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PLT NEGOTIATES WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY TO MANAGE IDLER'S REST

As many of you may know, The Nature Conservancy's first acquisition in the state of Idaho was the Idler's Rest property. Over the years, the Idler's Rest property has been used by thousands of Palouse residents for recreation, picnicking and a pleasant hike in the forest.

At present though, The Nature Conservancy is attempting to consolidate its holdings and to find alternate ownership and management options within the local community. For that reason, The Nature Conservancy asked the Palouse Land Trust to cooperatively manage the property. A one-year agreement is currently being negotiated. If that is successful, the ownership of Idler's Rest eventually may be turned over to the Palouse Land Trust.

The Board of the Palouse Land Trust believes this is a grand opportunity for the citizens of Moscow, but one with potential costs and responsibilities. We plan to promote and enhance Idler's Rest as a key recreational opportunity for the Palouse, and work to insure that the property is maintained and enhanced for light recreation and nature walks.

A substantial amount of credit should go to Archie George, the president of the Land Trust, for establishing the rapport and working relationship with the The Nature Conservancy of Idaho.

Members, please note that while your gifts and support have created this opportunity, the Land Trust may need to call on you to help expand the membership and volunteer base in order that we can effectively manage this property. If you are interested in participating in the management oversight, clean up, publicity, etc. with regard to Idlers Rest, please contact the Land Trust.

MOSCOW MOUNTAIN: PALOUSE LAND TRUST AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY TO SOLICIT GRANT

The ancient cedar grove and land surrounding the old lookout on top of Moscow Mountain are special to many locals. The views of the Palouse are stunning. PLT has met with local citizens and The Nature Conservancy of Idaho to plan for the future of this land. The Conservancy currently leases the land from the Idaho Department of Lands. The lease extends through 2006. The management plan they have developed provides for recreation and the preservation of the many natural features.

The Conservancy will soon submit a grant proposal to the Paul Allen Foundation to purchase 297 acres on Moscow Mountain. PLT may eventually assume ownership and management of this parcel as well. The Palouse Land Trust is delighted to be a part of this exciting opportunity to assist in planning for preservation of this unique asset.

Stewardship_____

PLT RECEIVES \$1,000 STEWARDSHIP GRANT FROM THE CHARLOTTE MARTIN FOUNDATION OF SEATTLE

When a landowner asks the Palouse Land Trust to accept a conservation easement, it is because the landowner wants future owners of the land to follow the terms of the conservation easement. The PLT agrees to monitor the property year after year to make sure that the activities on the land are consistent with the original landowner's wishes. This often simply means periodic visits to the land to discuss the conservation easement requirements with the landowners. When necessary, it can include regular oversight of management. There is, however, the potential for expensive litigation to arise if future landowners breach any of the terms of the original easement.

Over time, the land trust recognizes that it will incur costs for monitoring, and that there might not be enough volunteers with the needed expertise. Stewardship

funds cover these expenses. Stewardship funds are held in the form of an endowment specifically for monitoring activities.

