

# DESCHUTES LAND TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

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

# 2014-2015

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# DESCHUTES LAND TRUST CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF LAND CONSERVATION



BLAKE BOYD

Wow 20 years! It's hard to believe how quickly 20 years have passed. Patience and persistence has really paid off in terms of protecting and restoring land for wildlife and our community. Together we've ensured that 8,770 acres of Central Oregon's meadows, forests

and canyons—all critical for wildlife habitat—are permanently protected. Together we can chart the future of Central Oregon.

As you read the pages of this report and see what you've helped accomplish, think about where we will be 20

years from now. Land Trust supporters are among the most thoughtful and generous people on the planet. You've helped us accomplish so much these past 20 years. Now, help us shape the next 20 years and beyond.

—Brad Chalfant  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1995

**Deschutes Land Trust incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit.** The Land Trust consists of a six member Board of Directors and 10 dedicated volunteers.

1996

**Acquired Indian Ford Meadow Preserve:** a 63 acre meadow near Sisters with dramatic scenic views, important wildlife habitat, and a portion of Indian Ford Creek. **ACRES CONSERVED: 63.**

1997

**Protected the Trout Creek Conservation Area:** an 161 acre property near Sisters with ponderosa pine forest and the rare Peck's penstemon. Brad Chalfant became Executive Director. **ACRES CONSERVED: 224.**

1998

**Protected Alder Springs Ranch:** a collaboration with the Trust for Public Land to acquire and transfer 840 acres near Sisters to the Crooked River National Grasslands. Conserved wildlife habitat, Alder Springs, and the confluence of Whychus Creek and the Deschutes River. The Land Trust establishes an endowment with the Oregon Community Foundation. **ACRES CONSERVED: 1,064.**

CAROL BURKE

2000

**Acquired Camp Polk Meadow Preserve:** 148 acre meadow near Sisters with critical fish habitat, 1.4 miles of Whychus Creek, wetlands, meadows, and ponderosa pine. **Protected the Hopkins Young Special Management Area:** a 3,045 acre working forest of old-growth ponderosa pine near Crescent, Oregon. **ACRES CONSERVED: 4,257.**

KRIS KRISTOVICH

2001

**Acquired Thomas Preserve:** 7 acre oxbow island in Deschutes River near La Pine State Park. Began long-term bird survey program at Camp Polk to monitor bird populations. Began construction of visitor area and interpretive trail at Camp Polk. First tours offered to provide education about protected lands. **Launched the Five Rivers Society**—a major giving society of visionary individuals dedicated to protecting local lands. **ACRES CONSERVED: 4,264.**

JOHN WILLIAMS

2003

**Acquired the 1,240 acre Metolius Preserve** near Camp Sherman after a 2.5 million capital campaign. The Preserve is a forested property with diverse plants and wildlife as well as 3 miles of Lake Creek, the most important salmon spawning tributary to the Metolius River. **ACRES CONSERVED: 5,504.**

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2006

**Protected Rimrock Ranch:** an 1,123 acre property near Sisters that conserves 1.5 miles of Whychus Creek, scenic rimrock canyon, and shrub-steppe habitat adjacent to the National Grasslands. **Protected Boyer:** 80 acres of old growth juniper woodland, sagebrush habitat, migratory deer corridor, and scenic views in Cloverdale. **Road decommissioning project at the Metolius Preserve** began with on-site native seed collection and decompaction of the road. **ACRES CONSERVED: 6,707.**

BYRON DUDLER

2007

**Protected Ranch at the Canyons:** a 550 acre property near Smith Rock State Park that conserves deer winter range and Crooked River frontage. **First steelhead fry released in Whychus Creek at Camp Polk Meadow.** Planted 7,000 native plants at the Metolius Preserve as part of road decommissioning project. **ACRES CONSERVED: 7,257.**

2009

**Land Trust receives National Accreditation.** The restored Whychus Creek channel at Camp Polk Meadow is excavated and more than 113,000 new native plants were planted by volunteers and paid crews. **ACRES CONSERVED: 7,257.**

2010

**Acquired Whychus Canyon Preserve:** 450 acres of grasslands and old growth juniper forest outside of Sisters with two miles of Whychus Creek. **Protected Coffer Ranch:** a 492 acre property near Prineville that conserved 1 mile of Mill Creek, springs and wetlands, and unique rock formations. **ACRES CONSERVED: 8,199.**

