



Newsletter
FALL 2016

Intact riparian areas – like this one on the White River – are key to clean, cool water and healthy salmon & wildlife habitat.

BIG MOVES FOR HEALTHY RIVERS

by David Morgan, Watershed Coordinator

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.



House on the move to a new home, leaving the natural flood channels to reoccupy the land.

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

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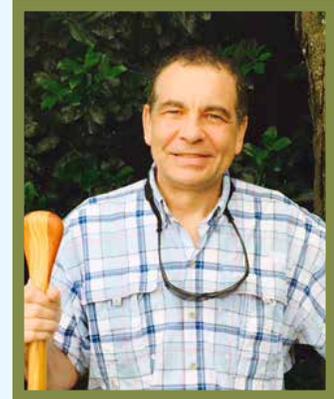
GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

~ old proverb

Photo by Brad Brisbane

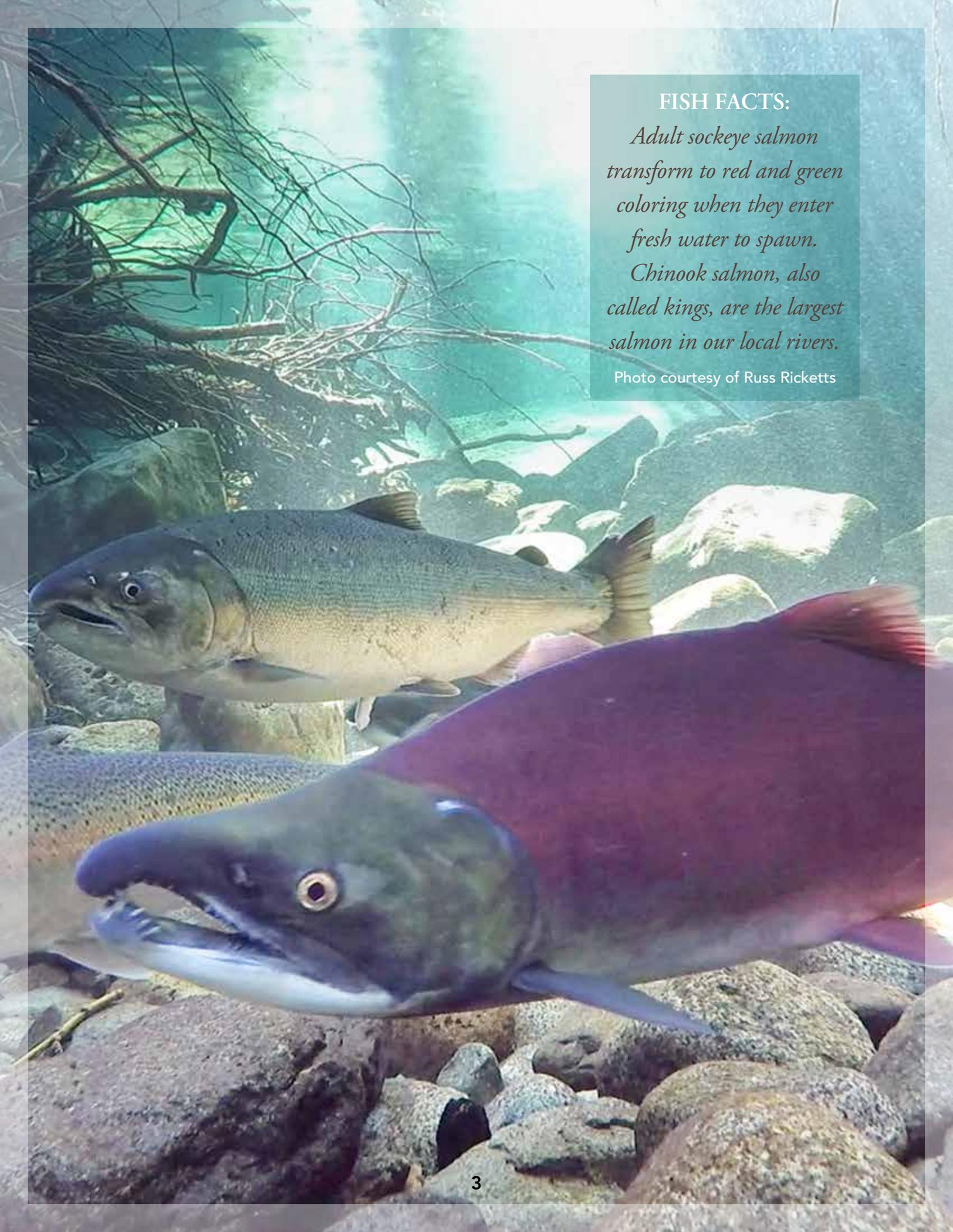
Greetings Land Trust members and supporters! It is with great pleasure that I reach out to you from my new post as your Executive Director. I am honored to be a part of the greater North Central Washington community, and more specifically, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust. While the Board and Staff were 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.



