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DESCHUTES LAND TRUST NEIGHBOR NEWS {SPRING 2018}

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SPRING PRESERVE UPDATES

Bird song, wildflowers, fresh green leaves . . . spring is indeed in the air and with it comes a flurry of activity at Deschutes Land Trust Preserves. As a neighbor of several of our Preserves, we thought you might want to know what's happening this spring and summer. Here are a few highlights:

Bird walks, wildflower wanders, history talks! Spring is a great time to get out and explore your Land Trust Sisters-area Preserves. The Land Trust hosts more than 140 free, guided Walks + Hikes to explore the nature of our protected lands throughout Central Oregon. As a neighbor of our Sisters-area Preserves, you've likely seen these groups visiting our Preserves, but have you ever been on one of our outings? Whether you're a long-time resident or a newcomer, Land Trust Walks + Hikes are a great way to learn about local birds, wildflowers, geology, and more! Join us today.

Trail tenders: The Land Trust is so very fortunate to have a crew of awesome volunteers who help tend our trails at our Preserves. You may notice these folks at Indian Ford Meadow Preserve and Camp Polk Meadow Preserve during the spring, summer, and fall. They volunteer their time to rake pine needles from trails, pull weeds, and generally keep our Preserve trails in tip-top shape. Huge thanks to David Margiott and Kathy Montgomery for tending Indian Ford Meadow Preserve and Ron Ross, Joe Coss, and Deb Coss for tending Camp Polk Meadow Preserve!

Restoration work: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve has been a hive of activity of late with lots of work in progress in the Hindman Springs portion of the Preserve. Check out the back of this newsletter to learn more! We've also been busy removing barbed wire at Indian Ford Meadow Preserve and Willow Springs Preserve to improve habitat for wildlife. Once those wire fences are removed, we plan on installing new boundary signs this spring. Finally, the Land Trust Weed Warriors can also often be found at our Sisters-area Preserves helping pull weeds so native plant communities can thrive. ➤



GOLDEN EAGLE FEVER!

The Land Trust is extremely fortunate to have a pair of golden eagles that nest and raise their young at our Aspen Hollow Preserve! Even cooler is the fact that you can watch the eagles on the nest via a live webcam.

This year the nest has two eaglets who are growing and changing every day! Watch their progress via the East Cascades Audubon Society webcam. Then, join us for a tour July-October to see the nesting site first-hand.

Learn more: deschuteslandtrust.org/golden-eagles



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HINDMAN SPRINGS PRESERVATION + RESTORATION

Over the winter the Land Trust started work on a new preservation and restoration project at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. Highlights include:

- Historic preservation and interpretation:** Thanks to recent funding, the Land Trust was able to begin historic preservation and interpretation work at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve over the winter. We started by stabilizing the remains of the 146-year old Hindman barn. Our goal was to stabilize posts, create new footings, and reattach various timbers that had disconnected over the years. The end result ensures the remaining barn structure is safe to visit and will withstand many more years. We also replaced a grate over the cold cellar that is the only remaining portion of the historic Hindman home. Finally, this fall we look forward to installing new interpretive signs and a sharing a brochure that will tell the story of this historic place. **Learn more:** deschuteslandtrust.org/camp-polk
- Native plant restoration:** We are also working to restore native plant communities in and around the Hindman barn and home site. Non-native weeds have taken hold in this portion of the Preserve, making it hard for native grasses and wildflowers to compete. To combat these invaders, we will be tilling the soil and then baking the soil and remaining seed bank under plastic. You'll see squares of clear plastic in Hindman Springs throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Once the heat and plastic have sufficiently killed the weeds and seeds, we plan on replanting with native grasses and wildflowers to improve habitat for wildlife.

The Hindman Springs portion of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve is open during daylight hours year-round. Come check out our progress!



NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION IS UNDERWAY AT CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE. PHOTO: LAND TRUST.



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FISH RELEASES:

Spring is the season when tiny native fish are released at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve! In March, the Land Trust helped release 70,000 tiny Chinook salmon fry (~1" fish) into Whychus Creek. Then in April, we had 2,000 steelhead smolts (~5" fish) housed in two pens in the creek. They were acclimatized for two weeks and then released to swim freely. The hope with both releases is that the fish will imprint and bond with Camp Polk Meadow and Whychus Creek before they head to the ocean and then one day return to spawn and rear.

More: deschuteslandtrust.org/wildlife