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A Once-In-A-Generation Opportunity

The Wenatchee Valley is growing, and with it comes the risk of losing irreplaceable open spaces to private development.

That's why Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) is launching a \$4.3 million campaign to protect the 134-acre Lookout Natural Area, a project that will preserve the natural beauty of this iconic landscape, expand outdoor access, and enhance quality of life throughout the region.

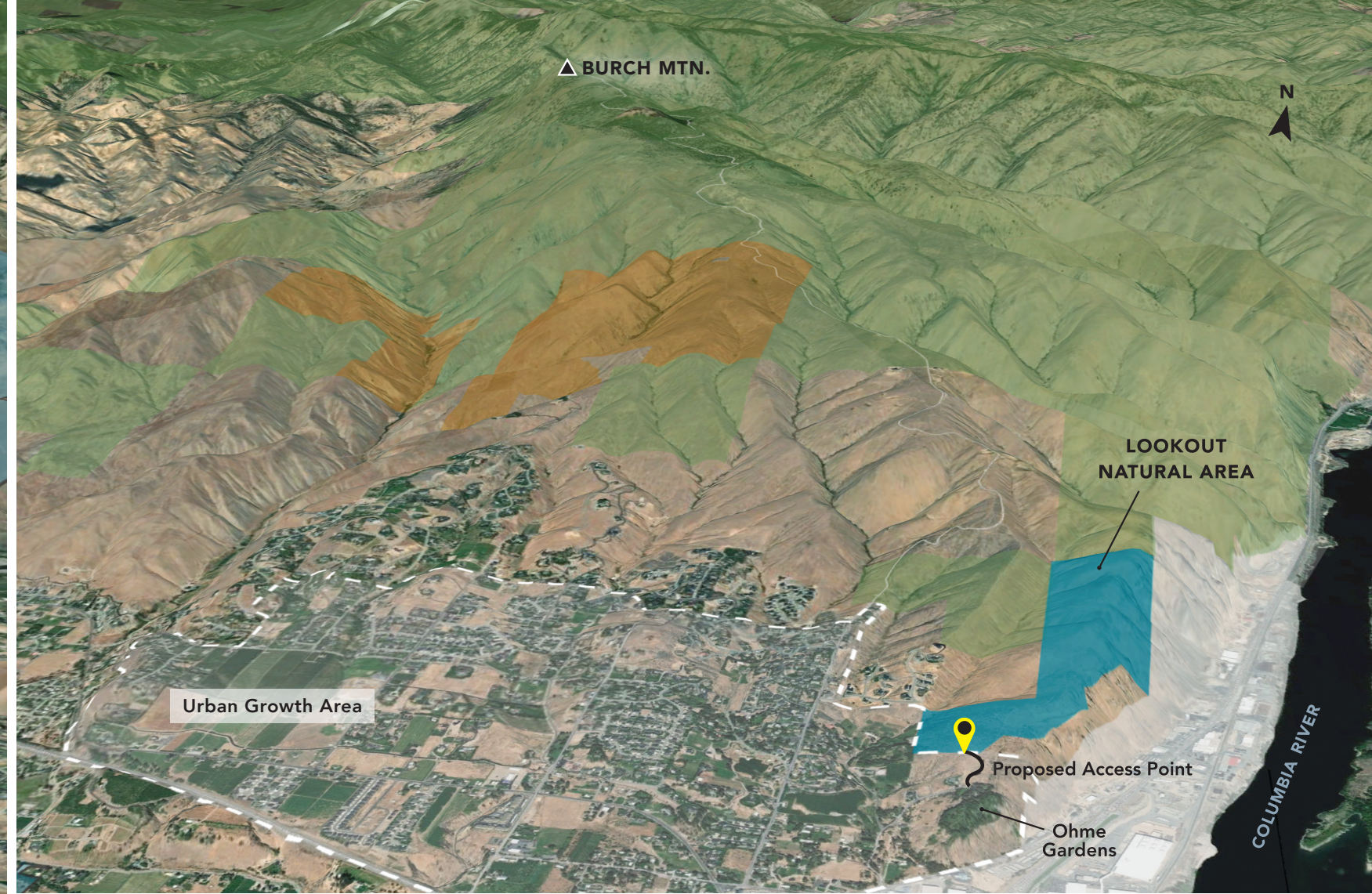
Located north of the Wenatchee River on an arm of Burch Mountain, the Lookout Natural Area offers sweeping views of the Columbia River, protects critical wildlife habitat, and lays the groundwork for an expanded regional trail system — a public treasure for generations to come.

For more than a decade, CDLT has worked with the Ohme family to secure this land, and now, with a shared commitment to conservation, the landowners are ready to ensure its permanent protection for public access.

