

SUSTAINABLE NORTHWEST WOOD & THE OAK ACCORD

To combat the accelerated loss of oak habitat, Sustainable Northwest Wood is donating **10%** of every Oregon White Oak purchase to the Oak Accord. Through this partnership, your purchase will directly support on-the-ground restoration projects. Learn why investing in oak habitat is so important.



The decline of oak habitat in the Willamette Valley is happening at an accelerated and concerning rate. Oak woodlands and savanna are now considered some of the most threatened ecosystems in the Pacific Northwest. Fire suppression, urban and rural residential development, and conversion of native habitat to support agricultural production put remaining oak at less than 3% percent of its historic range.

In response to this, a group of private landowners started the Oak Accord - a voluntary oak conservation program designed to urgently create awareness of oak habitats importance, to limit or halt its ongoing and rapid loss, and to promote long-term stewardship. Inspired by the vision that vineyard and forestland management takes place in harmony with resilient oak habitat, the Accord is working to **restore 20,000 acres of oak** in the Valley. Sustainable Northwest Wood is committed to help reach this goal.

Sustainable Northwest Wood loves Oregon White Oak and so do our customers; but are we *loving* it enough? As part of our commitment to sustainability, it is critical that we constantly evaluate our impacts and honestly ask ourselves how we can do better. The greatest threat to our Oak is not the logging of individual trees, but the conversion of the larger oak habitat to other uses. Building a market for Oak creates value and that value can incentivize land-owners to maintain working forests that include oak.

As a supplier of locally sourced materials from well-managed forests, we believe restoration is an essential component of a resilient ecosystem and vibrant economy. In light of this belief, we support the Oak Accord. Our partnership with Accord allows us and our customers to get involved in restoring this critical ecosystem.



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