JAY MATHER

2011

**Acquired the Pond Addition to Camp Polk Meadow Preserve:** 6 acres of springs, wetlands, and woodlands. Camp Polk Meadow is now 151 acres. **Protected Spring Creek:** a 27 acre creekside property with 2/3 of Spring Creek, high quality fish habitat, wetlands, and mixed conifer forest. Winter Nature Night series starts. **ACRES CONSERVED: 8,232.**

2012

**Whychus Creek is returned to its meandering path through Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.** Redband trout are found building redds (spawning beds) 3 weeks later! Water table levels rise dramatically! **ACRES CONSERVED: 8,232.**

DEB QUINLAN

2013

**Thinned juniper at Whychus Canyon Preserve** to improve habitat for wildlife and reduce fire danger. Created trail system at Whychus Canyon Preserve that provides the first public access to Whychus Creek downstream of Sisters. **ACRES CONSERVED: 8,232.**

TYLER ROEMER

2014

**Acquired 480 acre addition to Whychus Canyon Preserve.** The new part of the Preserve protects two miles of Whychus Creek, juniper and pine woodlands, cottonwood stands, rimrock cliffs, and wetlands. **Launched the Campaign for Whychus Creek** to protect the highest quality remaining wildlife habitat along Whychus Creek, ensure the permanent care of those lands for years to come, and engage the community in its care. **ACRES CONSERVED: 8,712.**

2015

**Acquired Aspen Hollow Preserve:** 58 acres on Whychus Creek with rimrock cliffs, and pine and aspen stands. Land Trust celebrates 20 years of land conservation in Central Oregon! **ACRES CONSERVED: 8,770.**

TYLER ROEMER

# CONSERVATION THEN AND NOW

by Brad Nye

*As we celebrate our 20th year of conservation, it's interesting to look back and see how that work has changed over time.*

When people ask me about our conservation strategy, my stock answer is that we've transitioned from opportunistic land conservation to strategic land conservation. At first glance, the proposition seems true enough; over the past 15 years we've spent more and more time and energy identifying priority lands and affirmatively developing project opportunities in those areas. Adhering to established strategies and priorities helps direct our limited staff capacity to the highest value projects, facilitates joint efforts with like-minded groups, and delivers landscape outcomes not just scattered dots on a map. All laudable outcomes, and all accepted indicators of a maturing, more sophisticated organization. Yet, as I dig deeper into my response to this elemental question, I realize it may be too quick a leap to imply that all this prioritizing and strategizing is really that new. Was our earliest work exclusively opportunistic, or were we also putting strategies in place knowing that somewhere down the road those efforts would bear fruit?

One thing that continually amazes me (and no doubt doubly amazes our board members, volunteers, staff, landowner partners, and supporters) is the long-term nature of our conservation projects. While I sometimes hear tales of conservation projects that follow a smooth, predictable, and short path toward closing, that trajectory isn't characteristic of our transactions. Our projects tend to spark, then (pick your order) blaze, smoke, smolder, flicker, flame, roar, and, ultimately, hold still just long enough for us to make them a permanent fixture of our landscape. Although the exact progression varies, it's typically the smoldering process that lasts the longest. Looking back at the acquisition timelines of our most recent projects on Whychus Creek, from inception to closing: Whychus Canyon Preserve was from 2000-2010; The Pond Addition to Camp Polk Meadow Preserve 2005-2012; The Addition to Whychus Canyon Preserve 2007-2014, it's easy to see that targeted land protection projects—including the significant landowner decisions embedded in them—can take many years.

These project timelines indicate that a large part of our current conservation strategy involves capturing the long-term capital gains of strategic investments made in earlier

decades. In some sense, all the projects listed above stand on the shoulders of strategic assessment work completed by the Land Trust and other groups in the late 1990's and early 2000's. Those early site visits told us which properties had the highest ecological value, gave us an understanding of the larger ecology of the creek, and initiated landowner relationships that would later ripen into conservation transactions. More than a decade later, I still occasionally look back in my project folders to review early assessment forms completed by Bruce White, Molly Chaudet, Ted Wise and other volunteers, and I still talk to Whychus Creek landowners who remember those early conversations with the Land Trust's assessment teams. It's a testament to that early strategic thinking that—having made some good progress toward that goal—we can now envision a fully restored Whychus Creek.

