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Pictured: Karen Bossick at Hailey Hot Springs Ranch

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We are excited to welcome our newest team members
(left to right) Becquel Smith, Meg Pulliam,
Kelsey Parfitt, Zoe Napolitano, and Caroline Hughes.

A LETTER FROM THE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

As we wrap up our year of 30th anniversary celebrations, I am filled with immense gratitude for this community and the incredible legacy we're building together. From the very beginning, this organization has been **shaped by people like you**—people who care deeply about protecting the places that make our Valley so special. Inside you will see highlights from our 30 years of community-led conservation.

One of the Land Trust's earliest dreams was to conserve Hailey Hot Springs Ranch, also known as Democrat Ranch. When our founding Executive Director visited in 1996, board members brought him to this property to share their vision of what it could mean for our community.

Thanks to your support over the years—your belief in our mission, your generosity, and your shared love for this Valley—we are working this very moment to make that vision a reality. This moment is a testament to the **power of community** and what we can achieve when we work together. Read on to learn more about how the community is rallying behind this effort.

The story of the Wood River Land Trust is one of vision, collaboration, and perseverance. It's about people coming together to protect what matters most—not just for today but for generations to come. Each acre protected, each riverbank restored, and each new trail created are possible because of you.

Thank you for being part of this important journey. Our work is not complete—there is much to be done. Having you with us inspires us every day and gives us the courage to keep taking on ambitious efforts to create a brighter future for this place we all call home.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Trujillo".

Amy Trujillo
Executive Director
Wood River Land Trust

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY-LED CONSERVATION

THE VISION BEGINS: (1993-1999)

Thirty years ago, a vision took root in the Wood River Valley. A group of dedicated locals, including Mac Whiting, Pam Feld, Carol Brown, Kent Pressman, and others, **recognized the urgent need to protect the region's irreplaceable open spaces.** The Wood River Land Trust (WRLT) was born from that initial spark and is dedicated to community-led conservation. The following year marked the beginning of tangible protection with the donation of Lake Creek and Boxcar Bend Preserves, and the WRLT's official status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.



GROWTH (2000-2003)

As a fledgling organization, we quickly found our footing. Scott Boettger's arrival as Founding Executive Director and first staff member signaled a period of growth. Our first conservation easements, protecting habitat in Custer and Camas Counties, was a testament to the community's early belief in our mission, fueled by over \$100,000 in philanthropic support.

A physical presence was established with the purchase and renovation of the historic building on Bullion Street, effectively giving us much-needed office space.

Cedar Bend Preserve was formed, kicking off the **start of what would soon be the Hailey Greenway.** Seeing beyond immediate needs, board member Barbara Thrasher initiated the **Stewardship**

Endowment, a promise to future generations that the protected lands would be cared for in perpetuity.

STRATEGIC CONSERVATION (2004-2009)

In the mid-2000s, our commitment to preserving the Valley's natural beauty blossomed. We implemented our **first large-scale river restoration**, the Hailey Big Wood River Improvement Project. This project stabilized and restored a portion of the river bank at Lion's Park, installed rock structures to decrease scouring on the riverbed, removed the decommissioned Riverside Water Treatment Plant facility, and created a sediment-catch pond near Heagle Park in Hailey.

A cherished community space took root with the **creation of the Howard Preserve**, a collaborative effort with the Howard family and the City of Bellevue. The Preserve grew from its initial 12 acres to a sprawling 35 over the next 13 years and has been lovingly cared for by the Friends of the Howard Preserve, led by Florence Blanchard. Two years later, we protected a 672-acre hillside adjacent to Bellevue, laying the groundwork for the beloved trails along Cowcatcher Ridge.

With a growing team of nine, we took a significant step in enhancing public access to the Big Wood River. Partnering with Priscilla and Ranney Draper and their family, the **Draper Wood River Preserve was established.** This was a continuation of what would become the interconnected Hailey Greenway, a network of three contiguous preserves, including the Colorado Gulch Preserve and the Simons/Bauer Preserve.

