

A photograph of two children sitting in tall grass next to a stream, surrounded by dense green foliage. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera. The girl in the foreground is wearing a blue jacket and a dark cap, while the boy behind her is wearing a blue and grey jacket. The stream is visible on the right side of the image, and the background is filled with lush green trees and bushes.

DESCHUTES LAND TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

*Working cooperatively with landowners to conserve land for wildlife, scenic views, and local communities.*

2010-11

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

## IT'S AMAZING HOW QUICKLY A YEAR CAN PASS!

It was a little over a year ago that we gathered at Deschutes Brewery to celebrate 15 years and launch a campaign to acquire Whychus Canyon Preserve. Thank you for making it possible to purchase and protect this new Preserve—the most visible of our many accomplishments this past year.

At sixteen, the Land Trust remains a young, highly ambitious organization, with truly big projects ahead. Today, we're on the cusp of creating a Steelhead Stronghold on Whychus Creek, a critical mass of habitat to support the historic return of steelhead—the species for which the Deschutes is known around the world. With four Whychus Creek projects protecting six miles of stream complete and steelhead on their way home, the vision is taking shape. We'll add more acreage to that stronghold by the end of 2011, including the purchase of the final six acres of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, replete with springs and wetlands that originally supported a large complex of beaver ponds. By year's end, we also hope to sign an option to purchase yet another key parcel on Whychus Creek with nearly two stream miles linking our new Whychus Canyon Preserve with Rimrock Ranch.

On the land stewardship front, this fall we'll begin our first major restoration initiative at Whychus Canyon Preserve by thinning up to 360 acres of juniper woodlands. Once that is complete, we can start to lay out permanent trails around the Preserve. We also hope to break ground this fall on new interpretive facilities at the North Fork of the Metolius Preserve, including new bridges and a kiosk.

Next spring at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, we'll move the full flow of Whychus Creek into its restored channel. More than 13 years in the making, the rebirth of Camp Polk Meadow illustrates what can be achieved through focus, patience, and persistence. Finally, we'll continue our negotiations with the corporate landowner of Skyline Forest while planning for the management of this highly visible 30,000 acre forest and the development of the public awareness that's essential to forever protect the property.

For more than 16 years, the Deschutes Land Trust has worked to protect, restore, and steward some of the most remarkable places in Central Oregon. Our success stems from a patient, thoughtful, but ambitious approach, qualities embraced not only by the landowners we work with, but by the communities we serve. I'm confident these qualities will see us through to great successes in the year and years ahead.

