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DESCHUTES LAND TRUST NEIGHBOR NEWS {FALL 2018}

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## NEIGHBOR NEWS: WHYCHUS CANYON PRESERVE

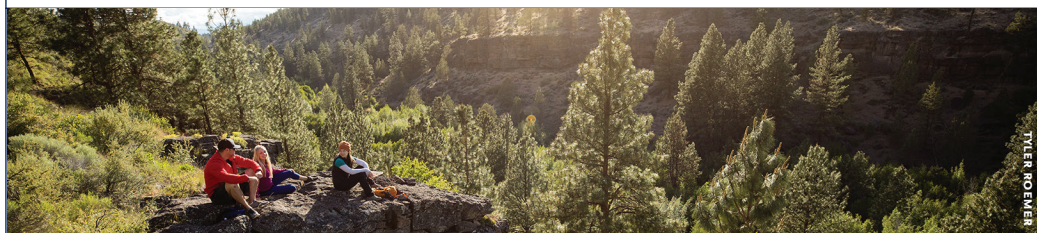
*Fall is in the air . . . crisp nights, cooler days, and brilliant leaves.* With it comes renewed activity outside, on the trail, or at our Whychus Canyon Preserve. The Land Trust is incredibly thankful for a crew of dedicated volunteers who help with all this activity at the Preserve. From weed warriors who tackle invasive weeds, to trail ambassadors who chat with visitors on our trails, to trail stewards who help with maintenance and upkeep, it truly takes a community to keep Whychus Canyon Preserve open and available to the community. This fall we wanted to highlight our crew of trail stewards and send our thanks for all their work this season!

**Three Cheers for our Whychus Canyon Preserve Trail Stewards: Carol and Rod Moorehead** have been helping maintain the Meadow and Wagon Road Trails at the Preserve. They've done an excellent job of keeping an eye on our most used trails, including picking up lots of litter! It's a great reminder that we do not have garbage service at Whychus Canyon Preserve, so if you pack it in, please pack it out.

**Karen Bonner** has been helping maintain the Creek Trails. She has done an incredible job keeping unruly streamside vegetation in check with a smile and rake in her hand (see photo at right)! Huge thanks for taking on a more difficult trail elevation-wise and vegetation-wise!



Finally, **Deb and Gary Weber** have been helping maintain our Rim Trails. This year has been a big year for the Rim Trails with lots of encroaching vegetation nearly covering the trail. Deb and Gary have done an amazing job of keeping the weeds and other vegetation at bay because of their determination and many, many hours of painstaking work! **Huge thanks to Deb, Gary, Karen, Carol, and Rod for all their work keeping the trails at Whychus Canyon Preserve in great shape!**



### WHYCHUS CREEK CLEAN-UP:

Put on your boots and help us clean up Whychus Creek! We are joining SOLVE and groups across the state for a day dedicated to cleaning up rivers and beaches.

Help keep Whychus Creek healthy for fish and wildlife by removing trash in and around the creek at Camp Polk Meadow and Willow Springs Preserves.

**September 29, 2018**  
**10am-12pm**

RSVP: [deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer](https://deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer)





## WHYCHUS CREEK RESTORATION UPDATE

*In 2016, Whychus Canyon Preserve was the site of a massive creek and meadow restoration project designed to improve habitat for fish and wildlife.* Work focused on the northernmost mile of creek at the Preserve, dramatically changing a straight creek and dry meadow to a multi-channeled creek with much better habitat for fish and wildlife. Today the meadow is quiet and in a growing and monitoring phase and this summer we invited a team of preeminent scientists to the Preserve to check out our progress!

Dr. Colin Thorne, an internationally renowned river scientist from the University of Nottingham in England, spent two weeks at the Preserve with his team of graduate students monitoring all aspects of the Whychus Creek restoration. The goal: to enhance our collective understanding of cutting-edge restoration. Students completed habitat surveys, wetland assessments, temperature surveys, vegetation surveys, geomorphic surveys, and plankton sampling. Dr. Thorne and his students will then crunch the numbers and compare the data to another Land Trust restoration project at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve and share the results. We look forward to seeing the fruits of their labors!



DR. THORNE CHECKS STREAM TEMPERATURE WITH A STUDENT.  
PHOTO: JAY MATHER



Take a behind-the-scenes tour and find out what these students are doing: [deschuteslandtrust.org/stream-science](http://deschuteslandtrust.org/stream-science)



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Help plant native plants along the banks of Whychus Creek at Whychus Canyon Preserve! Planting parties will be in October and early November and will include milkweed for monarch butterflies! Details: [deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer](http://deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer)



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