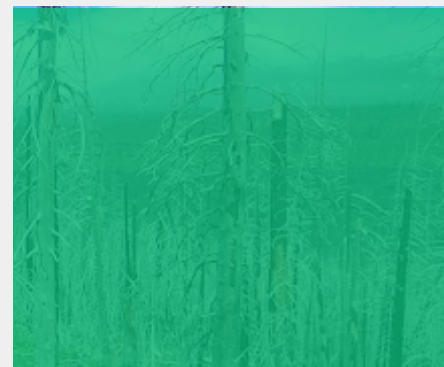
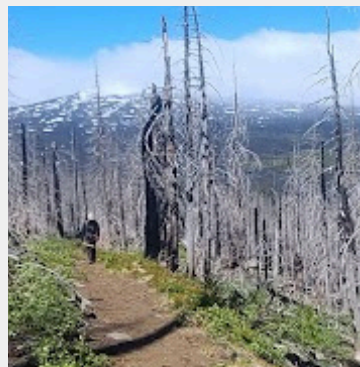




2024 Report

We are a coalition of over 30 organizations and agencies representing public lands, outdoor recreation, conservation, tourism, businesses, and trail user groups to come together to provide community leadership and support to address escalating challenges to our trail system.



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Words from Jana Johnson

DTC Executive Director

Trails make life better!

We accomplished great things in 2024 highlighted in these pages. We – DTC staff and our 30+ partners - are energized to build on that work in the year ahead in the collective effort to support our local trails.

In 2025, due to a national hiring freeze the Deschutes National Forest Trails Program has a trail “crew” of ONE field-going person and vacancies in key Trails Program leadership positions. These unfortunate circumstances mean that the DTC Trail Crew is the ONLY paid, full-time, professional trail crew working on federal public lands in Central Oregon. To continue this critical work, DTC needs your support. Please consider making a donation using the link below.

Thank you for your support!

Jana Johnson

Deschutes Trails Coalition
Executive Director



Our Mission:
The Deschutes Trails Coalition works collaboratively to foster an exceptional regional trail system that is sustainably managed and balances the needs of people and nature.

Our Vision:
A deliberately-designed and sustainably-maintained regional trail system that is stewarded by land managers and the community, and upholds the four Pillars of Sustainability.



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Of all the things DTC does, the Trail Crew Program is one of our crowning achievements to date.

After a long and thorough interview process we officially hired a crew lead and three crew members and one intern to fill out the team this year.

The Crew put in hard work all season, here are some highlights

- Widened the Cabot Lake Trail, dedicating time each week to brush out the trail.
- Fence repair at Devils Lake Trailhead.
- Constructed a retaining wall on the Deschutes River Trail.
- Installed endless new signs and sign improvements and repair.
- Cleared drains on the Tumalo Mountain and South Sister trails.

First Contract!

The DTC Trail Crew took on a contract from the Oregon Equestrian Trails to complete construction of the Met-Win Parallel Trail to reduce user conflict between equestrian and mountain bike users which resulted in a gorgeous new 2.6 mile trail!



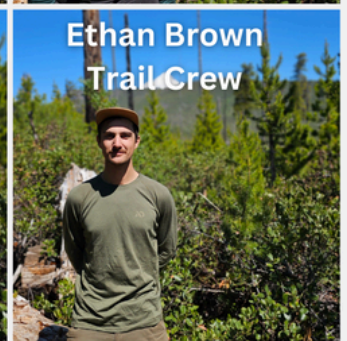
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Trails Coordinator



