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## Red Fish Once Ran Through It

Flowing down from Suttle Lake, Lake Creek breaks into three forks on its way to the crystalline waters of the Metolius River.

On its brief run, the creek passes through a 1,240 acre tract of private forestland, a property which constitutes the largest private holding on a tributary to Oregon's Metolius River. Logged in the past, the property retains stands of large, old pine, fir and larch. It also contains spectacular views of Black Butte and the Three Sisters.

Today, the Land Trust has a unique opportunity to preserve this special place. Thanks to the vision of Willamette Industries, the Land Trust has acquired an 18 month option to purchase and conserve the land we've dubbed the "Metolius Preserve".

Simply saving this important tract of land from development and sprawl seems reason enough to acquire it. But there's an even more compelling reason for the old fishermen who remember the Spring Chinook and Oregon's last Sockeye salmon run, which once ran up Lake Creek to Suttle and Blue Lakes. With the historic prospects of fish passage at Warm Springs, the Metolius Preserve will serve as a gateway to the rebirth of Oregon's only Sockeye salmon run. *cont'd on page 3*



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### 2001 Annual Report

Looking back on 2001, it's clear that the Land Trust took several big steps forward, toward our vision of protecting the special places of the Deschutes Basin. *(cont'd in center insert)*



### Program Update: Back to Home Waters

This program is the Land Trust's ongoing effort to help bring wild Spring Chinook, Sockeye, and Steelhead back to their former habitats in the Upper Deschutes Basin. With the high likelihood of success in the Warm Springs Tribes and PGE's efforts to reintroduce these fish to the Upper Basin, the Land Trust wants to help ensure that suitable habitat is available for these populations to reestablish themselves. The **Back to Home Waters** program seeks to identify, protect, and, where necessary, restore the key habitats these fish will need once passage is restored at the Pelton-Round Butte dam complex. *cont'd on page 2*



OSU Master Student, Jens Lovtang releases Chinook fry in the Metolius River as part of ongoing fish reintroduction research.



# Presidential Thoughts



Greg Burke

**T**he special places of the Deschutes Basin are worth saving. We certainly can't do it all, but we can help see that the next generation has the same opportunity to enjoy the beauty, open space and wildlife that we enjoy today.

**"Tell someone new to Central Oregon about your Land Trust..."**

In order to do more we're increasing our capacity. **Brad Nye** is our new Project Manager and we are searching for a Land Steward to lead restoration efforts on the lands we have protected.

*Back to Home Waters* is off and rolling with financial support from the **National Fish & Wildlife Foundation** and the hard work of our dedicated Board and tireless volunteers.

We're grateful for all your support, but there's so much more to do! I've said it before and I'll say it again, we need your help. Help us by renewing your membership. Help us by taking a friend to Camp Polk Meadow or by volunteering your time. You could even help by making an extra donation.

But don't stop there...tell a friend. Tell someone new to Central Oregon about your Land Trust and **Back to Home Waters**, and our dream of bringing salmon and Steelhead trout back to the Upper Basin. Tell them that we work with willing landowners to save special places. Tell them that it is not just for the next generation, but for those of us here today.

The Deschutes Basin Land Trust can save special places, but only if we have your help. You can make the difference.

**John Casey**, *President of the Board*

## Back to Home Waters, *cont'd*

*Thanks to Brand Navigation, Bill Chiravelle and Dennis McGregor for their design work on the Back to Home Waters new logo.*

**"Our goal is to minimize process and maximize results."**

The Land Trust is implementing *Back to Home Waters* on three fronts:

- **Meet with Key Partners** - including landowners, local conservation groups, the Warm Springs Tribes, and Portland General Electric, to enlist their support and determine common goals for habitat restoration.
- **Develop a science-based implementation plan** that prioritizes habitat restoration using existing data. Our goal is to minimize process and maximize results.
- **Actively pursue projects that are Back to Home Waters candidates.** One such project is the **Metolius Preserve** acquisition (see feature article for details), which will play a critical role in reestablishing the Suttle Lake sockeye run.