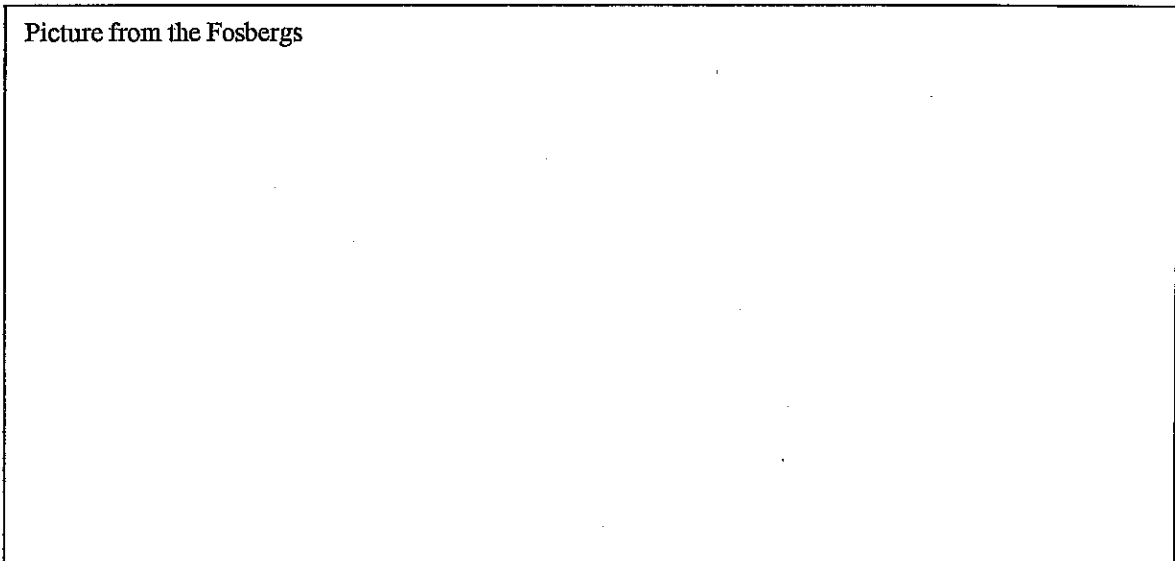
The Charlotte Martin Foundation of Seattle provided a grant of \$1,000 to the Palouse Land Trust for the creation of just such a stewardship fund. The Martin Foundation Managing Committee was very impressed with our program work and wished to provide the Palouse Land Trust with seed money for forming a stewardship fund.

The Palouse Land Trust is gratified and appreciative of the recognition provided to us by the Foundation. With this beginning, we can seek to supplement the stewardship fund through other gifts and grants.

This fall, we will be soliciting donations to a stewardship fund for the 17-acre conservation easement recently donated to PLT by Maynard Fosberg and his family. This effort will focus on the many people with homes adjacent to the open space the Fosbergs have permanently protected for future generations.

Thank you Charlotte Martin Foundation!

Picture from the Fosbergs



PLT People _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS GAINS THREE

The three new members of the Board of Directors are Steve Hollenhorst, Lauren Fins and Mark Mumford.

Steve Hollenhorst is the new chair of the Department of Natural Resources in the School of Forestry at the University of Idaho. He comes to Moscow from the hills of West Virginia where he was the founder of the West Virginia Land Trust. He has an extensive background in the formation, operation and promotion of land trusts and is even working at this point as a private landowner to place a conservation easement on his property in West Virginia. We are fortunate in the extreme by having Steve Hollenhorst continue his work for land trust with the members and friends of the Palouse Land Trust.

Lauren Fins, a resident of Moscow for more than 20 years, teaches forest genetics at the University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources. An active contributor to many different groups, she is particularly involved in the theater in Moscow. She brings a wealth of energy and community involvement to her work on the Land Trust. In addition obviously, her expertise with forest management makes everyone excited to have her on board.

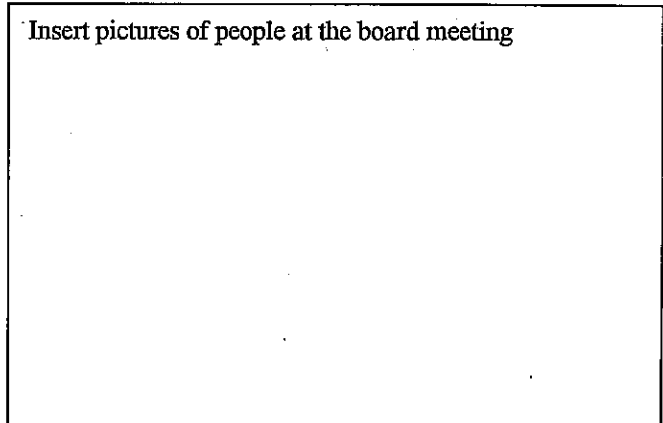
Mark Mumford is an attorney with the firm of Landeck Westberg, Judge and Graham. Prior to his incarnation as an attorney, he was an architect who taught at Ball State University and Iowa State University and was a participant on the

