Your Impact: Restoring Tribal Traditions



Fivemile Creek provides critical coho salmon habitat. Because of you, this land is now permanently protected.

Because of your strong support, in 2016 the McKenzie River Trust (MRT) assisted the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) in purchasing 125 acres of ecologically and culturally significant wetlands on the central Oregon coast.

The project, known as Fivemile Creek, returns land to tribal ownership while protecting critical coho salmon habitat.

"Donor support paired with state funding is what made this project possible," said Joe Moll, executive director of the McKenzie River Trust. "This is how we're making progress at restoring salmon runs, healthy forests, and strong communities."

Located upstream of Tahkenitch Lake between Florence and Reedsport, Fivemile Creek provides critical nursery habitat for one of Oregon's most threatened and emblematic salmon species—the native Oregon coast coho salmon.

The purchase will ensure that these wetlands and the associated habitat will continue to support tribal cultural traditions while enhancing the long-term vitality of the native salmon run.



"It's part of our cultural tradition to take care of the land and its inhabitants, and this is another opportunity to do both," said Delores Pigsley, CTSI Tribal Chairman.

The wetlands support some of the highest numbers of adult Oregon coast coho of any stream in Oregon. Hundreds of adult fish return yearly from the Pacific Ocean to spawn in the creek.

Fish populations are a significant economic driver for the Oregon Coast

Restoring Tribal Traditions continued

in terms of commercial and recreational fishing. The 2015 Oregon Commercial Fishing Industry Report stated that commercial fishing alone generated \$205 million in personal income.

Ecotrust Forest Management, a for-profit FSC-certified forestland investment company, and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) were strong partners to complete the project alongside CTSI, MRT, and our members.

With the purchase of this land, CTSI will begin work to enhance the fish, wildlife, and plant communities on the property. CTSI plans on removing two old cross dikes and exploring options to increase the number of places for young fish to grow before journeying to the ocean.



Your Impact: Coyote Creek Meadows



These scenic wetlands in the Long Tom River Watershed were protected because of you.

Thanks to the generous support of MRT donors, 38 acres of wetlands and camasfilled meadows just west of Eugene's city limits are now permanently protected for conservation.



Mike Shippey and Mary Minniti

Landowners Mary Minniti and Mike Shippey worked with MRT staff over the last two years to protect Coyote Creek Meadows.

When Mary and Mike bought their 47-acre farm 17 years ago, both buildings and land were in rough shape. But Mike saw promise in the heavily impacted property.

"Scattered among the meadow of planted forage grasses, I found many natives—including some rare ones, like Bradshaw's lomatium," he said.

An accomplished landscape architect, Mike started a restoration project that included two wetland mitigation sites and a larger labor of love.

"We see our property as piece of that larger conservation vision for Coyote Creek," Mike said. "Our daughters and granddaughters all love this place as well. And they know that whatever they choose to do with the house and its lot, this larger property will be protected for nature and the public good long after we are gone."

MRT bought the conservation easement with a grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Ducks Unlimited.

In addition to serving as a refuge of native wetland plants, Coyote Creek Meadows provides habitat for cutthroat trout, otters, elk, black bear, and large flocks of waterfowl in the winter.



Mike and Mary with their granddaughters

"Mary and Mike have a commitment to their land: to caring for it, to restoring it, to preserving its ecological function," said Holly McRae, who lived on the property with her husband, Matt, when they first moved to Eugene. Holly now serves as MRT's events coordinator. "Mike and Mary appreciate all of the communities that live on their property—plants, fungus, insects, animals large and small."

"They truly look at the future for their grandchildren, and the legacy they will leave," Matt added.

Staff & Board Update

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Jason Johnson, Linda Carnine, and Shoshana Cohen have joined the MRT Board. With Jason's expertise in marketing and passion for our lands and rivers, he has already made a huge mark. Linda's experience as a landowner and ties to the community have expanded our reach. And Sho's financial chops are helping improve our fiscal systems. Welcome!

NEW STAFF

Daniel Dietz (Associate Director for Conservation) and Christer LaBrecque (Restoration Projects Manager) joined the Conservation Team in the spring of 2016. With Daniel's background in land trusts in Texas and Vermont, and Christer's experience with the City of Eugene and local watershed councils, both are contributing significantly to our work from the Cascades to the coast.

Two new Development Team members joined us in time to help set the stage for the McKenzie Homewaters Campaign (see mckenzieriver.org/homewaters). Eugene native Julia Sherwood (Membership Coordinator) came on board in the fall via several years in conservation and outdoor recreation in Bend. Now at MRT she puts her stamp on our appeal letters, membership renewals, and donor thank yous. Holly McRae (Events Coordinator) made the transition this winter from 8 years as a volunteer Development Committee member to the staff lead on all event and tour logistics.

With support from an Advancing Conservation Excellence grant from the Land Trust Alliance, Elizabeth **Goward** (Volunteer Coordinator) joined MRT in spring 2017.



McKenzie River Trust Staff on Green Island, May 2017. Back row: Daniel Dietz, Ryan Hasert, Jodi Lemmer, Joe Moll, Christer LaBrecque, Elizabeth Goward. Front row: Liz Lawrence, Robin Meacher, Jen Maguire, Julia Sherwood, Brandi Crawford Ferguson, Holly McRae.

