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LOWER CASTLE ROCK ADDED TO PROTECTED FOOTHILLS

Mickey Fleming, Lands Project Manager

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) is pleased to celebrate the permanent protection of the 36-acre Lower Castle Rock property, the 4th piece of land bought through the Wenatchee Foothills Campaign. This acquisition is the culmination of years of effort to preserve a key piece of Wenatchee's gorgeous natural backdrop. "This brings us one step closer to surrounding the city we love with natural beauty that everyone can access," said Bob Bugert, CDLT Executive Director. "Buying Lower Castle Rock will let us give everyone legal, safe access to Castle Rock and the Number 1-2 Canyon Divide leading to Horse Lake Mountain and incredible views of the Cascades." The Land Trust, with support from The Trust for Public Land, acquired the property from the developer of nearby Castlerock Heights, which would have expanded with 20 additional residential lots on this property.

This project resulted from the foresight of Frank Peryea and Betsy Beers, who acquired 400 acres in 2000 above this property to prevent development and allow public access to the iconic Castle Rock and the public lands beyond. They agreed to

donate an easement to the Land Trust for a day-use hiking trail if CDLT acquired this critical adjoining Lower Castle Rock property to provide access. As Dr. Beers told TPL's Land and People Magazine in 2010, "I think a lot of us took the landscape for granted until it began disappearing at an alarming rate. We're ready to embrace a culture of conservation."

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– Betsy Beers

Adding to this success, the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office recently awarded a grant to the City of Wenatchee for half the cost of the property. The property will be transferred to the City subject to strict covenants permanently prohibiting development and providing for its use for public access and habitat protection. As funding becomes available, the City and CDLT will plan and build sustainable trails on the

property, accessed by a future trailhead at the terminus of Castlerock Avenue.

Like Saddle Rock, this acquisition is a true example of the efforts of many individual donors and supporters and collaboration in a public/private partnership to enhance our community – forever.



Access to Castle Rock secured!

CHELAN-DOUGLAS LAND TRUST ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Bob Bugert, Executive Director



Bob Bugert

On a recent family hike, my wife Carolyn and I were intrigued to hear our sons discussing which aspects of their high school education had the most value to them. Interestingly, they did not

mention any course that

taught them tangible skills in science or math, but they agreed on the lasting benefits of a Leadership Class. It required neither homework nor research, simply a deliberation on what leads to integrity in all that one does.

As I heard this discussion, I could not help but draw an analogy to a quiet—but highly significant—accomplishment that took years of preparation. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust has recently achieved accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. With this accomplishment, we won't be showing any sweeping vistas of protected lands, but rather a simple seal, which demonstrates our commitment to land conservation that benefits the entire community.

Nationwide, twelve percent of the 1,700 land trusts have now secured this designation that has stringent standards for fiscal management, internal controls, and ethics in all transactions. To qualify for accreditation, a land trust must have over forty policies to ensure that all work meets the highest standards for non-profit organizations. The real trick, however, is not in setting policies, but in demonstrating that they are implemented.

In other words: to “walk the talk.” Without a doubt, the land trust accreditation process made us a much stronger organization that created a strong pathway to our sustainability.

This award was the result of countless hours contributed by countless members with expertise in a wide range of areas. Although we knew it all along, we now can clearly demonstrate that we manage your donations with rigorous standards, we deal with landowners with integrity, and we are principled in all our land transactions.

Frankly, this enormous accomplishment could only be done because of your commitment and belief in an organization that you created and are continually strengthening. For more information on what accreditation means and how it helps conservation in communities across the country, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org.



EASTSIDE LOOP TRAIL IS NOW LOCALLY OWNED!

On June 25, the Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT) formally transferred ownership of the WDOT-owned portion of the Apple Capital Loop Trail to the City of East Wenatchee and Douglas County. This was a major step in the effort to retain the trail and adjacent natural areas for everyone to enjoy.

In 2011, the Land Trust asked prominent community members Eliot Scull and Mike Scott to convene

a group of East Wenatchee citizens of diverse views to help the County and City create a plan for this section of the trail and adjacent lands. Thanks to this group's vision and creativity, the trail corridor is secured! They are now exploring a financing plan for protection of the land between that trail corridor and the Columbia River. We will keep you posted on their progress!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Since February 2013, these individuals have joined the Land Trust. Thank you for your generous support!



