



**RIVERS
LAND
TRUST**

Keeping our wild & working lands forever abundant

Together, we are keepers of this wild place

Your Support Creates Impact

Wild Rivers Land Trust acknowledges all of you for believing in our common cause - without you these conservation successes would not be possible. Our staff and Board are staying quite busy and we are delighted to share our success stories for 2020:

- added 4 new conservation projects: Nesika Beach property and 2 easements, Wygant property in Coos Bay
- to our list of 5 conserved properties: Signal Buttes Easement, Camp Myrtlewood Easement, Keystone, Bear Creek, Purple Mountain
- and 10 currently in the pipeline (watch for upcoming announcements)

We hope you will join Wild Rivers Land Trust and all land trusts in conserving vital lands and waters. Be an advocate for our natural resources - the time is critical

to address pressing challenges to the resources we need to survive: clean water and air in a changing climate, healthy forests and abundant working lands.



A Dynamic Board of Directors - We're pleased to welcome a new board member, Bill Divens. At the tender age of four, Bill caught his first native brook trout on a remote stream in the hills of Pennsylvania igniting a lifelong passion for the outdoors. A PhD chemist and Silicon Valley high tech executive in his former life, Divens left the Valley in 2004 to pursue his outdoor passions and is now a licensed Oregon guide and US Coast Guard-licensed captain. He has a deep understanding of the connection between the land and water that are home to the salmon and steelhead. He holds a strong desire to preserve the ecosystems sustaining these magnificent creatures.

Jan Hodder is now our board president, Paul Hempel our board vice president, Gary Garman our secretary, and our treasurer seat is open if anyone is interested. We bid farewell and sincere thanks to our retiring board members: Mary Wahl, Pete Wahl and John Jones - thank you for contributing so many years of service, leadership and dedication!



Our Inaugural Wildlife Photo Contest - Seven photographers and landowners teamed up for a week of filming out in the wild. All photos have been submitted and judging is underway, and we are excited to share the results with all of you. We will be announcing the winners in a variety of categories in December so stay tuned. More information at <http://www.wildriverslandtrust.org/news--events.html>

left: Kara Long on Sixes River. right: Steve Dimock at Bandon Dunes Wildlife.



Soon to be unveiled our new brand and website -



We all rely on websites for information and easy navigation is the key. Our old website needed a major overhaul and a grant from the Land Trust Alliance allowed us to utilize consultants with the expertise we required. Equally important to having a current website is a logo that symbolically

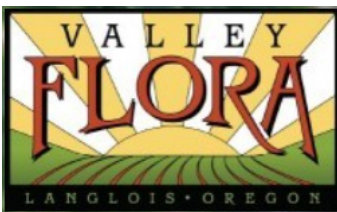
represents the message of an organization. So, while re-thinking our website, we got busy creating a new brand for Wild Rivers Land Trust - one that related to the land, rivers and terrain that make this place so resilient and special. The primary image shows a hydrology map and emphasizes "WILD" as emblematic of the area: from wild rivers, wildlife, and even the wildness in healthy soil, and keeping our wild and working lands forever abundant. We feel this new logo symbolizes the interplay between water, topography, and geology that characterizes this region. We hope you'll enjoy our fresh new contemporary logo and new website loaded with all sorts of information to connect you to this region and our work. We plan to launch the site by mid-November.

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 we will feature this soon as an upcoming program.



Positive Wisdom



Excerpt from Valley Flora's Newsletter Week 15 to CSA Members -by Zoë Bradbury DeSurra 9/9/2020 Never has fire threat - and climate change - felt so close to home. Twenty years ago my concern about the environment and climate change was one of the motivating factors that led me into organic, regenerative farming: I wanted to do something that was positive for the planet and good for my community. It's great that something delicious can make a difference, but at this point it's going to take more than a local salad to double down on atmospheric carbon. Yes, pile your plates

high with plants grown close to home and start your car as little as possible, but also elect leaders who take the climate crisis seriously. And most importantly, hold on to stubborn, purposeful optimism. Because we won't turn the ship unless we believe we can, and will.