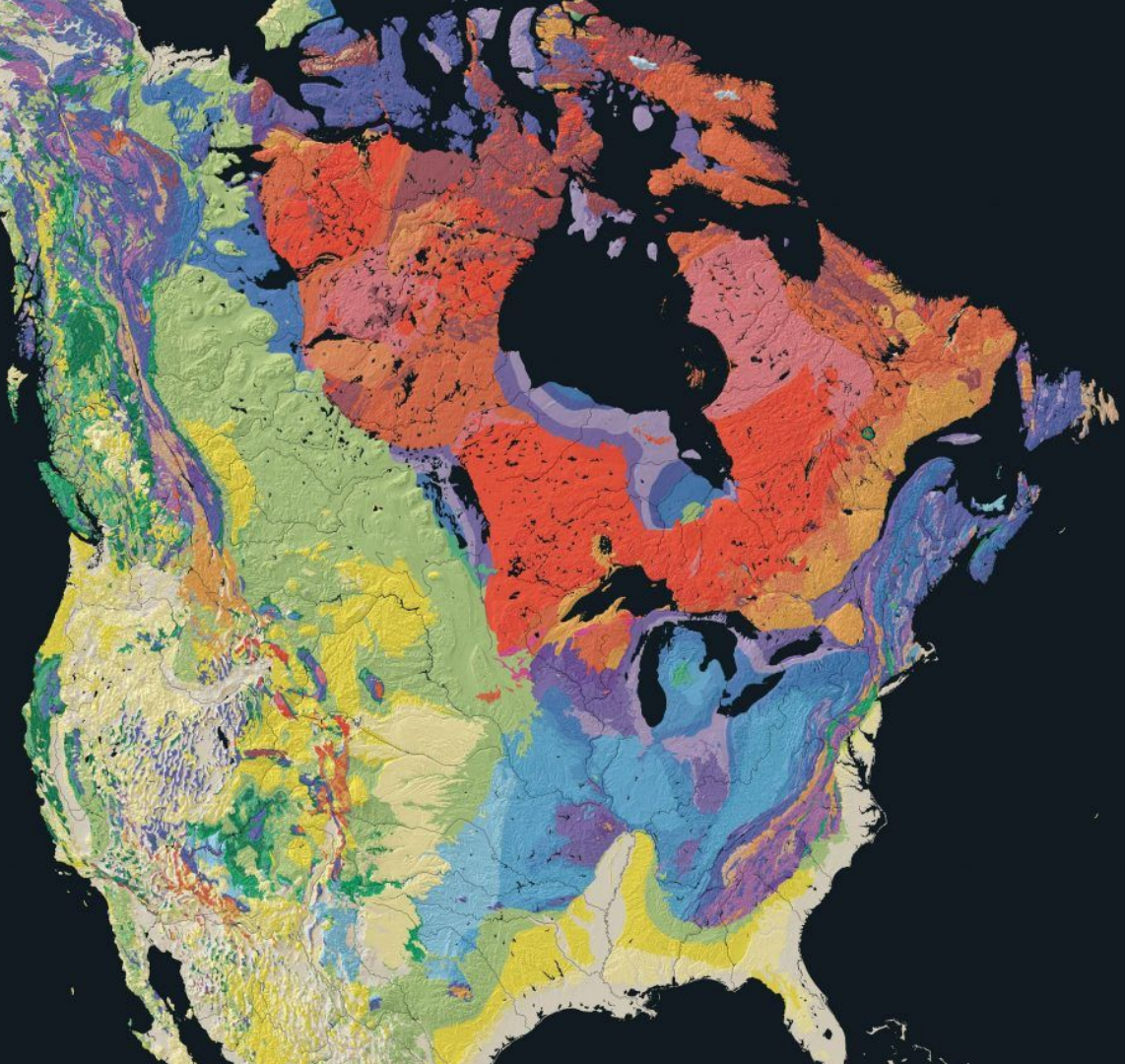


A satellite photograph of Earth from space, showing a curved horizon. On the left, a deep blue ocean meets a dark, forested coastline. To the right of the coast, a vast mountain range stretches across the frame, its peaks and ridges covered in patches of white snow or ice. The terrain is rugged, with deep valleys and winding river paths visible. The overall color palette is dominated by the blues of the ocean and sky, the greens and browns of the land, and the whites of the snow.

