
Palouse Land Trust Newsletter

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HELPING THE LANDOWNER PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE

Tax Exempt Status OK'd

The I.R.S. granted full charitable status to the Land Trust in late November. All donations to the Land Trust, whenever made, are now tax deductible charitable donations.

This is a major step for the land trust as it allows donors of land, conservation easements, and cash or other gifts to deduct the gifts on their personal returns. In addition, the Land Trust gains access to reduced mailing rates and can seek grants from foundations.

Getting the Word Out

Land Trust will be supplying speakers this spring to the following groups:

Life Insurers Workshop: 2\20

Forest Landowners Workshop at the Best Western: 3/25

League of Women Voters: 03\13

Latah Bar Association: 03\28

BOARD MEETING

All Advisory Board members are invited to attend the next board meeting set for Wed., the 17th of January at 7:00. This will be the meeting to set the goals for 1996 and select the primary lands on which the Land Trust will focus its energy and contacts in the coming years. Location: Christian Petrick's house. Come if you can..

The Trust sponsors Special Areas survey for Latah County Planning Commission.

The Land Trust and University of Idaho professor Craig Miller's class will survey longtime Latah County residents, both through a random survey and through contacts with selected land owners, to help the Commission identify the County's "special places". The Latah County Comprehensive plan calls for the preservation of agricultural and forest land, and preservation of the cultural, scenic and natural amenities of the County. Both of these goals are consistent with the goals of the Land Trust. The Land trust seeks to identify those areas which the residents feel are special and worthy of special designation in any new ordinances.

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for taking the time to learn about the Land Trust.

Significant Public Meetings on Tab

The Latah County Planning Commission will conduct a Town Meeting facilitated by Tom Hudson on the 31st of January beginning at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers. This meeting will be Moscow's opportunity to supply input to the Commission in drafting new ordinances. Landowners, particularly within the area of City impact to encourage their attendance.

The City of Moscow will host renown conservation planner Randall Arndt. (author of "Rural by Design" and conservation planner with the Natural Lands Trust in Media PN.) He will conduct all day workshops on March 1 and 2 in the Community Center of Moscow. He will present alternative development ideas that are being used in other areas to encourage open space and farmland protection.

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