Until next year,

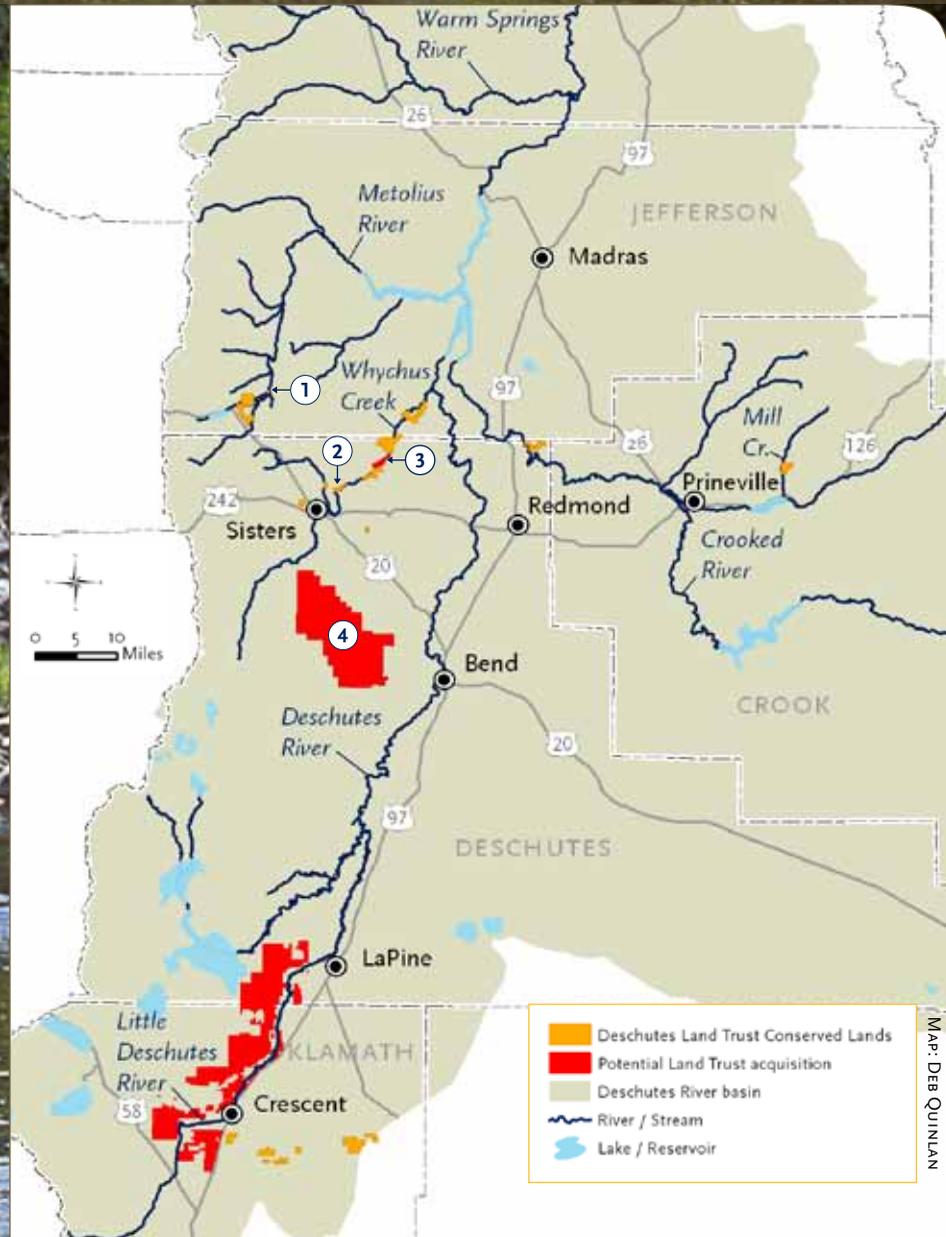


Brad Chalfant  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



DEB QUINLAN

# 8,200 ACRES CONSERVED WITH MORE ON THE HORIZON



MAP: DEB QUINLAN

**1 SPRING CREEK: A 25 ACRE PARCEL WITH HUGE IMPACT.** THIS PRIVATELY CONSERVED LAND NEAR CAMP SHERMAN PROTECTS WETLANDS, THE HEADWATERS OF SPRING CREEK, AND HABITAT FOR NATIVE TROUT, SALMON, AND NESTING AND MIGRATORY SONGBIRDS. PHOTO: JAY MATHER.

**2 CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE, POND ADDITION: THE LAST 6 ACRES TO ADD TO THE 143 ACRE CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE** WILL ALLOW THE LAND TRUST TO PROTECT AND RESTORE BEAVER PONDS, WETLANDS, ASPEN STANDS, AND MORE OF WHYCHUS CREEK. PHOTO: BYRON DUDLEY.

**3 WHYCHUS CANYON PRESERVE, MEADOW ADDITION: A POTENTIAL 560 ACRE ADDITION** TO WHYCHUS CANYON PRESERVE WITH LARGE MEADOWS AND COTTONWOOD AND PINE GROVES THAT WOULD PROTECT ANOTHER 1.8 MILES OF WHYCHUS CREEK. PHOTO: JAY MATHER.

**4 SKYLINE FOREST: THE HIGHLY VISIBLE 30,000 ACRE FOREST** THAT STRETCHES FROM BEND TO SISTERS PROTECTS WILDLIFE HABITAT, SCENIC VIEWS, AND MILES OF TRAILS FOR RECREATION. THE LAND TRUST HAS BEEN WORKING TO ACQUIRE IT SINCE 2005. PHOTO: CAROLYN WAISSMAN.