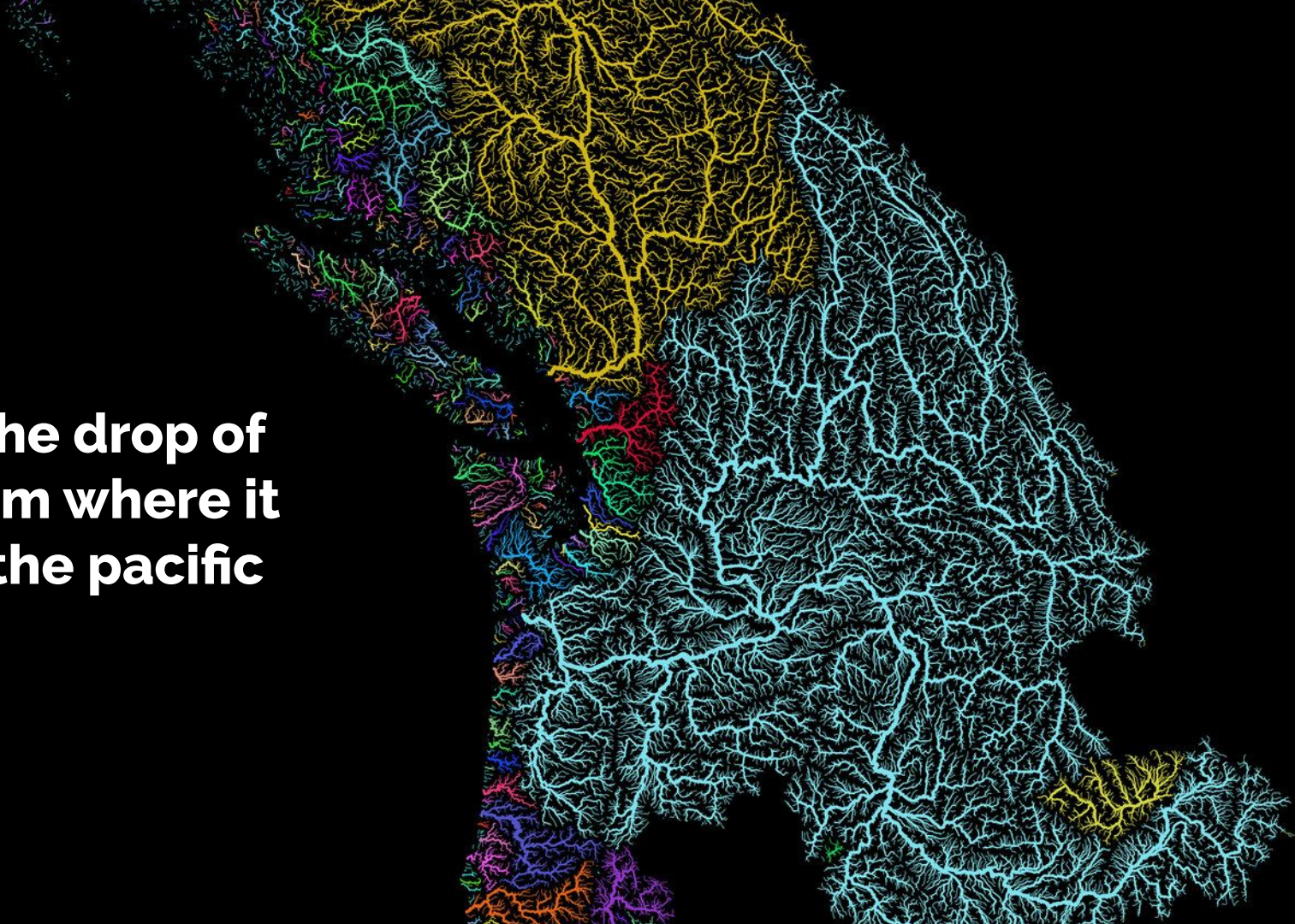
**Boundaries are
visible. Real.**

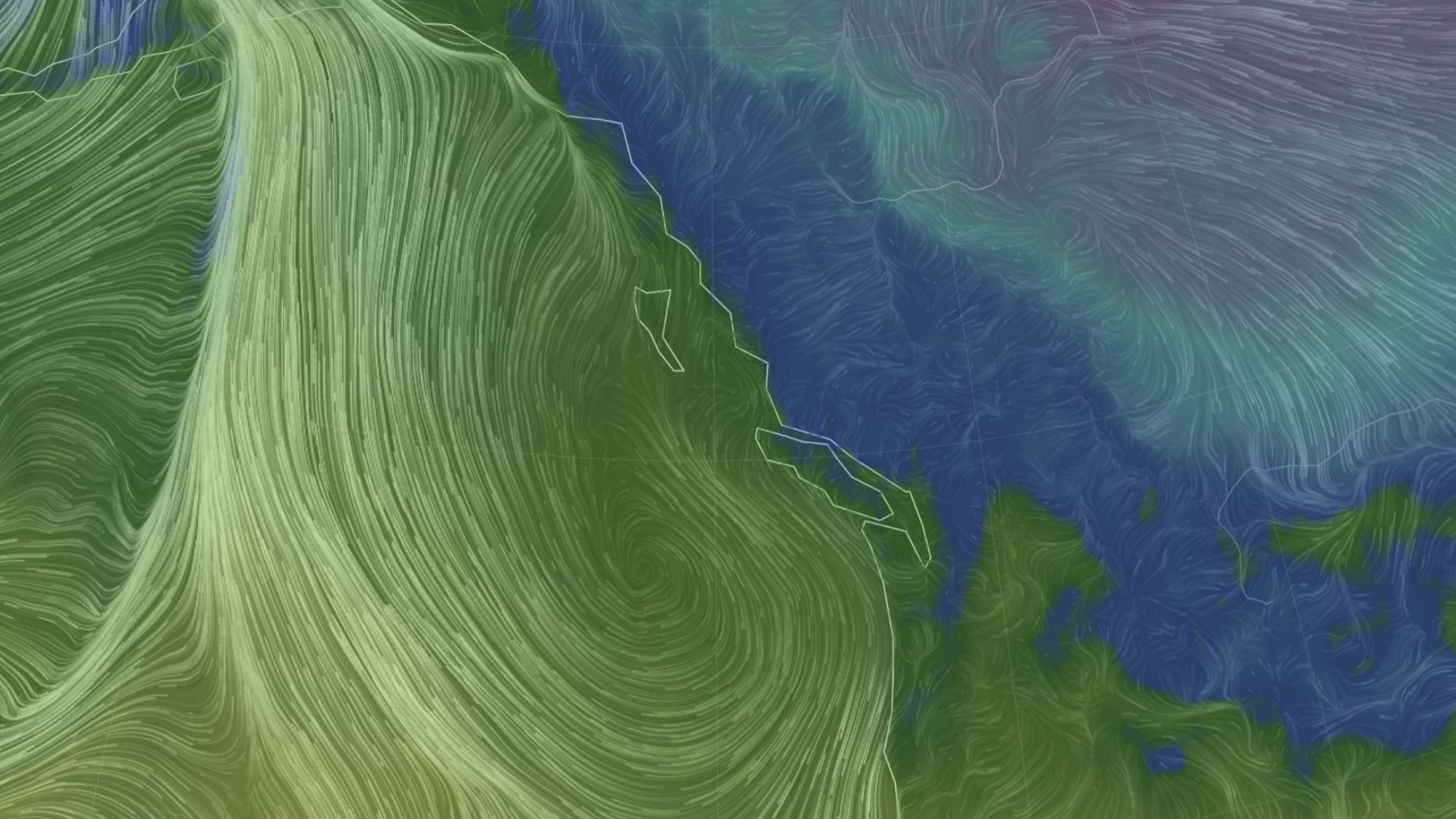
Geology.

