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Dear Friends and Fans of Oregon Wildlife –

Although we've undergone some changes over the last several years, our reason for being hasn't. Oregon Wildlife (Heritage Foundation) was organized in 1981 as an operating charitable foundation to 'accept and distribute charitable gifts for the enhancement, restoration, use, management, and conservation of Oregon's fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.'

Something else that hasn't changed is the need. Perhaps more than ever, financial and in-kind support for the use, enhancement, restoration, and conservation of our fish and wildlife is critically important. Habitat loss, invasive species, and the specter of climate change are real and significant challenges to the sustainability of Oregon's natural resources. Increasingly scarce public resources and the anticipated doubling of Oregon's population by 2050 only adds to our collective quandary.

Part of how we're answering the challenge is outreach and education. We want to show people how special Oregon is and that, working together, we can keep it that way. That's why we've invested in programs like the Discovering Wildlife Lecture Series and Firsthand Oregon. To-date, the public response has been very positive and, with assistance from a dedicated volunteer, we're improving the content of our programs and have plans to expand both initiatives to other regions of Oregon.

We've also invested in social media marketing; cultivating an active presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube. This is, in part, to broaden our audience but also in acknowledgement that charitable giving is steadily moving online. Websites and, increasingly, social media hubs like Facebook and Twitter is where information is shared. Our intent is to position Oregon Wildlife to be a trusted and reliable source for information about wildlife and a vehicle to support wildlife and fish related projects.

What's next? We're exploring the potential of an online funding platform, dedicated to our purpose, to make charitable giving fun and really easy.

Beginning in 1981, everything Oregon Wildlife (Heritage Foundation) has accomplished is the result of motivated and dedicated people like you. **Thank you for your support!**

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PROJECT UPDATE



Lower Clear Creek

Improving Habitat – Lower Clear Creek

Clear Creek is a free-flowing tributary to the Clackamas River and home to a variety of fish species including federally threatened and endangered coho, Chinook, and steelhead. This project builds on prior efforts to improve water quality and restore fish habitat in Clear Creek.

Inter-fluve, our design/build partner, completed construction of the in-stream elements in late August of last year. The Clackamas River Basin Council, through their Shade Our Streams program, did some initial non-native invasive plant species removal last spring, in preparation for construction activities, and will resume work on revegetation and native plant establishment this winter. Plant establishment activities will continue for 5 years.

Our partners in the Lower Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project are Metro (landowner), Clackamas River Basin Council, ODFW, PGE, and Inter-fluve.

Funding and in-kind support for this project came from the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, The Nature Conservancy, PGE, ODFW's Restoration & Enhancement Program, and Oregon Wildlife.

To make a charitable gift to support the lower Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project, point your web browser to owhf.org/contributions

Improving Public Access –St. Louis Ponds

St. Louis Ponds is a 260 acre open space owned by ODFW located just south of Woodburn on I-5. The focus of this site is a set of ponds stocked with a variety of warm water fish and trout (seasonally). This core area is managed by Marion County Parks and includes walking paths, fishing piers, docks, a restroom, and picnic tables. The ponds and ample vegetation surrounded by grassland and agricultural fields attracts wildlife of all kinds. With purposeful development, St. Louis Ponds could accommodate more people and become more useful to outdoor educators.

With financial support from ODFW's Restoration & Enhancement Program, Oregon Wildlife engaged Greenworks PC to develop a site plan for St. Louis Ponds. Recently adopted by ODFW, the St. Louis Ponds site plan suggests phased development beginning with the addition of a second host site, an automated entry gate, and upgraded utilities. The addition of another host and the automated gate supports expanded use, and the utilities upgrades will meet the needs of an additional host and increased site use.

Moving forward, and in cooperation with ODFW, Oregon Wildlife is initiating a fund raising campaign to implement the first phase of the St. Louis Ponds site plan. Additional and future phases of the "St. Louis Ponds Improvement Project" include a substantially upgraded parking area, new restrooms, an education center, nature play area, and an additional fishing platform. **To make a charitable gift to support the St. Louis Ponds Improvement Project,** point your web browser to owhf.org/contributions

Protecting Wildlife – Eagle Cap Wolverine Detection Study

The purpose of this project was to conduct camera trapping, hair snagging, and aerial track surveys to determine if wolverines were present in the Eagle Cap Wilderness, resident in the area, and females, if detected, showed evidence of reproduction. Wolverines, until recently, were thought extirpated from Oregon. This two-year study, by Audrey Magoun, identified several wolverines in the Eagle Cap Wilderness in 2011. The study's objectives in 2012 were to verify the continued presence of wolverines identified earlier and, with luck, a female. The first objective of the study, to verify the continued presence of one or more wolverines seen previously, was accomplished. "Stormy", a young male, identified in the winter/spring of 2011 was again caught on camera last year. Unfortunately, the study did not document the presence of a female wolverine. A few camera stations remain in the Eagle Cap however the formal effort to detect wolverines has ended. Audrey's final report on the Eagle Cap Wolverine Detection and Monitoring Project is available for download from our website. To get her report, point your web browser to owhf.org/wolverines.

