

## A Greenprint for Deschutes County

**PLAY. NATURE. BEAUTY. IT'S WHY WE LIVE HERE.**

If you've been living in Deschutes County for more than a few years, you've undoubtedly witnessed the impacts of growth to our region—some good, some not-so-good. Today, we're experiencing a pause in that rapid growth. This pause won't last forever. That's why now is a good time to plan and work towards what we envision for the land we love in the 10, 20, 50 years ahead. And that's what the Deschutes County Greenprint is all about.

### What is a Greenprint?

A Greenprint is a non-regulatory vision to help communities make informed decisions about land conservation, scenic values, and recreation priorities. Components include:

- A comprehensive overview of important natural resources, wildlife habitat, historic sites, scenic values, and potential/existing trail connections in the region
- Maps that highlight the ecological and recreation priorities of the region, while respecting property rights and creating awareness around public access
- An inclusive vision to foster discussion of the diverse conservation and recreation needs of the region

### Why a Greenprint in Deschutes County?

- In the past ten years, our county has experienced the most rapid growth of any in Oregon, largely due to our quality of life and the year-round recreation
- By advancing a regional dialogue we can create a unified vision that balances growth, conservation, and recreation in Deschutes County
- TPL and partners recognize that careful, insightful planning is essential to creating and maintaining healthy, balanced community growth



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### Rationale

Deschutes County is one of the nation's fastest-growing counties

Currently, no comprehensive countywide plan prioritizes the lands for conservation and recreation

### Main Objective

Create a plan to protect natural lands and recreation to ensure the quality of life in Deschutes County

### Partners

Deschutes Land Trust

Bend Metro Parks & Recreation  
District

Redmond Area Parks & Recreation  
District

Sisters Parks & Recreation District  
Oregon Parks & Recreation  
Department

City of Bend  
City of Redmond  
City of Sisters  
City of LaPine

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## What Does a Greenprint Do?

The Deschutes County Greenprint identifies key land and water conservation projects, some of which are already underway, like Skyline Forest, Miller's Landing, and Whychus Creek. Having a community-generated vision supports local efforts to secure funding from federal, state, and private sources. Each project becomes part of a comprehensive, coordinated effort, making it more competitive for outside dollars. And the Greenprint vision may be helpful in attracting additional local dollars for priority conservation efforts.

Further, The Trust for Public Land will seek endorsement from local and state governmental agencies, engaging them in this community-wide dialogue. The Greenprint is an opportunity to create awareness and support for how land conservation contributes to:

- ≈ OUR ECONOMY: Why people visit Central Oregon
- ≈ OUR LIVABILITY: Why businesses locate to Central Oregon
- ≈ OUR SUSTAINABILITY: Why families stay



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