Whychus Creek, and our campaign to support full conservation of its resources, is the best example of how our present efforts build on past strategies, but it's far from an anomaly. While there's no question we're a more strategic organization than we were in 1995, 2000, or 2005, there's also no question that implementing any conservation strategy takes time. Today, we're developing strategies for tomorrow's conservation work: conserving working farms and ranches in the Lower Crooked River while facilitating floodplain restoration, bolstering our partnerships to create more complete conservation outcomes, and determining how the Deschutes Basin's conservation needs may vary with a changing climate. Some of these strategies will produce results immediately; others will take much longer.

Although it's sometimes frustrating that projects or programs don't move faster—for example, we'd all like to see salmon and steelhead returning to local streams by the hundreds, right now!—it's in another sense empowering to recognize that landscape-scale conservation and restoration aren't overnight events; these are big changes. When progress gets agonizingly slow, I take comfort in knowing that the work we put into strategic thinking today, just like similar work we embarked on 20 years ago, positions us well for future conservation achievements. —

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JAY MATHER



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# STEWARDSHIP

by Amanda Egertson

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*Lands in trust, protected forever. There is a weight to the words that describe the work of the Deschutes Land Trust. Our mission is to find lands important for wildlife and our community and then care for them forever. We take stewardship—that caring for our lands forever—seriously. With each new acquisition comes the responsibility of caring for them and even returning them to ecological health. Our stewardship of these protected lands has come a long way in 20 years. What was once a volunteer, project-based approach has graduated to landscape scale restoration that is helping prepare for our future:*

## > 1995-2000

Our first acquisition was accepted by a dedicated, forward-thinking group of volunteers who established the 63-acre Indian Ford Meadow Preserve in 1996. Two years later, the Land Trust completed our first land protection agreement, the Trout Creek Conservation Area, to protect the rare Peck's penstemon. Stewardship projects during this era were planned and implemented entirely by volunteers and tended to focus on cleaning up properties and removing invasive weeds.

## > 2000-2005

By 2000, the Land Trust had protected over 4,250 acres! With these additional acres came permanent stewardship staff who began to envision and direct planning for projects like the restoration of Hindman Springs at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. This planting of 2,100 willow and dogwood was our largest to date and resulted in the current towering shrub network in the springs that is home to many songbirds and other wildlife. Stewardship volunteerism also increased dramatically during this period—with many individuals generously contributing their time and expertise for plant and animal surveys, trail planning and construction, and general preserve caretaking.

## > 2005-2010

With the acquisition of our first large forested Preserve, the Metolius Preserve, came opportunities to further increase our scale of restoration and community engagement. We decommissioned old logging roads at the Preserve, planting more than 7,000 native grasses and wildflowers in their place. We removed an undersized culvert on Lake Creek, improving fish and wildlife habitat. We restored hundreds of acres of forest for wildlife using innovative practices that would become a model for local and national partners. Best of all, we collaborated with more schools, neighbors, volunteers, and organizations than ever before to make the Preserve a hub for the community.

## > 2010-2015

As we continued to target our conservation efforts on essential fish and wildlife habitat, Land Trust protected lands along Whychus Creek grew dramatically, providing the backdrop for even larger-scale restoration projects. The two mile Camp Polk Meadow stream restoration culminated in 2012 with the return of Whychus Creek to its meandering path through the meadow. It was a project with benefits extending beyond Preserve boundaries that engaged thousands in our community.

The acquisition of Whychus Canyon Preserve in 2010 enabled us to extend creek restoration planning farther downstream and provide public access to the creek through the construction of several miles of new hiking trails. We also saw a continued upward trend in stewardship volunteering—with trail stewards, weed warriors, Preserve caretakers, and more contributing time and sweat to the long term stewardship of these special places.

## > 2015 and beyond

With more contiguous protected acres than ever before, the opportunity to make a meaningful, lasting difference is the greatest it's ever been. In the coming decade, we will work with our partners and communities to restore even more miles of creek and meadow—the upcoming Whychus Creek restoration will triple the scale of the Camp Polk Meadow restoration! We will continue to care for our forests and native plant communities while thoughtfully planning for responsible, low-impact recreation where possible.

Finally, we will do our best to build connected corridors of protected land that can adapt to a changing climate. In the future we will need these connected lands because they will help provide the diverse topographies and microclimates (think rimrock canyon and wet meadow) that wildlife will need to adapt and move with a changing climate. These places can also protect scenic views, provide ample fish and wildlife habitat, and be enjoyed and stewarded by generations to come.



