Our region depends on healthy rivers to provide us with clean, clear water and to sustain our wildlife. Healthy rivers depend, in turn, on healthy floodplains. Floodplains are places where the river can spread out during high water, and are home to a diverse array of plants and animals. Such undeveloped areas function like a sponge, soaking up water in the winter and releasing it back into the river the following summer, literally adding to the volume of water and keeping it cooler – benefits which extend far downstream.

In 2015, CDLT acquired a floodplain property with a large house and several outbuildings. Before the house was built some 25 years ago, the property was a mosaic of wetlands and side channels – perfect habitat for fish. For this reason, the property frequently flooded, at times becoming an island. So we began the task of returning the floodplain to its natural state, by removing the buildings and the fill that had cut off the historic river channels. Not wanting to waste anything that could be of use, we partnered with others to do the challenging work of dismantling and moving structures. The house was recently relocated by a local house-moving business to a site about a mile down the valley, providing a home for a family. The outbuildings and other materials were dismantled and repurposed by a Methow group working to support families affected by the Carlton fires of 2014. A neighbor took down part of the structure and will rebuild it as a shop. In this way, we are helping both fish and our human community at the same time.

For almost 20 years, we’ve protected many miles of the best places for fish and we have supported salmon habitat improvement projects in some locations, making them even better. Removing dikes or levees allow fish to access side channels and wetlands where young fish grow and hide from predators. Trees
Greetings Land Trust members and supporters! It is with great pleasure that I reach out to you from my new post as your Executive Director. I am honored to be a part of the greater North Central Washington community, and more specifically, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust. While the Board and Staff were doing their due diligence in reviewing my application as part of the search process, I was learning more about the Land Trust too. What I found is that the results this organization has achieved thus far as well as its stellar reputation are impressive indeed. This is thanks to a great staff and board, committed volunteers, and supporters like you. So thanks for what you do. It is much appreciated.

While the Land Trust is well known for helping to conserve and create some of the region’s most popular and iconic places like the Wenatchee Foothills trail system, the Apple Capital Loop Trail, and the White and Entiat River preserves, as well as for hosting the most fun and rewarding events and outings in the community year round, stay tuned and hang on to your hat. We’re just getting started and there is much more to come. Together with you and our partners, the team is poised to help protect more streams and riverfront as part of salmon recovery efforts; provide places for people to connect with nature; work with the Lake Chelan community to design and implement a new open space vision; and manage the existing preserves we all know and love even better in the coming months and years.

In closing my first message to you, I want to say a big thank you to Bob Bugert, our outgoing Executive Director. It is through his leadership and guidance at the staff level over the past 10 years that the Land Trust has accomplished so much. Fortunately for me, Bob is staying on as our Partnerships Director. I’ve been away from Washington for 15 years, so being able to lean on Bob and the rest of the staff and learn from them as part of my transition will be of great benefit. I look forward to meeting you on the trail or at one of our upcoming events.

“The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now.”

~ old proverb

Photo by Brad Brisbine
FISH FACTS:
Adult sockeye salmon transform to red and green coloring when they enter fresh water to spawn. Chinook salmon, also called kings, are the largest salmon in our local rivers.

Photo courtesy of Russ Ricketts
On a warm morning this summer, Harrison Gale’s ball landed squarely in the target, winning the Pokémon Go competition for his team. No, he wasn’t staring into a screen – rather at a sunny trail, surrounded by sweet-smelling ponderosa pines and sagebrush at Saddle Rock Natural Area.

He was the youngest kid in the City of Wenatchee’s Summer Day Camp, which partnered with the Land Trust to get the campers outside and learning about nature. And yes, we were playing Pokémon Go – except instead of looking for imaginary creatures, he and over twenty other kids searched for local mammals in the bushes.

Before our day started, I had hidden photos of many of the most common animals in the Wenatchee Foothills in their native habitats. The kids came with their counselors and searched the trail for these animals.

When they found one, the kids split into three groups: Valor, Instinct, and Mystic – or Red, Yellow, and Blue for those not familiar with Pokémon Go. The teams competed to catch the animal by throwing a ball into a bucket, mimicking the popular smartphone-based game. The team that made the first basket “caught” the animal, and read the three facts about the animal printed on the back of the card to the group.

This was just one of many Kids & Nature Connections programs in 2016. Back in January, we learned to snowshoe, and tracked snowshoe hares and deer at Squilchuck State Park. In April, 13 kids spent Spring Break exploring the Foothills, and families joined us at the Earth Day Scavenger Hunt. In July, we had a great turnout at the Entiat River Appreciation Day with the Cascadia Conservation District. Other programs with the Entiat Campfire USA group and the North Central Regional Library brought kids to nature and vice versa, and we supported teachers in their efforts to get their students out into the Foothills through our Teacher Small Grant Program. And this fall, we look forward to the Fall Family Day Hikes.

Throughout the year, we’re working hard to make nature relevant to today’s kids, who can spend up to 13 hours a day in front of screens by some estimates. We think it’s important to ensure that kids in North Central Washington can explore our beautiful backyard while they’re young, so they can grow up to love it when they’re the ones ruling the world.

