

What a year it's been!

Some of our 2020 Achievements:

- **Transfer** of The Nature Conservancy's Nesika Beach Preserve to WRLT including 70 acres of conservation easements and fee land, with stewardship and legal defense funds.
- **In process** Closing on additional easement associated with the Nesika Beach Preserve, bringing the total land protection to 100 acres.
- **Gifted** A small parcel of forested land on the shores of Coos Bay from South Coast Land Conservancy. We are pleased that the Land Trust will be able to satisfy the original owner's intent to protect the donated land from development.
- **Mapping tool** Resilient Landscapes Initiative, funded by Doris Duke Charitable Fund and Oregon Community Foundation, supported development a state-of-the-art climate mapping tool allowing us to prioritize projects that build climate resiliency into the watersheds of the South Coast.
- **Closing soon** A conservation easement up Grizzly Mountain Road east of Gold Beach. Forests abut BLM land with known marbled murrelet nesting sites and wildlife - just a few miles as a raven flies to the Signal Buttes easement, adding connectivity and resiliency to that area overall.
- **Up next in 2021** Fundraising for stewardship and legal defense funds for donated property on the Millacoma River adjacent to Elliott State Forest.
- **New website** Launch of a new website and a new look!
Check it out at wildriverslandtrust.org

Greetings from the Wild Rivers Land Trust

Dear Friends,

Despite not being able to visit with many of you in person this year, the Land Trust has had the good fortune to continue its conservation work during these difficult times. The staff and board are continuing to work on a variety of projects that further our goals of providing clean water and air, preserving working lands, addressing climate change, ensuring natural resources are sustained, and building a community that enables future generations to thrive.

It's wonderful that we've been able to work together to protect the Southern Oregon coast. Your investment in WRLT contributes directly to successful projects as outlined to the left. Now, with your help, we strive to meet our fundraising challenges for 2020 and beyond to continue to positively impact our region.

The good news is we have secured \$21,000 in matching grants from the Plumb Level and Square Fund and two other private donors. Thus, we hope to raise \$42,000 by the end of the year.

Can you help us reach this goal?

Here are some ways to give:

- Become a new or renewing annual Sustaining Friend member, or increase your current donation
- Make a one-time donation in any amount...your support is matched and leveraged!
- Direct an IRA distribution or Donor Advised Fund to WRLT (contact Ann Schmierer for details)
- Include WRLT in your estate planning (contact Ann Schmierer for details)

The Wild Rivers Land Trust has been able to continue its work this year because of the generous contributions by people, like you, who care about supporting our mission. We aim to keep the irreplaceable lands and waters of the southern Oregon coast forever wild and abundant.

Please help us meet our funding match, so we'll be in



photo by Joseph Tremonti

a good position to embark on new and valuable conservation work in the coming year. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about our work and how to support the Land Trust.

With thanks for your continued support and wishing you well for the upcoming holiday seasons.

Sincerely,

Jan Hodder, WRLT Board President
Ann Schmierer, Executive Director



Working together to keep the irreplaceable lands and waters of the southern Oregon coast forever wild and abundant.

Wild Rivers Land Trust

Together, we are keepers of this wild place

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Here's a map of our service area and how our conserved properties fit into 135 miles along the southern Oregon coast. It's a special place, with some of the last strongholds of ancient forests and thousands of acres of wetlands - the perfect environment for storing carbon to help mitigate climate change.

More details can be found on our website: [Conserve Land](#)

- >Protected Places
- >Conserved Properties

"It is the intertwining of science, spirit and story – old stories and new ones that can be medicine for our broken relationship with earth, a pharmacopeia of healing stories that allow us to imagine a different relationship, in which people and land are good medicine for each other."

~ from **Braiding Sweetgrass**
a book by Robin Wall Kimmerer