Her success at School Garden Project and love of rivers translates well into engaging more members on the ground. Look for invitations to volunteer in the months ahead.

Rvan Hasert (Restoration and Stewardship Associate) and Robin Meacher (Land Protection Manager) joined the Conservation Team in May 2017. With Ryan's fieldwork background in Washington, Montana and the Portland metro area, he is already adding to the effectiveness of restoration projects at Green Island and Finn Rock. Robin returns to MRT to lead our land acquisitions after an internship here in 2012. Since then, she completed her ID at the University of Oregon. passed the Bar, and worked on land conservation and outreach in the Umpqua and surrounding basins.

Finally, Jen Maquire (Finance Manager) joined the staff in May 2017 to help refine and improve our financials. With years of experience as an accountant at NEDCO, she now is able to return to her passion for rivers.

DEPARTING STAFF AND BOARD

Several staff departures have changed the faces in the office as well. Jules Abbott (Membership and Outreach Coordinator) moved to Portland with her partner in the fall of 2016, leaving behind a solid membership program, clean and precise database, and many, many friends. Alayna **DuPont** (Land Protection Manager) migrated north to Girdwood, Alaska in the winter with her family to apply her land transaction skills to a career with the National Park Service. Joe Lovenshimer (Stewardship Associate and Events & GIS Coordinator) took a job with The Nature Conservancy in Oregon; you can now find him at Willow Creek Natural Area. And Amy Wolfsen (Administrative Manager) accepted her dream job as General Manager at Tacovore. We miss all four of them mightily. continued on page 4

THE LANDS YOU'VE PROTECTED AS OF **DECEMBER 31, 2016**

Owned Lands: 2,252 acres

Conservation Easements:

2,372 acres

Partner Pass Through Lands:

215 acres

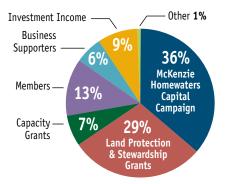
Total:

4,839 acres protected

Our Mission: The McKenzie River Trust helps people protect and care for the lands and rivers they cherish in western Oregon.



2016 Income: \$2,302,788



2016 Expenses: \$1,325,283



Your Impact: Finn Rock Reach Protected



Located 40 miles from Eugene, 278-acre Finn Rock Reach contains Finn Rock Boat Landing, magnificent riparian forests, salmon spawning grounds, and a historic logging camp site.

Our beloved McKenzie River provides drinking water to more than 200,000 people and is a recreational centerpiece for our region. Its crystalline waters are considered the last stronghold for wild salmon in the Willamette River system. Both people and fish depend on its purity. It's up to us to protect this remarkable river.

In 2016, with strong member support, MRT seized an opportunity to conserve two miles of riverfront

called Finn Rock Reach. We must now repay the bridge loan we used to acquire this spectacular property and raise funds to restore and care for it.

In April 2017, we launched the McKenzie Homewaters Campaign, with a \$6 million goal. We're proud to share that we have just \$2 million left to raise! Early contributors to the campaign are listed on the next page.

To learn more visit mckenzieriver.org/homewaters.

STAFF AND BOARD UPDATE CONTINUED

Margie Paris completed her term on the Board in the winter of 2016. As Development Committee chair from 2012-2014, she helped set the stage for MRT's membership growth. Many thanks to Margie for her years of service.

Rolf Anderson, Roger Robb, and Charlie Ward: three longtime MRT leaders. Indeed, together they contributed nearly 5 decades of experience to the Board of Directors! So when all three decided independently that it was time to pursue other interests (Rolf as a volunteer with the Friends of Fish Lake, Roger with more travel and writing, and Charlie as a leader with Hospice), we were both sad and a bit concerned about the holes they would leave behind.

Budget conversations surely have a different tone without Charlie and Roger, and we miss Rolf's thoughtfulness when evaluating lands projects. But their legacy lives on in a strong organization with a clear strategic plan. So a gigantic thank you to Rolf, Roger, and Charlie. Because of them, today we can celebrate nearly 5,000 acres of protected lands across the region.

We couldn't do it without you!

The McKenzie River Trust thanks all our members in 2016! Together, we're protecting and caring for the lands and rivers that make this place incredible. Thank you for your 2016 donations!

MCKENZIE HOMEWATERS CAMPAIGN

Gifts and Pledges as of April 27, 2017

The McKenzie Homewaters Campaign seeks to raise \$6 million to repay the bridge loan used to acquire Finn Rock Reach, restore and care for the land, and create a reserve to protect other conservation properties as they become available. Thank you to these early leaders for your campaign gifts. To learn more visit mckenzieriver.org/homewaters or call Joe Moll at 541-345-2799.

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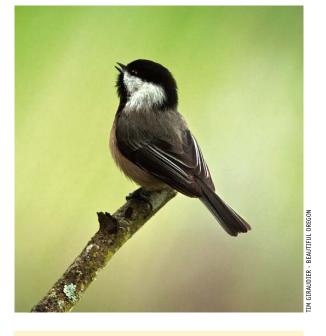
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