Kids pause on their way to the top of Jacobson Preserve (above) at the Spring Break Nature Camp and (left) a child discovers a wild phlox on an Earth Day Scavenger Hunt. So far this year, over 550 children have gotten outside and explored nature through CDLT’s Kids & Nature Connections program.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

From March 2016 through September 2016, these individuals have joined the Land Trust. Thank you for your generous support!

Aubrey Ahlberg
Aurora Alexander
Jan Alexander
Brad & Jeanine Allen
Tom & Jackie
Andrewjeski
Nikki Arakawa
Armando Avila
Nicole Ballard
Josh Barnes
Mary & Kevin Baskin
Sonia Bassett
Ed & Beverly Baugh
Jami Bean
Orlien & Margot Becker
Richard Beukema
Amber Birks
Marilyn Blakely
Kathy Bodmer
Lea Boggs
Lora Bouchard
Shelly Bouchard
Jolene Bray
Ute Brindl
Christopher & Jill Campbell
Annette Carter
Daniel Castellanos
Janet Chang
Rosie Chapin
Brad Cheek
Noni Clark
Jennifer Clarke
Jennifer Copson
Stewart & Susan Cusick
Jillian Dalinkus
Joanna Davis
Jason DePue
Francois & Lynne Desplanches
Paul Dietz
Theresa D-Littenberger
Jonny Doiron
Haven Duell
Katie & Mark Duncan
Karen Ebeling
Fletcher England
Amanda Esmond
Alicia Esquivel
Samantha & Jeffrey Fisher
James Fletcher
Annalisa Flood
Stephen Fortney
Deborah French
Jose Gaieana
Stacey Garland
Hannah Glover
Steven & Alphonso Gnam
Kim Groner
Lyndi Grove
Carl & Anastasia Haberberger
Lisa Hansen
Jaana & Ronald Hatton
Dwayne Hawk
Siri Healy
Kim Heinrich
Janet Hensley
Hung Hoang
Larry James
Ryder Jasso
Jennifer Johnson
Robert Johnson
Amelia Jones
Jeff Kaatz
Mark Kacmarcik
Rachel Kakach
Kaden & Carley Keogh
Megan Kerman
Emily Kin narz
Justin Kissel
Daryn Klinginsmith
Nathan & Quinten Koch
Thomas Koski
Elmer Kuball
Gwen Larsen
Shauned & Jake Larson
Jeremy Lee
Tom & Jenny Leonard
Daphne Lightfoot
David & Kristin Lodge
Devon Lyon
Stephanie Macon
Elana Mainer
Alexa Martin
Kyle Mcent
Yaselyn Mejia
Rocio Mendoza
Eric Merriman
Colleen Miller
Rachel Minder
Carly Morrison
Jessica Murray
Walter & Nick Myers
Jill Nolan
Mike Parrish
Kelley Pascoe
Kati Pattnode
David Stoller & Diane Patterson
Amanda Peaslee
Maegan Petersen
Emily Peterson
Jim Peterson
James Peavitt
Lee & Nairn Plourde
Joshua Preston
Lori Reich
Dale Reicheneder
Dana Resse
Scott Reynolds
Karlyle Risdon
Maria D Rojas
Bryce Romans
Debbie Sawyer
Annie Schinell
Bill & Alicia Schmidt
Taylor Scott
Kathy Shae
Sarah Shaffer
James Shearer
Amy Sheehan
Derek Sheffield
Kristin & Mark Simpson
Kevin Sparrow
Nick Stephenson
Mandy Stirling
David & Chanin Street
Nicolle & Logan Sutton
James Swanson
Jacqueline Thomas
Steve & Tina Tidd
Steve Tucker
Tatiana & Brian Tunget
Annette Vaughan
Kalen Vidal-Madsen
Maite Vidal-Madsen
Andrew Vlastin
Dale Von Bergen
Dawn Wagner
Kerri & Jason Walker
Tonia Waring
Megan Weakley
Jason Welle
Nicole Wernette
Chad Wicktow
Natalie & Travis Williams
JoDee Wiason
Christian Wood
Rick & Lory Way
Steve Wright & Kathleen McNulty
Jeffrey Yamada

BIG MOVES FOR HEALTHY RIVERS

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and log jams in the river provide places where adult fish can feed, hide, and rest. They also dissipate river energy, scoop out pools, build bars, sort spawning gravels, and reduce bank erosion. Fish habitat work also includes restoring native plant species in the floodplain.

We are currently engaged in an ambitious restoration effort in the Entiat River valley to restore the river to mimic historical conditions. We are coordinating closely with partners to achieve the right balance of biology, esthetics, recreation, and safety. Stay tuned for more information about floodplain restoration in the Entiat and a new location for the public to access the river after the work is completed. 🍂

Built on fill that was brought in, the house and driveway cut off the river's natural side channel.
MAKE A LASTING IMPACT
– include the Land Trust in your will

Your belief in taking care of this special place for today and for the future is having tangible and lasting results, as you can see from the success stories in this newsletter. Thank you!

