



The 175-acre conservation easement boundary.

Landholder and land trust work to preserve moraine land

Working with Wallowa Land Trust, landowner Anna Mae Quint, voluntarily extinguished all future development and subdivision rights on her 175-acre East Moraine property at Wallowa Lake.

“The moraine is very important — there’s nothing like it on earth,” Quint said. The property encompasses two lateral moraines before rising to the crest of the East Moraine at its westernmost boundary. Considered the southern tip of Zumwalt Prairie, Quint’s

property is comprised of 53 acres of cropland and 122 acres of bunchgrass, including habitat for the wildflower Spalding’s catchfly. It is also a critical winter range for mule deer and habitat for fox, coyote and a variety of grassland birds and raptors, among other species.

Quint did reserve the right to graze cattle and



QUINT

farm on the property, citing working lands as a big part of her Wallowa County heritage.

Quint, 85, of Redmond, grew up on the southern edge of Joseph in a house her parents bought when she was in elementary school. Her father grew up on a ranch outside of Joseph on Walker Lane, she said. Helping conserve the moraine was important to Quint long before Wallowa Land Trust was formed.

More than a decade ago, Quint and Wallowa Land

Trust began discussing the idea of putting the property into a conservation easement, which is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust which protects a property’s agricultural viability, natural habitat, rural heritage, and scenic open space in perpetuity. The conservation easement that encompasses the Quint property permanently extinguishes all development and subdivision rights while reserving recreation, hunting, farming and grazing rights.

Fishtrap Fireside

February’s Fishtrap Fireside features long time Fishtrap friends, Rick Bombaci and Sara Miller, plus a new and emerging voice in Enterprise High School student Nodya Papineau. An open mic follows where audience members have a chance to get up to the podium and share their stories, too.

Fireside is a free monthly event for Wallowa County writers to read and share their work. The program has enjoyed a tremendous following in Wallowa County and beyond. Fishtrap Fireside takes place the first Friday of the month from October through April at Fishtrap, 400 East Grant Street in Enterprise. Find a seat by the fire and hear stories written by your friends and neighbors.

January’s Fireside is sponsored by The Bookloft. Firewood provided by Jay Zee Lumber.

More about February’s featured readers:

Rick Bombaci grew up in rural Connecticut. After a brief stint living and working in Portland when, for \$125 a month, you could rent a nice apartment with hardwood floors and a view of Mt. St. Helens before it blew up, he moved to Wallowa County, where he’s been ever since. Rick has worked, in order, as a U.S. For-

est Service wilderness ranger, a waiter, a bicycle mechanic, a high school teacher, a computer consultant, a grant writer, a nonprofit consultant, and a USFS wilderness ranger. That’s known as either completing the circle or spinning your wheels. He has one daughter that he knows of, and a number of obsessions, including long distance hiking.

Sara Miller likes to experiment, “What I love about Fishtrap is encouragement to experiment creatively. Being invited to read at Fireside allows me to say, well I better write something then.” Miller is a poet and writer of creative nonfiction. She has been called a loud talker, ponderer, distractor and over-imaginer. She appreciates opportunities to create ritual and help with hard work, especially babies and birth, death and love, ranching and wild lonely places. Sometimes her audiences perform unexpectedly.

Nodya Papineau is a 19-year-old aspiring poet from Enterprise. She’s been writing and performing poetry for six years now through various Fishtrap programs for students and young writers such as Student Showcases and at Summer Fishtrap both in 2016 and 2017. This is her first Fishtrap Fireside reading.

Unions look to take advantage of Democratic leadership, strong economy in 2019

By Aubrey Wieber
Oregon Capital Bureau

In November, educators and school children got a champion. The homeless got an advocate and environmentalists got a steward. But perhaps the people most happy with Gov. Kate Brown’s re-election reside in Oregon’s union shops.

Brown has long been pro union. She has publicly supported them and even had the president of a national teachers union stump for her during her campaign.

Unions have backed Brown as well. Her six biggest union donors gave nearly

\$1 million combined in 2018. Now, with Democrats having a stronger majority in the House and Senate, union leaders say it’s time to push their pro-worker agenda.

“It’s time to do something bold,” said Melissa Unger, executive director for Service Employees International Union Local 503, which represents about 70,000 state workers and caregivers.

Unions have weakened through the country compared to their power in decades past but remain strong and active in Oregon.

In the 2018 election, SEIU 49 gave House Speaker Tina Kotek \$50,000 though she

had no serious challenger. SEIU 503 provided \$42,000 in in-kind contributions to Future PAC, which covered wages, general expenses and surveys. Future PAC is the House Democrats’ campaign fundraising arm.

The Oregon Education Association gave Sen. Shemia Fagan’s campaign \$15,000 and she received \$20,000 from the Oregon chapter of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, despite having a large lead in her primary contest.

Unions also gave to the Senate Democrat Leadership Fund, which then spread

money around to various caucus leaders. SEIU gave \$15,000 to the PAC in 2018 in the form of travel expenses and wages. The national AFL-CIO gave \$10,000.

House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson also got \$10,000 from AFL-CIO, as well as \$13,500 from Local 48 Electricians. United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local 555 gave Sen. Rob Wagner, chair of the Senate Education Committee, \$5,000 in 2018, as did the Oregon School Employees Association.

With the Legislature convening, union lobbyists will be a significant presence.

Unger said her union supports higher taxes for businesses and wealthy individuals and legislation to improve the cost of housing and to help education.

Her primary focus during the session, though, will be the 30,000 caregivers SEIU represents. She said their work, often underpaid, underappreciated and done by women, can be vital to rural economies.

“How do we create systems to really lift up this work?” she said. “It’s often low-wage work, but it is at the core of how families succeed, and something we should really value as a society.”

The union wants a smoother regulatory way for home workers to move to jobs in other places, such as a nursing home. She also wants a central background check system. Unger said under the current system, she has seen website advertisements for jobs such as coming into a home to bathe an adult. That’s unregulated, she said, and isn’t safe for workers or clients.



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