**A story of deep
time.**



**Tracing the drop of
water from where it
lands to the pacific
ocean**





Pacific Northwest average annual precipitation
1961-1990

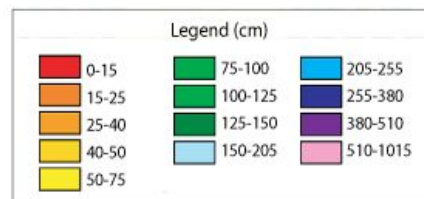
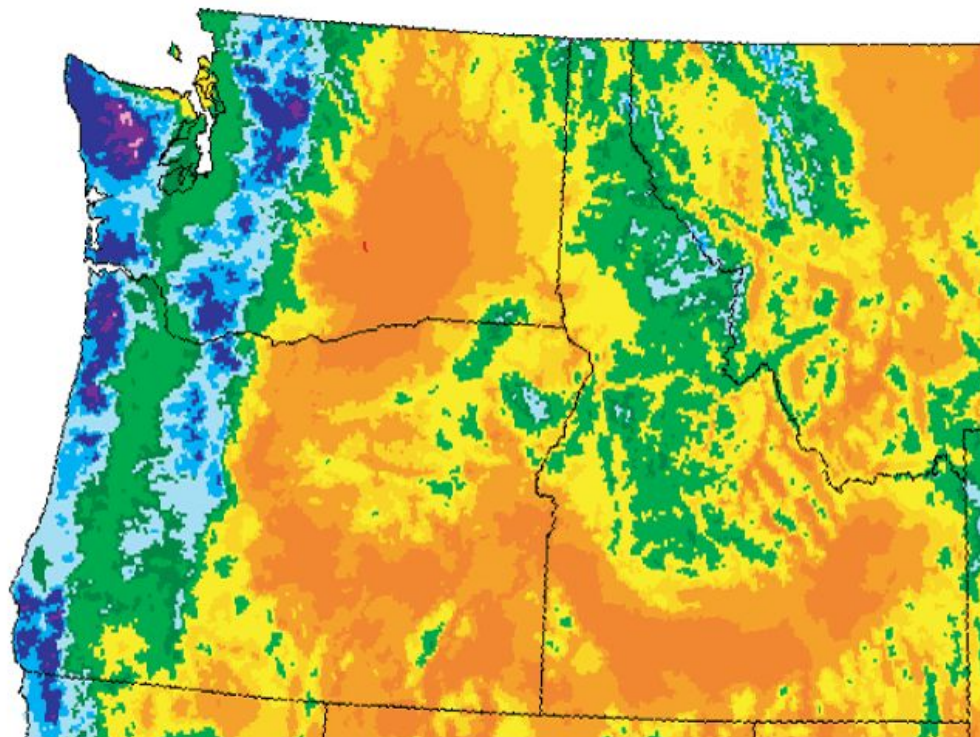
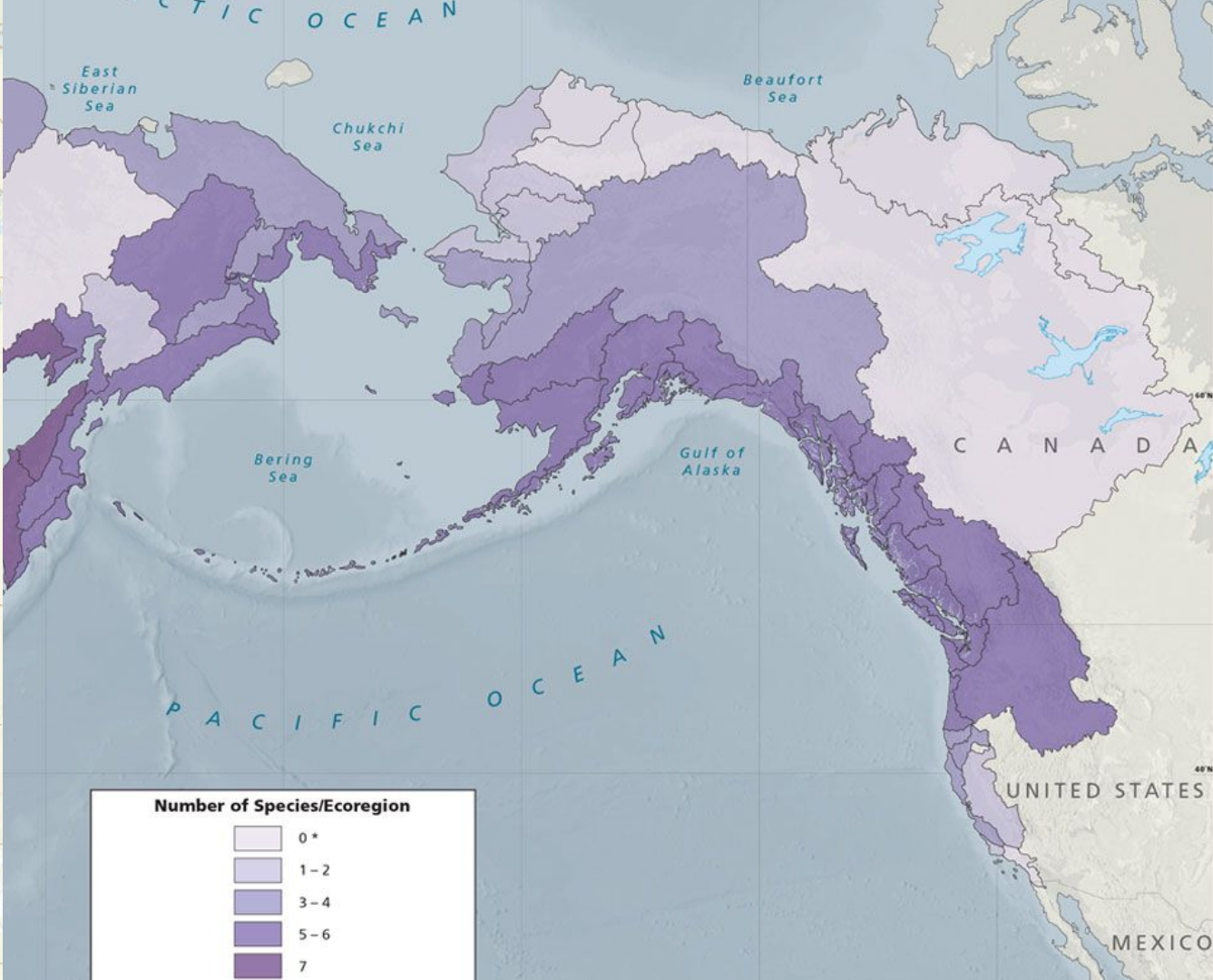


