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Moving Forward Metolius Preserve Campaign Update

Most of you probably know that we're focused right now on raising **\$3 million by July** of this year to purchase and create a 1,240 acre **Metolius Preserve on Lake Creek**, an important tributary to the Metolius River. This is a remarkable project and our initial fundraising efforts have met with great response.



Lake Creek on proposed Metolius Preserve

As of this date, the Land Trust has raised or secured firm commitments for **over \$1.6 million**. We're pleased to report that we've recently received two new grants: \$20,000 from the **James H. Stanard Family Foundation** and \$50,000 from the **Samuel S. Johnson Foundation**. Both gifts represent very significant endorsements from families with longstanding ties to Central Oregon. We're tremendously grateful for their support.

The Stanard and Johnson gifts provide a great start to the individual donor phase of the campaign, through which we aim to raise \$500,000 of our \$3 million campaign goal. *cont'd on page 6*

Natural History Field Workshops

The Land Trust is offering a series of 5 full-day Natural History Workshops during May and June to inspire a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the natural world. The workshops will include in-depth field studies at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. Workshops are taught by professional scientists and naturalists who possess a wealth of knowledge and a passion for igniting a love of nature in participants. See page 4 for a brief description of each workshop*. A fee of \$30 per workshop for Land Trust members and \$45 for non-members will help the Land Trust recoup program costs. For further information or to sign up for a workshop, please call the Land Trust at (541) 330-0017.

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2002 Annual Report

As we look back on 2002, it's hard not to be struck by what a pivotal year it was.

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*Full workshop details available on our website at www.deschuteslandtrust.org



A Great Idea



Ryan Carlsson

Camp Polk Meadow Preserve

“Several of you have asked how you can help.”

We're grateful to those who contributed to the Land Trust last year and made our work possible. The Land Trust took on a huge challenge with our **Metolius Preserve Campaign**, during a pretty difficult economic period.

To acquire the Metolius Preserve AND keep the office operating, we need to be creative in broadening and building our base of supporters. Several of you have asked **how you can help**. Though there isn't any single best approach, I wanted to share what one of our members recently offered to do.

In the interest of donor privacy, I'll simply call him Dave. Like many of you, Dave has a home here, but doesn't live full-time in the Basin.

Passionate about Central Oregon, Dave and his family frequently invite friends to visit them or borrow their home when it isn't otherwise in use. Wanting to help the Land Trust, Dave decided to ask two things of his guests. The first request was to leave a good bottle of wine for the hosts (in appreciation of the accommodations), while the second request was that they **join the Land Trust** (in appreciation of the spectacular scenic views and the magnificent fish & wildlife of the Basin). To facilitate his ingenious idea, we provided Dave with brochures, maps and a project prospectus (we figured Dave could supply the wine list).

While this approach isn't for everyone, it's a great example of how you can help protect the special places of this remarkable Basin. **If you've got other ideas or would like a suggestion, just give us a call and we'll see if we can put the idea into action.** Remember, without your help, we simply can't take on big projects like the Metolius Preserve.

Brad Chalfant, Executive Director



An Inspired Collaboration

Ensuring land protection in perpetuity requires planning for future management and stewardship. The Deschutes Basin 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 Member, John Casey believes “the OCF endowment fund allows us the full scope of opportunities for planned giving we've never had before.” Because of this relationship, the Land Trust has options to

accept bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and gifts of appreciated securities or land among others.

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!



A Tradition of Community Caring



Squaw Creek flowing through Camp Polk Meadow Preserve

Byron Dudley - White Oak Photography

A Historic Return

One of the most exciting aspects of the Pelton-Round Butte relicensing process is that we may once again see sockeye salmon migrating up **Lake Creek to Suttle Lake**.

Most sockeye runs are associated with lake environments. While other Pacific salmon spawn and rear primarily in river environments, sockeye salmon typically spawn in lakes or their source streams, and juvenile sockeye rear in lakes. Juvenile sockeye spend 1 to 2 years in the lake, feeding on zooplankton, then migrate to the ocean in the late spring. After 2 to 3 years in the ocean, sockeye return to the lake in the fall to complete their life cycle.