That same year, inspired by a successful Montana initiative, we **launched the Trout Friendly Yard**

Certification program, spearheaded by Kathryn Goldman and Patti Lousen (read more about the evolution of this program on page 12).

Thanks to David and Lyn Anderson, the WRLT purchased its **first employee housing** to support the organization's ongoing commitment to attracting and retaining the most talented conservation staff.

CEMENTING COMMUNITY PRESENCE AND EXPANDING REACH (2010-2014)

As we entered the early 2010s, our vision reached beyond the Valley's familiar borders, a period marked by expanding community reach and partnerships. We ventured into Butte County, securing the 1,611-acre Timbered Dome property, a sanctuary for sage grouse and elk. Building relationships with ranchers and governmental agencies created an opportunity for us to leverage the Timbered Dome property to achieve the **permanent protection of over 3,000 acres of sagebrush habitat and rangeland**. Since then, we have continued to partner with these landowners on ecological restoration, including low-tech 'beaver dam analogs' later down the line. These long-lasting relationships help ensure our reach into the entirety of our service area.

A symbol of connection soon emerged: **Bow Bridge, a graceful arc spanning the Big Wood River, became a beloved landmark** in Hailey. More than just a crossing, the bridge wove its way into the community's heart, becoming a cherished space for morning strolls, family photos, milestone celebrations, and the quiet remembrance of loved ones. It stands as a reminder that through connection, we can create something truly enduring.

The culmination of this era arrived with the monumental **protection of the 10,000-acre Rinker Rock Creek Ranch**, a vast landscape preserved in partnership with The Nature Conservancy Idaho. Years later, this legacy was

further cemented when the ranch was entrusted to the University of Idaho, transforming it into a living laboratory, where the delicate balance between ranching, conservation, and recreation could be studied and understood, ensuring that the lessons learned would ripple outward, shaping the future of conservation.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COMMUNITY (2015-2021)

Between 2015 and 2021, our dedication and impact gained significant recognition, extending far beyond the Valley. Recognizing that fragmented landscapes isolate and weaken wildlife, disrupting essential natural cycles for our food, forests, and rivers, we understood the importance of protecting not only land within our Valley but also critical areas along animal migratory routes. This period saw us establish the **Valley Creek Preserve near Stanley, Idaho**, a crucial sanctuary for endangered salmon and trout, demonstrating our commitment to vital aquatic ecosystems.

During this time, we achieved a well-known conservation milestone with the completion of the **Quigley Canyon conservation easement**, further safeguarding our Valley's natural landscapes and a beloved outdoor recreation space used by the

community. Simultaneously, a surge of community spirit fueled the **creation and restoration of the Colorado Gulch Preserve**. Neighbors rallied within two months, expanding the Hailey Greenway, and providing the opportunity to restore the river's natural flow, benefiting trout.

Thinking about long-term succession, 2018 brought an addition to the team: Amy Trujillo joined as Deputy Director. The extra support was timely, given ambitious organizational goals and as the world headed into the challenges of the 2020 pandemic. Amidst these

challenges, **our team kept our preserves open**, which quickly became a lifeline for families



seeking solace in nature and safe connection with others - a powerful reminder of the importance of accessible open spaces.

This period culminated in 2021, as we received the **National Land Trust Excellence Award**, a recognition of the collective efforts of our community, donors, staff, board, and volunteers. That same year, the community once again rose to the occasion, expanding the Hailey Greenway with the **acquisition of our Simons/Bauer Preserve**, adding a mile of Croy Creek as it feeds into the Big Wood River into permanently protected status. We also completed a crucial **river restoration project at Howard Preserve**, enhancing both wildlife habitat and flood resilience.

