

State
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TRUST
of Oregon

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Greetings!

Oregon's lush state forests and wildlife enrich the lives of all who live in and visit the state. The wide array of activities bring countless benefits to diverse communities.

The State Forests Trust of Oregon (a 501(c3) nonprofit formerly known as the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust) works to improve access to programs for life-long learning and services to explore and enjoy outdoor recreation in state forests. Ensuring these forests are appreciated, valued, and accessible now and for future generations, requires your support.

Over the past 15 months, the State Forests Trust of Oregon (the Trust) has taken steps to further strengthen our operations, including directly employing our new executive director. We thank our all-volunteer Board for taking on this responsibility and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) for supporting this transition.

In addition, we enhanced our Board by adding two new Trustees: Jay Graves and Dave Lorenz. We want to thank Lorie Wigle, who served as our Interim Director, for her leadership and guiding our Board to maintain our pace of progress through this transition.

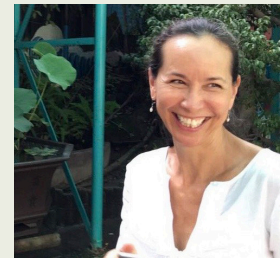
Finally, ODF's completion of its Recreation, Education, and Interpretation (REI) Program Strategic Plan 2023-26 has helped to sharpen our collaboration with ODF on diversifying funding, as well as growing partnerships and public engagement.

Programmatically, the Trust and ODF are celebrating several key milestones in this report: The re-opening of the Tillamook Forest Center, replanting on the Santiam State Forest, completion of visitor-use research on the Black Rock Mountain Bike Area, and more.

To our ongoing supporters, a heartfelt thanks for your continued generosity and guidance through these changes. To our new donors, welcome to the community of people who cherish these forests for all the bounty they provide.



Barrett Brown
Board Chair



Kelly Lau
Executive Director

Our Guiding Values

- We value the natural assets of Oregon's state forests for the many benefits they bring to diverse communities.
- We value our donors and honor their intent to make a positive, lasting impact.
- We value Oregon's indigenous people's historical connection to these lands and are committed to respecting and learning from their culture, history, and land management.
- We value diversity, equity, and inclusion and seek to promote these principles with staff, Board, and partners.
- We value robust and mutually beneficial multi-sector health, recreation, sustainability, and education partnerships.
- We value collaborating with the Oregon Department of Forestry to deepen connections with its many stakeholders.
- We value conducting our operations with complete transparency.

Our Board

Barrett Brown, Chair

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Jay Graves

Dave Lorenz

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our close collaboration with ODF's REI program staff, in particular Laura Fredrickson, Randy Peterson, Denise Berkshire, Clarissa Parker, Joe Offer. Their guidance and support have been invaluable in the evolution and achievements of the Trust.

Learning on State Forest



Tillamook Forest Center (TFC) Re-opening

After a three-year closure, due to impacts created by the global pandemic, it was a massive effort by ODF to hire and train a new team and prepare the Center to welcome visitors again. To help the team prepare for the 2023 season, the Trust invited donors, their families, and friends to return to their beloved Tillamook Forest Center for a soft opening event. Everyone was energized by the sense of community, seeing familiar exhibits, as well as enjoying the newly updated commemorative benches. Over the course of the closure the Center donors added 13 new commemorative plaques to the Tree Wall installation. The Trust also transitioned how it celebrates and honors Trust donors - from a book to a new user-friendly kiosk located in the Center's atrium.

We are elated that the TFC is open again to the public and encourage you to stop by – there's something there for everyone.

After [my father] returned from WWII, he spent many, many hours walking and sitting in the Oregon forests. . . . I firmly believe the forest saved him from his most painful memories of the atrocities of a war he was plunked in the middle of when he was barely past boyhood.