BYRON DUDLEY

## A BUSY YEAR FOR CONSERVATION

This past year has been a busy one for Land Trust conservation projects. Whychus Canyon Preserve obviously tops the list, becoming the Land Trust's fifth Community Preserve with 450 acres protected for native fish and wildlife. We hope you took some time this summer and fall to get out and explore the Preserve's two mile stretch of Whychus Creek, old growth juniper groves, and sage meadows. It is an amazing place—one we couldn't have protected without you!

While Whychus Canyon Preserve was certainly in the forefront, it wasn't the Land Trust's only focus for the year. In fact, we made great strides on two other long-term projects. In June 2011, the Land Trust signed an option to purchase the Pond property—the last six acres of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. This property on Camp Polk Road, adjacent and downstream of the Whychus Creek bridge, is owned by the Pond family who once owned all of what is now Camp Polk Meadow. Though small at six acres, this is a critically important addition to the 143 acre Preserve, protecting aspen and cottonwood groves, wetlands, freshwater marsh, and an additional 250 feet of Whychus Creek. The acquisition will further protect Camp Polk Meadow, allow the Land Trust to restore wetlands and historic beaver ponds, and remove the last structures within this stretch of Whychus Creek's floodplain.

The end of June was also the official protection date of a conservation project on Spring Creek, near Camp Sherman. The Land Trust worked with the Livingston and Morley families (who have owned the property for more than half a century) to create a land protection agreement to permanently protect 25 acres of wetlands and springs that includes the headwaters of Spring Creek, a major tributary of the Metolius River. Spring Creek provides important habitat for bull trout, spring Chinook salmon, redband trout, and other wildlife species. The property also includes quaking aspens and mixed conifer forest as well as outstanding habitat for nesting and migratory songbirds. The property remains the private property of the landowner, though it will be opened for limited guided tours offered by the Land Trust.

Next year looks to be just as busy! By the time you read this report, we hope to have acquired the Pond Addition to Camp Polk Meadow, signed an option to purchase another property on Whychus Creek, and maybe even signed an option to purchase Skyline Forest. While it's safe to assume these projects will undergo countless twists, we'll continue to persevere just as we did with Whychus Canyon Preserve. Here's to more acreage in 2012! ➤



SPRINGS AND WETLANDS ABOUND ON THE FUTURE POND ADDITION TO CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE. PHOTO: BYRON DUDLEY.



THE HISTORIC HINDMAN BARN AS SEEN FROM THE POND ADDITION TO CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE. PHOTO: BYRON DUDLEY.



WILDFLOWERS GROW WITH ABANDON NEXT TO THE NEWLY PROTECTED SPRING CREEK NEAR CAMP SHERMAN. PHOTO: JAY MATHER.

## WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKERS: MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE METOLIUS PRESERVE

You could say the white-headed woodpecker (*Picoides albolarvatus*) is one of our local charismatic mediumfauna—the panda of the high desert. Birders from near and far come to Central Oregon, and the Metolius basin in particular, to catch a glimpse of this medium-sized woodpecker with prominent black and white plumage.

In fact, white-headed woodpeckers are the only woodpecker with a mostly white head and a fully black body. They live in coniferous mountain forests around the northwest from British Columbia down to California. The only woodpecker to rely heavily on ponderosa pine seeds for food, white-headed woodpeckers prefer old growth ponderosa forests for nesting and foraging. In addition, white-headed woodpeckers nest fairly low to the ground in dead or dying trees. This means they are more susceptible to predation from mammals, especially when the understory is overgrown due to fire suppression. White-headed woodpecker population declines have become a serious concern because much of their suitable habitat has been impacted by logging, fire suppression, and/or development.

Since acquiring the Metolius Preserve in 2003, the Land Trust has been working with numerous partners to help restore the Preserve's native ponderosa pine forest to benefit white-headed woodpeckers and other cavity-nesting birds. Strategies include thinning out smaller diameter trees to create a mosaic of dense and open stands, creating snags (standing, dead trees) in areas where there aren't enough to support wildlife needs, and mowing some of the understory shrubs. As it turns out, the elements we're bringing back to the forest are those that were present before settlement times, when frequent low-intensity fires swept through the area.