Curt Soper

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. 📍

An underwater photograph of salmon in a river. The water is clear and greenish. In the foreground, a large salmon with a dark blue-green head and a vibrant red body is swimming towards the left. Behind it, another salmon with a more muted, brownish-green color is visible. The riverbed is composed of large, smooth, grey and brown rocks. In the background, there are many bare, tangled branches and twigs, suggesting a forested area. The lighting is bright, creating a shimmering effect on the water's surface and the fish's scales.

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



KIDS & NATURE CONNECTIONS UNPLUGGED AND OUTSIDE!

by Hillary Schwirtlich,
Membership & Education Coordinator

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!

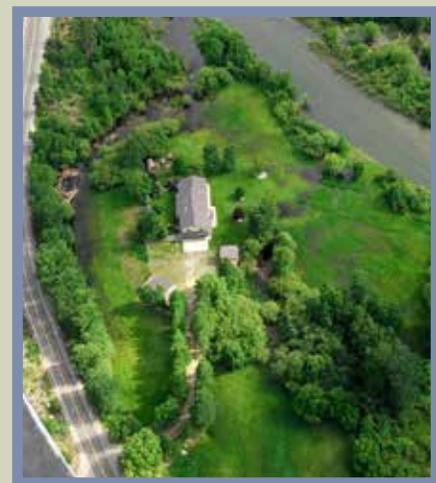
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BIG MOVES FOR HEALTHY RIVERS

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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.

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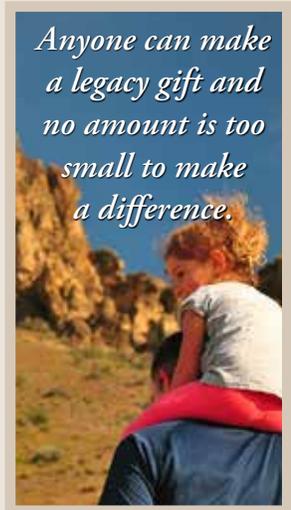
– include the Land Trust in your will

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.



Anyone can make a legacy gift and no amount is too small to make a difference.

NEW ARRIVALS!



Curt Soper

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.

Bob Bugert, outgoing Executive Director, will continue in his new part-time role as *Partnerships Director*.



Omar Garcia

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!



Joan Krause

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.



VOLUNTEER

RSVP Required

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.*



OUTINGS

RSVP Required

FALL FAMILY DAY HIKES

Saturdays at 9am & 11am
Scavenger Hunt!

- Sept 24 @ *Castle Rock Trailhead*
Nature Journaling
- Oct 1 @ *Saddle Rock Natural Area*
Animal Tracking
- 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 29 *6-9pm*
@ *Leavenworth Festhalle*

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*



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ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER

LEAVENWORTH FESTHALLE
OCTOBER 29, 2016, 6-9PM

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and your Land Trust community! Make your reservation
online, over the phone, or return the reponse form
included in your mailed invitation.*