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My partnership with the Deschutes Land Trust started several years ago when we discussed the possibility of a conservation easement on my 17,000-acre ranch. The easement came to fruition in 2020 during which time we developed a high degree of trust and it's been nothing but a positive experience.

— Jim Wood, Aspen Valley Ranch

Community Benefits

Keep lands that are special to you and your family permanently protected.

Protect important habitat for fish, wildlife, and native plants.

Protect significant forest and agricultural lands.

Leave a legacy for future generations.

PROTECTING YOUR LAND



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How do you protect your land with Deschutes Land Trust?

There are several different ways to partner with the Deschutes Land Trust to conserve your land in Central Oregon.

1. Conservation Easement:

A conservation easement is a voluntary land protection agreement between a landowner and the Land Trust that restricts or prohibits certain uses of a property, such as development, to retain its natural, scenic, and habitat values. Each agreement is tailored to the unique characteristics of the property and circumstances of the landowner. Conservation easements leave property in private ownership and do not require public access. In addition, easements may provide significant tax benefits to the landowner.

2. Conservation Land Donation:

- **Donate land outright:** By donating your land to the Land Trust you can be relieved of management responsibilities while receiving substantial income tax deductions and estate tax benefits.
- **Donate land by will:** Own and control your land during your lifetime, knowing that your land will be protected after your death.
- **Donate a retained life estate:** Donate your land to the Land Trust, realizing income tax deductions and estate tax benefits, but continue to live on and use your land during your lifetime.

3. Non-Conservation Land Donation:

Donate your commercial, residential, or other non-conservation property to the Land Trust, receiving income tax deductions. The Land Trust will then sell the property and use the proceeds to benefit our conservation programs, including purchasing critical lands elsewhere.

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Land conservation is a great way to protect the lands you love in Central Oregon. Flexible tools allow you to protect lands that are special to you and your family, leaving a legacy for future generations while also conserving important wildlife habitat or significant agricultural lands.

Financial Benefits

Conserving your land can provide income and property tax benefits. It can also minimize or eliminate estate taxes, allowing one generation to more easily pass land to the next generation.

Value of property without easement	—	Value of property with easement	=	Easement value
\$1,000,000		\$600,000		\$400,000