



# News release



## Projects selected in the Pelton Fund 2020 funding cycle

### Upper Deschutes Watershed Council

- Creekside Park Fish Passage & Habitat Restoration; \$51,000
- Plainview Fish Passage & Screening; \$214,550
- Whychus Canyon Preserve Habitat Restoration; \$945,000
- Willow Springs Preserve Habitat Restoration Project; \$405,000

### Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District

- Beaver Creek Watershed Restoration; \$51,000

### Trout Unlimited

- Link Creek Large Wood Project; \$67,931

### Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon

- Log Springs Meadow Restoration; \$350,000
- Warm Springs River & Middle Beaver Creek Large Wood Placement

### U.S. Forest Service-Deschutes National Forest - Sisters Ranger District

- Metolius River Fish Habitat Project; \$55,208

### U.S. Forest Service (Ochoco & Deschutes National Forest) and The National Wild Turkey Federation

- Metolius Winter Range Restoration; \$250,000

### Deschutes Land Trust

- Priday Ranch Steelhead Conservation Project; \$1,250,000
- Rimrock Ranch Fee Purchase; \$168,000

### The Forest Service - Ochoco National Forest

- Upper Trout Creek Rehabilitation Package; \$125,000

## Highlighted Projects & Quotes

1. The Priday Ranch Steelhead Conservation Project is an effort by the Deschutes Land Trust to protect 5,820 acres of grassland and sagebrush habitat in the Trout Creek subbasin, where redband trout and threatened summer steelhead spawn and rear. By purchasing the ranch property and dedicating water rights to in-stream flow, the Land Trust hopes to improve habitat connectivity, water quality and surface flow.



*The Trout Creek riparian corridor on the Priday Ranch is in exceptionally good condition, with healthy stands of willow and cottonwood, native grasses and sagebrush. It maintains a steady year-round flow, even during the winter months.*



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2. The Link Creek Large Wood Project is a restoration effort from Trout Unlimited and the U.S. Forest Service. Trees and logs will be placed in this historic sockeye habitat, providing refuge for Chinook, sockeye, kokanee, bull trout and whitefish. Much of the restoration project will take place on property belonging to Caldera, an arts camp for underserved youth, which will use the site as an educational tool.

“Caldera is grateful for this partnership, which will support our mission to provide year-round arts and environmental programming for youth from Central Oregon and the Portland metro area,” says Maesie Speer, Arts Center Programs Director for Caldera. “Our students build strong connections to this land over their years in our program. They see spawning fish every fall, and through this project we will continue to build their awareness of the important connection between returning fish and the habitat they need to survive.”

3. The Metolius Winter Range Restoration is a collaborative project from the U.S. Forest Service (Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests) and the Wild Turkey Federation to improve habitat for mammals and birds that rely on this protected grassland area.

“The Metolius Winter Range Restoration Project not only benefits terrestrial and aquatic habitats, but connects landscapes by holistically blending restoration objectives across the Crooked River National Grassland, Deschutes National Forest, and Portland General Electric Properties.” – Monty Gregg, Forest Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Forest Service.



*Restoration efforts will help maintain optimal conditions for mule deer and other species while reducing the threat of wildfire.*