The Importance of a Name ~ Lookout

The Ohme family has cared for this property for nearly a century. For generations before that, this land was used by Indigenous people as a Lookout. In partnership with members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust and the City of Wenatchee are honored to carry forward this traditional name.

Lookout Natural Area is a name that honors its cultural roots and reflects a shared commitment to welcoming all people to enjoy, respect, and care for this remarkable place.



■ Lookout Property Boundary
 ■ Wenatchee Foothills
 ■ CDLT Easements
 ■ Public Land
 - - - Urban Growth Area
 ■ City of Wenatchee
 📍 Proposed Access Point

Strong Local Support & Public Partnerships

More than 5,000 community members have voiced support for expanded trails, habitat protection, and open space through regional planning efforts — priorities that align with the City of Wenatchee’s Parks Plan and CDLT’s own Public Access Plan.

CDLT and the City of Wenatchee have a long-term agreement to manage the area responsibly, ensuring ecological health, public access, and cultural respect.

Protecting What We Love

Just minutes from downtown Wenatchee and the rapidly growing population in the Sunnyslope area, Lookout Natural Area offers close-to-home access to the outdoors for the whole community.

A new trailhead will welcome walkers, hikers, bikers, and families just minutes from downtown Wenatchee. This entry point creates more opportunities for daily connection with nature, health, and wellness — right in our community's backyard.

As the first Wenatchee City-owned Natural Area north of the Wenatchee River, this new space will expand recreational opportunities beyond the existing Wenatchee Foothills trail system, more accessible to those in the Upper Valley and Entiat/Chelan area.

Our vision includes development of new trails that connect to adjacent public lands, creating the opportunity for a seamless, multi-use recreation network.



The rare Chelan rockmat is endemic to the Lookout Natural Area

Chelan rockmat



Peregrine Falcon



Bighorn sheep

Valuable Wildlife Corridor

Ecologically significant and rich in biodiversity, Lookout Natural Area offers vital habitat and long-term conservation value.

The property protects native shrub-steppe ecosystems and mule deer migration corridors, supports bighorn sheep and endangered plant species, and provides rare wildlife viewing opportunities.

It also offers a unique chance to study and support habitat recovery following the 2021 wildfire — making it a living classroom for restoration and resilience.



The City of Wenatchee has secured an \$800,000 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) grant for half of the property acquisition cost. The City will seek a similar grant of \$1,000,000 for the public access and trailhead improvements. Community contributions, led by CDLT, will provide the needed match for WWRP grants, set aside stewardship funds for the property, and cover fundraising costs.

CAMPAIGN BUDGET

Ohme Property Purchase	\$1,600,000
Public Access and Trailhead	\$2,000,000
Stewardship Funds for Property	\$350,000
Fundraising and Admin Costs	\$366,000
TOTAL	\$4,316,000

CAMPAIGN PROJECTED INCOME

City of Wenatchee - WWRP Grants	\$1,800,000
Donor and Funder Contributions	\$2,516,000
TOTAL	\$4,316,000

With your help, this campaign will:

- Permanently protect critical habitat for plants and animals
- Create trailheads and access points
- Ensure long-term habitat stewardship and restoration
- Fund outreach and fundraising efforts

Together, We Will Create a Legacy for the Wenatchee Valley

For 40 years, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust has been a driving force in conservation, permanently protecting over 27,000 acres of North Central Washington's most treasured landscapes. From protecting the Wenatchee Foothills' trails and natural areas to conserving the Nason Ridge Community Forest, generous supporters of CDLT have ensured that future generations will continue to benefit from the region's natural beauty and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Now, you have the opportunity to be a part of something truly lasting. This is more than a campaign to preserve land, it's a chance to shape the future of the Wenatchee Valley.

**With your support, the Lookout Natural Area
will remain a place of reflection, connection,
and beauty — forever.**



The Lookout campaign addresses the lack of public access to the foothills north of town at a time when rapid development is occurring in the area. When completed it will provide a beautiful viewscape, trail opportunities, and habitat for bighorn sheep, all in permanent conservation.

The opportunity is now and the time to act is now. Please join the effort and add another jewel to our treasured foothills!

—Eliot Scull, longtime conservationist and community leader

I'm a proud supporter of the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust and am grateful for their long and successful partnership with the City of Wenatchee. Their efforts to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities in the Sunnyslope area wouldn't be possible without the generous support of the Ohme Family and Land Trust members. It's helpful to know that everyone is thinking long-term about making more opportunities available.

—Brad Hawkins, *Chelan County Commissioner, District 3*

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