As always, the Land Trust will rely in large part on dedicated volunteers and local support. If you or your service club would like to get involved in *Back to Home Waters*, please contact (541) 330-0017.

**Brad Nye**, *Conservation Project Manager*

## An Inspired Collaboration

**E**nsuring land protection in perpetuity requires planning for future management and stewardship. The Land Trust has partnered with **The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF)** to create an endowment fund for just that purpose.

Your participation in building the endowment for the Land Trust will serve to stabilize the financial future of the Land Trust to protect and restore critical landscapes like the **Metolius Preserve!**

Board President, John Casey believes "the opportunities to continue building our endowment have been given a boost with OCF's ongoing commitment to Central Oregon."

Every aspect of the Land Trust's organization revolves around this core concept: "Lands in trust, protected forever, for Oregon." Call **Brian Harrington** at (541) 330-0017 at the Land Trust office or **Susan**



**Harless** at (541) 382-1170 at the **Bend OCF** office for more information on ways you can participate in funding our future!



## The Right Place at the Right Time

As the weather warms, thoughts at the Land Trust turn toward the coming field season. The truth is, despite the winter weather, the field work never really ended. At Camp Polk Meadow, Martin Winch, a COIC work crew and other dedicated volunteers doggedly continued their work.

There is no doubt the most exciting (and somewhat daunting) challenge ahead of us is the campaign to raise funds for our first **Back to Home Waters** acquisition. As Bob Woodward describes in his article, we've received a stunning opportunity to create a **Metolius Preserve** between Camp Sherman and Suttle Lake.

The Metolius River is sacred ground for many folks here in Oregon and beyond. This acquisition not only paves the way to restoring Oregon's only Sockeye salmon run, but it insures that this special river won't be overdeveloped. Rarely, do the stars line up as they have in this case. In less than 18 months, we have to raise nearly \$3 million to acquire the property. It's a big challenge, but one we can't afford to lose. Your support is essential. Give us a call, roll up your sleeves and lets make our mark on Oregon.

**Brad Chalfant**, *Executive Director*



*A work crew from Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council builds wildlife friendly fence at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.*



### 2002 Membership Survey

**The results are in, over 200 members responded - almost a 30% rate of response. Thank you! Most of the members gave a thumbs up to our new membership program with some of you indicating year end preferences. We'll honor your preferences. For complete results, call us!**

### Opportunities to Get Outside



#### **Venture out this field season to lend a hand.**

Enjoy the outdoors this summer and fall, while helping to protect special places in the Deschutes River Basin.

#### **Enjoy hiking and meeting new people?**

Then join us for the Land Trust Hiking Series this summer. The hikes are an enjoyable way to meet interesting people and experience the wonderful areas of the Basin.

#### **Haven't been to Camp Polk Meadow Preserve yet?**

Please join us this summer for a guided tour and discover why Camp Polk Meadow Preserve is such an incredible place.

For more information or to get involved as a volunteer contact Jessica (541) 330-0017.

**Look for Activity Calendars in your mailbox this Spring!**

### Red Fish, *cont'd from page 1*

Indeed, the Metolius Preserve represents a major step in the Land Trust's **Back to Home Waters** program, one of the most ambitious programs of its kind in North America.

Along with its legendary Sockeye runs, the Metolius Preserve will protect a key migratory corridor for a variety of game including Roosevelt elk and Mule deer. The Preserve also offers us a chance to partner with the Forest Service and area residents to create connecting trails between Camp Sherman and Suttle Lake. Other trails will be designed to serve as interpretive facilities for area schools and the general public. With its location and fishery resources, the Preserve has the potential of becoming a focal point for students of all ages.

The Metolius Preserve is a remarkable opportunity to protect a very special part of Oregon. It's the chance of a lifetime, but a chance that depends upon you.

**Bob Woodward**, *Board of Directors*



*Bob Woodward*

# Deschutes Basin Land Trust

## Annual Report 2001

Ryan Carlson

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## Laying the Foundation

Looking back on 2001, it's clear that the Land Trust took several big steps forward, toward our vision of protecting the special places of the Deschutes Basin.

