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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **Deschutes Land Trust Names First Cohort of Emerging Conservation Leaders**

Bend, OR—November 20, 2024—The Deschutes Land Trust is pleased to announce its first cohort of Emerging Conservationists of Central Oregon (ECCO). The first ECCO cohort includes 31 individuals from throughout Central Oregon who bring a wide variety of skills, expertise, and passion for conservation to the Land Trust.

"The Land Trust is thrilled to work with this amazing group of people to generate excitement, knowledge, and interest in conservation here in Central Oregon. Together we are building the future generation of conservation leaders we need to conserve and care for the lands and waters of our region into the future," said Rika Ayotte, the Land Trust's Executive Director.

Emerging Conservationists of Central Oregon, or ECCO, is a new Land Trust program that works to engage millennials and connect early- and mid-career professionals with opportunities for community leadership growth. ECCO members donate 10-15 hours of their time a year and serve for one year with an option to extend their service for an additional two years.

[Learn more.](#)

2024-2025 Emerging Conservationists of Central Oregon Cohort:

Maggie Anderson
McKenzie Boyd
Jordan Burcham
John Dalman
Adam Foster
Erin Gerhardt
Amber Gomes
LB Gossett
Kimi Guerra
Haley Lebsack
Emily Long

Lena Macomson
Veronica Malby
Samy Metcalf
Gabrielle Monia
Hailee Newman
Amy Paul
Ali Peman-Dupier
Presley Quon
Abby Rachwalski
Ben Rubin

Max Rutledge
Lisa Sanco
Hannah Tanler
Nick Tierney
Fenix Van Tassel
Tristin Vaughn
Sarah Wavers
Grant Wheeler
Alysia Wolf
Cara Woodard

About Deschutes Land Trust:

The Deschutes Land Trust envisions a future of strong and healthy natural and human communities—where we work together to conserve and care for the lands that make Central Oregon an incredible place to live, work, and grow. As Central Oregon's locally-

based, nationally-accredited land trust, the Deschutes Land Trust has conserved and continues to care for more than 18,742 acres since 1995. For more information on the Deschutes Land Trust, contact us at (541) 330-0017 or visit deschuteslandtrust.org.

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