BYRON DUDLEY



The Land Trust Board visits our soon-to-be-first acquisition, Indian Ford Meadow Preserve in 1996. Photo: Land Trust.



Volunteers help plant 2,100 willow and dogwood at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve in 2000. Photo: Chip Belden.



In 2007, volunteers helped plant 7,000 native grasses and flowers at the Metolius Preserve to return former roads to forest. Photo: Land Trust.



Volunteers helped plant 191,000 native plants and rescue fish as part of the multi-year restoration of Whychus Creek at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. Photo: Jay Mather.



Small fry—the future of conservation and stewardship—help release salmon fry at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. Photo: Land Trust.

# COMMUNITY

by Sarah Mowry

Thanks to our 2015 volunteers:  
[deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer](http://deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer)



*In 1995 when the Land Trust was first formed, you could say our community was small. A handful of friends who gathered together to grab a beer and ended up hatching a plan to form a land trust. Today, twenty years later, my how our community has grown!*

The core of our Land Trust's community has—and will always be—our members. Members provide the annual support—financial and moral—we need to protect the most important lands in Central Oregon. In 1995, when the Land Trust was founded, we had seven members (remember those folks who gathered to grab a beer!). Today 1,400 members believe in and support land conservation as a way to chart a more sustainable future. We list their names on the following pages because each and every member is important to the future of the Land Trust. Thank you!

Volunteers are the heart of the Land Trust community. We are eternally grateful to have so many dedicated volunteers who lend a hand to make such a difference. In the early years, those folks did everything from brokering our first project to writing grants to pulling weeds. One early crew of volunteers dubbed themselves the Phalaris Fairies—good fairies fighting the dreaded reed canary grass. They gathered regularly to

rid Land Trust Preserves of reed canary grass, but were also donating time as board members and fundraisers.

Today, volunteers continue to play a critical role in restoration and management of our Preserves. Volunteers helped plant thousands of native grasses and sedges at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve during the Whychus Creek restoration and again when Spring Creek was restored. A crew of dedicated Weed Warriors now visits Land Trust Preserves regularly, and trail stewards and caretakers help with Preserve maintenance and general upkeep.

Caring for our protected lands forever also requires community stewardship that teaches people to love these lands. Norma Funai started what would become the Walk + Hike program back in 1999. She, and a handful of other volunteers including Paul Edgerton, led the first bird and plant tours of Indian Ford and Camp Polk Meadows. Today the hike program has nearly 30 outstanding volunteer leaders who take more than 1,000 people on educational tours of our protected lands each year. The end result: a community more connected to place.

Nature Nights has also grown into a community lecture series that connects people to place. These winter talks bring the nature of Central Oregon to the community. For many of us it

bridges the winter gap in birding and hiking, for others it offers a front row seat to the wonders of the world that would otherwise never be seen.

Citizen science is another way for the community to connect to our protected lands. Nascent surveys of plants, birds and other life have grown into full fledged programs. Land Trust volunteer bird surveyors have donated thousands of hours over the years to monitoring bird populations at Land Trust Preserves. Their work has helped us understand our bird populations and see how birds respond to restoration projects.

Finally, there are the countless volunteers who help with the less than glamorous projects: can you help clear the tree that fell down on the road to the Metolius Preserve? Data entry from Skyline Forest petitions? Envelope stuffing? You name it and our volunteer needs are met by enthusiastic devotees. **In 2015, volunteers donated 6,303 hours!**

Wow, we have grown! What a fabulous community we have at the Land Trust! Twenty years from now, I know we will have twice as many members and volunteers, and they will continue to play a key role in conserving the best of Central Oregon and connecting our community to place. —