Architectural Heritage Committee and the National Historic Register Committee for the state of Iowa. Mark moved west with his wife, a professor of psychology at Washington State University. He was drawn to the Palouse Land Trust because of its' focus on providing private land owners with mechanisms to preserve their properties, much like the preservation of the historic character of architecture and communities through their buildings. Mark will bring this enthusiasm and his legal background to the benefit of the Land Trust.

THANKS TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Long-time PLT Board Members Penny Morgan, John Norton and Margrit von Braun have moved to the Advisory Board for the Land Trust. Each of them would like to express thanks to the other members of the Board, to the members of the Palouse Land Trust and to the community at large for helping support their work and the creation of the Palouse Land Trust. For each of them, their experiences have been gratifying and fulfilling and each hopes to continue to play a vital role for the Land Trust as members of the Advisory Committee. In fact, we want to thank Penny and John for putting together this newsletter.

Insert pictures of people at the board meeting



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LYNN WELLS- TANIMOTO

It certainly deserves to be said about Palouse Land Trust Executive Director Lynn Wells-Tanimoto that "no one has done so much for so little." In addition to organizing the successful annual meeting held November 13, 1999, Lynn has actively promoted the interests of the Palouse Land Trust.

In early March, Lynn and Steve Hollenhorst attended the meeting in Moscow with the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program. In addition to representatives from the Latah Trail Foundation, PCEI, Whitman and Latah County Parks, the City of Moscow and the University of Idaho, the Palouse Land Trust participated in a forum and tour of the potential rails-to-trails corridor from Moscow to Troy and from Troy to Kendrick. The Palouse Land Trust was asked to participate in order to more fully inform the entities involved with the work of the Land Trust, and how voluntary easements from private landowners could augment the trail.

Lynn attended the second annual meeting of the Northern Rockies Region of the Land Trusts at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest near Missoula, Montana.

Nancy Mack invited Lynn to speak to the Pullman Civic Trust Board Meeting in late March about how PLT could help augment the Chipman Trail. Conservation easements granted by or purchased from adjacent landowners could protect open space in the Pullman-Moscow corridor.

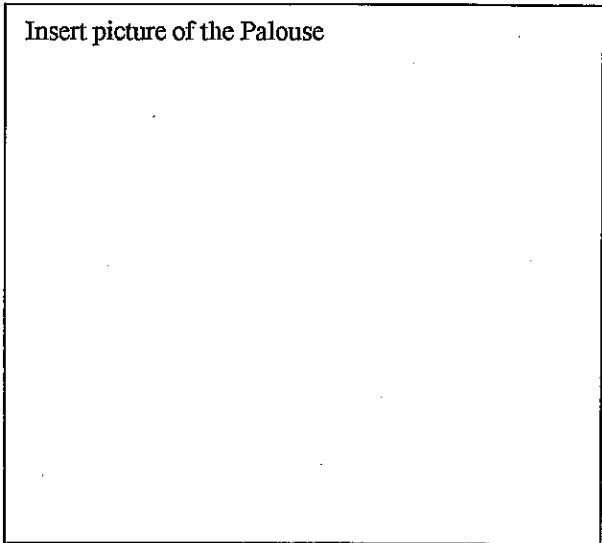
Steve Hollenhorst and Lynn Wells-Tanimoto, at the invitation of the Whitman County Department of Public

Health, Parks and Recreation, presented a brief conservation easement workshop and introduction to the Palouse Land Trust at that department's Board Meeting on April 5 in Colfax. The Palouse Land Trust wishes to thank Mike Warner for the invitation. The Whitman County Health, Parks and Recreation Board is exploring whether conservation easements on surrounding lands could be used to buffer existing parks from development.