Particularly notable among our efforts was the formal dedication of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve and the beginning of long-term restoration efforts. Thousands of hours were spent at Camp Polk ranging from weed removal to willow planting, removal of old barbed wire fencing to installation of new "wildlife friendly" fencing. Tons of debris were removed, interpretive trails, kiosks and parking facilities built. All of which allowed us to initiate a fledgling docent program, work with local schools and our educational partner, Wolfree Inc.. Archeological studies, hydrological surveys and vegetation assessments moved us forward as we prepare for what we hope will be the eventual re-meandering of Squaw Creek through its historic channel in the Meadow and ultimately, the restoration of rare wetlands and critical Steelhead trout habitat. Efforts which have engaged the community as never before.

The second big step involved the development of our **Back to Home Waters** program. **Back to Home Waters** will identify, protect and restore the habitat most critical for a successful reintroduction of salmon and Steelhead trout runs to their historic range in the Upper Deschutes Basin. This visionary program will be the central focus of the Land Trust's efforts for several years to come and is an effort to rebuild a unique resource for future generations. It will also allow the Land Trust and our partners to access a variety of new funding opportunities. With these new resources we'll be able to accomplish a broader range of objectives, from enhanced bird habitat to recreation, from farmland protection to scenic view protection. All of which will allow landowners and local communities a range of choices not otherwise available to today.

Lastly, we took major steps forward with respect to building our capacity to deliver the conservation services that our local landowners and communities are asking for. We secured funding to add staff, we trained a great group of volunteers, we launched our Five Rivers Society and we built our permanent Stewardship Endowment for our Preserves and Conservation Areas. These steps are leading us forward to what we believe will be truly landmark conservation accomplishments in 2002 and beyond. With your support and participation we can make this vision a reality.

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



Brad Chalfant  
Executive Director



John Casey  
President, Board



## 2001 Accomplishments



*Hiking Series participants, lead by volunteer Kate Cerino, exploring Paulina Lake, Oregon*

### Outreach

- ***River Visions and Nature Reflections***, our annual benefit auction, featured renowned author **Barry Lopez** and raised over \$14,200.
- Initiated the Deschutes Basin Land Trust **Guided Tours Program** to inform the community of our restoration efforts at **Camp Polk Meadow Preserve**.
- Stepped up **public outreach efforts** with presentations to organizations and service clubs, as well as participating at fairs and festivals.
- **Hiking Series** participants met new people, shared knowledge about plants and wildlife, while experiencing the beauty of the **Deschutes River Basin**.

### Land Conservation

- Launched the ***Back to Home Waters*** program with matching grant funds of \$50,000 from the **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**. This program seeks to identify, prioritize and restore the critical habitat to facilitate reintroduction of salmon and Steelhead trout to the **Upper Deschutes Basin**.



*Local students, with the help of volunteer mentors, study Squaw Creek.*

- Partnered with the **Sisters School District** and **WolfTree Inc.** to provide over 300 students from Madras, Sisters, Redmond, and Bend, with real world science experiences at **Camp Polk Meadow Preserve**.
- Collaborated with the **Archeological Society of Central Oregon**, **Central Oregon Community College** and **Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council** at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.
- Received the donation of a seven acre oxbow island in the upper Deschutes River. The property has been christened the **Thomas Preserve** and is just downstream of LaPine State Park.
- Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, with the help of hundreds of Volunteers, saw the construction of an interpretive trail and kiosk, initiation of habitat and native plant restoration efforts, surveys and assessments, as well as planning for the re-meandering of **Squaw Creek**.
- Continued pro-active efforts to identify and conserve land within the Squaw Creek Watershed a key part of the ***Back to Home Waters*** project.
- Initiated project discussions with Basin landowners.



## 2001 Accomplishments cont'd



Campfire kids, lead by Forest Service volunteers, in the battle against teasal at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.

