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This year promises a gala filled with the season's merriment. Fun, friends, and auction items more fantastic than ever before. Get ready to bid on tasty treats, grand adventures, and wild experiences!

Join Us for the Wonderland Auction December 6th!

Cascadia Wildlands' 12th Annual Wonderland Auction at LCC Main Campus

by Carolyn Candela, Development and Operations Manager

Here at Cascadia Wildlands, we've been busy getting ready for our largest and most important fundraiser of the year, our annual Wonderland Auction, which will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 6-10pm. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, and can be purchased directly through our website from now until 5pm on Thursday, December 4.

Join us, Wonderland Auction sponsor *Mountain Rose Herbs*, local businesses, and community members, at our new venue at the **Center for Meeting & Learning** on the **Lane Community College main campus** for a magical, festive evening filled with live music by local jazz musician, *Gerry Rempel*, a gourmet dinner prepared by LCC Catering Services, exciting live and silent auctions, and plenty of the season's merriment! We will proudly be serving donated local products, *Ninkasi* beer, wine from Eugene's own *Opine Cellars*, and dessert from *Coconut Bliss* and *Vanilla Jill's*.

As always, children 12 and under are welcome to attend for free. You can now also reserve your own ten-person table so you can share the evening with

your friends and family as we all stand together in support of the Cascadia Bioregion. Throughout the evening we'll wonder at the breathtaking landscapes, explore the unique qualities and challenges that face Cascadia's preservation, and celebrate the bounty of the region. This year we have a lot of reason to celebrate, including wolves returning to the Oregon Cascades!

Featured live auction items include a trip with Orca Adventure Lodge, and we are currently in the process of procuring a tour of Ted Turner's Flying D Ranch in Montana!
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The variety of landscapes and wildlife that can be seen on Ted Turner's Flying D Ranch in Southwest Montana. (Turner Enterprises, Inc.)



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Double Your Impact for Wolves

Mountain Rose Herbs Offers Matching Gift Up to \$5000

from Executive Director Bob Ferris



For nearly two years we have been talking about the polluting effect of ranching, timber, energy, and extreme trophy hunting interests on wildlife policies, particularly as they apply to wolves and other predators. This fall—**with your help**— we are going take three actions to attack this larger issue.

We are going to challenge the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife wherever and whenever we can to reverse their movement

toward an Idaho style of wolf management. A style that relies too heavily on lethal control at the behest of ranching interests that are unwilling to evolve and improve their stewardship of grazing lands and their livestock.



Male wolf from the Wenaha Pack fitted with a radio collar on August 4, 2010. (ODFW)

We will also work through legal means and other methods to remove the toxic effect of Wildlife Services from wolf recovery efforts in the Pacific Northwest. Wildlife Services'

existence depends absolutely on creating a demand for lethal control. Therefore, their presence, availability, or use, is antithetical to species recovery. We are working in Oregon and Washington to have them barred from the system.

Wolf and coyote derbies wherever they are held are manifestations of ignorance and unfounded predator bigotry. Wildlife agencies and public land managers should not allow or endorse these events which perpetuate long disproved myths and misconceptions. State or federal governments should not play a role keeping these dated and unfounded beliefs around.

Please use the enclosed envelope or go to www.CascWild.org to generously contribute to Cascadia Wildlands. Support is critical to the success of our work, and our friends at Mountain Rose Herbs couldn't agree more. So for the month of November the Mountain Rose Herbs Matching Wolf Gift Program will double the impact of wolf donations and match your dollar-for-dollar up to \$5000. You have until November 30th to make your wolf gift go twice as far in support of these important initiatives. Together, we can keep it wild!

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MATCHED DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR!
UNTIL NOVEMBER 30TH**

Reform Coming for WA Wolves

Management Changes Needed to Counter Agency's Heavy Hand

by Nick Cady, Legal Director

After two years of petitions, letters, appeals, and countless meetings, reform is finally beginning for wolf management in Washington state. Cascadia's foray into wolf issues in Washington began after our successful lawsuit and settlement in Oregon that created concrete, transparent and enforceable guidelines for when the state could kill wolves in response to livestock depredations.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's killing of the entire Wedge pack last year and the accidental shooting of the Huckleberry pack's alpha female in August, and the ensuing hysteria from both the conservation and livestock communities that followed, clearly demonstrated that lethal control rules were needed in the state. Department staff in subsequent meetings even admitted that the current system was broken.

We have found in Oregon that concrete rules provide predictability in agency response to wolf-livestock conflicts, which help reduce nerves in both the conservation and livestock communities.



Photo courtesy National Parks Conservation Association

Additionally, these rules provide a clear path for Department staff to follow, preventing knee-jerk responses to kill wolves and expending significant taxpayer dollars.

"...research on predator-livestock conflicts has shown that killing individual wolves does little to decrease depredation, and in some cases has been shown to increase livestock loss."

