

Mt. Konocti Acquisition FAQ's

Who authorized the purchase of the property?

- *The Lake County Board of Supervisors.*

Why is the purchase so important?

- *Mt. Konocti is a key focal point for the entire county, it has historical, cultural, geological and scientific significance. It will be preserved forever and enjoyed by all. Mt. Konocti will be a significant contributor to both eco-tourism and healthy recreational activities.*

Will the purchase be for the entire mountain?

- *No, the acquisition is for 1520 acres that includes a generous portion of the upper elevation and four of its highest peaks. Further, the property is adjacent to 821 acres of Bureau of Land Management property that includes the Black Forest, all of which are public lands. Total public use amounts to 2341 acres!*

Who is selling the property?

- *The Fowler Family. The parcels were first offered to the County with the intent of keeping it as open space. If the County decided against the purchase, the property would have been offered for sale to the public.*

What was the total purchase price?

- *\$3,800,000.00*

What source of funding is being used to purchase the property?

- *Public donations, Geothermal Royalty funds and possibly grants. The county receives geothermal royalties from the federal and state governments. The purchase of Mt. Konocti property is an allowable use of these funds. No local taxes are being used to purchase the property.*

If the County has the money to purchase the property why is there a fund-raising effort underway?

- *All funds raised will go directly toward the purchase of the Fowler property. Geothermal funds will be used to make up the shortfall if any, and will be used to purchase additional parcels with the intent of linking the top of the mountain to Clear Lake State Park via a trail system. As approved by the Board of Supervisors, donations will allow the public to be involved in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. No raised funds will be used for administration or any other purpose.*

Are donations tax deductible?

- *Yes.*

What will the County do with the property?

- *For the first time ever it will be open to the public for recreational use and will include a network of non-motorized trails.*

When will the land be available for public use?

- *Difficult to predict at this time. The County has until September 2009 to close escrow. Upon transfer of property several things need to be dealt with such as security and safety, road improvements, etc. Suffice it to say that the County is extremely anxious to open this property for public use and will do so in the shortest possible time.*

Will any revenues be generated from the purchase?

- *Yes, one parcel has commercial value, the county will receive lease fees for cell and radio tower use. The fees will be used to maintain the acquired property.*

Where can I find more information about this project and how can I make a donation?

- *By calling Kim Clymire, Lake County Director of Public Services at (707) 262-1618 or visit the web site at <http://www.preservekonocti.org>*