Our restoration work is ongoing (the most recent thinning occurred this spring) and students from University of Oregon continue to help monitor the effects of this work. Specifically, Professor Matt Orr and his students are studying whether white-headed woodpeckers and other cavity-nesters use the snags we created; and, if so, whether the method of snag creation impacts bird use. We've created snags in four different ways: topping (cutting the top off); girdling (removing a ring of bark from the trunk to prevent the transportation of nutrients and water); baiting (using beetle pheromone packets to attract naturally occurring, native beetles to a specific tree); and a combination of baiting and girdling.

### WHAT THE STUDENTS HAVE HELPED US LEARN THUS FAR:

- 1) THE BEETLES ATTRACTED TO BAITED TREES ARE GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL AT KILLING THE BAITED TREE WITH VERY LITTLE DAMAGE TO NEARBY NON-BAITED TREES. THIS IS GOOD DATA BECAUSE IT ALLOWS THE LAND TRUST TO TARGET SPECIFIC TREES AS SNAGS.
- 2) THE BEETLES ATTRACTED TO BAITED TREES PROVIDE A GREAT FOOD SOURCE FOR MANY CRITTERS, INCLUDING WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKERS.
- 3) WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKERS ARE SUCCESSFULLY NESTING IN OUR TOPPED TREES! THIS MEANS THAT THE WOODPECKERS ARE EXCAVATING CAVITIES, LAYING EGGS, AND SUCCESSFULLY FLEDGING THEIR YOUNG.
- 4) TREES THAT WERE BAITED AND GIRDLED ARE ALSO GOOD FOR FORAGING AND CAVITY EXCAVATION.
- 5) WE STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN!

**The next question:** Do white-headed woodpeckers show a preference for topped trees over baited trees? Stay tuned! We've just established a new study area in the northern portion of the property and will let you know what we find out. Restoring the Metolius Preserve for white-headed woodpeckers is a long-term project, and we've only just begun to see the results. Imagine this: one day walking through a Metolius Preserve with large ponderosa pines scattered throughout, a burbling Lake Creek running by, and white-headed woodpeckers flitting through the treetops and making their presence known by drumming on the trees. ➤



FEEDING TIME IN A WOODPECKER NESTING CAVITY. PHOTO: DICK TIPTON. A STUDENT LOOKS INTO A NEST CAVITY USING A CAMERA ON POLE. PHOTO: MATT ORR.

This restoration work at the Metolius Preserve has been guided by Darin Stringer of Pacific Stewardship, executed by Melcher Logging, and funded by the American Bird Conservancy, Deschutes-Ochoco Resource Advisory Committee Title II funding, and the Weyerhaeuser Foundation.



# VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

BRIAN OUIMETTE

*It's the little things this year's volunteers of the year have in common. They pay attention to detail, whether it's wildflowers, insects, or the color of turning leaves. They also share a simple love of conservation and truly exemplify what it means to give back.*

Mary Crow has been a Land Trust volunteer and member since 2006. "Mary is one of a handful of core volunteers who make the Land Trust's outing program possible. We simply couldn't offer such outstanding options for exploring our protected lands without her," said Sarah Mowry, the Land Trust's outreach manager. Mary enjoys leading longer hikes that explore the far flung corners of Rimrock Ranch or Whychus Canyon Preserve, but she is equally at home reveling in the wildflowers of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.

"Volunteering for the Land Trust is the best job I've ever had! Where else could I pursue my passion for hiking, while reminding others it's up to them to take care of our Northwest paradise," said Mary. In addition to the hours dedicated to the outing program, Mary most recently helped document wildflowers at various Land Trust properties and was a member of the Fence Patrol at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. Thanks Mary for all your time and energy!



Sherry Steele is a relative newcomer to the Land Trust, but one who has jumped in with enthusiasm. When Sherry learned of the Land Trust's campaign to purchase Whychus Canyon Preserve, she immediately called to see how she could get involved. Hundreds of hours later, she helped spread the word about the campaign while designing and tying the Whychus Canyon Steelhead Fly. "We were so lucky to have an artist like Sherry to help spread the word about Whychus Canyon Preserve. Sherry not only tied hundreds of flies herself, but she also

organized other tyers and rallied the fishing community," said the Land Trust's executive director Brad Chalfant. Thanks Sherry for your nimble fingers and beautiful art!



