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Barry Lopez, author of Light Action in the Caribbean (Vantage Books, October 2001)
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River Visions and Nature Reflections

Barry Lopez, author of international acclaim, is the featured presenter at Deschutes Basin Land Trust's Fall 2001 River Visions Benefit and Fundraiser. The event is set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday October 25 at Mt. Bachelor Village Conference Center.

Mary Campbell, Land Trust Board member and event chair states, "the Land Trust is fortunate to have an author of Barry Lopez's stature support the Land Trust's work in the Deschutes Basin." Mr. Lopez comes to Central Oregon courtesy of

Paulina Springs Book Company and **Knopf Publishing Inc.**

The Land Trust will provide a delicious array of appetizers and there will be a no-host bar. At around 6:30 p.m. Barry Lopez will provide some remarks as well as a reading from his latest book, "Light Action in the Caribbean".

The silent auction slate for this year is better than ever. Campbell noted, "we already have river trips, jewelry, artwork, books and other items donated."

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Back to Home Waters

As far back as the 1960's, legendary runs of wild Steelhead trout, Chinook and Sockeye salmon still spawned in the headwaters of the Metolius, middle Deschutes and lower Crooked River. Hydroelectric dams constructed at Warm Springs blocked these native fish from their home waters.

Now, with dam relicensing, a remarkable opportunity exists to reintroduce and restore anadromous fish to the upper Deschutes Basin. However, seizing this dream requires a focused and sustained effort to identify, restore and protect critical spawning and rearing habitat.

Partnerships will be key, especially those with agricultural landowners and conservation partners in areas critical to reintroduction. *cont'd on page 3*



Bob Woodward



Executive Director's Corner



Ryan Carlson

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Our weather warmed, we had a great field season and now it's time to enjoy our harvest season.

Earlier this year, I talked about the need to restore our degraded landscapes. Since then, work crews have been busy at the Trout Creek

Conservation Area and the Indian Ford Meadow and Camp Polk Meadow Preserves. Real progress is being made in removing noxious weeds and restoring native vegetation.

The Camp Polk Meadow Preserve saw the Army Corps of Engineers beginning formal studies to determine the best means of restoring the wetland hydrology of the meadow. While the Corps of Engineers analyze the hydrology, we've removed juniper and begun planting willows, alder, aspen and cottonwood along the stream draining Hindman Springs.

All our Preserves require diligent work to control and to eliminate noxious weeds. Only then can we restore native plants as habitat for fish & wildlife. Old fencing is replaced with "wildlife friendly" fencing or eliminated altogether, bird boxes installed and brush piles created. All of this gives native fish & wildlife a boost in midst of a rapidly developing landscape.

Truth be told, amidst these troubled times there are some bright spots out there. Public awareness of the noxious weed threat is growing and public agencies have greater interest in watershed health. In fact, the shift to a watershed-based conservation approach represents a great hope for the future.

By helping people recognize a common interest in the health of our watershed we can dream audacious dreams. Dreams of wild runs of salmon and steelhead trout returning to the upper Basin, such as Back to Home Waters. Exciting times and we hope you'll lend a hand.

Brad Chalfant, Executive Director



Interns a godsend

Early June found Intern, **Beth Seymour**, quickly busy with Land Trust Outreach programs and Volunteer Coordination projects. Beth says, "I learned about the Land Trust from the website, but didn't really know what to expect." I got involved with so many people and projects that I feel like I did a little of everything this summer. "I learned a lot", Beth stated.

At the end of August, she returned to Whitman College to complete her senior year as a Spanish Major and Geology Minor. "Beth was a tremendous help this summer, a lot wouldn't have been accomplished without her!" says Office Manager, Jessica Huettl.

Also in June, **Emily Barbour**, our Summer Planning Intern, arrived in Bend, a long way from her home in Vermont's Green Mountains. Emily quickly assimilated into the Land Trust, working hard to refine the Land Trust's Basin-wide Protection Strategy and lay the foundation for the Back to Home Waters campaign.

And if that wasn't enough she gathered information



Beth Seymour (left) and Emily Barbour hiking at Smith Rock

for the Squaw Creek working group, while taking every opportunity on the weekends to hike and camp. It has been a wonderful summer Emily said, "I gained a lot of skills from the Land Trust that I know will come in handy in the future, and I had a great time exploring Oregon."

