Mountains are increasingly dependent upon the support of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Their nonprofit status allows them the freedom to tackle different objectives specific to the region, such as climate considerations, sustainability and community support. These usually involve grassroots efforts, mobilized by ordinary citizens. In southern Oregon, NGO employees and volunteer workers are increasingly valuable in the sustainable future of the region’s mountain recreation and tourism. Non-governmental organizations in the southern Oregon region are responsible for several management strategies including land stewardship, fundraising, hotel operations, food service, travel marketing and education. Each NGO has a unique devotion and commitment to long term goals, protecting the ecology of the region, and facilitating a healthy growth model. Unfortunately, these also provide unique challenges and concerns, especially in the rural parts of the region, where climate change affects tourism opportunities and financial resources are scarce. This speaker series presentation highlights NGO management and governance of a mountain, national park and national monument in southern Oregon and the engagement, efforts and collaborations of respective NGO partners in the region.

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