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Greg Burke

Wetlands - Indian Ford Meadow

Inside: the Land Trust's 2000 Annual Report

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Trust Co-sponsors "Rivers of Words"

Deschutes Basin Land Trust, High Desert Museum and Central Oregon Arts Association are teaming up to honor Oregon contestants in "River of Words", a National Poetry and Art Contest, sponsored by the International Rivers Network.

The national program is for students ages 5 to 19. Students are encouraged to explore local watersheds, to discover their importance in their lives, and then, to express what they learned in words and images. National judging occurred in February and March (Grand Prize winners go to Washington DC for awards). Oregon entries were sent to the High Desert Museum, where judging occurred.

Students and their entries will be honored at a gathering on **Saturday, May 26, 2001 from 1 to 4 pm** at the Art Station (historic Bend Train Depot) in the Old Mill District. Awards will be given to students in each age group for both poetry and art. Selected students will talk about or read from their work.

There will be hands-on art activities for all, hosted by the High Desert Museum and the Art Station (COAA) including making 'Rain Sticks' and working with clay. Renowned storyteller Susan Strauss will help celebrate the event with stories. Beverages and dessert will be served. For more information, please call Ingrid Lustig at the Art Station: 541-617-1317.



Presidential Thoughts



Sandy Lonsdale

“we need a little bit more from our members—your time.”

Land use planning is on hold the headlines decry while Census 2000 depicts runaway growth.

Water and power crises loom so it would seem an environmental siege is at hand.

Yes, there is change, some we like and some we don't. There is a growing awareness that the "Earth does not belong to man, that man belongs to earth" [Chief Seattle]. This awareness is nudging people, little by little, to take action. The growth in membership and support of the Deschutes Basin Land Trust is proof.

Our Land Trust is making a difference. People are not waiting for governmental programs or sweeping regulations. Together, we (you, your neighbors and local businesses) are making progress one transaction at a time – "acre by acre" could be our motto. The Land Trust now protects and conserves over 4,000 acres. We currently have more projects than ever on our working list.

Seems like the land aspect is the easy part. The hard part is that we need a little bit more from our members – your time. Just a couple of hours a month is a great start.

Grab a friend or family member for the buddy system. Call our office to find where your time could make a difference. Leave a lasting impression on this place we call home.

John Casey, *President of the Board*



Restoring a Landscape

“We as a community must grasp the need to restore habitats and reintroduce species wherever we can.”

Well, we own it, so it's saved right...end of story? Well, not exactly. Indeed, our recent acquisition of historic Camp Polk Meadow is just the beginning. More importantly it represents the challenges before us as a society. We live in an increasingly fragmented landscape, confronted by an exploding population and a host of endangered species.

Simple acquisition or Congressional designations alone aren't conservation. We as a community must grasp the need to restore habitats and reintroduce species wherever we can.

Not every property can or should be restored to its pre-settlement condition. Yet, increasingly people are seeing the value in restoring ecosystem function and native species. At Camp Polk Preserve, this restoration will retain more water in the meadow to stabilize stream flow. It also means enhancing habitats in the hope that the meadow becomes a refuge for

species such as the long absent Steelhead trout. And in some cases, it means subordinating our needs to those of native fish and wildlife.

The Land Trust has taken on a huge challenge to restore and to manage Camp Polk Meadow. It won't be easy, quick or inexpensive. Nor will it ever be quite like it was when Captain Fremont passed through in 1836. But we can do much to improve and restore this special place for future generations.

Your support is needed now to build a legacy for the future. Given the pace at which natural ecosystems recover, many of us will never live to see the fruit of our labors. But somehow the selfless generosity of a gift to future generations makes the act all the more fulfilling.

Please join us today as we build for tomorrow.

Brad Chalfant, *Executive Director*

Deschutes Basin Land Trust

Annual Report 2000

Greg Burke

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2000 Highlights

As Oregon's youngest active land trust, the Year 2000 saw the Deschutes Basin Land Trust become Oregon's largest land trust.

Our success stems primarily from three factors.

- First, the Land Trust's approach is the right idea at the right time. A consensus-based approach offers common ground for all sides of the political spectrum at a time of unprecedented growth.
- Second, the Land Trust has made a strong commitment to professionalism and accountability. Perpetual stewardship requires the full confidence of the community.
- Lastly, the Land Trust is successful because we've attracted the active support and participation of a broad cross-section of the community.

In 2000, the Land Trust protected 3,193 acres of land (in two separate transactions) and began the restoration of critical Steelhead trout habitat in hopes of restoring wild runs to the upper Deschutes Basin. We partnered with local school programs, hosted national and regional conferences, grew to more than 500 members, engaged the local business community and attracted over 160 volunteers who contributed more than 3,700 hours.