Funding and in-kind support for this project came from the C.M. Bishop Jr. Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, Wolverine Foundation, ODFW, Oregon Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Wolverine Discovery Center, Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Seattle Foundation, Wildlife Conservation Society, and the National Park Service.



photo credit Audrey Magoun

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Protecting Wildlife – North Central Cascades Forest Predator Study

Building on the success of the Eagle Cap Wolverine Detection Study, Oregon Wildlife is working with ODFW to implement a similar effort in Oregon's north central Cascade Range near Bend.

Anecdotal reports of wolverines in the Cascade Range of Oregon from members of the general public, although sporadic, have been consistent over time. The confirmation of wolverines in the Eagle Cap Wilderness and a verified sighting in northern California's Sierra Nevada range suggests that wolverines may also be present at high altitude locations in the Cascades.

This project's primary objective is to document the presence of a wolverine in the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and or Three Sisters Wilderness areas. Also of interest is the presence of other forest predators like marten, Canada lynx, and the (Montane) Sierra Nevada red fox. With support from ODFW and Forest Service personnel, Jamie McFadden, our Field Project Leader, placed bait stations and motion-detection cameras at multiple locations in the study area. This work, initiated last fall, was and is being followed by monitoring and maintenance throughout this winter and spring. This is the first of two planned field seasons for this project.

While most of the funding needed for the North Central Cascades Forest Predator Study is secured for the 2012-13 field season, we need additional funding for our next field season. **To make a charitable gift to support the Cascade Wolverine Survey**, point your web browser to owhf.org/contributions

Funding and in-kind support for this field season includes the C.M. Bishop Jr. Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, the Wolverine Foundation, ODFW, U.S. Forest Service Deschutes and Willamette National Forests, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Oregon Zoo, the Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Oregon Trappers Association, Wildlife Research and Management, and Kate Beardsley (Beardsley Pack Horse Express). ■

Discovering Wildlife Lecture Series

We hope that you'll join us at one of our Discovering Wildlife Lecture Series presentations this year. Our Lecture Series introduces attendees to Oregon's fish or wildlife through a slide presentation by a Biologist. The theme of our 2013 series is "living with wildlife". The schedule and topics are as follows:

- **November 28, 2012** – Wolverines in Oregon with Audrey Magoun
- **January 16** – Bat Species of the Northwest with Pat Ormsbee
- **February 20** – Oregon's Native Snake Species with Simon Wray
- **March 13** – The Beaver: Oregon's State Animal with Jimmy Taylor
- **April 17** – California and Steller Sea Lions with Robin Brown
- **May 15** – Oregon's Black Bear with Doug Cottam

The response to the Series has been overwhelmingly positive. In 2012 we registered 700 people across the six talks in the Series. This year we're digitally recording each presentation and making it available to the public through our Youtube channel. If you missed our wolverine presentation in November of last year or the January 16 presentation on bats, you can view them online at www.youtube.com/orwildlife. Registration for the Series is \$5 per person; free if you're a member of Oregon Wildlife.

Firsthand Oregon

Firsthand Oregon engages Oregonians in learning about our State's fish and wildlife species and habitats through participation in small group field trips and tours led by a Biologist. While the size of the group varies with the type of trip or tour, the maximum number of participants is capped at twenty people. A small group maximizes the learning opportunity for participants while minimizing the impact on wildlife and their habitat. Virtually all of our Firsthand Oregon experiences are family-friendly and located within ODFW's Northwest Region. Altogether we registered 120 people across our ten trip offerings in 2012. A special note of thanks to our Firsthand Oregon trip leaders: Dan Marvin, Susan Barnes, Doug Cottam, Karen Hans, John Zauner, Tonya Moore, Mark Nebeker, and Bryan Swearingen (all with ODFW) and Bob Welle (Oregon Falconers Association). The cost for a Firsthand Oregon trip is \$6.50 per person. We hope that you'll join us on a trip or tour this year! We anticipate posting our 2013 schedule of offerings to our website in early March. Visit our website www.owhf.org for more details. ■



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GRANTS-IN-AID

Through our **Beulah Drake Grant Program**, we provided just over \$90,000 in financial support to projects throughout Oregon in 2012. The following are the additional grants made in the 4th quarter of 2012. You can view a complete list of the grants we made in 2012 by visiting www.owhf.org/2012_grants