Emily returned to her third year at Oberlin College in Ohio where she is an Environmental Studies major and Geology and Politics double-minor. She hopes to keep in touch with the Land Trust, especially as we implement **Back to Home Waters**. Emily would also like to thank Bob and Eileen Woodward for providing her with a great apartment during her stay.

Back to Home Waters
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The Deschutes Basin Land Trust intends to restore these critical fish habitats, and ultimately help bring these wild fish **"Back to Home Waters"**.

To undertake the Back to Home Waters initiative, the Land Trust sought and was awarded a **\$50,000**

Challenge Grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

According to Executive Director **Brad Chalfant**, "We intend to work with willing agricultural landowners and our conservation partners to restore and protect through conservation easements the working landscapes of these watersheds."

Private lands account for a large percentage of the fish habitat above the dams. The protection and restoration of these lands is critical to a successful reintroduction of the anadromous fisheries. The majority of these lands are riparian corridors adjacent to farm and ranchlands, notably within the Squaw Creek and Crooked River watersheds. "At the same time these lands are facing some of the highest development pressures in Oregon," Chalfant noted.

It's a great start, but to utilize the grant and begin putting staff into the field the Land Trust must meet the challenge match. "Simply put, we need your help", Brad stated.

Please help bring life to **Back to Home Waters** for the sake of the wild fish of the Deschutes Basin. More importantly it will restore and sustain an historic part of central Oregon's culture for future generations. For more information, contact **Brad Chalfant** at (541) 330-0017 .



Bob Woldman



Why Endowment?

Our mission requires that we take the long view...gifts to the Land Trust Endowment Fund offset operational costs to ensure special lands are conserved for generations to come.

Guided tours of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve

Camp Polk Meadow Preserve is the Land Trust's newest acquisition. The preserve is 145 acres of meadow, wetland, aspen and ponderosa pine habitat along 1.4 miles of **Squaw Creek**. To protect wildlife and habitats, access to the Meadow portion of the Preserve is limited to surveys, fieldwork, educational activities and guided tours. Guided tours of the meadow are regularly given. Perhaps you would like to discover why Camp Polk Meadow Preserve is such an incredible place. **For more information on tour dates** please contact the Land Trust office at (541)330-0017 or email: "info@deschuteslandtrust.org"



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The Deschutes Basin Land Trust acquires land or conservation easements from willing sellers or donors. Acquired lands are managed to preserve their natural and scenic values. The Land Trust serves landowners within the Deschutes Basin, which includes lands in Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Sherman and Wasco counties drained by the Deschutes River and its tributaries. The Trust has been recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Grants Flash

A hearty thank you to the funds received this year to date from the following foundations:

• M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust

\$90,000 over 3 years to provide matching grant funding for the Conservation Project Manager staff position

• Land Trust Alliance/Northwest Program

\$30,000 over 2 years to provide matching grant funding for the Conservation Project Manager staff position.

• National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

\$50,000 over 18 months to provide matching grant funds on a 1:2 ratio to support the "Back to Home Waters" Initiative.

• The Brothers Fund II of the Tides Foundation

\$10,000 for general operating support.

• Oregon Parks Foundation

\$4,000 to provide funding for interpretive facilities at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.

• COEC/Salmon Run Funds

\$3,689 to provide funding for restoration planning at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.



Country Living ...Save our country-

The September issue of Country Living (www.countryliving.com) has an article on America's family farmers written by sixth-generation farmer Victor Hanson who grows fruit in California.

Here's just a sample of what he says, "Today less than one percent of the American population earns a living by producing food. Even fewer of these men and women operate family farms.

How could this be so in a world with finite resources and a skyrocketing population? Surely food should be held ever more precious—and its growers be among the most prosperous of our citizens."

What will it take to save the family farm? In the words of Ellen Straus, an organic dairy farmer (and the second farmer to win American Farmland Trust's coveted Steward of the Land Award), it will take "lots of hard work, diversification, creative thinking and more than a little help from people who care."