Finally, every few years the Land Trust is able to recognize special individuals who have consistently given a great deal of time and energy to the Land Trust. **Byron Dudley** has been photographing the Land Trust's protected lands for more than 10 years. As one of our first volunteer photographers, his amazing work helped tell the story of some of our earliest projects—Alder Springs, Camp Polk Meadow and the Metolius Preserve. Ten years later we've hiked Byron through forest, desert, and creek, and he is still willing and ready to get out and capture the next new project or recast our first in new light. We are forever indebted to Byron for contributing such amazing photos of our special places, and we are pleased to present him this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. Thanks Byron! ➤

BYRON DUDLEY



# ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

JAY MATHER

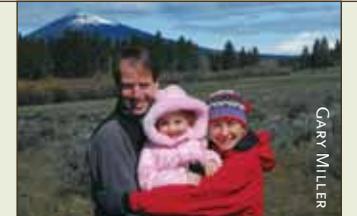
The Land Trust's Board of Directors and staff continue to grow and change with the organization. This year we welcomed two new board members, said goodbye to another while sending a staff person back to her desert home.



CHRISTY RAEDERIC

Dougal Williams is a Principal and Chief Investment Officer of Vista Capital Partners, a wealth management and investment advisory firm based in Portland, Oregon. Raised in Sunriver and a graduate of Bend High, Dougal brings strong analytical skills and new connections in the Portland area to the Board.

Gillian Ockner is an environmental consultant with experience in watershed protection, sustainable development, and ecosystem service evaluation. Gillian serves as President of the Board of Directors of EarthShare Oregon and brings her extensive collaboration and consensus building skills to the Land Trust Board.



GARY MILLER

Geoff Barnard joined the Land Trust Board just last year bringing with him an extensive career in conservation. Sadly, Geoff had to make the hard decision to move back to the southwest to be with his wife who was telecommuting between Bend and Flagstaff. Though our time with Geoff was brief, it was immensely illuminating and we miss him already.



LISA BAGWELL

The Land Trust was extremely fortunate this past year to have a nationally known writer on our staff. Mary Sojourner was our writer-in-residence, launching our blog, contributing to our publications, and in general helping to tell our story. Mary was also called back to the southwest where her heart and her writing are most at home. A tremendous thanks to both Geoff and Mary for their time and dedication!



## A THOUSAND THANKS TO THE 211 INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS WHO DONATED MORE THAN 5,760 HOURS TO THE LAND TRUST LAST YEAR!