Josie Bourne
Crew Lead



Ryan Dooley
Trail Crew



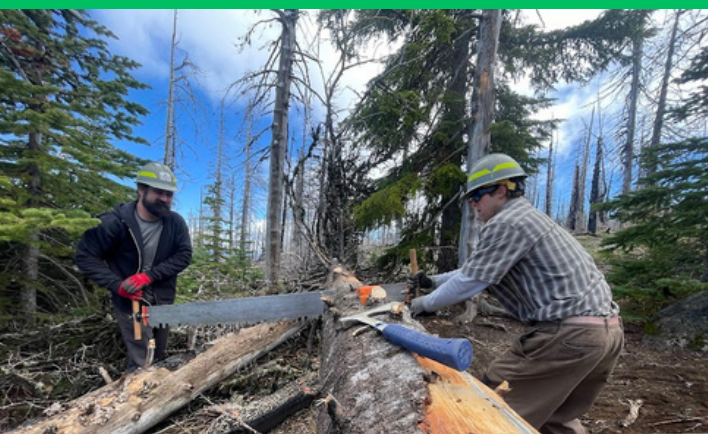
Ethan Brown
Trail Crew



Sam Bonano
Trail Crew



Gus Prancus
Trail Crew Intern



[Read all the monthly trail dispatches on our blog:](https://deschutes trails coalition.org/blog)
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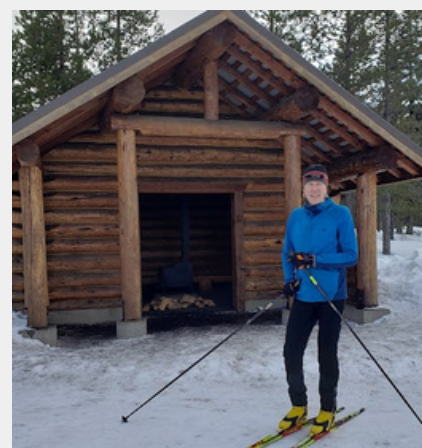


Small Projects Grant

- Discover Your Forest was awarded \$5,000 for their Phil's Trailhead CXT Restroom Mural project.
- Dirty Freehub was awarded \$5,000 for their creation of gravel ride guides for adaptive athletes.
- COTA was awarded \$4,500 for their volunteer sawyer training program.
- Friends of Central Cascades Wilderness was awarded \$882 to cover volunteer stipends for CPR and first aid training.
- Meissner Nordic was awarded \$2,024 for their public transportation improvement pilot program
- The Deschutes National Forest was awarded \$4656 for a trail sign improvement project.

Total dollars
granted in 2024

\$20,062





\$1 For Trails

The \$1 for Trails Program, which funds our Small Project Grants, is an incredible way for local businesses to give back to the trails that support our economy here in Central Oregon. In 2024, we added Wall Street Suites to the program alongside longtime partners, Sunriver Resort and Tetherow.

*Money raised
in 2024:
\$64,601*

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DTC Stewardship Grants

Granted in early 2023 and intended to fund numerous trail or trail-related infrastructure projects in Deschutes County, the \$600,000 DTC Stewardship Grant Program was funded by Deschutes County unrestricted Transient Room Tax dollars. The grant's funds were awarded to several qualified, high value projects which ranged from leveraging volunteer engagement to construction and project implementation. Check out the completed projects!



- **Oregon Natural Desert Association – \$24,310** Improving trail accessibility in Oregon Badlands Wilderness
- **Bend Park & Recreation District – \$43,56** Shevlin Park trail improvements
- **Central Oregon Trail Alliance – \$119,075** Building trail maintenance volunteer skills & capacity
- **Dirty Freehub – \$24,076** 30 curated online gravel bike route guides with downloadable gps routes
- **Deschutes Land Trust – \$80,444** Spectre Ranch Acquisition Project
- **Discover Your Forest – \$80,000** Launching the Forest Stewards Program on the Deschutes National Forest
- **Friends of the Central Cascades Wilderness – \$13,140** Green Lakes Trailhead wilderness ambassador hut
- **Oregon Equestrian Trails – \$55,395** Horse Camp corral replacements
- **Deschutes National Forest – \$100,000** Survey and design for accessible trail construction of the Trail of Molten Land in Newberry National Volcanic Monument

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Grant Recipients

\$600,000

Dollars Granted

Learn more about each grant project: deschutestrailscoalition.org/trail-grants/stewardship-grant/stewardship-grant-recipients

Other DTC Highlights



We are continuing to grow and strengthen relationships within our community.

DTC TRAIL CREW SPENT 4,360 HOURS ON THE TRAILS

WE COLLABORATED ON THE CORE HABITAT PROJECT WITH THE DESCHUTES COLLABORATIVE FOREST PROJECT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TRAIL USER IMPACTS TO WILDLIFE

WE COORDINATED NATIONAL VOLUNTEER TRAILS DAY EVENTS

WE ENGAGED OUR COMMUNITY IN HOSTING A GREEN DRINKS EVENT AND BEER THIRTY

WE PARTICIPATED IN THE VISIT CENTRAL OREGON DESTINATION MANAGEMENT STUDIO TO HELP SHAPE RECREATION TOURISM IN OUR REGION



We couldn't do what we do without the help of partners like Visit Bend and Visit Central Oregon. Thank you!!