Cascadia has sought to minimize agency killing of wolves in response to depredations because research on predator-livestock conflicts has shown that killing individual wolves does little to decrease depredation, and in some cases has been shown to increase livestock loss. This can occur because wolves in a pack play certain roles. Generally, the wolves being shot are wolves ranging from the den, hunting for food. This can force the remaining, inexperienced wolves, to become desperate and risk proximity to humans to feed, which can result in livestock loss and conflict. Taking an entire pack may end depredation for a period, but it opens the area up to recolonization by other or emerging packs, and can result in more wolves in more packs, thereby increasing stress on food resources in the area.

After our filing and then re-filing a petition for lethal control rules, and



Photo courtesy ForestWander.com

Pacific fisher *Martes pennanti*

A resident of Pacific Northwest's old-growth forests, the Pacific fisher is a small carnivore, a member of the weasel family and cousin to the marten and wolverine, that preys on medium to small-sized mammals. Due to large-scale development, road building and logging, much of the species' habitat has been lost or severely fragmented, and population numbers have been greatly impacted by trapping.

But there is encouraging news, the US Fish and Wildlife Service has recently proposed to give the Pacific fisher federal protections to help restore the population.

Cascadia Wildlands continues to closely follow the proposal, as we do with all carnivore management schemes in Cascadia.

FAST FISHER FACTS

- 3 ft. long, incl. 15" tail
- 12 lbs males
- 8 lbs females
- approx. 7 year lifespan
- larger and darker than martens with thick fur
- agile, swift, and excellent climbers

Digging in for the Last Frontier

Election Results Put Northern Cascadia's Iconic Landscapes at Risk

by Gabe Scott, Alaska Field Director

Especially in an election year in Alaska, there is always a lot of talk about “federal over-reach.” Sometimes Alaska’s independent spirit veers off-course into the land of self-destructive xenophobia, and this has been one of those times. For the last year Alaskan’s have been bombarded with campaign advertising bashing the big, bad Federal Government. The EPA, the Forest Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service... boooo!

Well the campaign strategy worked for the Rs (and while they tried the same strategy, it didn’t work for the Ds), which means that for the next several years at least Alaska’s congressional delegation will be powerful, and committed to rolling back federal environmental protections. In other words, Alaska conservationists have no representation.

But this article isn’t about the election, it’s about the grassroots. History has shown that when Alaska takes these pro-secessionist swings, it is always the American people at large who save us from ourselves. That is why Cascadia’s work in Alaska is so important; that is why you are important to the Last Frontier.

Consider the Tongass National Forest. Our nation’s largest, a rainforest treasure, it’s been logged to the breaking point. Politicians blame environmentalists for killing jobs, and have been throwing around wild ideas to re-establish a logging industry.

What holds them back are: (1) federal environmental laws, and (2) the grassroots voice of the American people. So for example with the current Big Thorne timber sale — a 6,000-acre monstrosity that severely threatens the Alexander Archipelago wolf population — we



Our Alaska Field office continues to safeguard the world famous Copper River in northern Cascadia. (Josh Laughlin)

have gone to court to stop the sale based on federal environmental laws, and thousands of Americans have voiced their opposition.

Take another example: the Pebble mine. This would be the world’s biggest gold mine, right on top of the world’s biggest salmon fishery at Bristol Bay. Most Alaskans oppose the mine because they support fishing, and a ballot initiative prioritizing fish over gold passed in a landslide.

But on the ground, who represents those Alaskans? It was the EPA, the most villainous of all over-reaching federal boogeymen, who listened to local tribes, applied the best available science, and (it appears) is blocking the mine.

At the same time Alaska elected a new Senator, Dan Sullivan, who ran on the strength of his pro-mining, pro-corporate, anti-EPA bona-fides. Leave it to political scientists to explain how or why these things happen. I don’t know. Whatever the reason, moving forward the key is to stay engaged. Tongass rainforest, Bristol Bay salmon, the Arctic, the Copper River Delta — these are national treasures and we are all of us their stewards.

Right now the foxes are guarding the henhouses in Alaska. So, it is up to all of us to re-double our grassroots efforts to safeguard our legacy.

**SPEAK UP
FOR THE TONGASS!**
GO TO WWW.CASCWILD.ORG
CLICK ON ‘TAKE ACTION’
THEN CHOOSE ‘SAFEGUARD
THE TONGASS RAINFOREST’ TO
SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS.



(on left) The Tongass is our largest national forest with a total gross acreage of 17,450,578. (PBS.org) At right, the Mendenhall Glacier in the Tongass. (USDAFS)

Dear Cascadia Supporter:

Roughly twenty years ago I participated in the return of wolves to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho. Three years later we had our first wolf in Oregon, and a decade after that, Oregon's first wolf pack since their systematic extermination in the 1940's—the Imnaha Pack (photo at left of OR17 and a pup from the Imnaha Pack taken in July 2013).