For 2001, the Land Trust will continue to build its long term conservation capacity by adding staff to pursue conservation transactions and to build our stewardship endowment. We'll improve habitat for a variety of species. We'll engage our local communities and we'll redouble our efforts to protect the special places of this remarkable Basin for generations to come.

With your help, we truly can leave a legacy to the future



Brad Chalfant
Executive Director



John Casey
President, Board

Outreach

- "River Visions and Earth Visions", our annual benefit auction, featured Warm Springs ceramic artist, Lillian Pitt and raised \$11,690.
- Hiking Series participants met new people, shared knowledge about plants and wildlife, while experiencing our unique area.
- Continued public outreach efforts with presentations to groups and at fairs and festivals.
- Conducted Public Tour of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, Indian Ford Meadow Preserve and the Trout Creek Conservation Area.
- Hosted annual Northwest Land Trust Conference in Sunriver, Oregon and co-hosted the 2000 National Land Trust Rally in Portland Oregon.
- Redesigned our newsletter and website to be more effective.

Organizational Capacity

- Expanded volunteer cadre, over 160 dedicated souls donated 3,750 hours.
- Hired a new Development Director, Brian Harrington, with funds from The Oregon Community and The Samuel S. Johnson Foundations.
- Relocated office to accommodate increased staff and volunteers!
- Hosted a landscape architect intern, Ryan Carlson, who developed plans for Indian Ford Meadow and Camp Polk Meadow Preserves.

Land Conservation

- Received our first "working forest easement", 3,045 acres of old-growth Ponderosa pine forest, from Crown Pacific LLP. "State of the art" monitoring and enforcement was underwritten with a \$265,000 endowment placed with The Oregon Community Foundation.
- Acquired Camp Polk Meadow, a 148 acre flood plain property and key wild Steelhead trout restoration reach, on Squaw Creek with an \$800,000 grant from Portland General Electric and \$50,000 from the Oregon Water Trust & the Deschutes Basin Resources Conservancy.
- Continued pro-active efforts to identify and conserve land within the Squaw Creek Watershed.
- Initiated future project discussions with Basin landowners.
- Partnered with Sisters School District and Wolfree Inc. to provide students from Madras, Sisters and Bend, with real world science experiences at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.
- Collaborated with Archeological Society of Central Oregon, Central Oregon Community College and Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council at Indian Ford Meadow and Camp Polk Meadow Preserves.

Fundraising

- Exceeded goal of 500 members - 525 members contributed \$93,000.
- Exceeded Brooks Resources \$10,000 challenge grant, raised \$12,805.
- Received two year funding grant from Oregon Community Foundation for the Development Director position.
- Co-hosted a Planned Giving Seminar for the public, as well as estate and financial planning professionals.



REVENUE

- 1- Foundations 38%
- 2- Individual Contributions 23%
- 3- Business/Corporations 8%
- 4- Project/Contract 22%
- 5- Events 5%
- 6- Other 5%

These figures do not include direct project funding of \$800,000 from Portland General Electric and \$265,000 from Crown Pacific Limited Partners.



EXPENSES

- 1- Program Services - Land Protection and Education 54%
- 2- Management and General 28%
- 3- Fundraising and Membership 18%

These figures do not include \$800,000 for purchase of Camp Polk Meadow and \$265,000 for Stewardship Endowment at Hopkins-Young Special Management Area.

Goals for the Year 2001

- Develop and implement a Marketing Strategy for land conservation and fundraising.
- Expand outreach Basin-wide to raise awareness among landowners, land professionals, citizens and public officials.
- Continue our conservation strategy on Squaw Creek, e.g. land and water acquisition.
- Refine Basin Conservation Strategy and identify 2nd Watershed for focused effort.
- Explore land conservation opportunities throughout the Basin.
- Complete planning and begin restoration at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.
- Continue stewardship at Land Trust properties, i.e. basic monitoring and restoration of native vegetation.
- Diversify and strengthen the Land Trust's financial base to support future conservation projects, e.g. land management endowment.
- Expand land conservation capacity by hiring a Conservation Project Manager.
- Expand, diversify and strengthen the Board, with an emphasis on policy and fundraising roles.



In Appreciation... Protecting Special Places

Please contact the Land Trust office at
(541) 330-0017 to receive a copy of our
2000 Annual Report with a full listing of
all contributors for 2000.

Lands in Trust, Protected Forever

GIFTS-IN-KIND

Action Typesetting and Printing
Alder Creek
Herb and Mary Arathoon
Avenida Art and Frame - Jon Neuenschwander
Bend Mapping and Blueprint - Dan Adams
Bend Metro Park and Recreation
Book Barn
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Wanderlust Tours - David & Aleta Nissen
Waterston Productions - Ellen Waterston
Wildflowers of Oregon - Barne Thomas
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VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks for the dedication and support of our devoted volunteers for the year 2000! Without you we couldn't make it happen!

