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# RIVERS LAND TRUST

## An irreplaceably wild southern Oregon coast Protect places best kept wild & abundant forever

### Wild Rivers Land Trust Celebrates our 21st Anniversary!

Cheers for all the great friends, memories, preservation and conservation we have achieved together in our 21 years of service to this planet! Over 1,000 acres of resilient lands & waters on the southern Oregon coast have been protected with your support - here are some highlights over the years:

**Keystone Preserve** (2004) - 163 pristine acres on the Elk River

**Bear Creek Natural Area** (2013) - 217 acres acquired protecting forest and streams from timber harvest

**Camp Myrtlewood** (2015) - 160 acres of serene forest & streams

**Purple Mountain** (2016) - 160 acre acquisition of forest & stream in Elk River Basin

**Signal Buttes** (2019) - 160 acres high above the Rogue River

**Nesika Preserve Easements & Fee Land** (2020) - 100 acres of oceanfront terrain

**Raven Ridge** (2020) - 40 acres of wildlife abundant forest & wetlands

**Wygant Property** (2020) - on the tidal shores of Coos Bay

We prioritize the greatest impact for both wildlife and people and evaluate every conservation opportunity by:

**Habitat, species and ecology** - protect & restore estuaries, waterways, riparian areas, wetlands and mature forests.

**Climate resilience** - natural spaces that promote carbon storage, clean air, cold clear water required for all species.

**Community strengthening** - agricultural & forest lands, economic drivers, educational & cultural sites

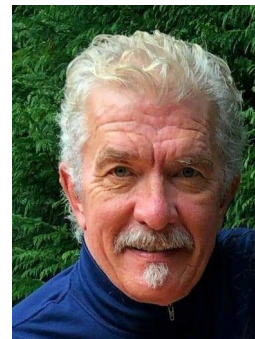
**Efficiency & outreach** - sites that meet triple-bottom-line goals of intertwined economic, environmental, & social benefits.

### Our Board Continues to Expand

As our projects grow, so does our board. We are delighted to add two new members - **Rod Kramer** and **Alice Yeates**.

**Rod** gained his outdoor appreciation growing up in northern Colorado where he skied, cycled, kayaked and climbed. His work in adventure travel lead him to become an advocate in conservation-based non-profits and give back to his community. He and his wife live on Floras Lake in Langlois.

**Alice** is the Stewardship Coordinator at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, where she strives to protect and improve the lands under Reserve management. Alice received a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Conservation Biology from Griffith University and a Ph.D. from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. Alice grew up on Australia's east coast and her passion for the natural world has guided her to study and protect many different ecological systems. She enjoys hiking, camping, surfing, foraging for native foods and gardening. **Welcome Rod and Alice!**



## Make an Impact through your IRA

Did you know that you can make a contribution to your favorite land trust or charity using your IRA? If you are 70.5 you can make a qualified charitable distribution/QCD to support the causes that matter most to you. By law, you can donate/transfer any amount up to \$100,000 per year directly to your favorite charitable organization without paying income tax on the distribution. And, this gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution. It's a WIN-WIN-WIN scenario.

If you would like more details, contact your financial consultant or [Ann Schmierer](mailto:ann@wildriverslandtrust.org) at [ann@wildriverslandtrust.org](mailto:ann@wildriverslandtrust.org).

## It's Women's History Month



How many of these amazing environmentalists do you know?

Greta Thunberg

Isa Ceesay

Berta Isabel Cáceres Flores

Erin Brockovich

Winona LaDuke

Birutė Galdikas

Wangari Maathai

Sylvia Earle - just to name a few> read more at: <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=11863>

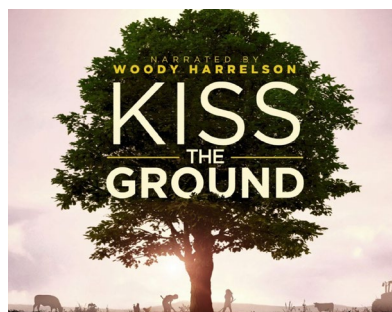
left to right: Berta Isabel Cáceres Flores, Greta Thunberg, Jane Goodall - Guardians of the Planet

## Regenerative Agriculture

Regenerative Agriculture is a holistic land management practice that leverages photosynthesis in plants to power the carbon cycle for building healthy soil, storing water, and increasing the nutrient density of crops and grasslands. Regenerative farming and grazing practices reverse climate change by storing carbon as organic matter and restoring degraded soils through increased microbial biodiversity – resulting in increases in stable carbon sequestration, water storage and retention, and increased soil fertility. If you are interested in learning more about how agriculture can be part of the climate solutions, you can find these books in your public libraries: **The Soils Will Save Us: How Scientists, Farmers, and Foodies Are Healing the Soil to Save the Planet** by Kirstin Ohlson, and **Dirt to Soil: One Family's Journey into Regenerative Agriculture** by Gabe Brown. We recommend both as some wonderful, mind-blowing, hopeful information for the future. Executive Director **Ann Schmierer** has given talks on regenerative agriculture and she can share her knowledge with you and your group - just give her a call at **541-609-8900** to schedule a presentation. Learn more on the subject.



Do you have Netflix? Watch this great documentary "**Kiss the Ground**", narrated by Woody Harrelson.



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