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The Land Trust's membership has increased from 750 just three years ago, to 1,117 at present?

Our conservation community is thriving — *Thanks to you!*

TRAIL NEWS

Hanne Beener, Stewardship & Trails Assistant

We had an extremely successful spring season of “Trail Thursday” volunteer work parties. Our dedicated workforce rallied en masse to complete a time-sensitive re-route of the beginning portion of the Lester Trail, which is one of the main access routes for the Sage Hills trail in the Wenatchee Foothills. We’re also proud to invite you to visit our newest addition to the Foothills trail system, the Apricot Crisp Trail at the Horse Lake Reserve!

The Apricot Crisp Trail is just over a mile long, extending the trail system to the upper portion of the property. It meanders through some wonderful wildflower patches, viewpoints of the Cascade Mountains, big fir trees, and birding territory. The trail was built over several weeks this spring by enthusiastic Land Trust trail volunteers, with significant help donated by Central Washington Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, RunWenatchee, and Project Groundwork.



Westside High School student volunteers working on the Sage Hills trail re-route this spring.



Trail volunteer Robin Boal hiking on the beautiful new Apricot Crisp Trail.

You’ll find the Apricot Crisp Trail by following the Old Ranch Road from the gate, or by taking Homestead Trail to where it connects to the Old Ranch Road. About a quarter of a mile past where the Homestead Trail connects to the Old Ranch Road, you’ll see the new trail taking off to the left, just before you enter a big open field. You can also find a map of the new trail on our website by clicking on the *trail maps* icon on the home page. Enjoy!

Please note, at this time we are asking equestrian users to avoid this trail - it needs at least a full season to harden.

We are looking forward to starting up our Trail Thursdays again closer to fall, when we will begin improving the trails at Saddle Rock, and potentially start work on a new trail or two on some of our other properties! Please contact Hanne Beener, Trails & Stewardship Assistant, at hanne@cdlandtrust.org with any questions or if you would like to help out.

HORSE LAKE RESERVE eBIRD ROUTE: AN INVITATION TO BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST

Susan Ballinger, Wenatchee Naturalist Program Director

Perhaps you've walked the old farm roads on Horse Lake Reserve and paused at one the leafy draws to listen to songbirds calling from within the thick tangle of Douglas maple, rose, elderberry, and mock orange shrubs. Maybe the brilliant blue head of a singing male Lazuli bunting caught your eye, perched on top of a serviceberry. Or, you heard the "plucked string" call of a spotted towhee coming from the base of a bitterbrush. A pair of American goldfinch may have flashed by, or a calliope hummingbird dive-bombed your head, checking out your red coat.

Each spring, over thirty different species of migrating songbirds seek out safe cover, insect and plant food, and nesting sites within the leafy tall thickets that fill the scattered ravines of the Wenatchee foothills. For example, black-headed grosbeaks arrive from Mexico each spring to raise their young here. To a songbird, these shrubby drainages are oases within the arid expanse of sagebrush grasslands.

The September 2012 wildfires swept across Horse Lake Reserve, burning some of the draws, but skipping others. How will this habitat change affect nesting songbirds that use the Reserve? As the shrubs regrow, how will bird use change over the coming years? To answer these questions, Stewardship Director Neal Hedges, has launched a long-term data gathering effort using a national program called eBird.

eBird is a real-time, online checklist that allows users to document the presence, sex, and abundance of bird species at specific locations. Citizen scientists volunteer to record bird species and upload their data into a national database. eBird users can maintain their



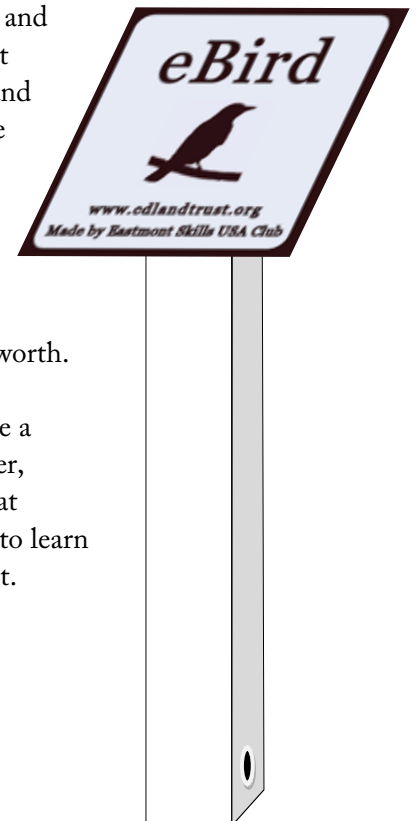
Birders check out an eBird marker at Horse Lake Reserve in June on an outing led by David & Beth St. George.