Karen Allen	Jim Knapp
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The First Five Years

2000

Fish habitat restoration and historic preservation
Deschutes County near Sisters - 145 acres + 3 acres of conservation easement

CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE



2000

Old growth Ponderosa pine conservation
Klamath County near Crescent and Gilchrist - 3,045 acres

HOPKINS-YOUNG SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA



1998

Wildlife preservation and public access
Jefferson County near Madras - 840 acres

ALDER SPRINGS



1996

Habitat and scenery preservation
Deschutes County near Sisters - 63 acres

INDIAN FORD MEADOW



1997

Rare plant protection and school education
Deschutes County near Sisters - 160 acres

TROUT CREEK CONSERVATION AREA



A quick history of Camp Polk Preserve

Erosion and alluvial deposits from the Cascade Mountains formed the meadow that would become Camp Polk. The creek (some call it "Wy-chus," and white settlers dubbed it "Squaw") has been important for much of that time.

Mid-Columbia Native peoples visited the meadow at Camp Polk across thousands of years. They depended upon hunting and fishing, and upon gathering and harvesting certain naturally occurring fruits, plants, roots and tubers. These were seasonal activities requiring seasonal movement along known corridors in the Upper Deschutes Basin. They related with the meadow as a known place giving them certain foods, water and a familiar stopping place.



With European settlement, the meadow at Camp Polk felt the first steps of connection, communication and commerce between the mid-Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon. It saw the earliest European trappers and adventurers. Immigrants to the valley sought a mid-Cascades crossing. Emigrants from the mid-Valley came back across the Cascades into Eastern Oregon's public domain to pasture stock, to mine and ranch and to log and farm.

The road they followed passed the Army's Camp Polk, the first homestead, barn, store and post office in today's Deschutes County. Into the mid-1880's, Camp Polk was one of the three places found on maps of Central Oregon.

A timeline would show thus:

- 8,000 B.C - 1813** Native use prevails & early sense of place develops.
- 1813-1843** Trappers, hunters and adventurers; Native use continues.
- 1844-1855** U.S. presence established-Army expeditions (Fremont and the Pacific Railroad Survey), immigrants to Oregon and mid-Valley entrepreneurs seek mid-Cascades crossings.
- 1856-1868** Cattle, gold seekers and merchant wagons cross the mid Cascades; Army deployed at Camp Polk (9/65-5/66) in connection with Indians, roads and the Civil War.
- 1869-1885** Early White settlement around Prineville; Hindman family (1870) and Fryrear family (1883) settle the meadow; Camp Polk is a major station on the west-east wagon road, the only post office between Prineville and the mid-Valley.
- 1886-1920** Colonization of western Upper Deschutes Basin; commerce shifts to Sisters from Camp Polk; early settlers die.
- 1920-1965** Logging and lumber milling; machinery alters meadow and Creek.
- 1965 to present** Focus passes from productivity to place.

As settlement intensifies on surrounding lands, the meadow enters a time when we value the place for its potential to be, again, in a sustainable natural condition. The Creek has made possible the Land Trust's acquisition of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.

A more complete story of the meadow will appear serially in the Oregon Historical Quarterly this fall and winter.

- Martin Winch, volunteer



According to the latest National Resources Inventory (conducted between 1992 and 1997), Americans lose 3,193,200 acres of open space every year, 8,748 acres every day, or 365 acres every hour.



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Legacy of Landscapes

Pace has many connotations - an end to wars, a community working together towards a sustainable future. It also has very personal relevance usually involving family and places with a special meaning. Perhaps the biggest at any age is peace of mind through "completing a valid will."

Though it may seem sometimes like a daunting task, finalizing your estate plan will **free you from worry**. You can face the future knowing that your estate will be distributed according to your wishes and that people you trust will be in charge.

That special place in your heart or your family's memories can be sustained by **creating a legacy** through a bequest to the Land Trust. Your will can direct your personal representative to set aside a certain percentage of your estate to establish an endowment at the Land Trust. This fund bearing your name will provide a perpetual flow of income to the Land Trust for generations to come.

The Land Trust has an established endowment fund with The Oregon Community Foundation. For more information contact Brian Harrington at 541-330-0017.



*The Land Trust's Development Director
Brian Harrington with daughter Hammah.*

Events

- Northwest LTA Conference: April 26-28, Leavenworth, WA
- Riverfest Month Activities: May 2001
- Indian Ford Meadow Bird Walk - May 19, 2001
- Camp Polk Mother's Day Breakfast & Bird Walk - May, 13 2001
- River of Words Oregon Celebration: Art Station, Bend - May 26, 2001
- Camp Polk Meadow Celebration: June 1, 2001
- Field Season Land Trust Work Parties: May to September 2001
- National LTA Rally: September 29 to October 2, 2001 Baltimore, MD