-Nancy Pyburn, remembering Harry T. Byrnes



Santiam Wildfire Restoration

Generous donations to the Wildfire Restoration Fund, in response to the Labor Day 2020 fires, were invested in the Fern Ridge project area in the Santiam State Forest. Funds helped replant a total of 46 acres to help inform visitors about post-wildfire regeneration practices. The project will additionally aid foresters in understanding the impact of alternative reforestation approaches and inform management decisions for areas impacted by wildfire. The Trust, in partnership with ODF, leveraged the Fern Ridge project to also engage the next generation from Salem-Keizer schools in learning about the ODF and basic forest management practices and their importance after catastrophic events such as the Labor Day Fires of 2020. Nearly 70 high school students from the Career Technical Education Center's Business Leadership and Residential Construction Program braved the elements over two days in March to learn about regenerative practices and plant trees on Fern Ridge, leaving them with a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"I named this one Daisy and that one there Lucy," said high school student Laura Hernandez, pointing to two Douglas-fir seedlings she had just planted. "I am for sure going to come back here in 20 years and see how big they get."



Recreation on State Forests



Black Rock Mountain Bike Area Visitor Use Monitoring in the West Oregon District

ODF's Recreation, Education & Interpretation (REI) program partnered with the Trust to engage researchers from the University of Washington, Oregon State University, and the US Forest Service to pilot cutting-edge visitor use monitoring techniques at the Black Rock Mountain Bike Area (BRMBA) located near Falls City on the West Oregon District. New technologies, such as chatbot data, were combined with more traditional survey research instruments and on-site interviews to pilot the research methodology. The end goal is to scale it to other future REI sites on various state forests. After a year of data collection, the research revealed important information about user demographics, visitor use levels, related health benefits associated with mountain biking, and the economic benefits for nearby communities. These data are crucial in making informed future recreation management and investments into additional recreational infrastructure on state forests. The research objectives and findings reinforce the Trust's goals of supporting the REI program in developing safe and welcoming spaces by better understanding state forest visitors' needs and benefits.

Wilson River Trail Extension Work Continues

Trail planning and construction is typically a multi-year endeavor. Such is the case with the 6.2-mile extension of the 24-mile Wilson River Trail. With support from the Trust, work continued in 2022 with approximately a half mile of trail clearing performed by Northwest Youth Corps and about two miles of clearing performed by volunteers with Trailkeepers of Oregon. This portion of the trail extension is projected to be completed in 2024.

"These are exciting times to be part of the Trust, and I am proud to be joining its growing community of supporters and adventurers."

-Jay Graves, Trustee, State Forests Trust of Oregon



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2022 Memorial & Honorary Gifts

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Lorie Wigle

In honor of Blayne, Gayle and Hayley Standage

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In memory of George H. and Clara E. Schroeder

Neil and Ardis Schroeder

Financial Position

December 31, 2022

Cash assets	\$283,774
Long-term assets	\$192,350
Total assets	\$476,124
With donor restrictions	\$155,447
Without donor restrictions	\$320,677
Total assets	\$476,124

Financial Activities

January 1 - December 31, 2022

Revenue		
# gifts		114
# gifts of stock or mutual funds		1
Major Gifts and Grants		\$102,500
Total Donations		\$29,380
Year-end appeal		\$12,055
Other cash donations		\$17,325
Donations by Fund		\$6,434
Tillamook Forest Center Fund		\$3,892
State Forests Recreation Fund		\$6,822
State Forests Wildfire Restoration Fund		\$12,232
Trust General		
Investment income		\$1,086
Interest income		\$327
Program Expenditures	FY22	FY23
Tillamook Forest Center program support	\$1,140	\$1,698
Tillamook Forest Center Pavillion construction*	\$58,594	
State Forest Recreation program support FY21 work cont.		\$3,000
State Forests Wildfire Restoration Interpretation & Education		\$2,309
State Forests Wildfire Restoration planting		\$7,912
Maxville Traveling Exhibit		\$3,507
Total	\$59,734	\$18,426