Cal Allen, Kaileen Amish, Brett Ammeson, Sue Anderson, Maggie Annschild, Eli Ashley, Tom Atkins, Ned Austin, Jon & Elaine Austin, Gary Bagwell, Geoff Barnard, Bob & Jerri Barss, Don Bauhofer, Gabriel Behm, Bend Endurance Academy, The Blackburn Family, Dave Breuer, Janet Brown, Valeta Bruce, Mary & David Campbell, Melinda Campbell, John Casey, Joe Checketts, Ed Clark, Judy Clinton, Don Collins, Scott & Kristan Collins, Devon & Sean Comstock, Robert Brunoe, Nancy Conner, Les & Lori Cooper, Lloyd Corliss, Mary Crow, Bill & Gretchen Dakin, Diane Dedrick & family, Kit Dickey, Clyde Dildine, Stacey Donohue, Elke & Erhard Dortmund, Steve Dougill, Byron Dudley/White Oak Photography, Lou Duncan, Andrew Duttener, Eva Eagle & Bruce Bowen, Helen Eastwood, Paul & Sue Edgerton, Colleen Egertson, Mike Emmons, Charles Engel, Bob Evans, Paul Fennell, Suz Fields, Tom Filcich, Jen Floyd, Judy Foster & family, Win Francis, Dwain Fullerton, Norma Funai, Lori Gailey, Mitch Gaylord, John & Anne Gerke, Clell & Dove Gibson, Carla Gibson, John Gilbert & family, Lois & Kent Gill, Debby Golonka, Ken Goodin, Michael Graham, Dana Gronemyer, Bob Groves, Darcy Hagin, Jim Hammond, Shanna Hancock, Kristin Hansen, Kindra Harms, Brian Harrington, Collins Hemingway, Lynne Herbert, Cidney Howard, Jeremy Hurl, Maggie Jaeger & Raul Alvarez, James Jaggard, Jon Jinings, Don & Paula Johnson, Robin Kay, Frances Keels, Michael Keown, Mary Krenowicz, Kris Kristovich, Spencer Krueger & Mary Lefevre, Yancy Lind, Tonya Littlehales, Erik Long, Eini Lowell & Jim Ammeson, Martha Lussenhop, Paul & Barbara MacMillan, David Marshall, Rachelle Masin, Jay Mather, Joanne Mathews, Kim McCarrel, Don McCartney, T.R. McCrystal & family, Steve McMasters, Gene McMullen, Sue McWilliams, Jane Meissner, John Menefee, Bill Miller, Gary Miller, David Miller, Bill Mitchell, Merry Ann Moore, Mark Neubauer, Jack Newkirk, Jim Nicol, Dave Nissen, Kay & Bob Norin, Jerry Norquist, Sanders Nye, Gillian Ockner, Leslie Olson, Matt Orr, Brian Ouimette, Outward Bound Wilderness, Maret Pajutee & Rod Bonacker, Karen Parker, Gabe Parr, Jeff Perin, Tania Piper, Tom Piper, Lauri Powers, Quick Feat International Staff, Deb Quinlan, Bill Rainey, Rimrock Ranch, Jan Rinking, Karen Roth, Ruff Wear Staff, Barbara Rumer, Rick Rupp, Jake Schas, Pete Schay, Zeta & Richard Seiple, Ken Serkownek, Bruce Shaull, Linda Shaw, Bill Smith, Sherry Smith, Lisa Smith, Mary Sojourner, Darek Staab, Sherry Steele, Darin Stringer, Heidi Supkis, Kris & John Tackmier, Rick & Linda Thomas, Dick Tipton, Alan Unger, University of Oregon Students, Bill & Penelope Valentine, Vince Venincasa, Michael & Wendie Vermillion, Carolyn & Mike Viles, Bill Wagner, Evan Wagstaff, Carol Wall & Pat Kearney, Larry Weinberg, Everett Wild, Dougal Williams, Jonathan Williams, Fran Willis, M.A. Willson, Ted & Joan Winchel, Keith Winsor, Bob Woodward, Jill Wright, and Mary Yanalcanlin.

## A NEW ANCHOR FOR THE STEELHEAD STRONGHOLD

# WHYCHUS CANYON PRESERVE

*Whychus Canyon Preserve, the Land Trust's newest Community Preserve, is a milestone in our quest to create a Steelhead Stronghold on Whychus Creek. Thank you for helping permanently protect two miles of Whychus Creek and for setting the stage for some remarkable conservation in the years ahead.*

**What is a Steelhead Stronghold?** It's a critical mass of permanently protected habitat that provides a sanctuary for wild steelhead and helps re-establish self-sustaining runs in the upper Deschutes River basin. The Land Trust is working towards this vision for three reasons. First, the presence of salmon and steelhead serves as an indicator of healthy rivers, and is also a key contributor to the health and vitality of those rivers. Ecologically, a Stronghold matters. Second, the historic restoration of fish passage to the upper Deschutes River provides a unique opportunity to fund land conservation and restoration that benefits countless numbers of species besides fish. Strategically, it matters. Third, salmon and steelhead have held a special significance in the northwest since time immemorial, from the

ancient tribal fishery at Celilo, to the fly fishers drawn to the Deschutes each fall from around the world. Symbolically, it matters. With these reasons in mind, the Land Trust and our partners are working collaboratively to realize this common goal. The Steelhead Stronghold is key to the effort.