It was a decade of unwavering community dedication, earning our little land trust a place among the nation's leading conservation organizations. Recognizing the need to safeguard the Land Trust's institutional prowess, two landmark philanthropy initiatives occurred. First, the **Richard Carr Society was formed**, a passionate group of people who generously donate \$5,000 or more a year, year after year, to make sure the Land Trust can continue to preserve this Valley that we all love. The group was named to honor our board co-Chair, Richard Carr, a beloved local conservationist who we lost too soon. Richard championed collaboration and innovation in our work, brought people with different points of view together to realize our common goals, and inspired everyone around him to participate in creating the world we want to see. Second, after many years of supporting important conservation projects, Ranney and Priscilla Draper initiated an endowment matching challenge to start an endowment to ensure the organization can deliver on our promise of conservation in perpetuity.

PRESERVING WHAT WE LOVE (2022- 2024)

The pandemic's "COVID-boom" brought significant population growth to our Valley, putting immense pressure on housing affordability and the ability of our local workforce to stay. This situation highlighted the need to balance development with conservation. Understanding the long-term risks of neglecting our natural areas in planning decisions, we **launched our Community Planning Program**. Our goal: to guide growth responsibly while safeguarding the essence of our community.

Driven by strong community support, we **collaborated with the City of Ketchum to protect the Warm**

Springs Preserve, the city's final undeveloped creekfront, ensuring its permanent status as a public asset. This pivotal step paved the way for our 1.3-mile river restoration project, which is now restoring the natural health of Warm Springs Creek and its floodplain, previously impacted by its use as a golf course.

Notably, the Hailey Greenway expanded again by 30 acres to now encompass a total of 480 acres, with the **addition of the Grassi Property to expand Colorado Gulch Preserve**. Furthermore, 1.5 miles of **new universally accessible trails** opened at Simons/ Bauer and Colorado Gulch Preserves, making sure that all members of our community can access these special places. Then, in 2024, a significant transition occurred as Scott Boettger retired after 28 impactful years, passing the torch to Amy Trujillo, who stepped into the role of Executive Director, ready to lead us into its next phase.



LOOKING FORWARD:

As we celebrate 30 years of conservation, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our community. We are committed to continuing our work and protecting the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the Wood River Valley for generations to come. **We thank Advisory Board member Ed Cutter**, for painstakingly helping us put together this history of the Land Trust to celebrate all our community has accomplished together. And the work is not done...

Our community stepping up to protect Hailey Hot Springs Ranch is a great example of our continuing work. Together, we will keep protecting and sustaining the treasured landscapes and life-giving waters of the Wood River Valley and inspiring love for this special place for generations to come.

Thank you for being an important part of making all this possible.



HAILEY HOT SPRINGS RANCH LAND ACQUISITION: 30 YEARS, 30,000 ACRES

The 2,300+ acre Hailey Hot Springs Ranch in Croy Canyon, just west of Hailey, has been a top conservation priority for the Wood River Land Trust since its founding. This vital landscape, cherished by the community and rich in wildlife, is now at a critical juncture. After 30 years and multiple ownership changes, the current sale of the property presents a crucial opportunity for protection.

Our vision to permanently protect this much loved place to ensure it remains a publicly accessible treasure for our community. This acquisition will safeguard vital habitat for a diverse range of wildlife, including sage grouse, elk, mule deer, moose, pronghorn, and sandhill cranes. Furthermore, it secures over nine miles of pristine creeks and streams, including valuable geothermal resources—the historic site of the Hailey Hot Springs Resort. Finally, it guarantees continued public access to beloved trails in Democrat Gulch, a springtime haven of wildflowers and winter backcountry skiing and snowshoeing.