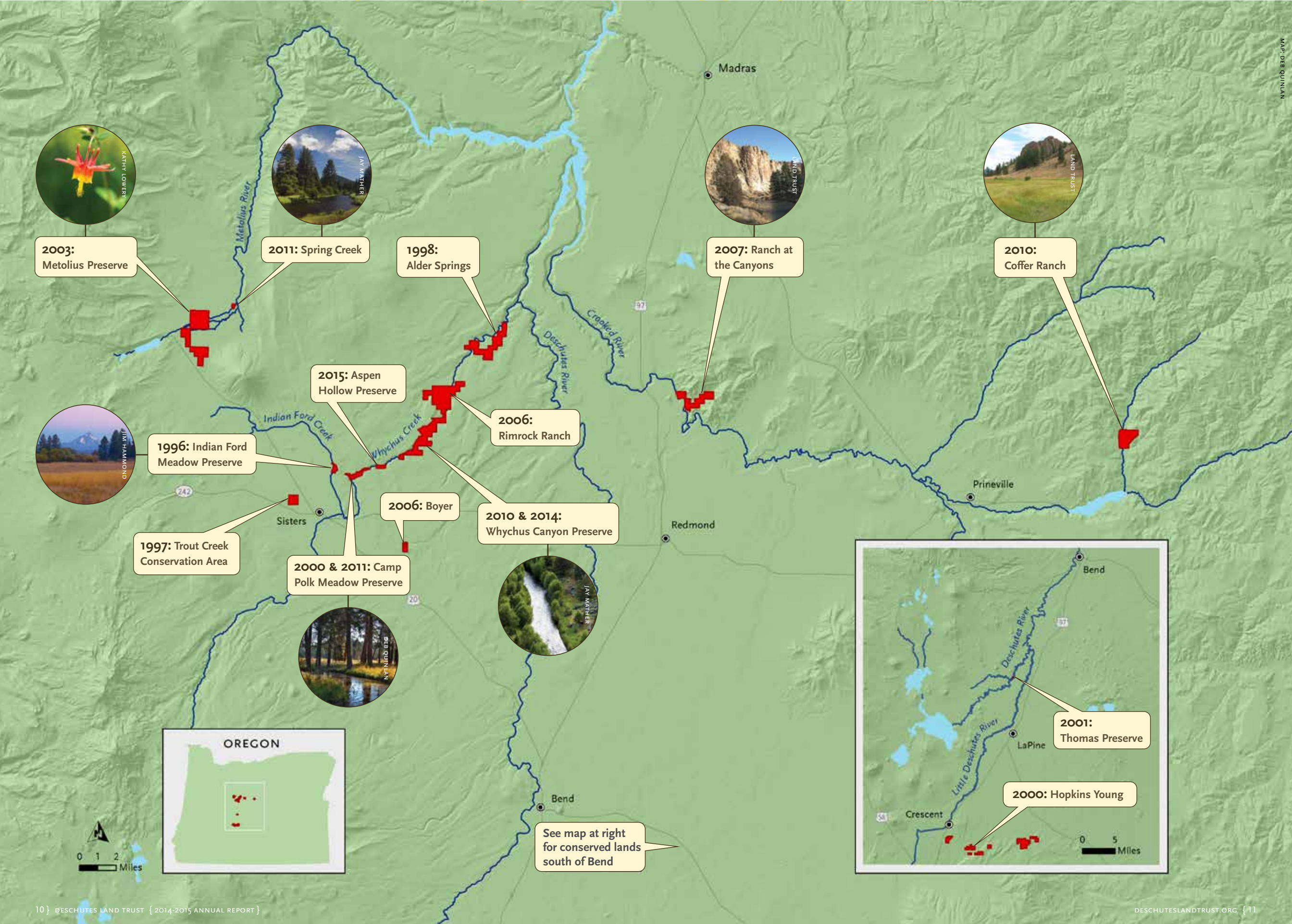
## BOARD AND STAFF

We would be remiss if we didn't mention some of our most dedicated volunteers: Board members. While the Land Trust board has grown and changed over the years, it has been consistently made up of tireless advocates for the organization. Board members donate their time and expertise to help build the community of support we need to conserve land in Central Oregon. Thanks as well to the Land Trust staffers who have remained with the organization for so long: Brad Chalfant, 18 years; Brad Nye, 14 years; Amanda Egertson, 11 years; Sarah Mowry, 10 years; Pat Cohen, 9 years; and Lisa Bagwell, 8 years. **Thank you!**





# 20 YEARS OF LAND CONSERVATION



**2003:**  
Metolius Preserve



KATHY LOWERY

**2011:** Spring Creek



JAY MATHER

**1998:**  
Alder Springs

**2007:** Ranch at the Canyons



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**2010:**  
Coffer Ranch



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**1996:** Indian Ford Meadow Preserve