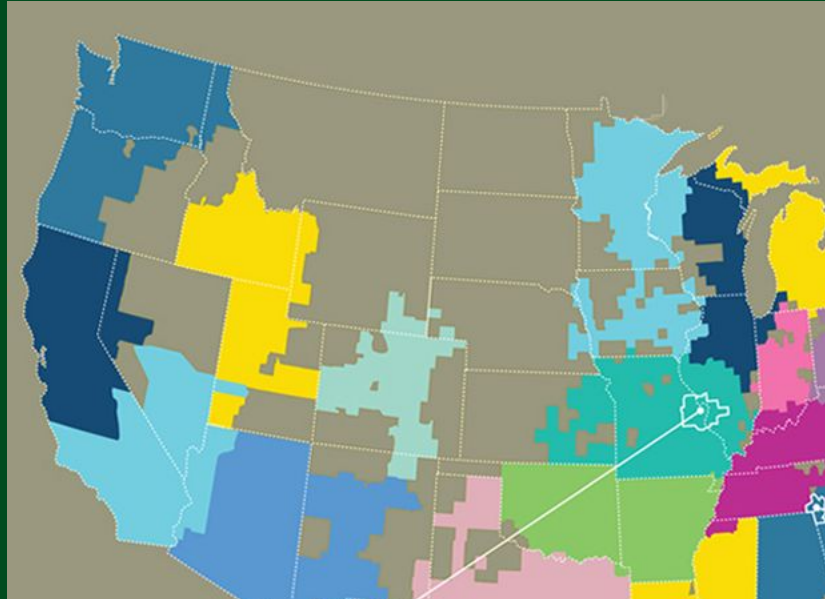
Figure courtesy of
Oregon Climate
Service (Oregon State
University)





How People Talk

2011 MIT Phone Map

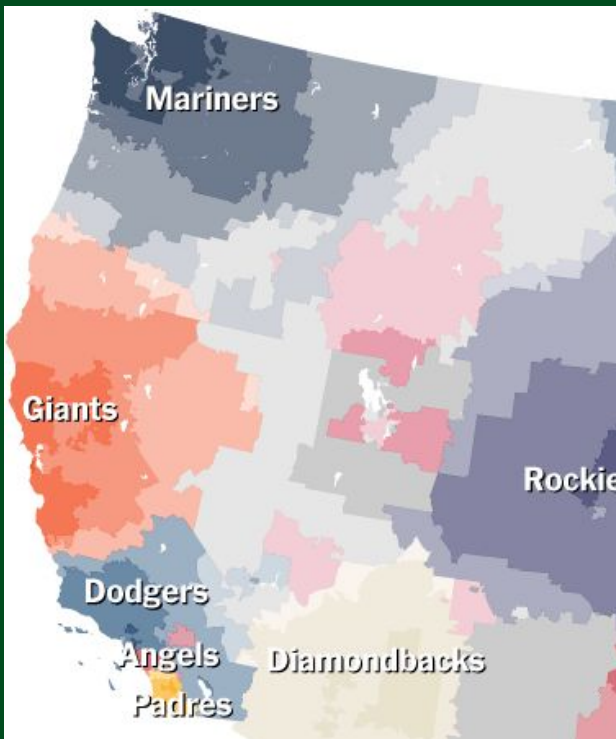


How We Spend Money

Where's George Project



Sports



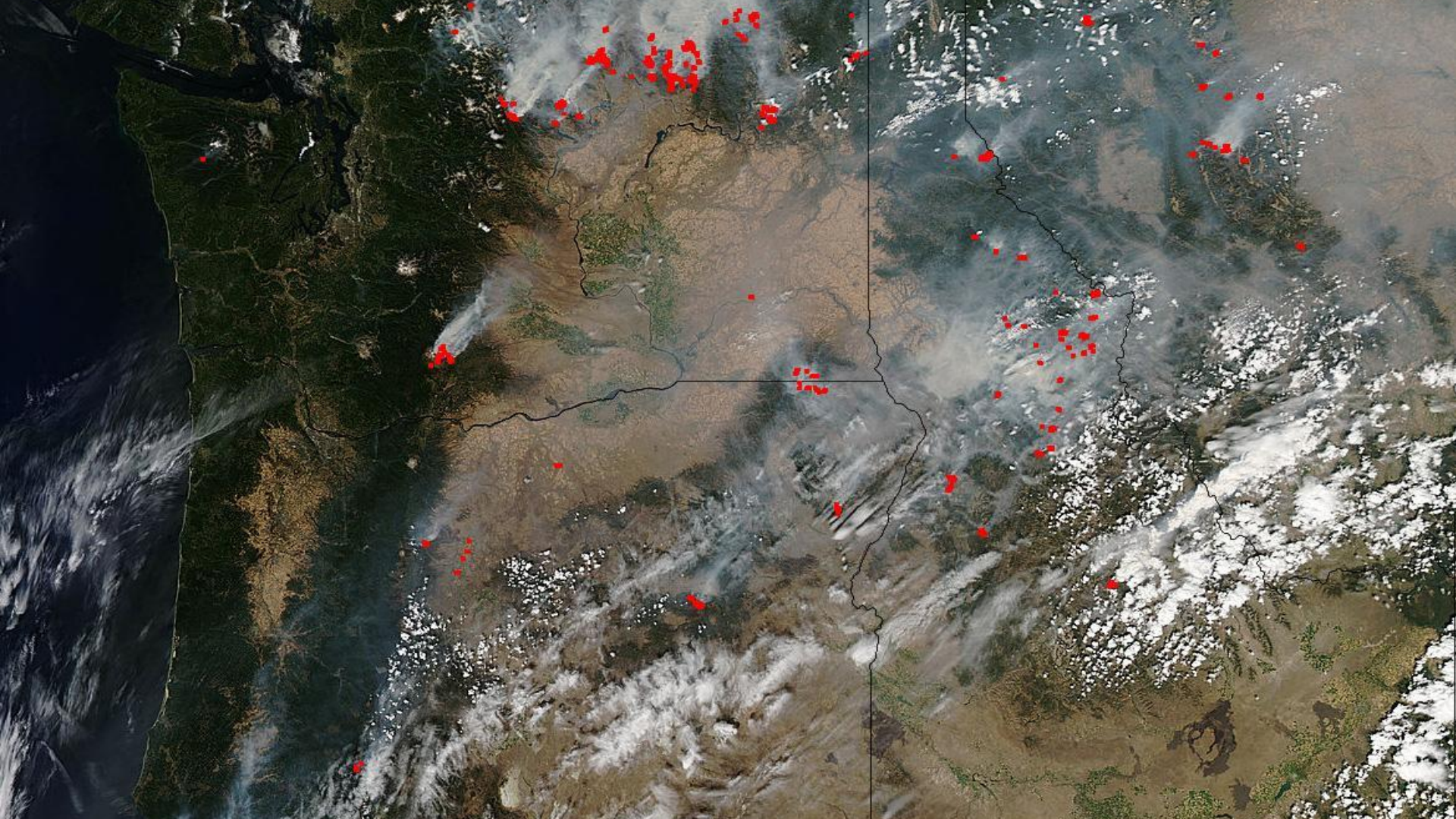
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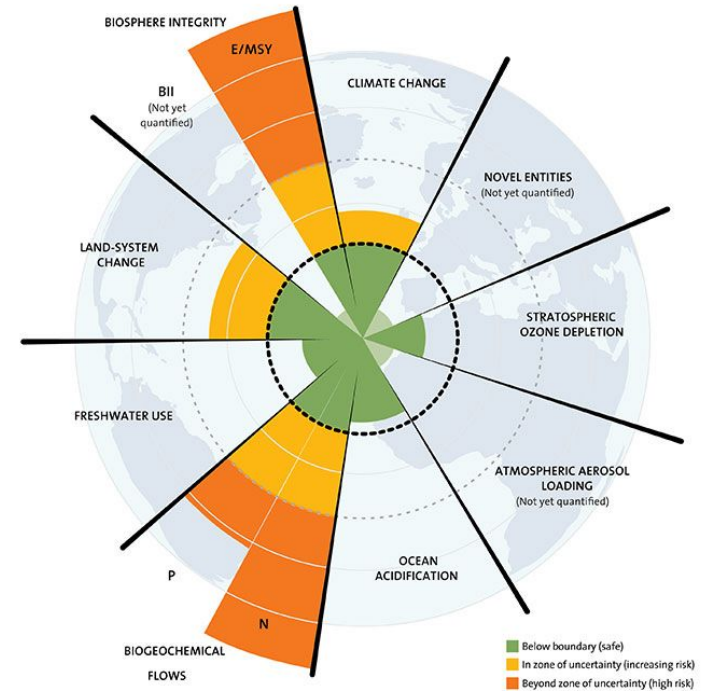