If you've traveled to Washington, Alaska, or Canada, you may have seen these fish in their brilliant red and green spawning colors. Oregon previously had two sockeye populations – **one in Suttle Lake and the other in Wallowa Lake** – but both are now extirpated. If you've followed salmon recovery efforts, you may remember "Lonesome Larry," the sole returning adult



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Sockeye salmon - *Oncorhynchus nerka*

sockeye to Redfish Lake, Idaho, in 1992. Scientists froze Larry's sperm and are using captive breeding techniques in an attempt to restore the Redfish Lake sockeye run.

Sockeye are the same species as their freshwater counterpart, kokanee. Some kokanee do exhibit migratory behavior, and **Lake Billy Chinook and Suttle Lake** kokanee populations may provide a genetic source for reestablishing Suttle Lake sockeye.

Brad Nye, *Project Manager*



Anadromous fish spend most of their adult lives in salt water, and migrate to freshwater rivers and lakes to reproduce.

What is a "Conservation Buyer"?



Scenic views in Central Oregon

A conservation buyer is a real estate buyer who wants to protect the scenic, historic, agricultural, or natural resource values of a property and is willing to work with a land trust to protect these values with a **conservation easement**.

This type of transaction yields a conservation benefit and may also result in a tax savings for the conservation buyer. In some situations, the Land Trust and a conservation buyer will work together to identify properties that meet a conservation need identified by the Land Trust.

Conservation buyer transactions are an effective means of conserving special properties, and the Land Trust is developing a formal **Conservation Buyer** program that will help us match conservation buyers with suitable properties. If you're interested in our **Conservation Buyer** program please contact Brad Nye at (541) 330-0017.

Natural History Field Workshops



Amphibians and Aquatic Communities: *Instructor: Jay Bowerman. Thurs, May 8.*

Learn techniques for taking the pulse of ponds and wetlands and acquiring baseline information on members of aquatic communities. Students will collect, identify and record presence and abundance of aquatic life forms, providing baseline information to help track wetland health and changes.

Wonderful World of Wildlife: *Instructor: Jim Anderson. Sat, May 10.*

Explore the diversity of wildlife and habitats found on the Preserve. We'll look for evidence of wildlife, discuss species interactions, habitat requirements, and practice wildlife survey techniques.



Birds of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve: *Instructor: Steve Shunk. Wed, May 28.*

Camp Polk's diverse habitats provide breeding grounds for more than 50 bird species; more than 65 other species use the Preserve during migration and winter. Learn bird identification by sight and sound, practice bird survey and monitoring techniques, while enjoying the peak of migration.

Natural History Journaling: *Instructor: Irene Ehret. Sat, June 7.*

Explore ways to create your own illustrated nature journal, as we capture what we see before us in words or sketches. The emphasis of the class will be on inspiration and practical experience, with activities designed to enhance your abilities to record your personal observations.



Wildflowers and Plant Families: *Instructor: Karen Allen. Fri, June 13.*

Explore the brilliance of flowering plants in springtime while learning characteristics of major plant families and plant identification skills. We'll explore a variety of habitats on the Preserve, identify rare and common plants, rediscover some of early people's ethnobotanical uses of plants in the region, and discuss vegetation management issues on the Preserve and in the Upper Deschutes Basin.



Tour Camp Polk Meadow Preserve

Come explore this diverse, unique area with a guide and other Land Trust supporters!

To protect wildlife and habitats, access to the Meadow portion of the Preserve is limited to fieldwork, educational activities and guided tours.

Hike Leaders: Norma Funai (NF), Jo Anne Heinzl (JH), and Joyce Padgham (JP).



April

*Wed, Apr. 23, 9-11:30 a.m. (NF)

*Wed, Apr. 30, 9-11:30 a.m. (NF)

* *Emphasis on Springtime Birds. Bring binoculars & bird books. Limit 8.*

May

Tues, May 6, 9-11 a.m. (JP)

Tues, May 13, 9-11 a.m. (JP)

Fri, May 16, 9-11:30 a.m. (NF)

Tues, May 20, 9-11 a.m. (JP)

Thurs, May 22, 9-11 a.m. (JP)

Thurs, May 29, 9-11 a.m. (JP)

Fri, May 30, 9-11:30 a.m. (NF)

June

Tues, June 3, 9-11 a.m. (JP)

Fri, June 6, 8:30-11 a.m. (NF)

Tues, June 10, 9-11:30 a.m. (JH)