Securing the Hailey Hot Springs Ranch will deliver significant benefits to our wildlife, and our community, with the help of our partner organizations. We are exploring partnerships with the University of Idaho's Rinker Rock Creek Ranch to expand collaborative research to Hailey Hot Springs Ranch to find the best ways to balance recreation and wildlife conservation. Furthermore, we are working with the Blaine County Recreation District to explore ways to make the hot springs available to the public again, with a focus on protecting the sensitive habitat at the source and creating a sustainable access point. The Blaine County Recreation District is committed to eventually constructing a separated bike path along Croy Creek Road, enhancing safety for cyclists and children; and finding ways to support their outdoor education and after school programs at the property to get more kids outside. **To achieve these goals, we must first protect the land.** We are seeking \$16 million: \$15 million for acquisition and \$1 million for long-term stewardship. We are thrilled to report that since starting the campaign in mid-November 2024, our community has stepped up with just shy of \$13 million in philanthropic commitments as of publication. We have until December 31st to raise the remaining funds.

It will take our entire community to make the Hailey Hot Springs Ranch acquisition a reality, and the outpouring of support so far has been truly inspiring. From significant lead gifts from individuals new to the Land Trust to the touching \$20 donation from a 9 year old, it's clear this effort resonates deeply. Our hope is that by the end of the year, our community will be celebrating in this shared accomplishment, and each person knowing they've made a difference that will be felt for generations to come.



Pictured Above: The Hailey Hot Springs Resort circa the late 1800s.

"When I look around at the world and all the things I can't control, it helps me to think about what I can do right here in our community to make a difference that I can touch." - A retired civil servant and longtime Land Trust volunteer made a personally significant 5-figure gift.



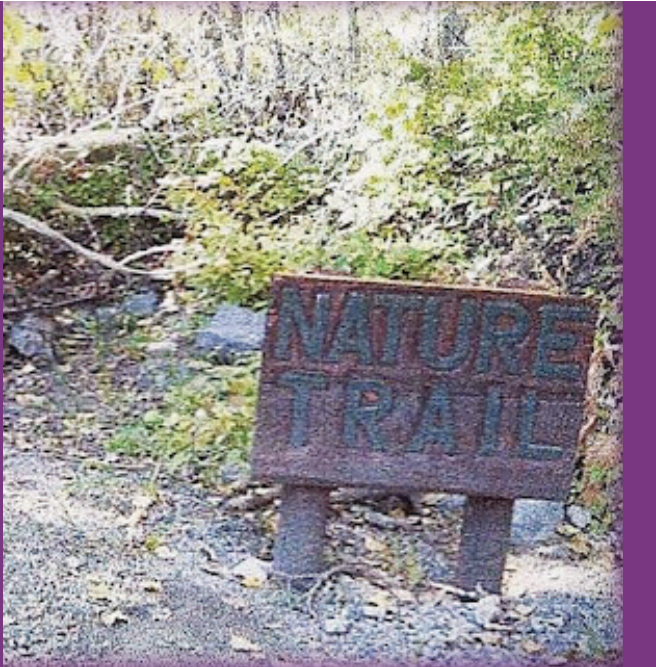
DONNA PAYNE: A LEGACY WOVEN FROM DEEP APPRECIATION OF NATURE, FRIENDSHIP, AND ART

Donna Payne, a spirited activist, artist, and cherished friend, left an indelible mark on the Wood River Valley. Her deep connection to the outdoors was rooted in a childhood spent exploring Idaho's wilderness. Raised in Paul, Idaho, she was introduced to the White Clouds, Pioneer Mountains, and the Wood River Valley by her parents, learning to hunt and fish at a young age. Her early life was a blend of rugged adventure and refined grace, exemplified by her marksmanship training as well as being chosen for a college beauty pageant.

Donna's passion for the Valley extended into her adult life, notably during her summers at Galena Lodge in the 1960s, which she briefly owned with her mother in the early 1970s. Her close friendships with fellow activists, Steve Holmgren and Janet O'Crowley, as well as Ginna and Ken Lagergren, further solidified her love for the natural world and her commitment to its preservation.

