

Photo courtesy Leon Werdinger/Capital Press The Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership has an agreement to buy 1,800 acres of the east moraine owned by the Ronald C. Yanke Family Trust. The purchase will keep the land open to grazing and other traditional uses, but will prevent it from being developed for housing.

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protections, thanks to the foresight and resources provided by the Land and Water Conservation Fund."

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore, said the land purchase is a step in conserving Oregon's landscape.

"With this purchase, Wallowa County will preserve this asset for generations of Oregonians, Merkley said.

Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, commented on the land's economic opportunity.

"Putting the East Moraine into county ownership will help ensure the landscape continues to be managed for multiple use, supporting jobs and our local economy,' Walden said.

Nearly one million visitors come to Wal-

lowa County each year, many to enjoy the beauty of the lake and the Eagle Cap mountain range that frames it. For the county's residents, the lake and its moraines provide fishing, hunting, hiking and economic benefits through agriculture and forestry.

Nils Christoffersen, executive Director of Wallowa Resources, said the Partnership's work is a reflection of the community's strong sense of pride and commitment to land stewardship.

"From our woodlands, rangelands and watersheds, there's heart, meaning and history there for many people, Christoffersen said. "Turning the east moraine into a community forest is another win for our residents by maintaining this treasured landscape.

BGood Bars: Goodman almost didn't enter her prize-winning Cranberry Hemp bars in competition

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Then she moved on to work at Community Bank. But one life-changing day in 2013, Wendy Reininger, co-founder of Arrowhead, had to do some banking, and saw Judy. "If you made those bars again, we'd buy them from you," she said.

Judy borrowed kitchen space at then-restaurant Caldera's, and made test bars, sticking with the same flavors that she had made at Arrowhead. She consulted with Small Business guru Catherine Mathias about brand and business names, procedures, and marketing. Then she gave notice at the bank, and never looked back.

Founding, funding, and growing her business hasn't been easy. To make ends meet, she used her background as a fisheries biologist, and love of teaching to work as a part-time manager and programs director at Wallowology. Last year, she lost a BGood Bar contract to produce a different kind of sports bar for a company in Idaho. "I lost half my business," she said, "They wanted me to lower my prices, change the quality, and I said "No". I had my first anxiety attack then. That was in May of last year. Then I realized I had to get going. I hustled and got new accounts."

Her Good Foods national award has brought new business-13 new accounts, including 11 orders from Market of Choice—a national chain of upscale supermarkets with stores in Portland. Goodman has just filled an order for 1300 bars, and needs to provide the same for another order in two weeks. And that's only the beginning.

There are new challenges to face. Last year, an east-coast fast-foods company challenged the



Judy Goodman's Cranberry Hemp BGood Bar now bears the Good Foods Awards seal.



Ellen Morris Bishop Once cut to size, Judy coats the bottom of each with dark chocolate and blades off the excess, placing them on parchment paper to cool. "This is really where it feels like an art," she said. "Finishing each bar somehow seems very personal and satisfying."

BGood bar trademark. Their from BGood to JöR (proname is b.good. Rather than nounced 'Your") which "... engage in a costly legal batsounds good and also means tle, Goodman is changing "Earth" in Old Norse," the name of her company Goodman said. The new name and logo will take

effect in the spring. Although Goodman's business has grown, it's still mostly a one-woman operation. Making each bar by hand is more a craft than a production line, and Goodman likes it that way. "It's truly an art," she said. "Each bar is made by hand, with care and thought and love. I see a lot of value in that." It is, as she says. "Slow Food and Slow Money."

Maybe in another 4 or 5 years she'll find someone to buy her business, Goodman thinks. The idea of kayaking, going for hikes, and just enjoying life is somehow attractive. But so is making the very best snack bar in America.

Goodman's BGood Bars are available in Wallowa County at: Arrowhead Chocolates; Red Horse Coffee Traders; Wallowa Lake Lodge; Wallowology; Marketplace Fresh Foods; Winding Waters River Expeditions; Salutations Studio; Ruby Peak Naturals; Wild Carrot Herbals; Sei Mee Tea; JB Bane & Co.; The Bookloft; Longhorn Espresso; Hurricane Creek Coffee.







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