Fri, June 20, 8:30-11 a.m. (NF)

Tues, June 24, 9-11:30 a.m. (JH)

July

Thurs, July 3, 8:30-11 a.m. (JH)

Tues, July 15, 9-11 a.m. (JP)

Fri, July 18, 8:30-11 a.m. (NF)

Tues, July 22 8:30-11 a.m. (JH)

Fri, July 25, 8:30-11 a.m. (NF)

Tues, July 29, 9-11 a.m. (JP)

August

Tues, Aug. 5, 8:30-11 a.m. (JH)

Tues, Aug. 19, 8:30-11 a.m. (JH)

September

Fri, Sept. 5, 9-11:30 a.m. (NF)

Tues, Sept. 9, 9-11:30 a.m. (JH)

Fri, Sept. 19, 9-11:30 a.m. (NF)

Tues, Sept. 23 9-11:30 a.m. (JH)

* *Note the Preserve contains few established trails. Ability to traverse uneven terrain is required.*

Bring water, walking shoes, and binoculars (optional). Dress in layers for all weather conditions.

Group size is limited to 6; to reserve your spot please RSVP early to the Land Trust office (541) 330-0017.

For further information or driving directions contact us or visit our website at: www.deschuteslandtrust.org

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www.deschuteslandtrust.org

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Deschutes Basin Land Trust

Annual Report 2002

Byron Dudley - White Oak Photography

2002

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A Pivotal Year

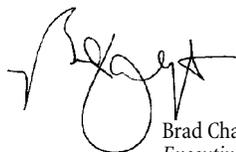
As we look back on 2002, it's hard not to be struck by what a pivotal year it was. Despite a dour economy in 2002, the Land Trust not only held its own, but moved aggressively forward. Our success is a testament to the importance of our mission and the deep commitment from so many passionate people.

A big part of our success in 2002 was professionalizing our land stewardship program. We added the talent and expertise of Karen Allen, as our Land Steward. Karen adds a new level of professionalism and science to the land management abilities of the Land Trust. Over the course of the field season, we conducted riparian restoration trainings, removed invasive non-native plants, planted riparian vegetation, monitored habitat conditions, constructed new interpretive facilities and expanded our partnership with Wolfree (a non-profit providing educational programming) and our local schools. With Karen's guidance, the Land Trust's stewardship program is in good hands.

The biggest news of 2002 was the announcement that the Land Trust had secured an option to purchase a 1,240 acre tract of forest land on Lake Creek, a primary tributary to the Metolius River. The option came thanks to the vision of Willamette Industries and its executives, who recognized the tremendous importance of this large tract of land. With over three miles of Lake Creek running through the property, the proposed **Metolius Preserve** holds great promise in our ongoing effort to return salmon to the upper Deschutes Basin. Acquiring the property meant taking on a \$3 million capital campaign during a very difficult economic period. We managed to raise \$1.5 million for the Preserve in 2002 and we're committed to achieving our goal by July of 2003.

Fortunately, the land within the **Metolius Preserve** consists of some truly special places and unique resources. As a result, the Metolius Preserve Campaign has brought the Land Trust unprecedented visibility. We're convinced that our growing visibility will allow us to acquire the Metolius Preserve and meet our goals for 2003.

2002 was a tremendously successful year by any measure, but particularly in light of the national economic downturn. With a mission to protect special places like **Camp Polk Meadow** and the **Metolius Preserve** in-perpetuity, it's reassuring to know that the Deschutes Basin Land Trust can weather the tough years. With your continued support and generosity, we can truly leave a legacy that will stand the test of time.



Brad Chalfant
Executive Director



Mary Krenowicz
President, Board



2002 Accomplishments



OPB films as students monitor water quality of Squaw Creek.

Outreach

- Filmed six-minute Public Service Announcement video featuring the ***Back to Home Waters*** program, courtesy of **Deschutes County Commissioners**.
- Worked with **Oregon Public Broadcasting** on hour long documentary - ***The Oregon Story: Land Trusts*** (aired October 10th, 2002).
- 5th Annual ***River Visions*** fundraiser, featured acclaimed landscape photographer **Bruce Jackson** and raised over \$10,000.
- Held **public tours** of Alder Springs, Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, Indian Ford Meadow Preserve and Trout Creek Conservation Area.