personal bird records, explore collective data, and create interactive maps, graphs, and bar charts. It is easy to get started: set up your own personal eBird account at <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/>.

Neal Hedges has created a 3-hour round trip eBird route on Horse Lake Reserve. Labeled metal posts mark six mapped points along the farm road. At each post, bird data can be gathered

using a customized CDLT protocol. Later, the user enters the data on the eBird website, and shares it with CDLT. Collectively, local citizen scientists will help CDLT learn about seasonal habitat usage by birds and identify critical habitat elements to preserve and restore on Horse Lake Reserve. Neal is also in the process of setting up an eBird route on CDLT's Mountain Home property near Leavenworth.

If you'd like to become a CDLT eBird volunteer, contact Neal Hedges at neal@cdlandtrust.org to learn more about the project.



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 Scown, Deanna Smith, Gwyneth Thorsen,
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In Memory of Brenda McWhirter

Chuck Egher

In Memory of Dana Peterson

Bill Layman

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	12/31/2012	12/31/2011
Cash & other current assets	\$709,976	\$476,327
Pledges & other receivables	877,129	234,782
Investments		
Endowment Fund	3,210,422	2,905,650
Stewardship Fund	796,513	461,676
Reserve Fund	152,756	134,859
Property	15,382,269	11,086,097
Other fixed assets	-796	15,270
Total Assets	21,128,269	15,314,661
Liabilities	279,564	29,116
Net Assets	20,848,705	15,285,545
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$21,128,269	\$15,314,661

ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012

Support & Revenue		
Unrestricted donations & grants	325,085	4%
Restricted contributions & grants for land acquisition, stewardship, endowment & other	6,377,445	88%
In-kind Contributions	40,455	1%
Investment Income	128,640	2%
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	400,634	5%
Total Revenue	\$7,272,259	100%

Expenses and Acquisitions		
Program (easement acquisition, land conservation, stewardship, education)	\$1,563,573	80%
Management and General	147,638	8%
Fundraising	251,664	12%
Total Expenses	1,962,875	100%
Net increase in Assets	\$5,309,384	

STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR THE LAND TRUST

We are delighted to announce that Geordie Romer has been elected as President of the 16-member Board of Directors. A Board member since 2010, Romer lives in Cashmere and has been a real estate agent in Leavenworth and Lake Wenatchee since 2004. Previously he spent nine years as a backcountry ranger with the National Park Service, most of it in the North Cascades. His academic background in environmental policy, wilderness management experience, and real estate knowledge bring a unique perspective to the Land Trust. Romer will serve as President until March 2015. Romer succeeds Andy Dappen, who has so wisely guided CDLT for the past eight years.

After almost 30 years of collective service, three of our very committed and passionate board members are stepping down: Susan Ballinger, Gene Kupferman, and Jean Speidel. But they are not slowing down in any respect, as they remain highly engaged on our Leadership Circle and committees.

And, we are honored to have three new Board members, who were elected in a very rigorous nomination and recruitment process of over two dozen candidates: Jennifer Taylor, David Visser, and Bruce Williams.

- ♦ **Jennifer Taylor** lives in Wenatchee and is Organizational Development Program Manager at Chelan County PUD. She holds a B.A. in Sociology from Washington University in St. Louis and has over 25 years' experience in Human Resources.
- ♦ **David Visser** lives in Wenatchee and maintains a legal practice with an emphasis on trust and estate matters, business matters, and civil litigation. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Seattle Pacific University and is a graduate of the Washington State Bar Association Law Clerk Program.
- ♦ **Bruce Williams** lives in Leavenworth and is a retired CEO, lawyer and Peace Corps volunteer and served nearly 20 years on the board of the Cascade Land Conservancy (now "Forterra"), based in Seattle.

