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DESCHUTES LAND TRUST NEIGHBOR NEWS {FALL 2018}

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## SUMMER + FALL PRESERVE UPDATES

*It's hard to believe, but it's been six years since the Land Trust and our partners completed the restoration of Whychus Creek and the lower meadow at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve! Since then, the meadow continues to grow and evolve. This summer we revisited some iconic images of the meadow to see how things have changed. Here are a few highlights:*



1998: Prior to the Land Trust's acquisition.



2018: Post restoration.



2013: Just after the restoration was completed.



2018: Note all the new streamside vegetation!



2015: Two years after restoration.



2018: Note all the new streamside vegetation!



JIM HAMMOND

### GOLDEN EAGLE SUCCESS!

*If you haven't already heard, it was a glorious year for the golden eagles at Aspen Hollow Preserve! Our resident golden eagles successfully raised their two chicks in their nest perched high on a cliff at the Preserve.*

*Thanks to the East Cascades Audubon Society webcam many people were able to watch the babies grow and change each day until they left the nest in June. Since then we've seen the young eagles in the area looking healthy and strong.*

Learn more: [deschuteslandtrust.org/golden-eagles](https://deschuteslandtrust.org/golden-eagles)





## HINDMAN SPRINGS PRESERVATION + RESTORATION

*The Land Trust started a preservation and restoration project at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve nearly a year ago. Here's an update on how the project is progressing:*

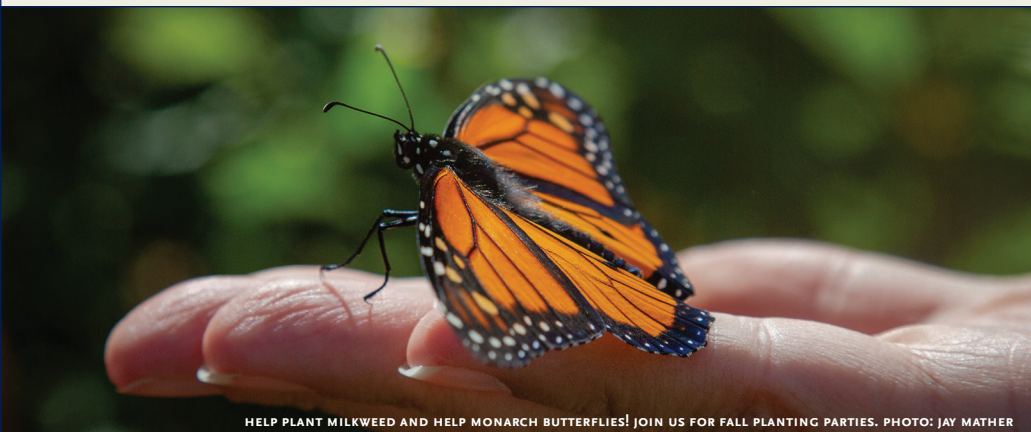
**Historic preservation and interpretation:** Hindman Springs is home to the remains of one of the oldest structures in Deschutes County: the Hindman Barn. Thanks to recent preservation work, the 146-year old barn is now stable, safe to visit, and ready for new interpretive signs! We are looking forward to installing eight new interpretive signs in and around the barn and Hindman Springs later this fall. These signs will tell the story of the barn's construction and use, as well as the role Camp Polk played in the history and settlement of Central Oregon. New brochure and kiosk signs will complement trail signs.

**Learn more:** [deschuteslandtrust.org/camp-polk](http://deschuteslandtrust.org/camp-polk)

**Native plant restoration:** With fall comes the season of planting! During October and November we will be planting 3,800 native grasses and wildflowers in the spot where all of the clear plastic has been blanketing the ground around our barn this spring and summer. The plastic has officially completed its job of trapping heat and killing weeds and weed seeds and now we need new plants to outcompete any new weeds that might sprout. Our plant list includes one special plant that will play an important role in the restoration: milkweed! We will be adding our native showy and narrow-leafed milkweed to help improve habitat for monarch butterflies! We hope you'll join us for upcoming planting parties on October 21-22. **Learn more:** [deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer](http://deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer)

**Visit the Hindman Springs preservation and restoration project with Stewardship Director Amanda Egertson on a special neighbors-only tour: September 24, 10am-12pm.**

Register online: [deschuteslandtrust.org/cpm-neighbor-tour](http://deschuteslandtrust.org/cpm-neighbor-tour)



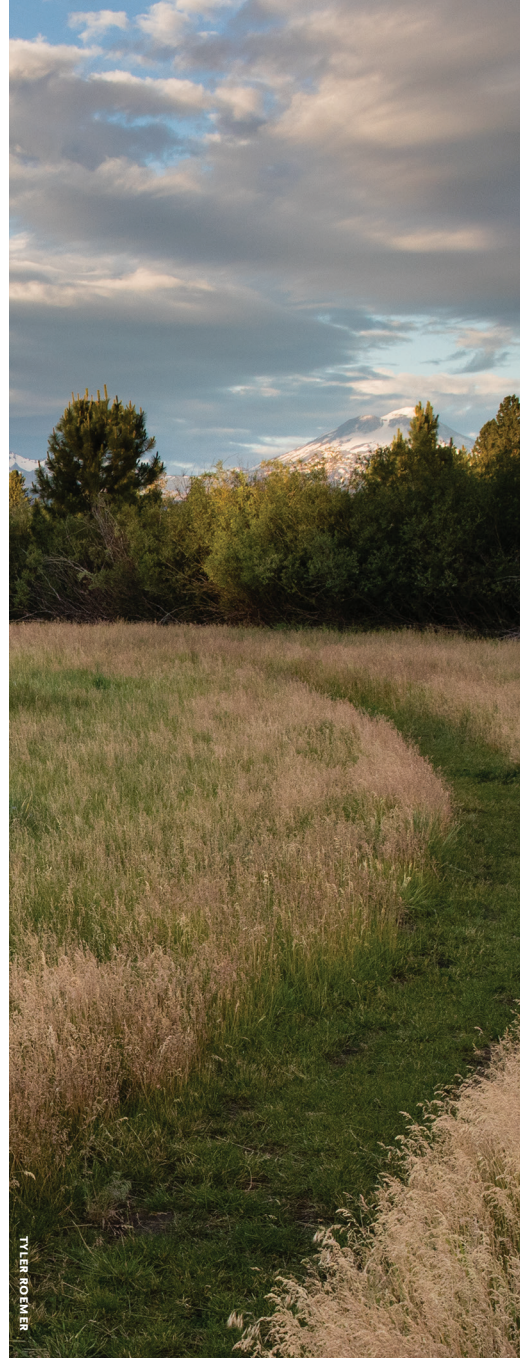
HELP PLANT MILKWEED AND HELP MONARCH BUTTERFLIES! JOIN US FOR FALL PLANTING PARTIES. PHOTO: JAY MATHER



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### INDIAN FORD MEADOW TRAIL:

You may have noticed that our Indian Ford Meadow Trail is a work in progress. It was quite muddy this winter and spring and rather grassy this summer. As with all new trails, it will take some time to break in and establish its tread. The good news is that you can help with the process! Hiking or walking on the trail when it is not muddy will help further establish the trail. When it is muddy, we ask that you refrain from using the trail and either use the gravel portion of the trail or visit nearby Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. Thank you!