



Newsletter
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The largest undeveloped riverfront between Cashmere and Wenatchee is now permanently protected!

NEW LOWER SLEEPY HOLLOW PRESERVE

We are thrilled to share the news with you that the largest undeveloped riverfront between Cashmere and Wenatchee is now permanently protected! Your support helped make it possible to protect 40 acres of mostly floodplain on the lower Wenatchee River – good news for both fish and people.

Undeveloped floodplain in the Lower Wenatchee River is scarce and incredibly important. This property was at risk of becoming a new flood-prone subdivision. Instead, this new preserve will continue to provide vital side channels used by juvenile salmon for rearing and refuge. Every young fish needs side channels to hide from predators and feed. For people, this functioning floodplain recharges our aquifers and stores and absorbs water during high water.

Steve Goodfellow and Tamar Chotzen purchased the land from Jim and Carol Oakes who also had hopes that it could be permanently conserved. Tamar commented, "We are so pleased that our collective dream of conserving the channel intake and public access has been achieved.

This will be an asset to our community and the environment for generations to come." Steve and Tamar also generously donated funds for the permanent stewardship of the property. Stewardship contributions are held at the Community Foundation, and CDLT draws a small percentage annually to take care of the properties we own.

Funding for the purchase was provided by State of Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and the Rock Island Habitat Conservation Plan Tributary Committee.

The Land Trust has work to do on the property before inviting visitors for outings and education programs.

CDLT will be relocating buildings, clearing debris from the property, and seeking funding for a simple parking area. If you want to help, contact David Morgan, david@cdlandtrust.org. 🐾

Side-channels are vital for fish like these juvenile Chinook salmon. This is where they hide from predators and feed as they journey downstream to the ocean.



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INSPIRED BY YOUR SUPPORT

*Curt Soper
Executive Director*

*“To keep every cog
and wheel is the first
precaution of
intelligent tinkering.”*

~ Aldo Leopold

As we head into the home stretch of what has been a very productive year for the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, I want to express my gratitude for your commitment and support. Your passion and your belief in what we do spurred amazing accomplishments this year! Take a moment to pause and reflect on some of the positive outcomes that you've been a part of.



*Curt Soper
Executive Director*

In 2018, we have been able to:

- increase protected lands in the Wenatchee Foothills with an addition to the **Jacobson Preserve**;
- create the new **Lower Sleepy Hollow Preserve** fronting on the Wenatchee River;
- make great progress on providing public access to the **Cashmere Canyons Preserve** with the second phase of acquisition;
- and, work with our partners to secure conservation of the 3,714-acre **Nason Ridge** property above Lake Wenatchee.

It is also critical to bring good stewardship and, when appropriate, public access to the places we conserve. You may have seen our staff in the field increasing control efforts of noxious weeds across the Foothills in 2018; or observed construction of the new 1.5 mile Burts Trail on the Horse Lake Reserve.

These things can only happen with the generous support of our membership and our community, and the Land Trust staff and board is honored to have you as part of our team. We can all look forward to more conservation success in 2019. There are more exciting new projects in the works, including establishing the Spiva Butte Nature Preserve in Douglas County, designing new trailheads at Cashmere Canyons Preserve and in the Foothills, restoring salmon habitat on the Entiat River and Nason Creek. And for the first time, we are working with several landowners to secure conservation easements that will protect critical sage grouse habitat on working agricultural lands.

I hope that you feel proud of the difference you are making!

With gratitude,

Curt Soper

MANAGING FOR FOREST HEALTH AT MOUNTAIN HOME PRESERVE

When the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust acquired Mountain Home Preserve in 2008, we knew that someday we would have to thin the forest or risk losing it to a wildfire. Large, destructive wildfires, now the new normal in the West, burn with greater intensity than the fires that shaped our western forests over many centuries. This greater intensity is largely due to years of preventing fires in forests that traditionally had them. This has allowed once open forests to fill in with small to medium sized trees. These understory trees created fuel ladders that can spread fires up from the forest floor to the crowns of larger trees.

Historically, low intensity fires returned to dry forests every 5-20 years and maintained an open forest dominated by medium and large-sized ponderosa pine that could survive these frequent fires. But after the 1910 Big Burn, fire became public enemy number one – a force to be eliminated from the forest. Following 9 decades of fire suppression, trees, such as the less fire-tolerant Douglas-fir and grand fir, filled in the gaps between the larger pines. Our once open dry forests became dense and layered, and highly susceptible to insect outbreaks and wildfires.

In 1994, the Rat Creek fire swept down Icicle Canyon and across Mountain Home Ridge on its way toward Cashmere. When the smoke cleared, 75% of the area was left with few surviving trees. This area has since grown into a thriving shrubfield, with young trees now in the mix. The remaining 25% of

the forest was scorched but left standing, and over the last 24 years has grown increasingly dense. This forest is once again ripe for a stand-replacing fire.

This fall, the Land Trust will thin 30 acres of forest to improve its health and resilience to drought, bark beetle attack, and the inevitable wildfire. Our thinning process will mimic the patterns found in fire-frequent forests, with openings of different sizes and individual trees and clumps of trees scattered throughout. Small trees will be removed and all ponderosa pine and many larger Douglas-firs will be spared. Our goal is to increase the likelihood that the next fire is of low or moderate severity.

Forest thinning operations are initially messy, and this one will be no exception. Stumps will be visible across the hillside, some shrubs and small trees will be crushed, and

there will be piles of slash at the landings where the trees are limbed, cut into logs, and loaded onto trucks for the mill. After thinning is completed, we will burn the slash piles and we should see the understory vegetation bounce back in a few years.