WATERSHEDS of NORTH AMERICA

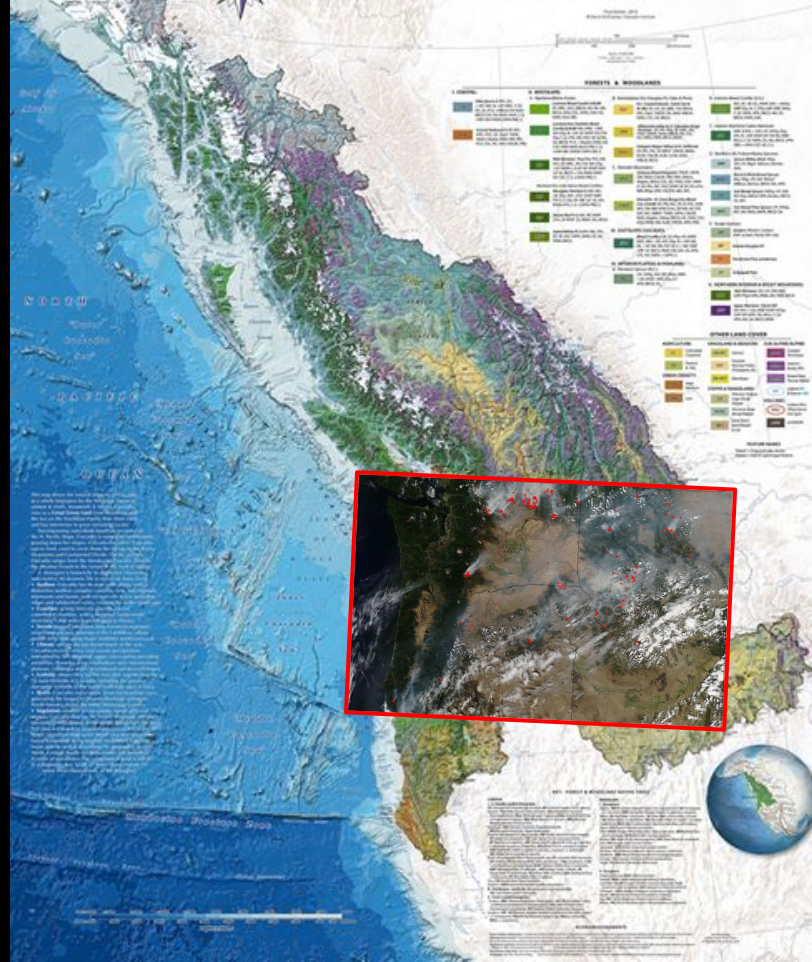
Nature's Borders



We are not doing this alone. Cascadia as part of a coherent global regeneration strategy with targeted, regenerative 'interventions'.