Land Conservation

- Acquired option from Willamette Industries and initiated capital campaign to raise \$3 million to purchase and manage **1,240 acres on Lake Creek** (Metolius Basin) as part of ***Back to Home Waters*** program.
- Hosted a two day **Riparian Restoration Workshop** at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve with Chris Hoag of the **Natural Resource Conservation Service**.
- Dramatically expanded the Land Trust's stewardship capacity by hiring a professional Land Steward, **Karen Allen**.
- Initiated restoration of willow and other **riparian plantings** at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.
- Partnered with the ***Bend and Sisters School Districts*** and with ***Wolfree, Inc.*** at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve, with over 300 students from Sisters, Bend and Madras participating in outdoor science experiences.
- Began preliminary **studies and surveys** on the 1,240 acre proposed Metolius Preserve.
- Participated in planning with the **Army Corps of Engineers** to restore meanders to Squaw Creek, through Camp Polk Meadow Preserve.
- Started building a GIS computer database to facilitate the prioritization of projects within the ***Back to Home Waters*** project area.



Participants in the Riparian Restoration Workshop install a fascine to practice a streambank stabilization technique.



2002 Accomplishments cont'd



Intern Katie Ewing and volunteer, Darcy McNamara explore the wetter side of the Land Trust's Thomas Preserve.

Organizational Capacity

- Relocated office to accommodate increased staff and volunteers - **760 NW Harriman, Suite 100.**
- Hired a Land Steward, Karen Allen, with grant funds from **Meyer Memorial Trust** and **The Collins Foundation.**
- Enlisted a hardworking group of Volunteers who donated **over 4,000 hours** to the Land Trust's work.
- Hosted Land Stewardship Intern, **Katie Ewing**, who assisted with many land stewardship projects.

Fundraising

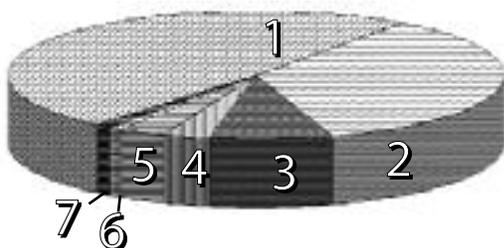
- Held 2nd Annual **Five Rivers Society** Gathering at Caldera on Blue Lake, with tours of the **Metolius Preserve** project.
- Met and exceeded Brooks Resources \$10,000 challenge grant, raising **\$18,128 from local businesses.**
- Launched capital campaign to raise **\$3 million** for the Metolius Preserve project.
- More than doubled membership in the **Five Rivers Society** to 57 members.
- Despite challenging economic conditions, the Land Trust **met overall operating revenue targets for 2002.**



Mary Smith

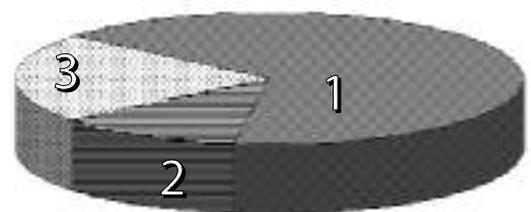
Leaving a legacy of landscapes for future generations

Revenue



- 1 - Foundations 49%
- 2 - Individual Contributions 35%
- 3 - Business/Corporation 8%
- 4 - Project/Contract 3%
- 5 - Events 3%
- 6 - Bequests/Memorials 1%
- 7 - Other 1%

Expenses



- 1 - Program Services - Land Protection and Education 66%
- 2 - Management and General 12%
- 3 - Fundraising and Membership 22%

*Reflects expenses for the Metolius Campaign.

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, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

Thank you for your commitment!

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2002 Volunteer of the Year, Alan Tracy, helps remove noxious weeds from Camp Polk Meadow Preserve



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Goals for the Year 2003

- Complete campaign to acquire and manage the 1,240 acre **Metolius Preserve**.
- Develop base level prioritization of aquatic, riparian and upland habitat for our **Back to Home Waters** program
- Formalize and expand the **Conservation Buyer** program.
- Adopt and begin implementation of standardized management plans for each Preserve to simplify **long-term management**.
- Build **statewide visibility** through our **Back to Home Waters** program and our **Metolius Preserve** campaign to raise awareness among landowners, land professionals, citizens and public officials.
- Continue to build our educational programs including youth programs with WolfTree, Inc. and development of a new **Natural History Field Workshops**.
- Expand stewardship activities on Preserves and Conservation Easements.
- Diversify and strengthen the Land Trust's financial base to support future conservation projects.
- Expand, diversify and strengthen the Board, with emphasis on management and fundraising roles.