Finally, Lynn gave a presentation at an Open Space workshop in Moscow on April 13. The all-day workshop, entitled "Idaho's Vanishing Landscapes: Strategies for Conserving Idaho's Open Space and Farm Land," was an opportunity to explain to Idaho's planners and developers to the preservation of open space through the use of conservation easements.

Our enormous thanks to Lynn and all her work and efforts in promoting the Palouse Land Trust. One of the major goals of the Land Trust is to try to augment Lynn's salary to compensate her for the large amount of time that she spends in not only promoting the Land Trust, but in keeping track of the day to day operations. We all should be indebted to Lynn for her work.

Insert picture of the Palouse



Thanks

THANK YOU LOCAL BUSINESSES

Ken Nuhn of Moscow Appraisals and Larry Hodge of Hodge and Associates worked closely with the Palouse Land Trust on the creation of the Maynard and Margaret Fosberg easement.

Larry Hodge and Mike XXX donated a survey of the Fosberg property saving the Palouse Land Trust the cost and expense of the land survey required for the conservation easement. In addition, they expedited their efforts in order that the survey could be completed on the tight time schedule required by the Internal Revenue Service.

A big thank you as well to Ken Nuhn of Moscow Appraisals for the extraordinary efforts he made in producing a qualified appraisal for Maynard and Margaret Fosberg to substantiate their gift for tax purposes. Although Ken is employed directly by the Fosbergs, this easement would not have been possible without the working relationship he developed with the Palouse Land Trust and his professional efforts in accepting the unique challenges of appraising a conservation easement and working with the Fosbergs to fully document their gift.

Conservation Imaging, Inc. hosts our web site on their server. Visit the web site (<http://palouselandtrust.org/>) and see our ongoing projects and other news.

Thanks to all of you from the Palouse Land Trust

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE TO THE PALOUSE LAND TRUST

Without our members and their donations, the Palouse Land Trust would not be able to hire Lynn Wells-Tanimoto as our executive director nor do the work that has been required of us. Thank you. Members who have donated in the last year include: GET LIST FROM JAY.

Join your friends and neighbors! Become a member or donate financial support to the Palouse Land Trust. Just fill out the enclosed card.

GET INVOLVED!

Help the us conserve open space, protect wildlife habitat, and enhance streams and wetlands through private land conservation efforts. You can make a difference:

Give us the name of a landowner you think we should contact. Tell others about us. Share your brochure or newsletter with friends and neighbors. Volunteer to help with baseline monitoring, contacting landowners, and mailing newsletters. Become a member! Mail your check to the Palouse Land Trust, P.O. Box 8506, Moscow, ID 83843. Basic membership is only \$25. Contributing members donate \$50 or more, Supporting \$100. Or, you can become a Patron for \$250 or Benefactor at \$500. Your tax-deductible financial contributions go far in our mostly volunteer organization.

Planning for the Future

PALOUSE LAND TRUST FIVE YEARS OLD!

This spring, the Palouse Land Trust reached its fifth year of existence. Our original goal in forming the Palouse Land Trust was to fill a gap in the community's conservation and land use planning tools. More specifically our goal was to provide private landowners with the means and the opportunity, the expertise and education, to take advantage of fairly specific and unique opportunities provided by conservation easements and charitable giving. It was our additional unstated goal that we were not going to try to compete with other charities nor draw funds from other equally worthwhile community public interests. We have always aspired to keep costs low and to use volunteer efforts and expertise in the securing of conservation easements.