COMINGS & GOINGS

This spring we bid a fond but sad farewell to **Tina Duffey**, former Stewardship & Trails Assistant, who has moved on to continue her education. Tina was a dynamic and highly capable member of our staff and we are sure that she will pursue this next chapter in her life with the same enthusiasm, passion, and positive outlook that she shared with CDLT!

We are very happy to welcome **Hanne Beener** as our new Stewardship & Trails Assistant. Hanne brings incredible experience to CDLT with her background working for both the U.S. Forest Service and Conservation Northwest. Hanne looks forward to working with our Land Trust volunteers along with other organizations to develop a sustainable trails management system.



Welcome Hanne!

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UPCOMING OUTINGS & EVENTS

Sign up online for Land Trust events and volunteer opportunities! Go to cdlandtrust.org and click *What's New* for a detailed list of events & outings and to register — or call the Land Trust office at (509) 667-9708.

AUGUST 20 **7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

MOONRISE OVER HORSE LAKE RESERVE

Join Foothills Ambassadors Rebecca Frank and bilingual Jose Luis Marquez on a guided hike of the Horse Lake Reserve, ending with s'mores while the moon rises over the view point. RSVP required.

AUGUST 25 **9:00 AM**

HIKING CHALLENGE GUIDED HIKE: SAGE HILLS

Join Foothills Ambassadors Rebecca Frank and bilingual Jose Luis Marquez on a guided hike of the Sage Hills.

SEPTEMBER 29 **9:00 AM**

HIKING CHALLENGE GUIDED HIKE: HORSE LAKE RESERVE

Join Foothills Ambassadors Rebecca Frank and bilingual Jose Luis Marquez on a guided hike of Horse Lake Reserve.

OCTOBER 12 **9:00 AM-12 PM**

SALMON WALK AT STORMY PRESERVE

Join biologist Phil Archibald on a hike along the Entiat River during salmon spawning! The hike will also cover the plants, birds and wildlife that live in and use the area for shelter and forage. Limited to 15 and RSVP is required.

OCTOBER **DATE/TIME TBA** **GEOLOGY & NATURAL HISTORY AT MOUNTAIN HOME**

Learn about the geology of the Land Trust's Mountain Home property in Leavenworth as well as the unique wetlands and natural history of the property. Contact the office for the date and to RSVP.

OCTOBER 25 **6:00 PM**

ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER

Save the date! This year the dinner will be at the Feshalle in Leavenworth.



Heading up to the viewpoint for the moonrise and s'mores! Horse Lake Reserve, August 2012

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The timing of fall trailwork is dependent on soil moisture - dates will be finalized in September.

Call Neal or Hanne at (509) 667-9708 or email hanne@cdlandtrust.org for details and to RSVP.

You can also sign up online - go to cdlandtrust.org and click *What's New* for details.

SEPTEMBER

TRAIL THURSDAYS

Join other volunteers for a trail work party every other Thursday throughout the fall. Work parties are dependent on conditions in most cases, so we'll post the first outing on our website.

OCTOBER

LEAVENWORTH TRAILS STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

We're hosting a joint work party with Wenatchee River Institute this fall to improve areas around Barn Beach Reserve, including working on connecting and stabilizing an old trail from CDLT's Lorene Young property to the Peavine Trail that many CDLT volunteers worked on a few years ago! Mid-October, specific date to be posted on website in Sept.

OCTOBER

HORSE LAKE BARN STABILIZATION

The historic Wallace/Barnhill barn at Horse Lake Reserve is beginning to tilt. On multiple dates in October, we plan to install internal shear walls to stabilize the structure for the next 20 years. Construction involves building stud and plywood walls between interior posts and beams to increase building stability.

OCTOBER

SADDLE ROCK TRAIL REHABILITATION & RESTORATION

Help us improve the safety of the main route to the top of Saddle Rock by directing water away from the trail, as well as closing and restoring unsustainable or unsafe trails, including reseeding with native vegetation.

MISSION STATEMENT

Conserving our land,
our water, and our way
of life through
voluntary land
agreements, education,
partnerships,
stewardship, and
well-planned growth.

Note the new location!

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013

Leavenworth Festhalle, 1001 Front Street, Leavenworth

Socialize with others who care about conserving our natural heritage as
we celebrate this year's accomplishments.



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