JIM HAMMOND

**2015:** Aspen Hollow Preserve

**2006:**  
Rimrock Ranch

**2006:** Boyer

**2010 & 2014:**  
Whychus Canyon Preserve



JAY MATHER

**2000 & 2011:** Camp Polk Meadow Preserve



DEB QUINLAN

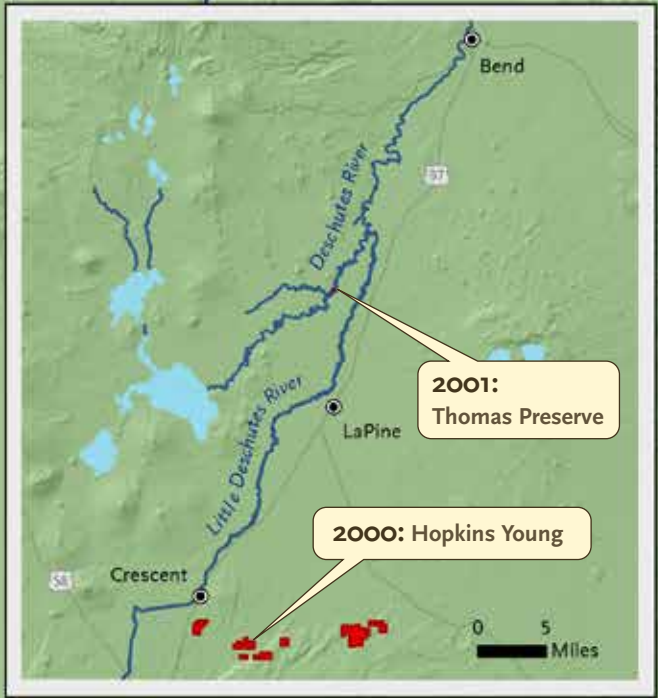
**1997:** Trout Creek Conservation Area

**2001:**  
Thomas Preserve

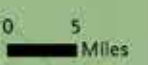
**2000:** Hopkins Young



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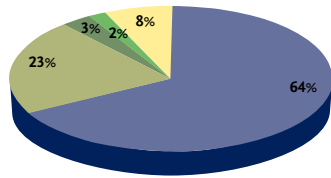
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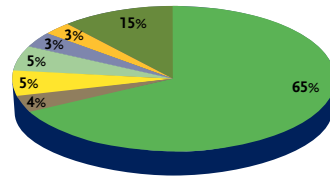
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## Where did our support come from this year?



- Government Grants (64%)
- Donations including Campaign for Whychus Creek (23%)
- Assets released from restrictions (8%)
- Foundation Grants (3%)
- Investments & Other Income (2%)

## What did your support pay for this year?

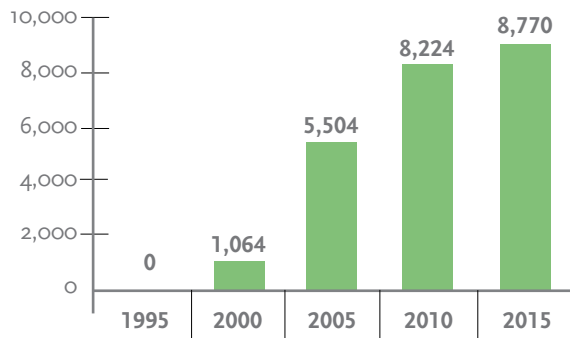


- Land Acquisition/Conservation (65%)
- Restricted for Future Acquisitions/Programs (15%)
- Assets Transferred to Endowment/Reserves (5%)
- Education & Outreach (5%)
- Stewardship (4%)
- Fundraising (3%)
- Administration (3%)

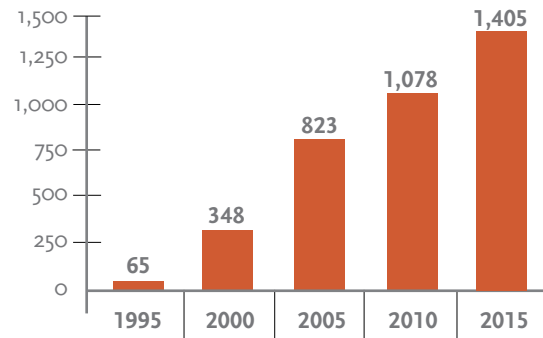
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## TWENTY YEARS OF GROWTH