In 2011, we at Cascadia Wildlands and our partners filed a lawsuit to protect the Imnaha Pack—including the wolf known as OR-7 or Journey—from what we and the court considered killing of wolves without rules or concerns. We negotiated enforceable rules for the agency and for livestock producers as well as injecting a measure of transparency into the wolf management process in Oregon. We have not had a single lethal control action on a wolf in Oregon since that time—a major victory!

Now Journey, and the wolf we have taken to calling Wandering Wanda, are raising at least three pups (see one at right, captured by an ODFW trail camera in July) near Crater Lake, making it the Oregon Cascades' first pack in nearly 70 years.



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Your donations helped us achieve this important milestone, making critical headway in wolf recovery. Please make a generous donation today to help us take this approach to Washington State and California to ensure gray wolves reoccupy their historic and natural place in Cascadia.

Many Thanks,

Bob Ferris, Executive Director

P.S. If you make your donation by November 30th, it will be matched dollar-for-dollar by our friends at Mountain Rose Herbs up to a total of \$5000.00!

You can donate electronically via our website or write "MRH Matching Wolf Gift 2014" on your check and send it to us using the enclosed return envelope.



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LNG UPDATE

On November 7 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission released the draft study for the proposed Jordan Cove LNG Export Terminal in Coos Bay, and associated 230 mile pipeline. The agency found insignificant problems, even though this project will contribute to global warming, kill endangered wildlife, and threaten rural Oregonians with eminent domain.

TO COMMENT
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AUCTION

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A wolf and wildflower tour in the beautiful Willamette Mountains of northeastern Oregon will be available as a live auction item. This unique package is complete with a 2-night stay at Barking Mad Farm – a Country Bed & Breakfast, located in Enterprise, Oregon. Barking Mad Farm is owned and operated by Emily Klavins and Rob Klavins. Rob is a wildlife advocate for Oregon Wild, and Oregon Wild has been a long time conservation partner with Cascadia Wildlands. We're looking forward to seeing you there!



View of Ruby Peak from Barking Mad Farm. (Barking Mad Farm)

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Cascadia is actively looking for a new home of approx. 1000 sq. ft. to support our growth in staff and programs alike. If anyone has any ideas, please let us know. Thanks so much!

WA WOLF MANAGEMENT

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...appealing its denial to Governor Jay Inslee, the Governor called for a meeting between conservationists and the Department. Cascadia staff journeyed north to Olympia, and changes are occurring.

- First, the Department is going to completely restructure the Wolf Advisory Group, with an entirely new membership and oversight by an impartial mediator.
- Second, the lethal control guidelines, which describe when the Department can and will move to lethal control, are being revised.
- Third, the Department is looking to develop rules that would require livestock producers to take non-lethal, preventative measures, like removing bone and carcass piles, prior to requesting lethal control.
- Finally, agency Director Phil Anderson and Game Division Manager Dave Ware are stepping down, both who have been largely running the Department's wolf program.



Washington Wolf. (Gary Kramer, WDFW)

Cascadia is cautiously optimistic about these pending changes, and believe this is an excellent opportunity to significantly reform wolf management in Washington. Reform is particularly timely as the minimum numbers of wolves in Washington stagnated from 2012-2013, hovering around 52 wolves. Stay tuned for these changes in Washington, and Cascadia will be weighing in at every step.

**DOUBLE YOUR
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Donate to our wolf fund in the month of November and it will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Mountain Rose Herbs!

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Decoupling Timber Receipts from School Funding

Cascadia Wildlands Continues to Push for a Cutting-edge Solution for the Elliott Rainforest

by Josh Laughlin, Campaign Director

If anything is certain on the Elliott State Forest, it is that the dated system of clearcutting its stately old growth to fund children's education in Oregon is broken. This is best demonstrated by the successful lawsuit Cascadia Wildlands and allies brought in 2012 that all but ground old-growth logging to a stand-still on the 93,000-acre state public forest northeast of Coos Bay. With state overhead now exceeding timber revenue on the forest, we are

We are leading a statewide coalition to decouple clearcutting on the Elliott from school funding and replace that with a more modern revenue stream that better aligns with 21st century values. The effort is part of the Oregon Conservation Network's legislative priorities for the 2015 session in Salem, and coalition members have been meeting extensively with the Department of State Lands and the State Land Board (Governor, John



The legal injunction we secured halted this kind of management on the Elliott. (Josh Laughlin)

poised to bring about cutting-edge change to the archaic management of this coastal ancient forest and are working hard to realize a vision for the Elliott that prioritizes clean water, carbon storage, habitat, recreation, and restoration jobs over reckless old-growth clearcutting.