Ginna, in particular, played a crucial role in Donna's life, both during her lifetime and after her passing. Their 50-year friendship, forged over art, laughter, and a shared appreciation for the outdoors, culminated in Ginna's dedication to preserving Donna's legacy. After her passing, Ginna meticulously organized Donna's extensive collection of photographs, art, and written documents, ensuring her extraordinary history would be showcased at the Wood River Museum of History and Culture in Ketchum.

Donna's decision to leave a bequest to the Wood River Land Trust was inspired by Ginna and Ken, Wood River Land Trust Legacy Circle members, and their shared deep connection to the Valley. Donna walked her favorite path from Heagle Park below Della Mt. and South to Colorado Gulch frequently with her dogs. This was even before these areas became protected by the Land Trust to ensure permanent community access. Her written words to Janet, who had moved away for a time, expressing her relief and appreciation for the Land Trust's acquisition of land along her favorite walking path, highlight her personal investment in the organization's mission. Donna's generous donations from her estate will support the protection of the wild places she so dearly loved, a testament to her enduring legacy, and make possible the restoration of her favorite walking path (read more on page 10).



Donna wrote a letter to Janet O’Crowley on September 28, 2017, sharing photos and descriptions of the damage caused by the 2017 flood:

“Glad the Wood River Land Trust got the whole land next to the River up to Colorado Gulch! Looking back to Della Mt. with Bogie’s favorite sand bar and downed trees in sight. Nature must have closed the ‘Nature Trail’.” - Donna Payne, September 2017

Thank you to our Legacy Circle members for their generous planned estate gifts, land donations, conservation easements, and enduring commitment to our mission.

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Frank + Donna at Cabin Creek (on Trail)

Pictured Above: Legacy Circle Member, Ginna Lagergren, sitting in front of Donna Payne’s paintings (top)

August of 1957, Donna and her dad on the trail at Cabin Creek (below)



IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL – BIG WOOD RIVER RESTORATION DOUBLE HEADER

The Big Wood River is the heart and soul of the Valley, shaping our lives in ways both seen and unseen. But this vital waterway isn't static; it's a living, breathing system, constantly evolving and facing the challenges of both nature's whims and human impact. That's why the Wood River Land Trust's work with the river is an ongoing narrative, a continuous effort to restore not just its physical form, but its natural processes.

Think of it this way: restoring a river isn't like fixing a leaky pipe. It's more like tending a garden, where natural rhythms, sediment shifts, and even unexpected floods play a role. **We're not just undoing past damage; we're cultivating the river's inherent ability to heal itself.**

Two current examples highlight the challenges and the need for ongoing restoration:

HEAGLE PARK RIVER RESTORATION:

The area south of Heagle Park in Hailey was **previously home to the Riverside Wastewater Treatment Plant**. Built in the 1970s, its construction involved significant river modifications, including diking and rip-rapping, which led to river channel instability, excessive sediment deposition, bank erosion, and increased flood risks. Even after the plant's conversion to a wetland pond as part of the original Big Wood River Improvement Project mentioned in the History (see page 4), remnants of these alterations, such as a redundant effluent pipeline, continued to undermine the natural function of this reach of the river.

Pictured Above: Heagle Park flooding in 2023.



A severe flood in 2017 exacerbated these problems, underscoring the urgency for restoration. This flooding collapsed the Colorado Gulch bridge and part of the riverbank, destroying a walking trail loved by the community. Consequently, the Hailey Greenway Master Plan was revised to incorporate river and floodplain restoration actions that could help minimize the impacts of seasonal flooding. The Master Plan identified a restoration project near Heagle Park aimed at stabilizing the river bank and increasing fish habitat.