Anchored by protected (privately owned) Rimrock Ranch and our new Whychus Canyon Preserve, the canyon stretch of the Stronghold currently protects four miles of Whychus Creek and provides an opportunity to create high quality spawning and rearing habitat for steelhead and salmon. While the stream channel at Whychus Canyon Preserve and Rimrock Ranch isn't nearly as degraded as at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, serious restoration is needed and the planning is underway. Among the most

THE STEELHEAD STRONGHOLD INCLUDES LAND TRUST PROTECTED LANDS, AND THOSE THAT ARE A HIGH PRIORITY FOR PROTECTION. STEELHEAD FRY AWAIT RELEASE INTO WHYCHUS CREEK. ROD BONACKER CHECKS THE TEMPERATURE IN THE CREEK BEFORE LETTING THE LITTLE GUYS GO. (MAP: DEB QUINLAN. PHOTOS: JAY MATHER.)



pressing need is to restore the large boulders and logs that once created the deep pools which shelter young fish.

Perhaps most exciting is the fact that with one additional acquisition, the Land Trust can link Whychus Canyon Preserve with Rimrock Ranch, protecting nearly six miles of creek and providing the opportunity for a stream restoration project several magnitudes greater than the already massive restoration underway at Camp Polk Meadow. Connecting Rimrock and Whychus Canyon is a property containing a series of large meadows, ringed by mature cottonwood, aspen, and ponderosa pine groves. We're calling it the Meadow Addition to Whychus Canyon Preserve. Privately owned and currently on the market, this 560 acre property is the largest, unprotected property remaining on Whychus Creek. Negotiations are underway, with the goal of

purchasing and permanently protecting this critically important property. If we're successful in acquiring the Meadow Addition, it would mean that Whychus Creek is protected and available for long-term restoration from the upper end of Whychus Canyon Preserve all the way downstream to its confluence with the Deschutes River.

The growing Steelhead Stronghold that Whychus Canyon Preserve anchors, also provides a unique opportunity for local residents, young and old, to participate in bringing a very special creek back to life. From releasing young fish into the stream, to thinning juniper, re-energizing aspen and cottonwood stands, and building new trails, there is much to be done. We look forward to continuing to work with you on making this vision a reality. —

## THANK YOU. . . TO THE INDIVIDUALS, AGENCIES, FOUNDATIONS, AND FAMILIES WHO MADE A SPECIAL GIFT TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT WHYCHUS CANYON PRESERVE FOREVER!

### WHYCHUS CANYON PRESERVE MAJOR GIFTS

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# BEHIND THE SCENES: PEOPLE PROTECTING THE LAND

MA WILSON

Kristan and Scott Collins became aware of the Land Trust's efforts slowly, hearing bits and pieces about a nascent organization and its attempts to preserve and restore habitat.

Then, in 2005 when they purchased a home above Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, the efforts of the Land Trust became personal. Seven years later, the Collins are passionate supporters of the Land Trust: pulling weeds, hosting house parties, and sharing the Land Trust's mission with others. The Collins reside and work in the Portland area but they share a second home above Camp Polk with Scott's parents and Land Trust members, Pat and Don Collins. Together, the "Collins four" enjoy the outdoor bounty that the Sisters' area has to offer from their part primary residence, part vacation home, and complete nature retreat.



Scott learned his love of the outdoors during summers spent in the high mountains of southern Utah. There he learned to fish, then fly fish, and honed his hiking and exploring skills. During an eight-year stint in Houston, Texas, he developed his love of bird watching. His passion for road biking then morphed into a passion for mountain biking; his favorite outdoor activity.

Kristan grew up in Texas, but she was not outdoor-centric. Early in their relationship Scott decided to introduce her to the grandeur of nature with a backpacking trip to Yosemite. As Kristan hiked the last mile out in bare feet because of ill-fitting boots, Scott assumed his bride -to -be would forever forsake the outdoors. But some magic happened on that adventure and it kindled a long lasting love for the natural world.

Scott's parents, Pat and Don, also played a key role in Scott's love of the outdoors. To this day, they are both active birdwatch-

ers, and Don is a skilled fly fisherman. Don has helped release young steelhead at Camp Polk Meadow (eagerly hoping for a chance to catch one on its return), and both he and Pat have joined Land Trust birding trips at Camp Polk and beyond.

The beauty of the Land Trust is that there are so many ways to be involved. Kristan, with a love of gardening, found being a Weed Warrior was a natural fit. The time weeding allows her to clear her mind...she calls it productive meditation. Scott helps on occasion (there are trails to ride, after all), and, when he can't, he insists that Kristan be prepared for the unexpected cougar encounter. "It's lovely he cares, but it's hard to be Zen with an AM radio blaring and bear spray strapped to my side."

