

# Deschutes Trails Coalition Stewardship Grant 2023 - 2025

## FINAL REPORT

Funded by Deschutes County

### Oregon Natural Desert Association

**Project Title:** Oregon Badlands Wilderness and Reynolds Pond Trail and Accessibility Improvements

**Project Description:**

*Utilize ONDA's committed cadre of volunteers to complete needed trail maintenance, monitoring, and infrastructure projects to improve recreational offerings for all users and reduce visitor conflict and resource damage to this fragile desert ecosystem.*

**Funding Awarded:** \$24,310

**Deliverables:**

- 67 volunteers engaged
- 505 hours of volunteer service contributed to stewarding public lands
- 7 volunteer stewardship work days and 2 years of independent volunteer stewardship and monitoring completed
- 3/4 mile of accessible trail constructed
- 1 Trailhead improved with new boundary fencing constructed
- 5 miles of trail improved with new directional signage, and 3 unofficial user-created trails closed



## Deschutes National Forest

**Project Title:** Newberry National Volcanic Monument High Value Trails

**Project Description:** *Engineering Survey and Design of Trail of Molten Lands to meet accessibility standards.*

**Funding Used:** \$92,527

**Deliverables:**

- Third party survey and engineering design for Trail of Molten Lands resulting in a contract-ready design to meet accessibility standards.



## Oregon Equestrian Trails

**Project Title:** Chief Paulina and Three Creek Meadow Corral Renovation

**Project Description:** *Renovations to improve functionality, safety, and sustainability of two horse corrals for equestrians and their horses.*

**Funding Used:** \$45,610

**Deliverables:**

- Renovation of failing wooden corrals using durable steel posts to reduce safety issues and maintenance needed well into the future.
- Installed one layer of gravel, and one more layer will be added after the first settled over the 2024-25 winter.





## Bend Parks and Recreation District

**Project Title:** Shevlin Park Trail Improvement Project

**Project Description:** *Replacement and maintenance of trail infrastructure throughout Shevlin Park*

**Funding Awarded:** \$43,560

### Deliverables:

- Seal coating Fremont Road Trail, a 1.7 mile long asphalt trail.
- Construction of 1000 feet of new trail to connect FS road 4606 and the upper footbridge in the park.
- Trailhead improvements: bike racks and kiosk maps
- Replace nine degraded picnic tables on Tumalo Creek Trail with accessible tables.



## Central Oregon Trail Alliance (COTA)

**Project Title:** Building Volunteer Skills and Capacity

**Project Description:** *Hiring a Trail Maintenance Coordinator to grow volunteer trail maintenance capacity by creating a repeatable processes for training volunteers to do advanced work.*

**Funding Awarded:** \$119,075

### Deliverables:

- Hired a Trails Maintenance Coordinator for 2 years
- Grew volunteer capacity of trained crew leaders by 13 to 62, a 26% increase.
- Increased opportunities for volunteering in trail work from 854 to 1,616 people



## Discover Your Forest

**Project Title:** Deschutes National Forest Ambassador Program

**Project Description:** *Creating a year-round program to train and host volunteer ambassadors to increase messaging around responsible recreation and wildfire risk reduction at high-use areas on the Forest and resulting in fewer negative impacts.*

**Funding Amount:** \$80,000

### Deliverables:

- Hired a Forest Stewards Program Coordinator to develop curriculum, and recruit and train volunteers.
- Trained 29 Forest Stewards
- Public contacts made: 7,182
- Hours volunteered: 3,014
- Staffed 11 trailheads and trails in winter and summer
- Developed bilingual educational content in collaboration with local stakeholders in both English and Spanish



## Deschutes Land Trust

**Project Title:** Paulina Creek Preserve Acquisition

**Project Description:** *Funding to support the purchase of the 1,100 acre Spectre Ranch to convert into a nature preserve and accessible recreation area.*

**Funding Awarded:** \$80,444

### Deliverables:

- Land conserved to be made available for recreation.





