# Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA) **BIOREGION COLLECTION** SO Holly Gabriel, Open Access & Government Information Librarian Nomi Sifton, Government Information & OER Specialist

We are located at Southern Oregon University's (SOU) Hannon Library, which has been a part of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) since 1953.

### WHAT IS THE **BIOREGION COLLECTION?**

The Bioregion Collection is an online collection of federal and state resources that cover environmental aspects of the Southern Oregon and Northern California area.

The Southern Oregon Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion is unique because it is an area with a very wide variety of plant and animal species. It is particularly diverse in plant species due to the region's complex geology and rich soils in the Southern Oregon Coast Range. The area has a wide variation in rainfall and temperatures, leading to great biodiversity.

### **COUNTIES REPRESENTED IN THE BIOREGION COLLECTION**

The Bioregion is located in Southern Oregon and Northern California. We prioritize Jackson, Josephine, and Curry County, but also collect documents that fall into the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion land area from Klamath, Coos, and Douglas County in Oregon. Regarding Northern California, we collect documents located in Siskiyou, Modoc, Del Norte, Humboldt, and Shasta counties.

## **Purpose and History -**

**PURPOSE** The purpose of the Bioregion Collection is to share and preserve this information for the general public. We also support researchers and students at Southern Oregon University for the curriculum of outdoor adventure leadership, biology, chemistry and environmental policy.

We identify materials sent from the FDLP and the Oregon State Library that meet our criteria and add them to the collection. We also collect "gray" documents, which are materials not normally distributed through these channels, often via government agency websites.

HISTORY This collection is part of Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA) at Southern Oregon University. This collection was initially funded by grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). We have been collecting materials for over 30 years to highlight this unique region.

### GOVERNMENT **AGENCIES INCLUDED**

- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Federal Emergency
- Management Agency Geological Survey
- Fish and Wildlife
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Oregon Watershed
- **Enhancement Board**

# EXAMPLES

• Environmental Impact Statements and Assessments • Land and Resource Management Plans

- Recovery Plans (for species)
- Species Studies (plants and
- animals)
- Timber Management Plans
- Water Resource Investigations • Watershed Analyses and
- Assessments
  - Stream Assessments

Outdoor Adventure Leadership classes use the maps to learn about the area and plan expeditions. Biology and chemistry students use the environmental impact statements for their research projects. The general public may learn about the flora and fauna of the region, including specific animal species such as the spotted owl. Officials gather information on forest management and fire prevention.



# **Bioregion Collection!**

# REFERENCES

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### WHO USES THE COLLECTION?