Time with nature and the relaxed pace of life hold the Collins' hearts. "I always leave a part of me when I head back to Portland," says Kristan. "Connecting with the Land Trust has eased that ache. I know the place I love will be cared for well in my absence." —

## THE FIVE RIVERS SOCIETY

The Five Rivers Society is made up of visionary individuals dedicated to investing in the organization conserving and protecting land in Central Oregon: the Deschutes Land Trust. Society members' gifts of \$1,000 or more protect land for wildlife and local communities and make a powerful statement about the importance of land conservation in our community.

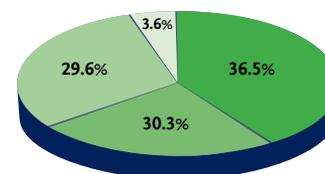
If you'd like to join this select leadership circle, please contact Zak Boone, Associate Director at (541) 330-0017 or zak@deschuteslandtrust.org.

JAY MATHER

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Land Trust's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. This financial summary comes from the Land Trust's yet-to-be-audited 10-11 financial statement. Audited statements are available upon request. A copy of the Deschutes Land Trust's Form 990 can be found at [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org).

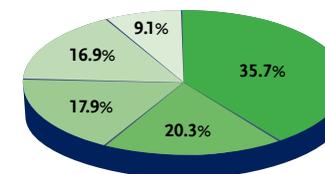
## Where did our support come from this year?



- Project Funding (36.5%)
- Grants (30.3%)
- General Contributions (29.6%)
- Endowments & Interest (3.6%)

FY 10-11 Total Revenue: \$1,235,461

## What did your support pay for this year?

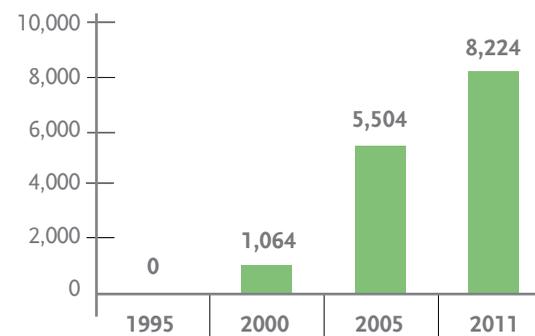


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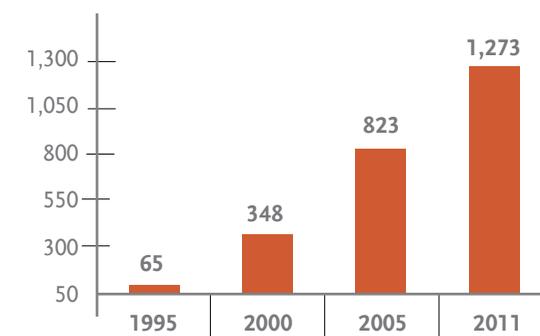
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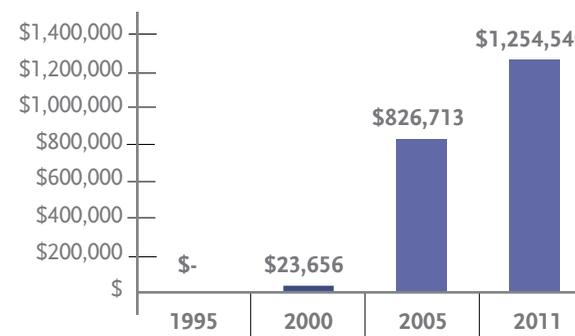
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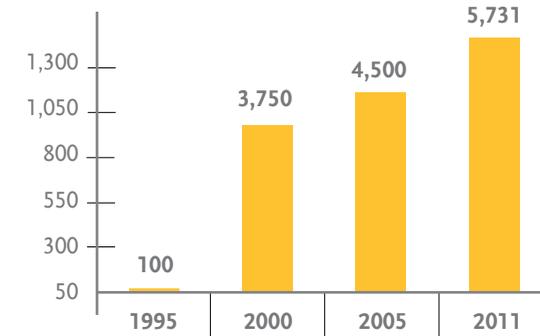
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