“My parents loved the beauty of Central Oregon and wanted to contribute to preserving it and we do too! In fact, the outdoors are a big part of why we moved to Central Oregon. We spend lots of time in the woods running, biking, hiking, or walking our dogs. That’s why we support the Land Trust—to help preserve the great outdoors for future generations and for its non-human inhabitants. It’s the outdoors that makes our area so unique and beautiful and, as the region grows, we need to make sure we protect large natural areas so that what brought us here in the first place is not lost forever.

We are monthly supporters of the Land Trust because it is an easy way for us to make sure we don’t forget to give. We also know that most people give to nonprofits at the end of the year, but organizations need funds throughout the year. Finally, when you give monthly, you can give more because the financial impact is spread out over the year.

If we had to choose one project that is our favorite it would probably be the Metolius Preserve because we have a lot of good memories of spending time in that area with friends and family. However, we are totally behind preservation of areas in Central Oregon that we don’t personally visit. To us, it’s more important that natural areas are protected and preserved for all people to enjoy and for habitat preservation, than it is for us to benefit from it personally.”

Laura Fritz first learned about the Land Trust from her parents, who had a second home in Central Oregon and were Land Trust supporters.

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