



DESCHUTES LAND TRUST NEIGHBOR NEWS {FALL 2019}

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ASPEN HOLLOW PRESERVE FOREST RESTORATION

The Land Trust will be working to restore the forests of Aspen Hollow Preserve this fall.

Our goal is to restore ponderosa pine and aspen stands to improve the health of the forest, provide high quality wildlife habitat, revitalize the native grass and wildflower understory, and help protect adjacent neighborhoods from catastrophic fire.

We are hoping to begin cutting small-diameter juniper and piling it in early to mid-September. Our work will focus on the south side of Whychus Creek in a fairly steep canyon section where juniper is encroaching on pine and aspen. Because of the challenging terrain, we will cut and pile by hand without the use of heavy equipment. We'll then return to burn these piles in the winter when the ground is sufficiently wet or covered in snow.

We'd like to send a big thanks to the neighbors that provided access onto their properties so we could acquire aerial imagery of the restoration area before we begin work. These photos will be compared to post-restoration images and provide a great monitoring tool over time. ✂



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Learn more: deschuteslandtrust.org/asp-hollow-preserve

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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NEW INTERPRETIVE TRAIL AT CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE

This summer the Land Trust established a new historic interpretive trail at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. The trail and accompanying signs share some of the unique human history of the meadow, the Santiam Wagon Road, and the Hindman family.

Learn more: deschuteslandtrust.org/camp-polk-history-trail



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MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROGRAM SOARS

The Land Trust recently launched a new conservation program to help protect monarch butterflies and their habitat. Our main goals include conserving land so monarchs have the habitat they need to survive, planting native milkweed, and educating the community about the monarch butterfly and how they can help. Here's what we have accomplished:

- We have been working to restore healthy habitats for monarchs at Land Trust Preserves. This includes lots of new milkweed and other pollinator friendly plants that were planted in recent restoration areas and another round of new plantings this fall! Join us to give 600+ new milkweed plants a home at Land Trust Preserves (see details on right for how you can get involved)!
- We are working with Bend Parks and Recreation District, the Old Mill District, and COCC to plant hundreds of milkweed plants on their properties this fall.
- We have distributed more than 60,000 native milkweed seeds that are hopefully now thriving in home gardens all over Central Oregon!
- We reared, tagged, and released 5 monarch butterflies (with dozens more on the way!). Four were released in Bend, while one was released at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve along the banks of Whychus Creek.
- A "wild" (not reared) monarch butterfly was spotted at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve in early August.
- We are working with Western Monarch Advocates on plans for the 2020 Western Monarch Summit in Pacific Grove, CA.

This fall we will be continuing to create healthy habitats for the monarchs to feed on, migrate through, and lay their eggs in. We hope you will get involved! **Learn lots more about this exciting project:** deschuteslandtrust.org/monarch-butterflies



HELP CREATE HEALTHY HABITAT FOR BUTTERFLIES!

Join the Deschutes Land Trust this fall for a planting party at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. Lend a hand to plant milkweed and other native plants so monarch butterflies and other native creatures can thrive:

October 26, 9am-12pm

Please register online:
deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer-opps

