



McKenzie River Trust Receives 2009 Outstanding Environmental Organization Award

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McKenzie River Trust Receives 2009 Outstanding Environmental Organization Award for Leadership in Habitat Conservation and Management from the Oregon Recreation and Park Association.

The Natural Resources Section of the Oregon Recreation and Park Association (ORPA) has chosen the McKenzie River Trust for their 2009 Outstanding Environmental Organization Award for Leadership in Habitat Conservation and Management. The acknowledgment includes a \$200 cash award.

The award was presented to Joe Moll, Executive Director of the McKenzie River Trust, at the 2009 ORPA Annual Conference at the Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, OR on Tuesday, September 22, 2009. The McKenzie River Trust was chosen for this award in 2009 based on their stewardship of lands in Lane and Douglas counties.

“During the course of our work as park professionals, we encounter many individuals and organizations who are providing exceptional service in preservation, restoration, and management of natural areas. Each year the Natural Resources Section of Oregon

Recreation and Park Association selects one organization that we feel personifies leadership in habitat conservation and management,” said Julie Reilly, Director-at-Large, Natural Resource Section of the ORPA. “We wish to recognize them for their hard work, dedication in the face of great odds, and accomplishments in natural area restoration, preservation, and promotion,” she added.

The McKenzie River Trust dedicates significant resources each year to protect special lands in western Oregon from the Cascades to the Coast. “We were very surprised and honored to receive this recognition from ORPA for our conservation work,” stated Joe Moll, Executive Director of the Trust. “We’ve been really encouraged by the growing interest that the parks and rec professional community has taken in habitat conservation, so to have our efforts highlighted by them is really quite exciting,” he added.

The Oregon Recreation and Park Association is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1954 whose mission is to support members through training, professional development, legislative advocacy, & peer networking, in order to enhance the quality of recreation and park services.

The McKenzie River Trust is a local grassroots land trust working since 1989 to protect special lands in Lane and Douglas county Oregon for their fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, and scenic values. The Trust has been recognized by its partners for being creative with its projects, professional in its work with landowners, and committed to the community. For more information on the Trust go to www.mckenzieriver.org.