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Public has access to
DLT-managed lands

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continue to be critical to conserving the remaining priority lands along Whychus Creek.”

Launched in the fall of 2014, the goal of the Campaign for Whychus Creek is to protect the highest-quality remaining wildlife habitat along Whychus Creek, ensure the permanent care of those lands for years to come, and engage the community along the way. The Land Trust has raised nearly a third of its \$15 million goal for the campaign. About \$4 million of that figure is raised locally, from private donors in Central Oregon. The local funds can be leveraged to raise the balance from federal and state agencies and foundations.

Additional funding for the new Aspen Hollow Preserve came from a variety of sources, including Land Trust members, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the Laird Norton Family Foundation, and The Roundhouse Foundation.

Aspen Hollow Preserve



PHOTO BY JOHN WILLIAMS

Aspen Hollow Preserve is a key link in a series of properties along Whychus Creek.

includes a half-mile of quality steelhead habitat, cliff habitat for raptors and sensitive bat species, and aspen and ponderosa pine woodlands. The Land Trust is developing plans for removing dilapidated buildings from the floodplain, enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, and providing guided tours and hosted educational activities.

Those tours and educational activities are an integral part of DLT’s work. The Campaign for Whychus Creek will be used to fund stewardship projects and to “significantly improve

access,” Chalfant told *The Nugget* last year. DLT’s philosophy is centered around management of the land forever, with the public enjoying its beauty and benefits so that the next generations feel invested in the land.

“We don’t buy it and lock it up,” said DLT Board Vice President Kim McCarrel at the launch of the campaign last September.

The Deschutes Land Trust conserves land for wildlife, scenic views, and local communities. Deschutes Land Trust has protected more than 8,750 acres since 1995.

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