# Friends of the Central Cascades Wilderness

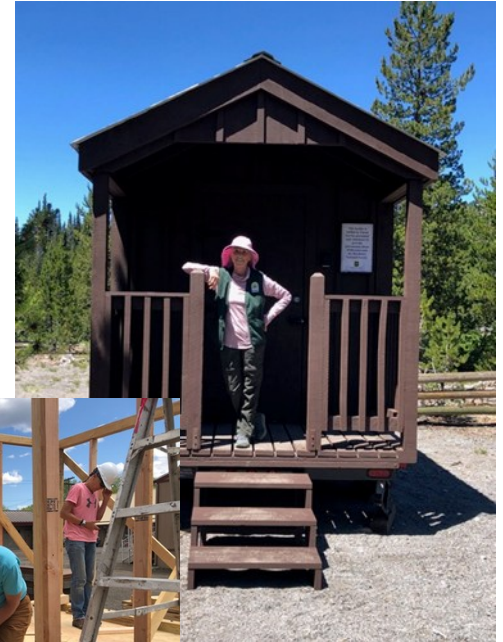
**Project Title:** Trailhead Host Cabin on a Trailer

**Project Description:** *Construction of a cabin and trailer kit to support Wilderness Trailhead Ambassadors*

**Funding Awarded:** \$13,140

## Deliverables:

- Volunteers constructed a cabin kit and moveable trailer at the Devils Lake Trailhead.
- This structure houses volunteers to share Wilderness information to trail users about trails, Leave No Trace, local restrictions and regulations all of which ensures that the quality of experience of visitors to Central Oregon trails remains high to promote the role tourism plays in our local economy.



# Dirty Freehub

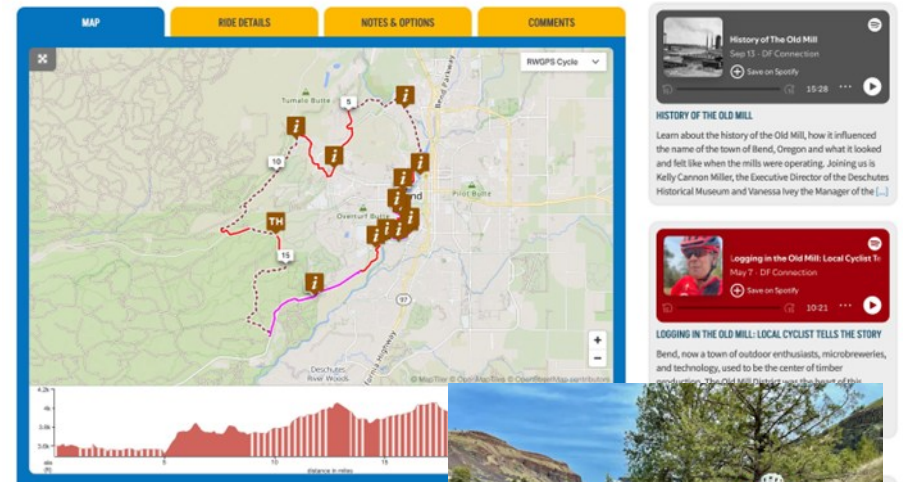
**Project Title:** 30 Gravel Bike Trail/Routes & Guides

**Project Description:** *Increasing Deschutes County's recreational capacity by building a comprehensive set of route guides to address rider safety, accessibility, and sustainability.*

**Funding Awarded:** \$24,076

## Deliverables:

- 30 digital route guides that provide downloadable GPS routes and wayfinding, share historical and cultural information, address rider safety and Leave No Trace principles.
- The creation of the Dirty Roads Crew with 55 volunteers giving over 650 hours to complete natural surface tread and trail maintenance



## Deschutes Trails Coalition Trails Crew

**Project Description:** Unused funds from Stewardship Grants have been allocated to support the Deschutes Trails Coalition Trail Crew.

**Funds remaining from Stewardship Grant:** \$17,258