Now in 2025, the Wood River Land Trust, with all necessary permits, is undertaking the final phase of restoration near Heagle Park. This project aims to reverse the effects of artificial confinement by removing rip-rap and old road grades, planting over 500 native plants, and restoring natural channel processes. This will reduce flooding, revitalize habitats, and return the Big Wood River's banks to a more natural and resilient state. The work is scheduled for low flow conditions (August-October) and will take approximately 3-4 weeks. Following construction, volunteers will have an opportunity to help place and plant 500 riparian plants.

WARM SPRINGS PRESERVE RESTORATION PROJECT:

The river restoration project at Warm Springs Preserve in Ketchum will **restore 1.3 miles of Warm Springs Creek, a major tributary to the Big Wood River, and create nine acres of floodplain and one acre of new wetland habitat.** The proposed project will improve the aging and inefficient irrigation system in tandem with

planting drought tolerant native vegetation, saving at least 150 acre-feet of conserved water for instream use. By increasing the overall health of our watershed, fishery, and water supply, this project represents a win-win for the community and the environment.

This winter, a crucial step was taken in partnership with North Fork Native to collect healthy plant cuttings from other Land Trust preserves along the Big Wood River (Colorado Gulch and Simons/Bauer Preserves). These locally adapted species, nurtured over winter, will be replanted at Warm Springs Preserve this fall after the floodplain reconstruction work, contributing to habitat recovery and long-term landscape stability.

Portions of the Preserve will remain open for the duration of construction but may be entirely closed off for small periods to facilitate the mobilization of heavy machinery or materials. Stay informed by subscribing to Project Ketchum's "Stay in the Loop".

WRLT is also working with Portland State University on the local portion of a large-scale global research effort across seven streams in the Western United States and England, intended to collect data before and after restoration, using a sampling design that was developed here in the Warm Springs Preserve. The purpose is to demonstrate how stream ecosystems produce, transport and consume nutrients, before and after restoration efforts. This contemporary methodology is the first of its kind, with pilot studies published in *Restoration Ecology*.

These projects exemplify our commitment to not just restoring the river's physical state, but also the natural processes that sustain it. By continuously studying, assessing, and adapting our strategies, we are working to ensure the Big Wood River's vibrant ecosystems thrive for generations to come.





TROUT FRIENDLY

This Spring, the Trout Friendly Yard Certification is making an exciting return with updated and impactful criteria to ensure a healthier environment for our waterways and wildlife. After nearly two decades of community efforts, the program is expanding, allowing participants to progressively enhance their yards by conserving water, building soil health and reducing chemical runoff.

As you might expect, water quality is generally best at the headwaters of a watershed, and the data from our macroinvertebrate monitoring program, initiated in 2022, shows that the "pickier" bugs that require better water quality are found in the upper elevations near the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). Interestingly, these pickier bugs are often larger and provide more substantial food for the trout, resulting in bigger, healthier fish. Conversely, more pollution-tolerant bugs are found downstream, reflecting the impact of land use changes as you move through the watershed. **The Trout Friendly program provides residents with the opportunity to make a personal difference in protecting our rivers, native invertebrates, and the fish and birds that depend on them.** As the Wood River Valley community seeks to lessen its impact on our precious environment, we invite you to consider embracing sustainable landscaping practices that will benefit both our community and the natural world for generations to come. For those ready to take the next step, resources and assistance are available.





The Trout Friendly Yard Certification was launched in 2007 by Kathryn Goldman who used inspiration from a similar program in Montana. Its goal was to empower residents throughout the Wood River Valley to conserve and protect water quality. Its focus was, and remains, to encourage residents, businesses, and municipalities to conserve water, reduce the use of synthetic pesticides, and incorporate native plants in their landscapes. Patti Lousen, who joined the WRLT Team in 2012, was instrumental in the passing of resolutions with local municipalities to approve water conservation landscaping guidelines as best practices for the community. Guidelines for water-wise landscaping, utilizing organic fertilizers, and limiting pesticides were laid out. In response, our Wood River Valley community stepped up to the challenge. Because of the hard work and diligence of Goldman and Lousen, more than 100 yards have been Trout Friendly certified.