So, if you visit Mountain Home later this fall and find our thinning operation in progress, you will know that we are re-creating a healthy, sustainable forest that can survive the next fire. 🌱

An open forest canopy increases insect populations which benefits many cavity-nesters – like this Western Bluebird pair.



photo: Dave Hillestad

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

May through September 2018, these individuals & businesses have joined the Land Trust. Thank you for your generous support!

Michael & Linda Addleman
Barbara Agnew
Richard & Kathryn Almay
Marlee Anderson
Eric Andrews
Mary J Austin
Brett Baba
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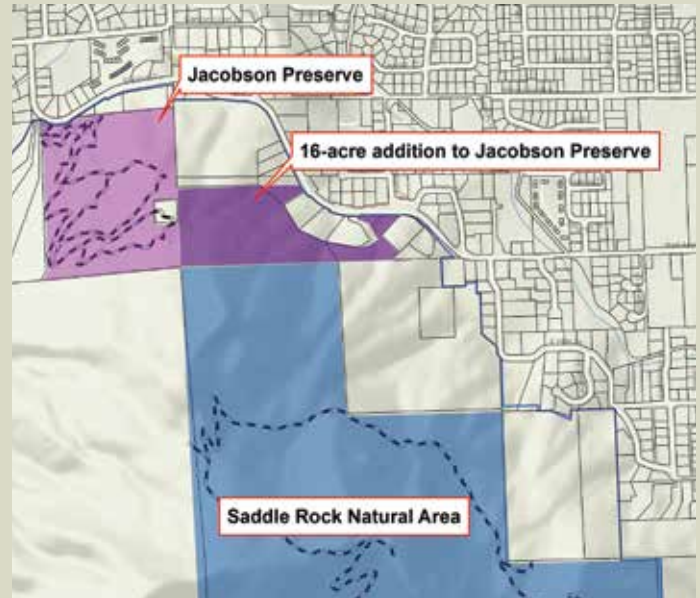
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JACOBSON PRESERVE EXPANDED

Thanks to a generous donation by Land Trust members **James and Judy Jensen**, the Land Trust has acquired 16.5 acres above Skyline Drive to protect the foothills below Saddle Rock. The property extends the Jacobson Preserve to the east and protects the northern flank of the City of Wenatchee's Saddle Rock Natural Area. Previously 35 acres, the Jacobson Preserve has increased to just over 52 acres of high-quality shrub steppe habitat. Both Jacobson Preserve and the new addition are recognized as a *Priority Wintering Mule Deer Habitat* by Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.



Late last year, CDLT became aware that a house on Skyline Drive on a 20 acre lot was being sold from the estate of Ferol Streib. Ferol and her late husband Fred Streib were longtime Wenatchee residents, and had operated the Parkside Grocery

Close to Wenatchee, Jacobson is a much-loved place to hike.

and Happy Clown Restaurant at Lake Wenatchee. CDLT was thrilled that the family opted to sell the undeveloped portion of the land to CDLT for conservation rather than to pursue construction on the steep and fragile slopes between Jacobson Preserve and Saddle Rock.

Thanks to this acquisition, a connection between the Jacobson Preserve and Saddle Rock Natural Area is now protected. Thank you, Jensen and Streib families, for your contributions to the beauty and health of our valley! 🐾

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE

This year at the Annual Celebration Dinner, the Land Trust will honor Eliot and Tina Scull with the Naná Simone Legacy Award.

We are thrilled to celebrate these two extraordinary people for their lifetime dedication to both land conservation and community – in North Central Washington and beyond.



Naná & Tina at a Land Trust work party in the Entiat, early 2000's.

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SUCCESS ON NASON RIDGE THANK YOU!

Almost six square miles above Lake Wenatchee has been protected for conservation – all because of the support of Land Trust members and the Lake Wenatchee community. This is good news for our land and water, as well as hikers, bikers, skiers and equestrians.

Because of your support, we just reached our fundraising goal of \$1 million in private donations. Western Rivers Conservancy now holds the land as interim owner, allowing for public use and enjoyment of the property while we identify a long-term steward of the land.



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**A HUGE THANK YOU
to the Nason Ridge
volunteer
fundraising team:**

Ray Aspiri, co-chair
Rob Shurtleff, co-chair
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Tim Gallagher
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Eric Prestbo
Chris Stahler

In the future, this land will be managed for long-term health rather than short-term profits. You can feel good knowing that you left a legacy for future generations at Nason Ridge. Thank you!

OUTINGS, EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit us online for full details & to sign-up: cdlandtrust.org or call 509-667-9708

OCTOBER

- 18 Trail Building at Horse Lake Reserve 2:30-5:30pm
- 18 Community Science: eBirding @ Mountain Home Preserve (call Susan 667-9708)
- 27 Make-a-Difference Day: Trail Building @ Horse Lake Reserve (RSVP online or call)
- TBD: Annual Dinner Volunteers! various tasks - contact Hillary 667-9708 or hillary@cdlandtrust.org
- 30 Fence Removal Volunteers @ Horse Lake Reserve
- 31 Fence Removal Volunteers @ Horse Lake Reserve

NOVEMBER

- 2 Annual Celebration Dinner @ St. Joseph's Kuykendall Hall
- 6 Environmental Film & Lecture Series: The Lost Land of the Wenatchi @ WVMuseum
- 8 Trail Maintenance/Building in the Foothills @ Location TBD
- 8 Community Science: eBirding @ Horse Lake Reserve (call Susan 667-9708)
- 13 Environmental Film & Lecture Series: Return of the Wapato-Native Foods @ WVMuseum
- 15 Community Science: eBirding @ Mountain Home Preserve (call Susan 667-9708)
- 17 Trail Maintenance/Building in the Foothills @ Location TBD