We must attempt to secure funding for increased salary for our executive director. Lynn Wells-Tanimoto now puts in far more hours than we pay her to do. She provides very vital ongoing day-to-day

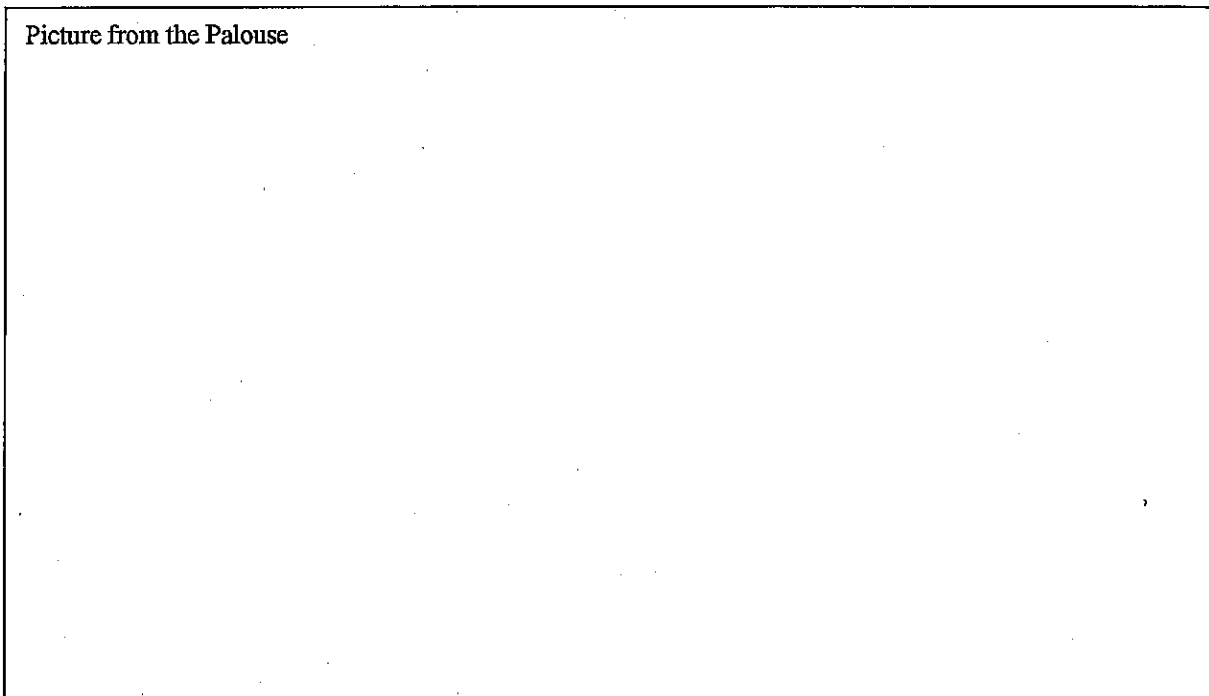
services. In the coming year, it is one of the primary goals of the Land Trust to aggressively seek outside sources of funding to enhance payment for the executive director position. While all other costs are and normally can be covered by local membership donations and volunteer efforts, it is our Board's goal to shore-up the funding for the executive director position. We feel that our original goals are meeting with enormous success, that we are indeed providing a useful service for the landowners and planners for Latah and Whitman Counties, and we want to make sure that this organization lasts! Without you, our donors and members, this would not be possible and we appreciate all of your dollars and your support and hope that we can count on you in the years to come.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

