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VOLUNTEERS HELP POLLINATOR HABITAT THRIVE

Last fall, the Land Trust partnered with the Crooked River Wetlands Complex to create a new monarch and pollinator garden at the Wetlands Complex. Volunteers from the Wetlands and Prineville Bird Club came together on a blustery fall day to plant the native milkweed and other pollinator plants the Land Trust donated.

Since then, the plants have been flourishing under the care of some amazing Crooked River Wetlands volunteers who have persevered despite some challenges. The Land Trust wanted to send our thanks to volunteer leaders Mary Ann Pogany and Diana Roberts who have been leading the charge to water and weed in the new monarch and pollinator garden. They adopted this new garden on top of several others they already care for at the complex and have spent countless hours helping those new native plants thrive. They have also led several public work parties to help remove non-native weeds like white top that have aggressively moved into the gardens. The Land Trust is so grateful for their dedication to helping monarch butterflies and other native species thrive!



You can lend a hand this fall to help monarch butterflies and other native pollinators! **Join one of our Monarch + Pollinator Garden Work Parties:** deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer-opps



MEET RIKA AYOTTE, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Rika Ayotte is the Land Trust's executive director. She joined the Land Trust in July of 2021, and brings a wealth of experience to lead us in conserving and caring for the lands and waters of Central Oregon. Get to know Rika and her passion for the land:

Learn more: deschuteslandtrust.org/rika



VOLUNTEER FOR THE ANNUAL OCHOCO CREEK CLEAN-UP: OCTOBER 16, 11AM-2PM

DETAILS: [DESCHUTESLANDTRUST.ORG/OCHOCO-CLEANUP](https://deschuteslandtrust.org/ochoco-cleanup)



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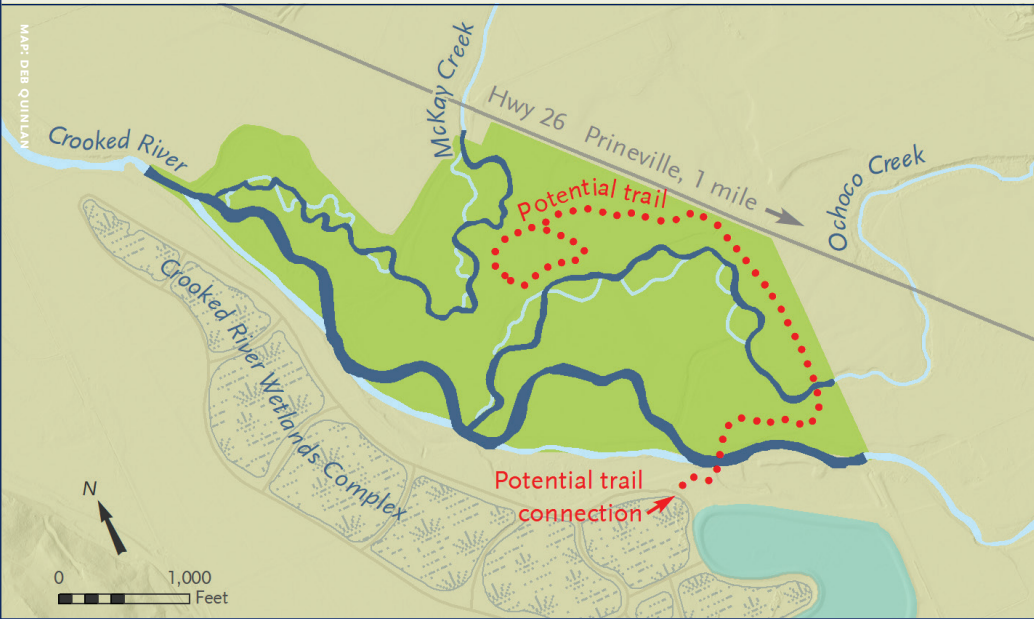
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OCHOCO PRESERVE RESTORATION UPDATE

Plans for restoring Ochoco Preserve are moving forward. The goal of the restoration is to restore many of the historic natural processes that the Crooked River, Ochoco Creek, and McKay Creek would have had.

Land Trust restoration specialist Jason Grant has also been very busy working with restoration contractors to plan and sequence the many phases that will be needed to restore the property. One of the first steps in the restoration is to relocate the house and barn from the Preserve. The Land Trust was able to sell both structures so they could continue to be used, and we are currently in the process of moving them to new locations which will give us the space to begin restoration efforts.

In 2022, we will begin the first phase of restoration by restoring the portion of McKay Creek that runs through the Preserve. McKay Creek currently runs along the northwestern boundary of Ochoco Preserve and is bermed to hold it in a straight alignment. Habitat for fish and wildlife is very limited, the creek cannot access its historic floodplain, and the groundwater level has receded. To restore the creek, construction crews will realign the creek onto the Preserve (see map below), adding more side channels, wetlands, and natural structures to improve habitat for fish and wildlife. We will also build a fish acclimation pond that will be used to help grow and release native fish into the creek. Part of the restoration will also include establishing locations for trails and educational sites so we can build them as soon as we have funding. **Learn more:** deschuteslandtrust.org/ochoco-restoration



OCHOCO RESTORATION ZOOM

Join the Land Trust for a virtual Ochoco Preserve restoration session. Land Trust restoration specialist Jason Grant will provide an overview of the upcoming project, sharing goals, timing, and details for how we will improve habitat for fish and wildlife. Then, participants will have a chance to ask their questions about this multi-year restoration effort.

- **October 13th, 12-1pm**

Learn more: deschuteslandtrust.org/ochoco-restoration



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