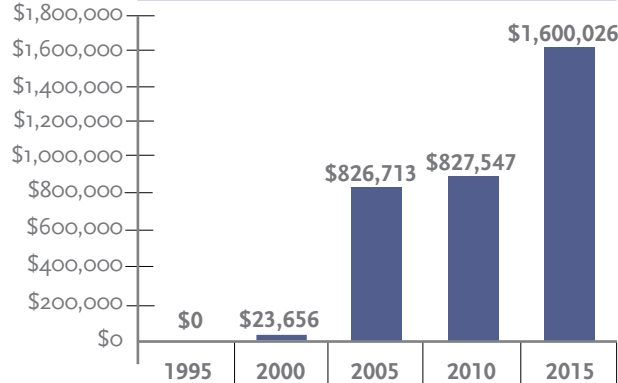
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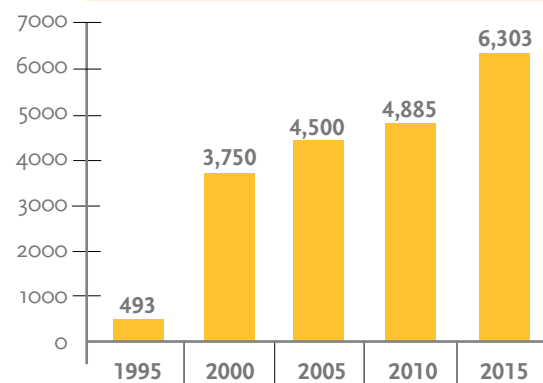
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### ENDOWMENT



### VOLUNTEER HOURS



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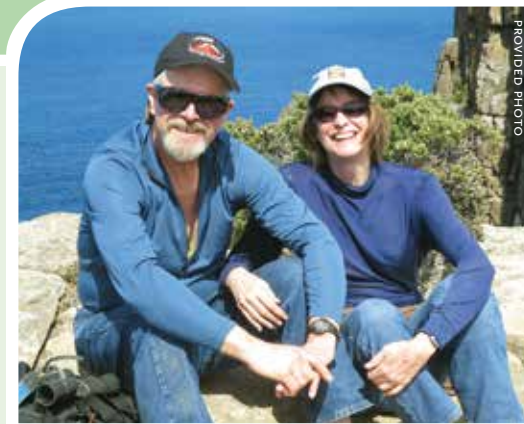
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### DONOR PROFILE: CATHERINE AND MARTY MORROW

Though Catherine and Marty Morrow spend much of their time these days on a fire lookout in eastern Oregon, their roots are in Central Oregon and with the Land Trust. Back in 1995, Catherine was a planner for Deschutes County. Marty an ER nurse at St. Charles. Catherine first got involved with the Land Trust as part of a small group that came together to create Indian Ford Meadow Preserve. She went on to help create the first Board of Directors.

"We support the Land Trust because it goes beyond what the statewide land use program does to protect farm and forest land and fish and wildlife habitat. There is also the assurance that protection and management will be in perpetuity, not subject to changes in policy or laws.

Our favorite project has been the restoration of Whychus Creek and the dream to restore fish runs. Camp Polk Meadow Preserve has been an ambitious collaboration that has helped create better habitat for fish and improve water quality and quantity. I also think the field trips to share and educate people of all ages are great.

The past 20 years have been a success! The Land Trust is an organization that serves as a steward for the land and is a model for others. There is a strong cadre of volunteers, diverse funding, and acres of land and miles of streams under protection. Success!!"

Catherine and Marty Morrow have been Land Trust supporters since 1995!

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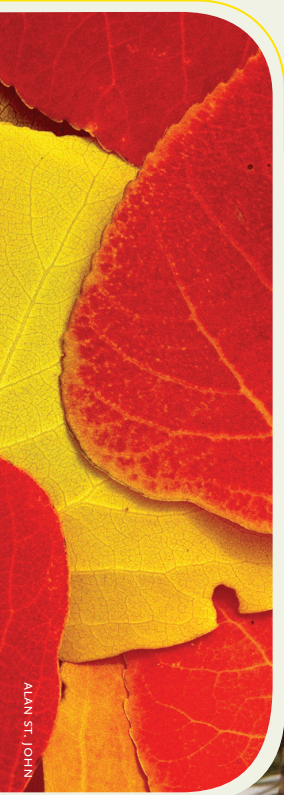


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