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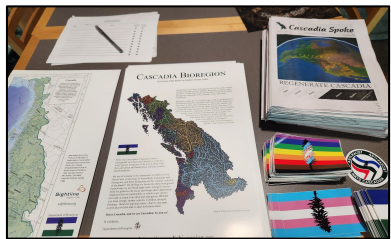
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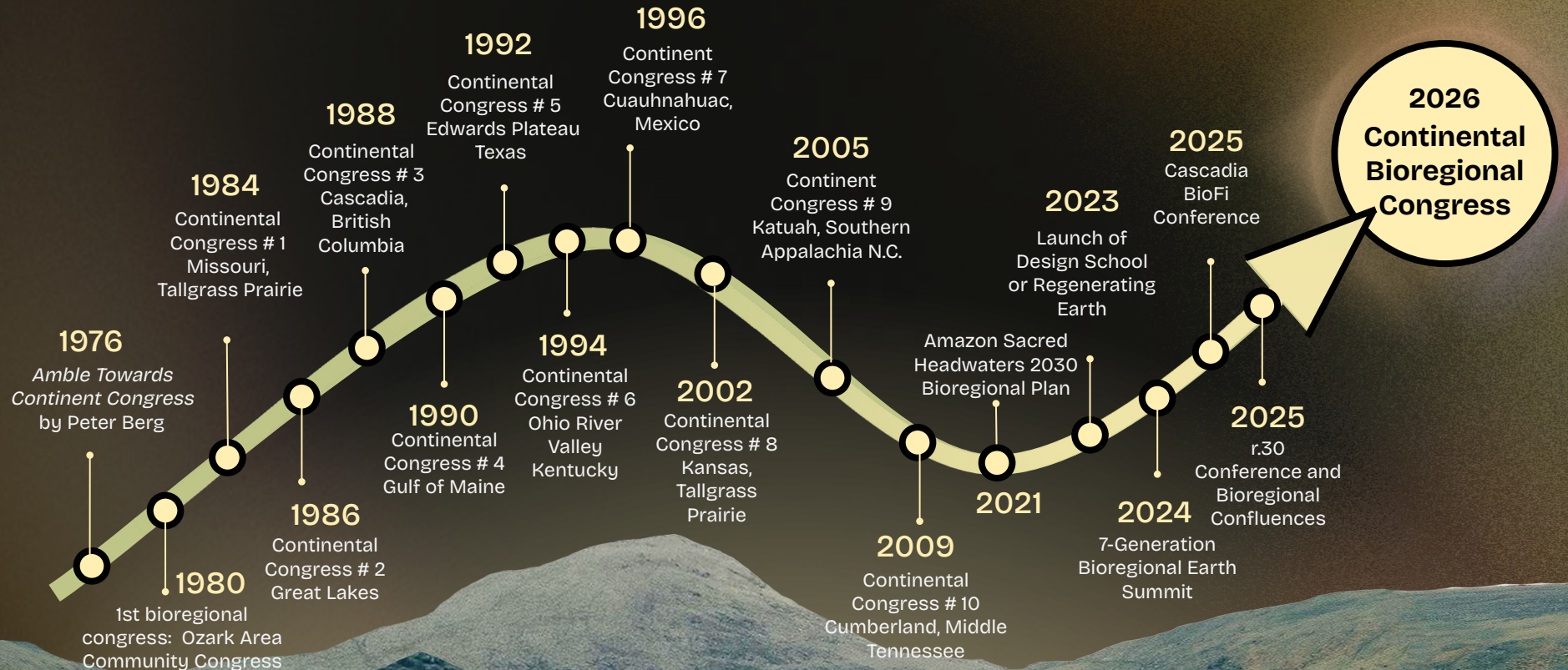
Cascadia - Vernonia, Oregon

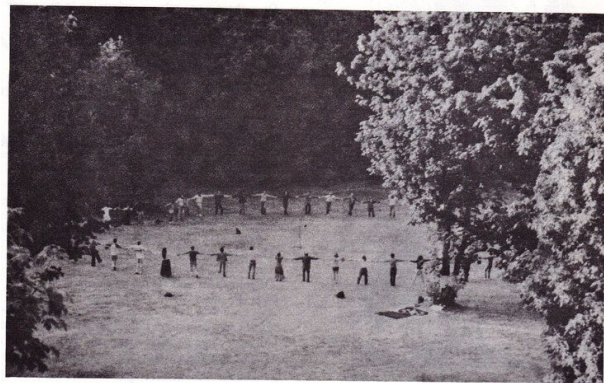


Uniting place-based allies to
strengthen ecological and
cultural resilience across
Turtle Island / North America.

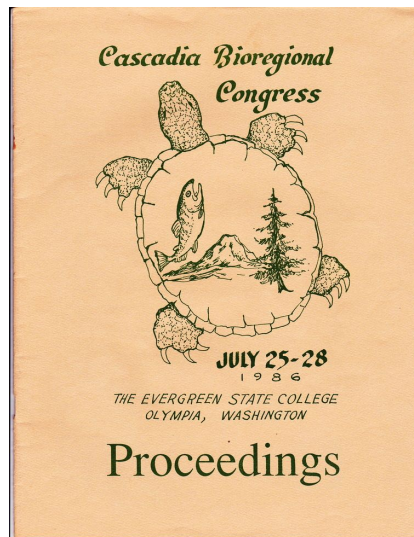
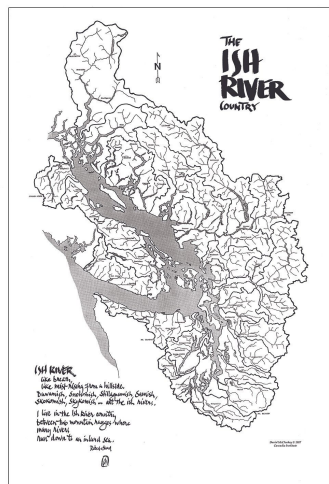
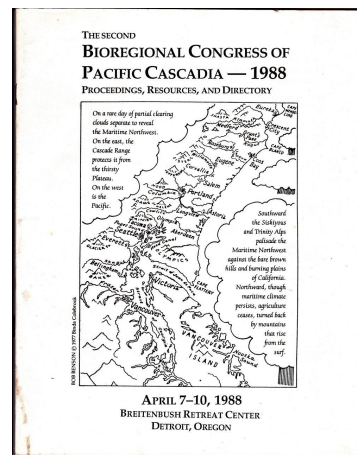
Sept 15-19, 2026

A new wave of **bioregional organizing** is on the rise.