### Organizational Capacity

- Enlisted a **hardworking group of Volunteers** who graciously donated **over 4,800 hours** to the Land Trust's work.
- Hired a Conservation Project Manager, **Brad Nye**, with grant funds from **M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust** and the **Land Trust Alliance**.
- Hosted Planning intern, **Emily Barbour** who assisted in refining the Land Trust's Basin-wide Protection Strategy, as well as research for the **Back to Home Waters** program.
- Hosted Outreach Intern, **Beth Seymour** who tackled numerous public outreach and volunteer coordination projects.

### Fundraising

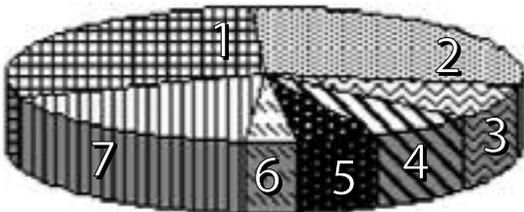
- 575 members contributed over \$98,000.
- Met and exceeded **Brooks Resources** \$10,000 challenge grant, raising \$12,563 from local businesses.
- Received three year funding grant from **M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust** and the **Land Trust Alliance** for a Conservation Project Manager position.
- Co-hosted a Planned Giving Seminar for the public, as well as estate and financial planning professionals.
- Launched **Five Rivers Society** with over 25 individual and corporate donors participating.



Leaving a legacy of landscapes for future generations

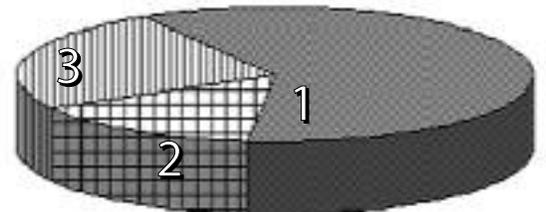
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### Revenue



- 1 - Foundations 30%
- 2 - Individual Contributions 28%
- 3 - Business/Corporation 9%
- 4 - Project/Contract 7%
- 5 - Events 5%
- 6 - Other 3%
- 7 - Bequests/Memorials 18%

### Expenses



- 1 - Program Services - Land Protection and Education 60%
- 2 - Management and General 15%
- 3 - Fundraising and Membership 25%

Deschutes Basin Land Trust's critical work couldn't occur without broad community support. We extend our appreciation to the individuals, corporations and foundations, who through generous charitable contributions, have become vital players in fulfilling the Land Trust's mission.

We gratefully acknowledge gifts received January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Thank you for your commitment!

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- Implement the **Back to Home Waters** program by meeting with key partners, developing science-based implementation plans and actively pursuing projects within the program area.
- Undertake a Capital Campaign to raise fund needed to purchase and manage the 1,240 acre **Metolius Preserve**.
- **Expand outreach** Basin-wide to raise awareness among landowners, land professionals, citizens and public officials.
- Explore **land conservation opportunities** throughout the Basin.
- Expand land conservation capacity by hiring a **Land Steward**.
- **Restore and manage** habitat at Land Trust properties, i.e. basic monitoring, surveys and restoration of native vegetation and wildlife habitat.
- Diversify and strengthen the Land Trust's financial base to support future conservation projects, e.g. land management **endowment**.
- Expand, diversify and strengthen the Board, with an emphasis on management and fundraising roles.



Future Metolius Preserve

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**2001**  
Fish & wildlife habitat preservation  
Deschutes County near LaPine State Park - 7 acres  
**THOMAS PRESERVE**



**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  
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**1998**  
Wildlife preservation and public access  
Jefferson County near Madras - 840 acres  
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Rare plant protection and school education  
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- Riparian Planting Workshop: April 24th-25th
- Riverfest Activities - May 2002**
- Indian Ford Meadow Bird Walk – May 17, 2002
- Camp Polk Meadow Preserve Tour – May 18, 2002
- Magical History Tour of Camp Polk – May 19, 2002
- River of Words Celebration – May 25, 2002, The Art Station, 1-4 p.m.

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- May to September 2002

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