**Stand up for a plan
for the Elliott that future
generations of Oregonians
can be proud of.**

While the chainsaws have mostly been silenced on the forest, the Elliott continues to have a fiduciary mandate to provide revenue to the Common School Fund in Oregon as 90% of its base is "trust land" given to the state by the federal government at statehood for the sole purpose of funding education.

Kitzhaber, Secretary Kate Brown, and Treasurer Ted Wheeler) and legislators to explore new revenue streams for the school fund. (For the five years leading up to the 2012 old-growth clearcutting injunction on the forest, net revenue from the Elliott averaged \$5.3 million/year.)

For the past five months, the Department of State Lands, which helps manage the Elliott on behalf of the State Land Board, has been coordinating stakeholder meetings to solicit input on new business models for the Elliott. The agency has also enlisted a number of consultants to model their options, which range from selling off the entire Elliott to the timber industry to turning the Elliott into a conservation reserve.

Cascadia Wildlands has outlined a number of principles that our coalition continues to advocate for, including:

- Decoupling old-growth clearcutting with school funding and replacing that revenue stream with a new, more modernized source
- Protecting the remaining mature and old-growth forests on the Elliott for the myriad values they offer, like carbon storage, wildlife habitat, clean air and water (approx. half of the Elliott has never been logged)
- Safeguarding streamside forests to help recover imperiled salmon and steelhead
- Promoting recreation on the forest (currently no hiking trails or campgrounds are found on the forest)
- Advancing restoration jobs on the forest, like thinning in dense, second-growth tree farms and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat

On October 8, we conveyed our vision to the State Land Board at a hearing in Coos Bay that was devoted exclusively to the future management of the Elliott State Forest. In an incredible turn out, over 3:1 testified in support of a conservation solution for the forest. **We will again be testifying at the December 9 Land Board meeting in Salem** where the Elliott will be a major agenda item. We encourage you to **carpool up with us** to stand up for a management plan for the Elliott that future generations of Oregonians can be proud of.

Contact Josh Laughlin at jlaughlin@CascWild.org to "get on the bus" for Tuesday, December 9.

Sponsor Spotlight and a Great Event

The Hood River Community Turns Out and Turns it Up

by Kaley CoslowSauer, Outreach and Communications Manager

On November 6, Cascadia Wildlands traveled to Hood River, Oregon, the Windsurfing Capital of the World, to visit our friends and raise some fun and money for wildlife and wilderness. Double Mountain Brewery and the Hood River community showered us with hospitality and showed us the love.



(logo) Double Mountain Brewery, founded in 2007, pride's themselves as a "brewers' brewery", with an uncompromising focus on beer quality.

Double Mountain generously donated a portion of their pint sales, as the GreenNeck DareDevils and The Kitchen Table rocked the house. There was also a silent auction featuring killer items donated by local business ranging from reflexology sessions to private windsurfing lessons. In all, we were able to raise over \$1,300!

We'd like to thank Double Mountain Brewery for their generous support. Our deepest thanks to the GreenNeck DareDevils and The Kitchen Table for donating their time. And our greatest appreciation to the people and businesses of Hood River who came out in support.



(top) The Kitchen Table opened for the GreenNeck DareDevils (middle), and both bands played for a packed house (bottom).

BUSINESSES GIVE BACK

A sustainable planet is essential to sustainable business. That's why more and more companies are actively investing in Cascadia Wildlands. Business support saves wild places from imminent destruction and wildlife from extinction. *Please join us in thanking and patronizing the visionary businesses that recently supported our work with generous cash contributions:*



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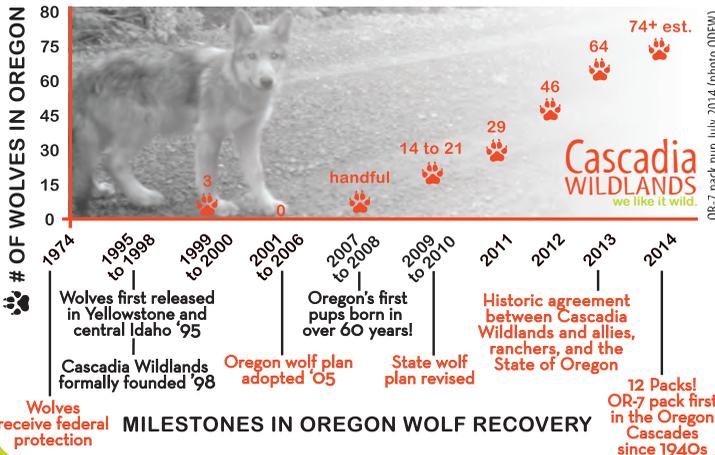
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We are very appreciative of the long-time support that we get from our friends at Mountain Rose Herbs. **Donate in the month of November and Mountain Rose Herbs will match your gift dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000!**

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THANK YOU!