

DESIGN DEEPLY ROOTED IN PLACE—

Mithun's designs emerge from an understanding of the specific qualities and needs of the landscapes and communities within which we work.

Practicing in the Pacific Northwest since 1949, Mithun has been widely recognized as a significant contributor to a contemporary northwest aesthetic. With a regional design ethos deeply rooted in place, our firm is known for site sensitive design, clear tectonic expression and innovative use of authentic and natural materials.

Our design process honors the identity of places—culture, history and ecology—with a reverence for the characteristics that make each unique. We take special pride in collaborating with clients and communities to craft places that celebrate culture and ecology, serve diverse peoples and advance future generations.

Over recent decades, as our practice has grown with increased national commissions, these same design values have inspired place-based design in a wide range of settings from Yosemite National Park to New Orleans, to the mountains of Jackson Hole and the Sonoran Desert.

Celebration of Craft and Place >

Novelty Hill's destination winery celebrates the art and science of winemaking as well as wine's agrarian roots. Building and landscape work in harmony to reveal the production process and remind visitors of the inextricable link between wine and earth. Mithun's integrated design won an AIA Institute Honor Award for Interior Architecture and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Interior Design Award.

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Serving Human and Natural Ecologies ^

The Federal Way Regional Library renovation and addition expands capacity and strengthens connections with the forested site and growing community. New reading rooms holding the library's diverse collections are housed within a series of glass and steel pavilions that engage the forest. The sculptural pavilions are positioned to preserve mature evergreens, and open to views of trees, rain gardens and native plantings.

Iconic Place-based Design >

Clockwise from top left: Wanapum Heritage Center reaffirms the living Wanapum culture and history on the Columbia River. The design of Miraval Resort and Spa in Tucson, Arizona, combines the desert's rich human history with environmentally intelligent practices to enrich the award-winning spa experience. The new campus for Teton Science Schools in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, fuses the K-12 Journeys School with an immersive residential environmental education program. Inspired by the underlying geology of the site, the buildings' sloping roof forms optimize daylight, natural ventilation and views of adjacent native habitats.



SWEEPING VIEWS TO THE SOUTH AND EAST CONNECT THE CATALINA MOUNTAINS TO MIRAVAL'S CAMPUS AND ESTABLISH ITS CHARACTER AS A PLACE FOR CONTEMPLATION AND HEALING. ELEVATION, HABITAT AND NATURAL HYDROLOGY COMBINE TO BLUR THE CAMPUS EDGE WITH THE DIVERSITY OF THE GREATER LANDSCAPE.