Hiking series a hit

Many Thanks to our volunteer Hike Leaders Kate Cerino, Mary Alice Willson and Mary and David Smith. The Land Trust sponsored a dozen outings to some of the Basin's special places during our 2001 Summer Hiking Series. Destinations included the McKenzie River, Paulina Lake, Iron Mountain, the Metolius River, Alder Springs, Lookout Mountain and Black Crater, just to name a few. The hikes are an enjoyable way to meet interesting people and experience the wonderful areas of the Basin. We are continuing to expand the program for next summer. For more information or to sign up to become a Hike Leader contact the Land Trust at (541)330-0017.

Legacy of Landscapes



Across a kitchen table a landowner tells the story about a very special place... their land and their history are the story. In the course of the conversation, the landowner raises the question; "who's going to take care of this place when I'm gone." A genuine concern and sometimes, there is a Land Trust solution.

Although it may not occur to many landowners, they can donate land and continue to live on it. This is known as a gift of remainder interest, or a gift of land with a "reserved life estate".

Such a gift reserves to the donor and any other named persons the right to continue living on and using the property during their lifetimes. At the end of the specified life interests, full title and control of the property automatically transfers to the Land Trust. Again, the Land Trust will evaluate the most appropriate means of conserving the property, consistent with the donors intent. Thus the final outcome is very similar to an outright gift of land.



The donation of a remainder interest offers several advantages:

- the donors continue to use and enjoy the property throughout their lifetimes;
- the property is permanently conserved;
- the donor may be entitled to an income tax deduction when the gift is made if the property is a personal residence, farm or ranch, or land having conservation value; and
- in the event of a sale, any proceeds would be used to support the land conservation programs of the Land Trust after the life interest conclude.

For more information, please contact **Brian Harrington** at the Land Trust office at 541-330-0017 or e-mail: brian@deschuteslandtrust.org

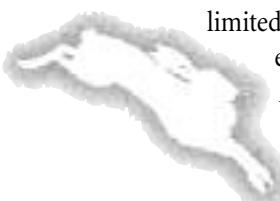
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River Visions, Lopez, cont'd from page one.

Proceeds from the ticket sales, the no-host bar and the silent auction will support Land Trust work including the recently announced **Back to Home Waters** campaign.

Tickets are already selling and space is limited, so advance purchase is encouraged this year. Advance sales are \$25 a person and \$45 a couple, while late comers contribute more to the

Land Trust by paying \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by check to the Land Trust Office or with a credit card and phone call to Jessica at (541) 330-0017.



Barry Lopez's Works Include:

Nonfiction

- *Arctic Dreams: Imagination and Desire in the Northern Landscape*
- *Of Wolves and Men*

Fiction

- *Lessons from the Wolverine*
- *Field Notes: The Grace Note of the Canyon Wren*
- *Winter Count*
- *River Notes: The Dance of Herons*

Essays

- "Apologia"
- "About This Life: Journeys on the Threshold of Memory"
- "The Rediscovery of North America"
- "Crossing Open Ground"

Lands in Trust!
The Nation's local and regional, private non-profit land trusts have conserved more than 6.4 million acres of open space as of December 31, 2000.



The President's Pen



Bob Woodward

**"The great outdoors is calling.
Are you listening?"**

"Your thoughtful commitment will leave a legacy of landscapes conserved in the basin, for Oregon, forever!"

Our air is clean and sweet. Our streams gurgle and slosh toward big rivers. Our views of mountain peaks are unmatched. The great outdoors is calling. Are you listening?

Restore your spirit! Get out there and be part of nature. There are many ways and you don't have far to go. The choice is yours!

Action and example are two of the greatest teachers we possess. If we get outside and pursue our activity and enjoy, others will see and be aware. They'll see our refreshed look, that renewed energy and they'll want that same experience.

My suggestion is very simple. Take someone, or better yet two or three with you. Show them a special place. Share the treasure that is ours, the Deschutes Basin, and they will feel the spirit of our land! Engage yourself and others in this special place called Central Oregon.