Byron Dudley



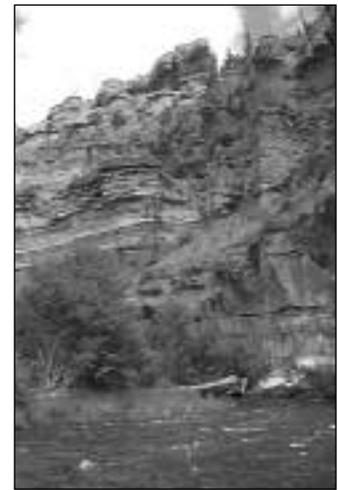
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Deschutes County near LaPine State Park - 7 acres
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Fish habitat restoration and historic conservation
Deschutes County near Sisters - 145 acres + 3 acres of conservation easement
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2000
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1998
Wildlife conservation and public access
Jefferson County near Madras - 840 acres
ALDER SPRINGS



1997
Rare plant protection and school education
Deschutes County near Sisters - 160 acres
TROUT CREEK CONSERVATION AREA



1996
Habitat and scenery conservation
Deschutes County near Sisters - 63 acres
INDIAN FORD MEADOW PRESERVE

Join Us For Our 2003 Stewardship Season

We look forward to having you join us to take care of our Preserves this 2003 field season! We'll be planting willows, collecting seed, pulling weeds, building fences and trails, monitoring our preserves, and working on other projects as needs arise.



Byron Dudley

April

- Wed. April 16: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve – Willow Planting
- Sat. April 19: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve – Willow Planting
- Wed. April 23: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve – Willow Planting: 1-5 pm
- Fri. April 25: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve – Willow Planting: 8:30-1pm

May

- Sat. May 3: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve Work Party
- Wed. May 21: Indian Ford Meadow – Photo point Monitoring Workshop

June

- Sat. June 7: Trout Creek Conservation Area Work Party
- Wed. June 18: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve

July

- Sat. July 12: Thomas Preserve Work Party (1st Sat is holiday weekend)
- Wed. July 16: Indian Ford Meadow Preserve



August

- Sat. Aug. 2: Metolius Preserve
- Wed. Aug 20: Trout Creek Conservation Area

September

- Sat. Sept. 6: Metolius Preserve
- Wed. Sept. 17: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve

October

- Sat. Oct. 4: Metolius Preserve
- Wed. Oct. 15: Potluck Celebration of our Stewardship Successes!



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Work parties are scheduled for the first Saturday morning (8:30-1pm) and third Wednesday evening (5-8pm) of each month (plus a few other dates). Please call the Land Trust to let us know you'll be joining us and to arrange to carpool at (541) 330-0017. We'll leave the Land Trust office at 8:30 am on Saturdays and 5 pm on Wednesdays, unless noted otherwise.

Wear work clothes, walking shoes; bring gloves, water and a snack.

I Would Like To Volunteer My Time

Name: _____
 Address: _____

Phone (day): _____
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Activities of Interest

- Participate in Lands Projects (weed pulls, restoration, etc.)
- Lead Informational Outings
- Work in Office assisting staff
- Join a Committee

Availability

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
- Friday Saturday Sunday
- I Can Help in Other Ways _____

Metolius Campaign Update *cont'd from page one*



We've received a big boost from **Orvis** and from the **Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund**, both of which have provided match opportunities for gifts to the campaign. The Orvis appeal went out to over 200,000 individuals

worldwide and was picked up by the **New York Times**. The New York Times article and Orvis appeal have raised awareness of the project to a national level.

Fundraising successes (and challenges!) are not the only exciting aspect of the Metolius Preserve project. We're also ramping up our planning efforts for restoration and management of the property. While protecting and restoring fish and wildlife habitat is our overriding goal for the property, we're also planning for continued **public use** of the property. **Willamette Industries** allowed the public to use these lands for recreation, and we plan to not only continue that tradition, but to enhance it by providing interpretive and educational opportunities. Our management planning efforts will involve the **Camp Sherman community**, Land Trust volunteers, state and federal agencies (particularly our neighbor the **Sisters Ranger District**), and several other partners (**PGE, Warm Springs Tribes, Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, Deschutes Resources Conservancy**).