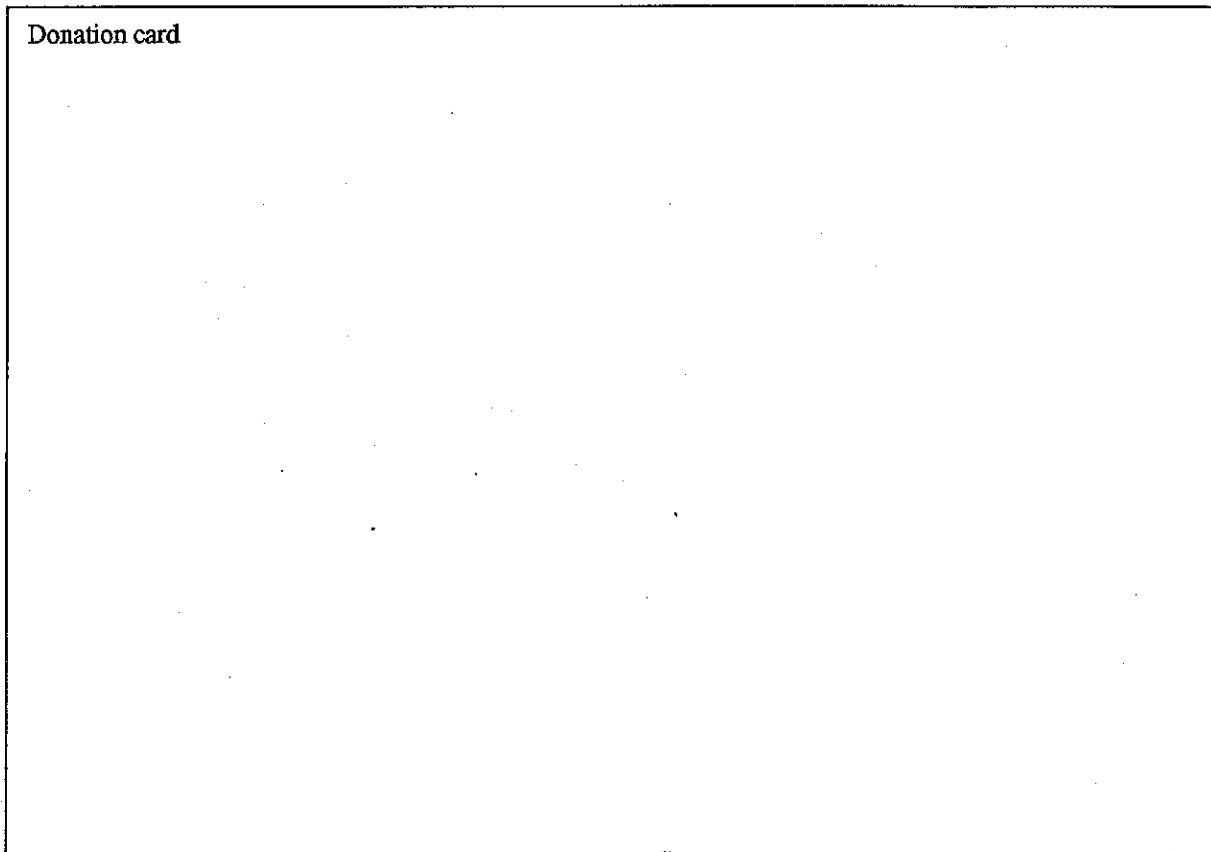
Over the next year, PLT will be developing a strategic plan. This will include revising our conservation priorities, purchasing liability insurance, fundraising, and broadening our links in the community.

Wish list – Lynn can you come up with one?

Picture from the Palouse



Donation card



Control the future of your land

Conservation easements are one of the few ways you can control the future of your land. Conservation easements are legal agreements between a landowner and a land trust or government agency that permanently protects land. Like a power line or road easement, conservation easements are permanently attached to a deed, and all future landowners must honor the original agreement. You continue to own and use your land, and you may sell it or pass it on to heirs. Easements can apply to just part of your property, and need not require public access. Easements can allow continued farming, forest management and other uses.

A conservation easement can help you pass your land to your kids. If your easement permanently protects open space, wildlife habitat, or water quality, it can qualify as a tax-deductible charitable donation. The amount of the donation is the difference between the land's value with the easement and its value without the easement. By limiting development potential, conservation easements can lower the market value of your land, thus reducing federal estate taxes. Whether you donate an easement during your life or by will, you can help your kids keep the land intact.

To find out more, contact the Palouse Land Trust at 882-5248. They will help you arrive at a conservation plan that makes the most sense for you. You will also need to talk with your own legal and financial advisors, as well. You can read further about conservation easements on the web at <http://www.lta.org> or www.farmland.org.

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Please join in conserving the open space, wildlife habitat, water quality, and scenery of the Palouse