John Casey, President of the Board

Land Trust launches Five Rivers Society

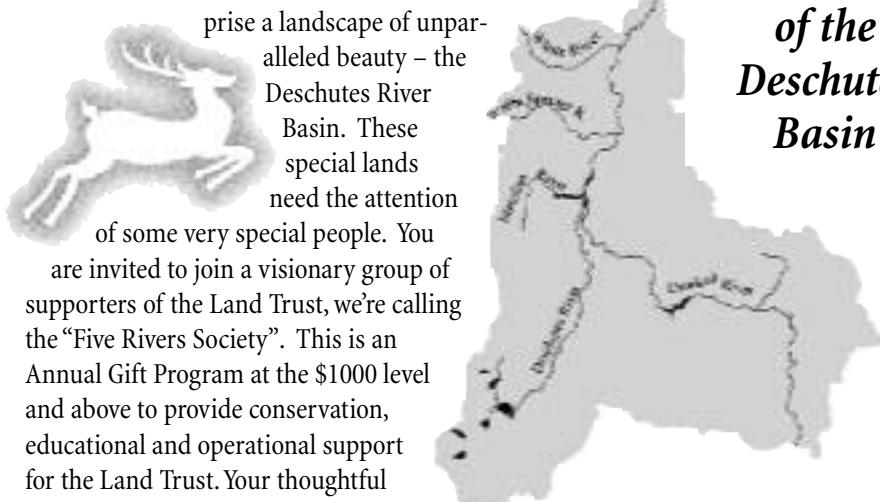
The Metolius, Crooked, Warm Springs, White and Deschutes Rivers. Five rivers that com-

prise a landscape of unparalleled beauty – the Deschutes River Basin. These special lands need the attention

of some very special people. You

are invited to join a visionary group of supporters of the Land Trust, we're calling the "Five Rivers Society". This is an Annual Gift Program at the \$1000 level and above to provide conservation, educational and operational support for the Land Trust. Your thoughtful commitment will leave a legacy of landscapes conserved in the basin, for Oregon, forever! For more information, please contact the office at (541) 330-0017.

***Five Rivers
of the
Deschutes
Basin***





Painting by Chari Grenfell is part of the River Visions fall benefit and fundraiser

Donated art appreciated

Chari Grenfell, local artist, donated an exquisite pastel of Camp Polk Meadow entitled *Lupine Meadow*. Chari stated "I donated my original piece for the River Visions fall benefit and fundraiser as I really feel strongly about the value of the Land Trust and our area." She also hopes to encourage other artists to donate art as well.



Books to Read

Hope is the Thing with Feathers: A Personal Chronicle of Vanished Birds by Christopher Cokinos.

Cokinos details a moving history about the extinction of the heath hen, passenger pigeon, Carolina parakeet, ivory-billed woodpecker, great auk, and the Labrador duck: what times were like when they were alive and thriving, what caused their decline and ultimate extinction. What was the most haunting were the accounts of the last individuals of each species and how even the best intentioned attempts could not save them from their fate. An extremely well-written, thoughtful natural history.

Reviewed by Sue Tank

Singing Stone: A Natural History of Escalante Canyons by Thomas Fleischner - Prescott College.

Professor Fleischner has much to say to Central Oregonians. Focused on the Escalante Region of Utah his chapters on the history and impact of grazing, and development of recreational tourism are some of the best I have read. Much like Edward Abbey's "Desert Solitaire" Fleischner conveys his love for a place he knows intimately and which has now largely vanished. This is nature writing at best evocative and provocative. A book worth reading even if a trip to Utah is not on your horizon.

Reviewed by Kate Cerino.

100 Hikes in Eastern Oregon - Bill Sullivan's newest hiking guide. It includes hikes easily accessible from Bend in the Prineville and Smith Rock area as well as areas all over the eastern part of the state. In addition to his trademark -clear hiking directions Sullivan includes tips on other places to visit in the areas described and helpful local maps. A must for a weekend or week exploring Eastern Oregon. Most of the hikes are moderate in length and difficulty and many are geared for family adventure. *Reviewed by Kate Cerino.*



Time Well Spent!

Philanthropy is much more than giving money. Opportunities to serve are just as important as opportunities to give. Volunteering does make a difference.



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Events

- National LTA Rally - Sept 29 - October 2,
Baltimore, MD [Brad Chalfant went]
- River Visions 2001 Fundraiser - October 25
[yes, a Thursday evening], Bend

Wish List

- Bookshelves
- Easels
- Bulletin Boards
- Slide Projector and Screen
- Laser Printer
- Woodworking skills for Display Board

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