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THANKS TO OUR METOLIUS RIVER PRESERVE COMMUNITY

The Land Trust has spent the last year getting to know our new Metolius River Preserve and we are eternally grateful that we have such an amazing community to help us!

One of our first tasks with a new property is to create a report that documents baseline conditions at the Preserve. This means we visit all corners of the property and detail the physical and natural characteristics of the Preserve. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to some key volunteers who have helped us create this report! Carol Moorehead helped update plant lists for the Preserve and Tom Wainright has helped survey the population of rare Peck's penstemon at the Preserve. David Miller and Rick Dewey have also spent countless hours getting to know the fen at the Preserve. They've set up groundwater monitoring wells and are working to document the plant community in this special wetland.

We've also been working closely with community partners to plan for the future of the Preserve. We will be partnering with Friends of the Metolius and the Sisters Ranger District to treat the invasive ribbon grass at the Preserve. We also look forward to working with the Forest Service in the coming years on placing more wood in and around the portion of the Metolius River that flows through the Preserve.

Finally, we'd like to send a special thanks to all our amazing neighbors at the Preserve. We really appreciate all the time you have spent with Land Trust staff this past year! The background history, stories, and photos have been so amazing. Thank you for being so willing to help us get to know the Preserve! —



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YOU'RE INVITED . . .

Join us for Deschutes Land Trust's annual Open House:

October 24th, 2019
5-7pm, in Bend

To register: deschuteslandtrust.org/events



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VOLUNTEER AT THE METOLIUS RIVER PRESERVE!

Join the Deschutes Land Trust for a fall work party to remove barbed wire from the Metolius River Preserve. Volunteers will help collect, coil, and remove wire to help improve habitat for wildlife. Details:

October 3, 10am-1pm

Register today: deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer-ops



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METOLIUS PRESERVE TRAIL TENDERS

Fall is in the air . . . crisp nights, cooler days, and brilliant leaves. With it comes renewed activity outside, on the trail, or at our Metolius Preserve. The Land Trust is incredibly thankful for a crew of dedicated volunteers who help keep the Metolius Preserve open and in great shape for the community to explore. This fall we wanted to highlight our crew of Metolius Preserve trail stewards and send our thanks for all their work this season!

Three Cheers for our Metolius Preserve Trail Stewards:

John Danahy has been helping maintain the Pine Trails at the Preserve since 2018. John visits on a regular basis to clear trails, prune encroaching shrubs, and check on conditions. Huge thanks to John for all his work and for his help assessing all those downed trees last spring!

Peggy Frede has been helping maintain the Larch Trails at the Preserve since 2015. She has her hands full sweeping bridges, raking trails, and pruning vegetation. Peggy has done an amazing job keeping our trails free of clutter all with a smile on her face (see photo at right)!

Bill Mitchell has been helping maintain the Larch Trails along Lake Creek since 2016.

He has the awesome job of keeping lush creekside vegetation in check so you can actually see the trail! Huge thanks to Bill for tackling a more difficult trail that is always in need of taming.

Finally, **Carol Wall and Pat Kearney** have been helping maintain our Fir Trails since 2014. They spend lots of time raking (or really rearranging!) pine needles near the South Trailhead so folks can find the trail. Carol and Pat have done an awesome job keeping one of the busiest parts of the Preserve looking sharp! **Thank you John, Peggy, Bill, Carol, and Pat for all your work keeping the trails at the Metolius Preserve in great shape!**



STEVE PEDERSEN

JOIN US FOR A FALL OUTING!

Each year volunteers lead free walks and hikes at Land Trust Preserves, including the Metolius Preserve.

Whether it's a geology hike, fall colors wander, or a nature journaling class, you are guaranteed to learn a little more about your backyard!

Land Trust Walks + Hikes are offered through October. Details:

deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes



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