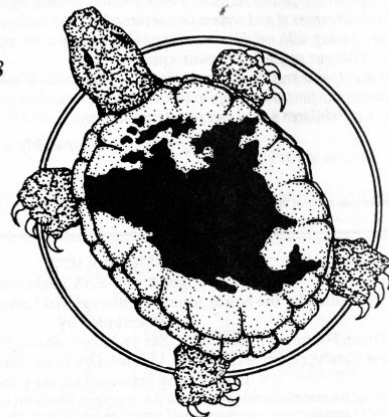


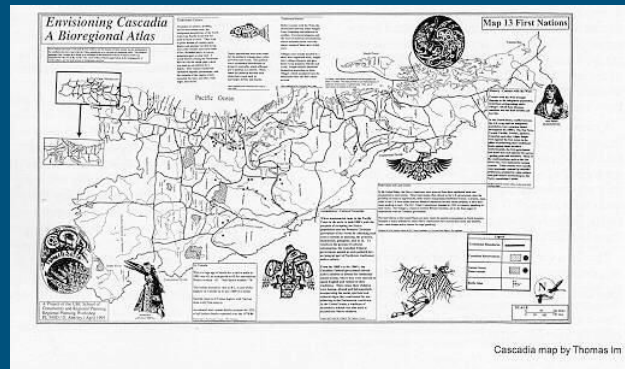
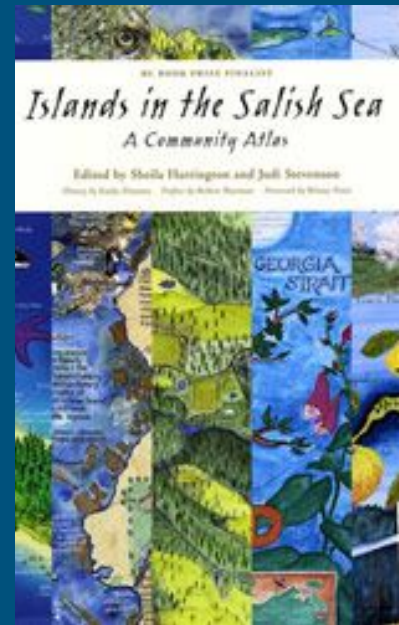
Congress Participants gathered in a grassy field for the closing ceremony. They formed a single, large circle clasping hands



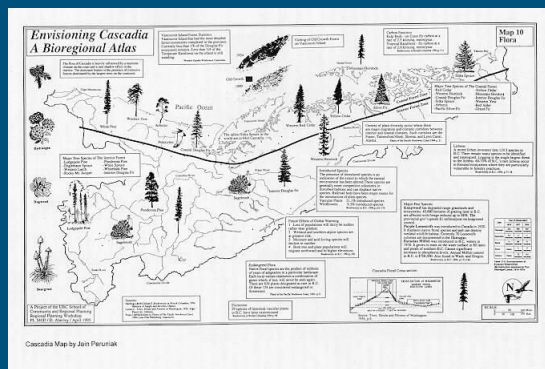
Proceedings of the Third North American Bioregional Congress

Held
August 21 to 26, 1988
by the banks of the
Cheakamus River,
Paradise Valley,
Squamish,
Ish Bioregion,
Pacific Cascadia
(British Columbia,
Canada)



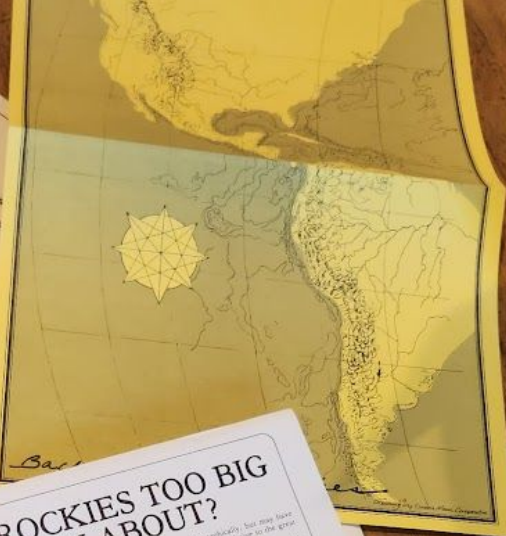


Cascadia map by Thomas Im



Cascadia Map by Jan Perunak





SOURCE: Soil and Water

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Rocky Mountain Lifetime

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LIMITS OF LAST
GLACIAL

A hand-drawn map of the study area. It shows a 'water course' at the top, a 'road' in the middle, and a 'forest' area on the right. A star marks the 'study site' location, which is situated between the road and the forest. A line labeled 'study area' points to the star. The map is drawn on a piece of paper with a grid pattern.

1. The road and ground
in the center of the
road.

A circular diagram illustrating different types of plants and their uses. The diagram is divided into several segments by curved lines. The segments are labeled as follows:

- Top Left:** A small tree icon.
- Top Right:** A plant icon with the label "Pineapple".
- Middle Right:** A plant icon with the label "Mango".
- Middle Left:** A plant icon with the label "Banana".
- Bottom Left:** A plant icon with the label "Apple".
- Bottom Center:** A plant icon with the label "Grape".
- Bottom Right:** A plant icon with the label "Orange".

The diagram also includes some handwritten notes and labels:

- "Fruit" written near the top left.
- "Vegetable" written near the bottom center.
- "Plant" written near the bottom right.
- "Tree" written near the top left.
- "Shrub" written near the bottom center.
- "Herb" written near the bottom right.

THE EYE IN THE ROCK: John Haines wrote this poem after Carling Mahood led part of the editorial group for this *Boulder* to a narrow rock ledge on the shore of Flathead Lake facing a sheer cliff covered with sepiacolored photographs.

- Beth Chadwick has spent several years in the wild mountain goats of the Sierra Nevada.

A map of the area around the 'FREE' sign, showing a road labeled '1175A' and a building labeled '1175A'.

Handwritten text: "Handwritten and Printed" and a small illustration of a bird.

about what is
use decisions
Free

BLACK SEA
COST GUARD

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living with mountain goats
Birch teaches Philosophy of
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Wilderness and
questions about what is
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Regenerate Cascadia Mission

We exist to regenerate the Cascadia bioregion...

**...and cultivate the conditions for a
regenerative movement to thrive.**



What would it take to regenerate an entire bioregion?





“Gathered before us are the most important people in the world. It may be a small group right now, but in a few short years, there's going to be a long line of people waiting to get involved in this very important movement that is overseeing the welfare of our communities.”

***Clakadub (Jay Bowen)
Artist & Elder of the
Skegit People***

RC Design Challenge

Support and fund **connected landscape outcomes across an entire bioregion** through a **whole systems** approach, and starting with each landscape.

