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For your consideration ...

Joining the State Forests Trust of Oregon has been a new way for me to connect people with these special places. Indeed, the Trust has numerous supporters who have a strong connection to the forest and to restoration because family members were engaged in replanting after the Tillamook Burn. We want to create similar opportunities on the Santiam State Forest. There are many ways to help support our Forests through the Trust, including our General Fund, Tillamook Forest Center Fund, Recreation Fund, and Wildfire Restoration Fund. These are exciting times to be a part of the Trust, and I am proud to join the Trust’s growing community of supporters and adventurers.

Jay Graves
Board Member



A Warm Welcome

Welcome to a refreshed approach of the State Forests Trust of Oregon's Newsletter. We are pleased to present you with a new and improved version. We appreciate your dedication to the Trust and we just want to say thank you! We can't do it without you.

A Message from Jay Graves

I was greatly pleased to have the opportunity to join the Board of the State Forests Trust of Oregon this past April. I've spent much of my adult life immersed in both the business and pleasure of outdoor recreation, as a cycling enthusiast and owner of The Bike Gallery, a family business founded over forty years ago. Our aim was to help folks get together and get outside. We organized and participated in hundreds of events to do just that. The Bike Gallery was (and, now owned by Trek, continues to be) a proud supporter of Cycle Oregon, an annual series of cycling tours of Oregon's most beautiful byways, during which The Bike Gallery's yellow repair tents were fixtures on the routes. I was a fixture in the repair tents, volunteering my time as a mechanic for over thirty years. Over the years I was able to see virtually every inch of our beautiful state. It forged a lifelong connection with beautiful natural areas, including our state forests. As recently as 2018, Cycle Oregon's weekend Gravel event was based in the Tillamook State Forest. And while we rightly celebrate all the forests have to offer, we can also pause to reflect on the fire event history in what are now the state forests; from "The Burns" of the '30

and '40s which led to the creation and subsequent rehabilitation of what is now the Tillamook State Forest, to the catastrophic 2020 Labor Day Fires, which affected nearly half of the Santiam State Forest.

As we reflect, we also act.

Your contributions to the Trust's Wildfire Restoration Fund go towards the planting of trees to rehabilitate state forest recreation areas impacted by fire. Currently, the Trust is focusing our investment on the Fern Ridge demonstration area in the Santiam State Forest. We are funding the replanting of a total of 46 acres towards the goal of helping foresters understand how replanting density impacts tree health, in areas that have been impacted by wildfire. In this way, the Fern Ridge project offers an opportunity for education and interpretation on forest management practices. And over the course of several days this month, together with the Oregon Department of Forestry, we are excited to be hosting tree planting events at Fern Ridge for over 70 high school students from the Career Technical Education Center's Business Leadership and Residential Construction Programs.

New Social Media

As of September 2022, the Trust has launched a new social media presence with the help of our Social Media Intern, MJ Quintana-Rodriguez, from Reed College. Please take a moment to look at our new Facebook and Instagram pages. There you will find weekly content from us and learn more about who we are as an organization. So please hit the follow button and enjoy!