Visit our Trout Friendly
web page

WHATS NEW IN TROUT FRIENDLY?

Our macroinvertebrate monitoring program findings reinforce the importance of community efforts, like our Trout Friendly Yard Certification, and led us to evolve and expand our criteria. **We listened to feedback from a working group of participants and partner organizations from local government, landscaping businesses, environmental non-profits, and large landowners. With their input, a new set of criteria was developed that everyone, from renters to homeowners alike, can make their yard Trout Friendly.** With our updated criteria, not only will participants contribute to cleaner waterways and water conservation, but also

LEVEL 1 DRAGONFLY 	LEVEL 2 WOOD RIVER SCULPIN 	LEVEL 3 REDBAND TROUT 	LEVEL 4 EAGER BEAVER 
Remove 1/3 of the non-native turf grass on-site, and replace with native plantings or xeriscaping.	Group vegetation with similar water needs in the same irrigation or "hydro" zones.	Install bioswales or sloped shallow ditches to collect stormwater and allow it to slowly soak into the ground.	Install grey water reuse system.
Install a beneficial "insect home" and build rock pile to create invertebrate habitat.	Incorporate 8 native plantings that bloom at different stages of the season, to create a "four-season" garden.	Incorporate at least three native vegetation layers to mimic natural habitats.	Complete a riparian restoration project along a stream or wetland area in your yard.
Cease the use of the insecticides and herbicides, with an exception of the latter on noxious weeds.	Spread 0.5" of compost across native turf grasses.	Apply natural soil building treatments to half of the yard area, based on site-specific soil analysis and expert feedback.	Remove all impervious surfaces from the yard and replace with permeable/pervious surfaces.

Select criteria only. For a comprehensive list, download the Trout friendly Yard Certification level and criteria guide from our website.

create backyard habitats that are vital for the health of invertebrates, pollinators, and birds.

The new certification levels span four distinct levels and build upon the fundamental concepts of the original Trout Friendly Yard criteria. The levels range in their time and financial commitment to be accessible to a variety of households. Each level is accumulative, meaning that participants can advance from one level to the next as they check criteria off their list. Additionally, because so many residents in the Valley do not own their homes, the Grasshopper level was introduced for renters. The Grasshopper level allows residents who don't have to maintain their yards personally to participate by selecting five criteria from any level that they can initiate on their own.

Each certification level incorporates landscaping practices that conserve water, improve water quality, and build healthy backyard habitats. Metrics can help people track their efforts. Replacing water consumptive lawns with native turf grasses, raising your mower blade 3-4 inches, and removing the noxious weeds in your yard gets you more than halfway to completing the Level 1: Dragonfly certification. At every certification level, the Land Trust asks participants to increase the number of native plants to make their yard Trout Friendly. Yard by yard, we can all make a difference. A full list of criteria can be found on our website and available in PDF form to print.

Wood River Land Trust staff and volunteers will be on hand to help you through the certification process if you're new to the certification. For those who have participated in the past, we invite you to check out and pursue the new criteria. We've created detailed checklists to guide you through the process, and are partnering with community partners to offer educational workshops. The Land Trust staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. As the Wood River Valley seeks to improve its impact on our precious environment, we are hopeful that you will join our effort.



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Hailey Hot Springs Ranch Site Visit, 2-3pm
Register online, limited space

JUNE 27:
Howard Preserve Work Party
email caroline@woodriverlandtrust.org to sign up

JULY 4:
Riverfest at Hop Porter Park, 2:30-4:30pm

JULY 10:
Hailey Rocks at Hop Porter Park, 6:30-9pm

JULY 24:
Hailey Hot Springs Ranch Site Visit, 10-11am
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AUGUST 18:
Hailey Hot Springs Ranch Site Visit, 10-11am
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Big Wood River Clean Up

More events are being added - check our website for the latest ways to get involved!