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2010 Mount Hood National Park Quarter - Oregon

Fifth in the America the Beautiful Quarters Collection

The fifth and final America the Beautiful Quarter issued in 2010 features Mount Hood National Forest in Oregon. The series will continue in 2011 with coins for Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, Glacier National Park in Montana, Olympic National Park in Washington, Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi, and Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma.

The America the Beautiful Quarters were authorized by the America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008, which was signed into law by President George W. Bush on December 23, 2008.

According to the law, five coins will be issued each year to honor one national park or other national site in each state, the District of Columbia, and the five overseas U.S. territories. The order of issue is "the order in which the sites ... were first established as a national site." The design guidelines allow for a wide selection of images, although the coins can not show any person's portrait or bust and there can be no outline map of the featured state or other jurisdiction.

Each America the Beautiful Quarter is struck for circulation at both the Philadelphia and Denver Mints. The two different coins are identified by a small "P" (Philadelphia) or "D" (Denver) mint mark under "In God We Trust."

Mount Hood National Forest is located in northwestern Oregon, about 20 miles east of Portland. It includes part of the Willamette River valley and extends across more than 60 miles of forested mountains. Mount Hood, which stands at 11,239 feet high, is within the forest. The total area of Mount Hood National Forest is more than 1 million acres, including more than 189,000 acres of designated wilderness.

The region around the forest was explored in 1792 by William Broughton, who was under the command of George Vancouver. Broughton named Mount Hood after Lord



Samuel Hood, an admiral in the British Royal Navy. The forest was established as a national site in 1893, and it was named Mount Hood National Forest in 1924.

Mount Hood National Forest is popular for its wide variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, and boating, as well as skiing in the winter.

The reverse of the Mount Hood National Forest Quarter shows a view of the northern side of Mount Hood, with Lost Lake in the foreground. The design was developed by the U.S. Mint in consultation with representatives of Mount Hood National Forest.

All four of the proposed designs for the Mount Hood National Forest Quarter included Mount Hood as the main image. One of the three rejected designs was almost identical to the chosen design, but with native Oregon flowers in the foreground. The second showed fruit trees in the foreground to honor the state's fruit industry, while the third featured Mount Hood with the city of Portland in the foreground. As with all America the Beautiful Quarters, the reverse design is completed with the date of issue, the name of the national site, the state in which the site is located, and the motto "E Pluribus Unum."

The Mount Hood National Forest Quarter was released by the U.S. Mint in the winter of 2010.

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