

Russian Wilderness - Near Waterdog Lake

Elevation: 7,059' 41°15'53.68"N -122°58'48.18"W



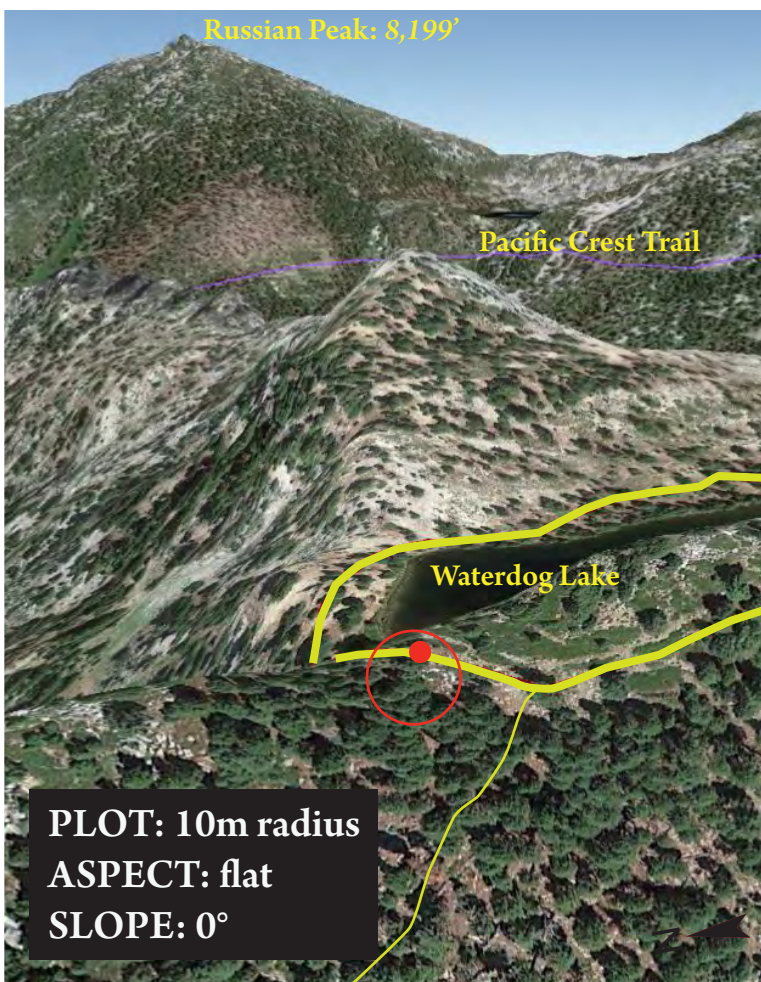
North



South

Finding the site: From the junction with the Deacon Lee Trail, just at the edge of the wilderness, the trail climbs slightly to a ridge which is the divide between the South Fork Salmon River and Russian Creek, which drains to the North Fork Salmon River. The spot is the obvious high point along the trail and a great place to rest and take a few pictures before a swim in Waterdog Lake.

About the site: As of summer 2016 the site is quite healthy with extensive conifer and shrub regeneration evident. Understory plants include ocean spray and pine-mat manzanita. Of note is the one subalpine fir in the plot.



Russian Peak: 8,199'

Pacific Crest Trail

Waterdog Lake

PLOT: 10m radius
ASPECT: flat
SLOPE: 0°

Rock: granite **Fire evidence:** no **Percent cover:** 20% mature conifer, 5% regenerating conifer, 10% shrub, 1% herbaceous, 1% nonvascular
Height class: tree (15-20m), shrub (0.5-1m), herbaceous (<0.5m) **Vegetation Alliance:** *Abies magnifica* ssp. *shastensis*

Select species within the plot

Trees:

- Shasta fir (*Abies magnifica* var. *shastensis*)
- White fir (*Abies concolor*)
- Subalpine fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*)
- Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
- Mountain hemlock (*Tsuga mertensiana*)

Shrubs:

- Pinemat manzanita (*Arctostaphylos nevadensis*)
- Greenleaf manzanita (*Arctostaphylos patula*)
- Tobacco brush (*Ceanothus velutinus*)
- Bush chinquapin (*Chrysolepis sempervirens*)
- Small-leaf creambush (*Holodiscus discolor*)
- Bitter cherry (*Prunus emarginata*)
- Whiteveined wintergreen (*Pyrola picta*)
- One-sided Pyrola (*Pyrola secunda*)
- Trailing gooseberry (*Ribes binominatum*)

Herbaceous:

- Feathery false lily of the valley (*Maianthemum racemosum*)
- Buckwheat (*Eriogonum* sp.)
- Mountain monardella (*Monardella odoratissima*)
- Davis' knotweed (*Polygonum davisiae*)

When you visit...

1. Take four pictures in the cardinal directions (N-E-S-W)
2. Write down observations...Do you see anything unusual? What birds did you see? Is there anything flowering? Do the conifers have fresh cones? Is there snow? Anything else?
3. Take pictures of anything else that catches your interest
4. Visit bfta.bigfoottrail.org/photo-monitoring
5. Complete the form with your observations and email your photos to monitoring@bfta.org