Our preliminary assessments on the significance of this property continue to be validated. **Wolfree**, (our education partner) excited about the project's importance for several species of migratory songbirds, has begun writing grants to support our efforts. More recently, we received word from **Oregon State University** biologists that preliminary studies of juvenile spring chinook indicate upper **Lake Creek** in the project vicinity provides the most productive rearing habitat of any Metolius tributary. As you can imagine, we're pretty excited about the thought of someday seeing salmon return to the Metolius Preserve to spawn. However, before that dream can become a reality, we have a lot of work to do. With the help of our members, volunteers and supporters, we are confident of success.

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What Happens to "Lands in Trust"



A recent comment by an acquaintance led me to wonder whether people understand what we mean by "Lands in Trust."

To be clear, we're NOT locking up land...on the contrary, most of the land held by the Land Trust is available for public enjoyment and use. We exist because local landowners and their neighbors want to preserve the traditional or current uses - sustainable forestry, hiking, biking, healthy wildlife, fishing, agriculture, hunting, etc. The lands in our Trust are for the benefit of the community and preserving a rural way of life.

We do not tell individuals or governments how to manage their land. Instead we work with all landowners, whether they are conservationists or developers, to protect Central Oregon's natural features. After all, protecting the basin's natural appeal is really in everyone's best interest.

Thank you for helping to ensure that in one year, 10 years or 100 years the natural character we love, will still be present.

Mary Krenowicz, Board President



Back to Home Waters Program Update

The last few months have seen us devoting a good deal of time to developing the scientific underpinnings of our *Back to Home Waters* effort. In particular, we've been compiling a set of GIS ("Geographic Information Systems") data layers that will better enable the Land Trust and other groups to prioritize habitat protection and restoration projects.

We've had great help in compiling these layers from the **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**, the **Oregon Water Resources Department**, the **Crooked River and Upper Deschutes Watershed Councils**, and the **Forest Service**. We're planning to continue working with these partners as well as with the **Warm Springs Tribes**, **Portland General Electric**, and others as we move forward.

Steve Dougill, a talented intern from the GIS program at Central Oregon Community College, has been instrumental in conceptualizing and carrying out this work, and we're also fortunate to have the services of **Geospatial Solutions**, a local GIS consulting firm. The next phase of our project will be making this information available to our restoration partners in a user-friendly format.

Brad Nye, *Project Manager*



Chinook fry released in the Metolius River as part of ongoing fish reintroduction research.

Bill Miller - Image Works



A Gift Of Meaning...

What better way to contribute to the Metolius Preserve than to pay tribute to a friend or loved one. Give a gift that lasts forever by a gift in honor or memory of someone that has special meaning in your life.

Lands in trust, protected forever... for Oregon!



Greg Burke

What does that mean for you? One way you can ensure that phrase has lasting meaning is to consider including the Deschutes Basin Land Trust in your will. Please join the growing number of members who have made thoughtful gifts through a bequest in their will. Simply put, your gift means private, voluntary land conservation will thrive for generations to come...lands that are at the heart of what's special about the Deschutes River Basin.

- Lands that provide habitat for the Basin's rich heritage of forest, fish and wildlife.
- Lands that anchor the agricultural/ranchland economy of the Deschutes Basin.
- Lands that provide outdoor classrooms as "Community Preserves."
- Lands that provide the scenic open space that has defined the landscapes of the Basin for generations.

The Land Trust has set up an endowment fund with the **Oregon Community Foundation** and is a participating member of **Leave a Legacy** program. For more information on bequests, please contact **Brian Harrington** at 541-330-0017.



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- Bookshelves
- Color Laser Printer
- Benches for Preserves
- 8 ft Conference Table & Chairs
- Woodworking skills for sign creation
- Dissecting Scope for plant identification
- Welding and metal fabrication for bike racks and gates

Events

See Calendar of Events on pages 4 & 5 for dates and details

Natural History Field Workshops:

- May and June 2003

Land Trust Field Season Work Parties:

- May to September 2003

Camp Polk Meadow Preserve Guided Tours

- April to September 2003

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