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the USFS Ecology Team.

Seeing that lone fish return to Sheep Creek on that July day is a reminder that our Grande Ronde River salmon and steelhead runs are critically diminished. Oregon's 13th Governor, Republican Tom McCall, once said, "If the salmon and steelhead are running, then as far as I am concerned, God knows that all is well in His world...The health of the environment is good if the salmon and steelhead are around. It is that simple."

Projects like Sheep Creek are an important step in the process of bringing salmon and their habitats back to health. However, we need all hands on deck in our human communities to make abundant salmon in our home rivers an unforgettable sign of the seasons once again.

Additional media featuring the Sheep Creek Project:

Video: Resilient Waters - <https://vimeo.com/382476264>

Blog: Passion on Sheep Creek - <https://www.tu.org/blog/passion-on-sheep-creek/>

Project Partners: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Grande Ronde Model Watershed, and NF John Day Watershed Council. Project Funders: Bonneville Power Administration, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. ■

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hope that our tagged juvenile Chinook salmon make it back home to the upper Grande Ronde River Watershed to provide us with priceless data to inform the recovery of northeastern Oregon's Chinook salmon populations for current and future generations. This hope is our fuel on cold December nights. ■

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land management. It also provided an excellent opportunity to help fill a need in our community. While students gained knowledge and work experience, they in turn filled a need of the Nez Perce Tribe to remove unnecessary cages from the backcountry. Through these activities, students create meaningful relationships and learn to collaborate within the community. This teamwork leads to improved outcomes and a deeper sense of community and place for everyone. Projects and relationships like these are what make the internship program truly meaningful for our young people!

The Wallowa Resources Natural Resources Summer Internship Program runs for six weeks in June and July for local high school students over 15 years of age. This is a paid internship, and we are looking for a new four-person crew to take outside this summer! The program is funded, in part, through the Youth Development Council for the State of Oregon and the Oregon Youth Corps. For more information and to apply, please visit our website at www.wallowaresources.org. ■

Grande Ronde Model Watershed UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

**Tuesday, April 28th, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

*Elgin Community Center
260 N 10th St.
Elgin, OR 97827*

**Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

*Wallowa Senior Center
204 E 2nd St.
Wallowa, OR 97885*

The public is welcome to attend.

Meeting dates are subject to change.
Please call (541) 663 - 0570 to confirm.
Thank you!

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