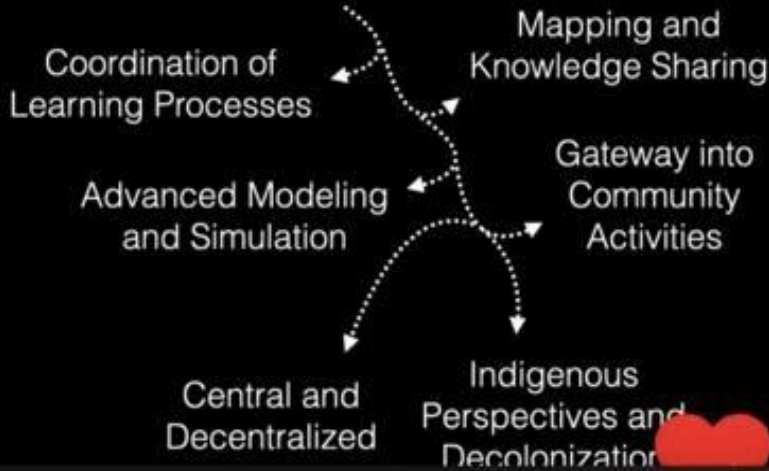
- Prioritize the central role of place-based stewardship.
- Ensure decisions are made by those closest to where they will have their effect.
- Move at the speed of trust to build relational networks that can hold the integrity of the work over the longer-term.
- Facilitate representation, information flow, and co-learning across the whole system by using a nested scale structure.



*Image: Earth Regeneration Fund Launch
Credit: Brandon Letsinger*



What is a Bioregional Learning Center?



Continual Learning for Holistic Insights

This creates the capacity for collective intelligence of the bioregion as a whole system



Regenerate Cascadia BIOREGEN PROGRAM

- ◆ 10 Landscape Groups
- ◆ 38 Landscape Stewards
- ◆ 3 Ecoregions across Cascadia
- ◆ 2 Nation states (cross-border collaboration)

Landscape Hub Cultivator

\$80K

Distributed to
Landscape Groups

\$30K

Flow Funding to
Landscape Projects

James T. Blodgett
Christian Quiver
Christina Bowen

The Gorge

South
Willamette
Valley

Kelson Gorman
Clare Strawn
Kendall Runyan

Darren Zal
Clare Attwell
Polly Orr

Greater Victoria

Fraser Lowland

Marianne Wyne
Melanie Carlone

Skagit

Genevieve Cadigan
Danielle Chevalier
Cindy Bjorklund
James Schappet

Mt Olympus

Shalee Evans
Asha Bawden
Amanda Sanders
April Bartlett
Niall Motson

Whatcom

David Macleod
Brian Kerkvliet
David Ketter
Cory Sevin

Whidbey Island

David Haskell
Geoff McNeely
Becky Porter
Tom Buxton
Kiki La Porter
Jon Ramer
Perry Lovelace

Vashon - Maury Island

Megan Strachura
Jennifer Williams
Sue Letsinger
Brandon Letsinger

Duwamish River Valley

Kim Schwarzkopf
Debbie Pessein
Christoph Strouse

Regenerate Cascadia

7 Staff
(3 core / 4 support)

10

RC Landscape Groups

38

Landscape Stewards

3

Ecoregions



Salish Sea



Columbia River



Willamette Valley



Holding a community of 600 members



Representing approx 150 regenerative groups,
organizations and businesses within Cascadia

REGENERATE VASHON

*Land of the
Swiftwater People*



VASHON-MAURY

ISLAND GROUP INITIATING TEAM: NOV 2025

(NOW UP TO ABOUT 8 STEWARDS)



MEGAN STRACHURA

Founder and member of Seattle Doughnut Economics Coalition. Earthcorps and Port of Seattle native habitat restoration volunteer. Fisheries Scientist, Data Scientist, & Data Engineer.



SUE LETSINGER

Soil Ambassador. Ethnomusicologist. Artist. Books to Prisoners and co-founder of Left Bank Publishing & Distribution. Seattle Arts Commission. UW Urban Design and Planning, Urban Ecology Research Lab, and Hazard Mitigation and Planning.



BRANDON LETSINGER

Dog Owner. Pizza lover. Brandon Letsinger is the Executive Director of the Department of Bioregion and co-founder of Regenerate Cascadia.



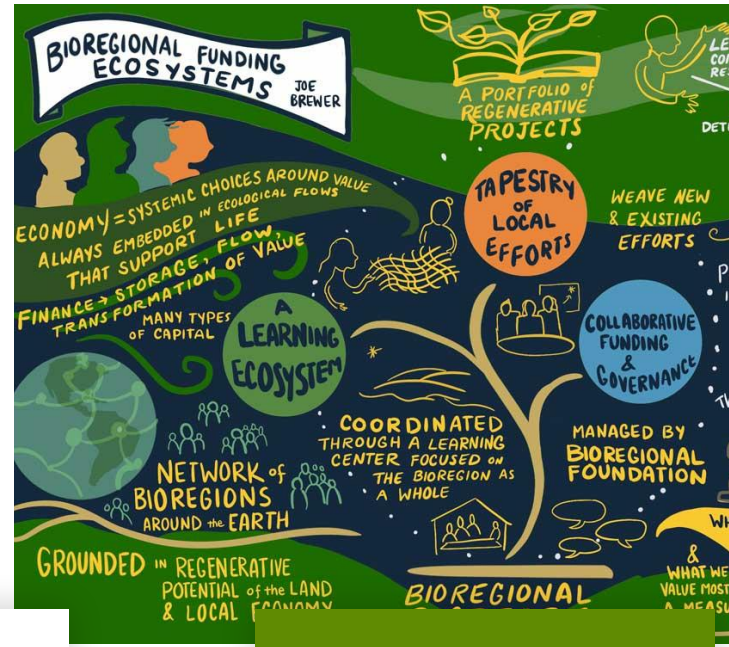
CONVENINGS

Regenerate Vashon is just starting out. We look forward to hosting conversations, potlucks, and starting to get active.



BIOREGIONAL MAPPING

Our primary goal this fall is to convene an in person Bioregional Mapping workshop with our community.



FLOW FUNDING PILOTS

Later in 2027, this will turn into micro-grants or flow funding experiments where we allocate funds as part of a participatory funding process.

What does a partnership between Regenerate Vashon (RC) (DOB) and the Community Council Look Like?

Fiscal Sponsorships & Opportunities for 501(c)3 and 501(c)4 collaboration, each with a whole island focus and niche.



Reach out to be involved.
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JOIN US!



ALL ARE WELCOME

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