SE Oregon kit fox Survey – \$3,346 to the Oregon Wildlife Institute to support a survey for kit fox in SE Oregon. The kit fox is state-listed as an Oregon strategy and threatened species. A trail camera reconnaissance survey in Malheur County last spring provided the first conclusive evidence, in more than 20 years, that kit foxes still occur in SE Oregon. The Oregon Conservation Strategy identified an updated status assessment of kit fox as an important conservation need and that is the goal of this project. www.oregonwildlife.org/kit-fox-survey http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kit_fox

Enhancement of Rhoades Pond – \$2,630 to the Nestucca Anglers for improvements and repairs to Rhoades Pond. Originally constructed as an earthen trout pond in 1976, Rhoades Pond is a former ODFW rearing facility currently operated by the Nestucca Anglers to raise Chinook smolts for release into the Nestucca Basin. Upgraded in 1999 for its current purpose, the original construction is worn and failing. www.nestuccariveroutfitters.com/rhodes.htm

Creating Memories for Disabled Children – \$5,000 to support the purchase of a wheel chair equipped van and other equipment to help disabled youth in NE Oregon participate in outdoor recreational activities. www.creatingmemoriesfdc.blogspot.com/ ■

facebook

“Go Wild for Oregon Wildlife” Facebook Contest

In our continuing effort to build our online audience and brand, we held a Facebook contest to select a project to receive \$10,000 in funding from us. Beginning in early November of last year we invited 18 organizations from around Oregon to participate in a fun and unique way to raise funds for their next project. Of the five applications received, we selected projects from Willamette Riverkeeper, Wallowa Resources, and Johnson Creek Watershed Council (JCWC) to feature on our Facebook page {facebook.com/orwildlife} and compete for \$10,000 in funding. On December 3rd, we launched the Go Wild for Oregon Wildlife Facebook contest. To vote for their favorite, visitors to our Facebook page had to first “like” our page.

We closed the contest at midnight on Monday, December 17th, and with 457 “likes” (votes), JCWC’s “MAX Station Salmon Habitat & Boardwalk” project was our winner! Willamette Riverkeeper’s “Paddle and Pull” project was a close second with 442 votes and Wallowa Resources “Aspen Restoration” project finished third with 81 votes. All three organizations promoted fantastic projects and we were pleased to have their participation in our contest.

In the next phase of our Go Wild for Oregon Wildlife contest, we will post JCWC’s project to our Oregon Wildlife account on the online fundraising platform razoo.com. Oregon Wildlife and Johnson Creek Watershed Council will then encourage our respective online and offline supporters to make a donation, in whatever amount, to support the MAX Station Salmon Habitat and Boardwalk project. JCWC will keep whatever additional monies are raised. Our goal is to raise an additional \$10,000 for their project. In the meantime, please visit our Facebook page and “like us”. With that you’ll get regular updates about our programming, projects, and our state’s fascinating wildlife! ■

MAX Station Salmon Habitat & Boardwalk Project

Johnson Creek Watershed Council, the winner of our Go Wild for Oregon Wildlife Facebook contest, is working with TriMet to improve salmon habitat and construct an interpretive boardwalk at the future site of the Johnson Creek-Tacoma MAX Light Rail station (part of the new Portland-Milwaukie line scheduled to open in 2015).

With funding from Oregon Wildlife and other sources, they will complete a salmon habitat installation that includes placement of woody debris and boulder clusters as well as excavation for side and off-channel habitat.

In the second phase of this project they will construct an interpretive boardwalk that highlights and celebrates Johnson Creek and its changing role within our community over time.

We are excited to partner with Johnson Creek Watershed Council and look forward to helping them raise the funds they need to improve habitat and build an interpretive boardwalk to engage visitors in learning about Johnson Creek’s importance to us over time. ■



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Benefit Dinner & Auction

Oregon Wildlife only holds one fundraiser each year and this is it! Our Benefit Dinner & Auction is a fun way to support Oregon Wildlife and our work. **On Saturday, June 1,** we're holding our annual dinner & auction event on the World Forestry Center campus. Our program features a short presentation about Oregon Wildlife and the Allan Kelly Award; made each year to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the conservation of our natural resources. You'll also enjoy a cocktail reception and silent/live auctions featuring some unique items and experiences. Our cocktail reception and silent auction begin at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and the live auction from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Our auctioneer is Johnna Wells.

Get involved! Tickets are \$100 each or sponsor a table of ten for \$1,000. If you would like more information about sponsorship of the event or a table, contact Tim Greseth; tim@owhf.org.

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Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction

June 1, 2013 5:30 pm silent auction
7:00 pm dinner & live auction

Please join us for a fundraising event that supports our work to conserve Oregon's fish and wildlife and improve access to our outdoor resources. For more information visit www.owhf.org