Including the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust in your will or naming the Land Trust as a beneficiary of a retirement account is a simple, yet powerful way to continue supporting the lands and waters you love far into the future.

- Naming the Land Trust as a beneficiary of a specific asset like a retirement account is as simple as filling out a beneficiary designation form that is entirely separate from your will. This is an easy, flexible and tax-efficient way to make a lasting impact.

- A charitable bequest under your will is fully deductible for federal estate tax purposes, and with thoughtful planning, your estate can end up paying significantly less estate tax, which allows you to leave more for your loved ones.

For more information on how you can make a special future gift, or to let us know if you have already included us in your will or other estate plans, please contact Sharon Lunz, (509) 667-9708, sharon@cdlandtrust.org, or visit the Legacy Giving section of our website. We will honor all requests for anonymity, and you can modify your bequest at any time if your circumstances change.

NEW ARRIVALS!

Welcome Curt Soper, Executive Director! Curt arrived in late August after relocating from Georgia and has hit the ground running! He returns to his native Pacific Northwest where he'll continue his life-long career in conservation for CDLT. Boh Bugert, outgoing Executive Director, will continue in his new part-time role as Partnerships Director.

We’d also like to introduce Omar Garcia, Stewardship & Outreach Assistant and Joan Krause, Bookkeeper. Look for Omar out in the Wenatchee Foothills doing stewardship work and serving as a bilingual liaison with our growing community of Spanish speakers. Joan joins us with years of bookkeeping experience and a love of all things outdoors!

And, a very special welcome to Marlo Ann Bosket and congratulations to her proud parents, Hanne Beener, CDLT’s Trails & Stewardship Coordinator and Spencer Bosket!
OUTINGS  
EVENTS &  
VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for outings, learning opportunities and work parties. For details, updates, and to sign-up, go to: cdlandtrust.org/get-involved or call 509-667-9708.

eBIRDING
Citizen Science bird monitoring
- Sept 29  Horse Lake Reserve
- Oct 20  Mountain Home
- Oct 27  Horse Lake Reserve
- Nov 10  Mountain Home
- Nov 17  Horse Lake Reserve

BECOME A TEACHER  
TRAIL BUDDY
Assist a teacher with a classroom trail hike in the Foothills during the school year. info online or call CDLT

MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE DAY 2016
Fire restoration planting and clean-up at Horse Lake Reserve. Lunch & snacks provided!
- Oct 22  9am-3pm
  RSVP Required

TRAILS & STEWARDSHIP
Various projects will occur during the Fall on Land Trust properties, depending on soil conditions.
- Call Neal Hedges, Stewardship Director, to learn how you can help.

VOLUNTEER  
RSVP Required

OUTINGS  
RSVP Required

FALL FAMILY DAY HIKES
Saturdays at 9am & 11am
Scavenger Hunt!
- Sept 24  @ Castle Rock Trailhead
- Oct 1  @ Saddle Rock Natural Area
- Oct 8  @ Jacobson Preserve

BILINGUAL HIKES IN  
THE FOOTHILLS
Led by CDLT, Team Naturaleza & CVCH  5:30pm-6:30pm
- Sept 30  @ Castle Rock Trailhead
- Oct 7  @ Dry Gulch

SALMON & NATURALIST  
WALK
- Oct 1  9am-12pm
  @ Entiat Stormy Creek Preserve

GEOLOGY WALK
Bedrock geology & Ice Age Floods along the eastside Apple Capital Loop Trail.
- Oct 2  1-3pm

BIRD ID  
SKILLS BUILDING
Beginner to expert - learn to bird!
- Sept - end of year: 7:30-9:45am
  @ Walla Walla Park (details online)

FIRE ECOLOGY HIKE
Learn about the role fire plays in our forests from Dr. Paul Hessburg on this 2-mile hike.
- Oct 9  1-3pm @ Squilchuck SP

EVENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES
“Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret”
- Oct 18  7-9pm
  @ Wenatchee Valley Museum
“To Make A Farm”
- Nov 15  7-9pm
  @ Wenatchee Valley Museum
“A River Between Us”
- Jan 17  7-9pm
  @ Wenatchee Valley Museum

LAKE CHELAN  
COMMUNITY MEETING
Public stakeholders meeting
- Oct 5  5:30--7:30pm
  @ City Council chambers

ANNUAL  
CELEBRATION DINNER
Reserve your spot! Celebrate this year’s accomplishments with good food and great friends.
- Oct 22  9am-3pm
  RSVP Required

COMMUNITY FOREST  
WORKSHOP
What is a “community forest?” Learn about the different models of community forests and how these locally-held working lands can provide benefits for the community - for recreation, forest health, economy, and education.
- Nov 16  6-8pm
  @ Chelan PUD Auditorium
ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER
LEAVENWORTH FESTHALLE
OCTOBER 29, 2016, 6-9PM

Come celebrate this year’s successes with friends, good food, and your Land Trust community! Make your reservation online, over the phone, or return the response form included in your mailed invitation.

Celebrate!