



*Headgate installation complete on the Innaha River in the Parks Ditch Water Conservation Project*

## Riparian and Wetland Stewardship

Wallowa Resources understands the importance of habitat for the 380+ creatures that call this land home. The organization has worked on several riparian and wetland stewardship projects.

- Parks Ditch

The Innaha Parks Ditch Water Conservation Project is complete and is a success. The initial design planned for savings of 1.34 cfs with a maximum flow of 6cfs in the pipeline and the actual savings could exceed 3.0 cfs—over twice the benefit to the Innaha River. By converting an open ditch system, to an irrigation pipeline the project provides a more efficient delivery system for water diverted from the Innaha River. This contributes to improved crop yield, reduced diversion of water from the river and thereby increased in-stream flow in the Innaha, which benefits Chinook and Steelhead runs.

- Bear Gulch

Improving and conserving critical water points in the Bear Gulch area for wildlife and domestic livestock benefit resulted in a local contractor constructing 4,018 feet of fence, installing four new spring boxes and water troughs. This year, the work expended to work on private lands as well.



## Forest Stewardship

The Forest Stewardship program includes an array of projects that demonstrate the balance between ecology and economics. In 2003, the organization made progress on fuels reduction and thinning, stewardship contracting, as well as watershed planning.

- Fire Protection through Fuels Reduction

Working with diverse partners, Wallowa Resources helped organize a project to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire to private property around Wallowa Lake. This project increased the skills of local contractors who continue to provide this service to other private land owners in the area. The second phase of this project was completed and a new project focusing on Alder Slope commenced. Approximately 174 landowners are involved in the Alder Slope project area. To date, over 30 landowners have signed up for fuel reduction work. Additional landowners will be signed up in the spring and summer of 2004.

- Community Planning Process

The process initiated to involve the community in watershed assessment and planning relevant to public land management in the County progresses. The Upper Joseph Creek Watershed Assessment is the initial watershed chosen. Under the auspices of the Wallowa County Commission and its Natural Resource Advisory Committee, Wallowa Resources is facilitating a majority of the assessment and planning work. In 2003, local contractors were used to perform range, forest stand, road and culvert condition assessments. In all, the local investment in this joint learning process stands at \$280,000 with more than 70 local people involved in the project.

- Stewardship Contracting

The work to secure and expand local employment opportunities in forest restoration on national forest land is progressing. Wallowa Resources has worked with the USFS and County partners to develop the Spooner project as a Stewardship Contract due for release in 2004. Wallowa Resources led monitoring efforts on the Buck Stewardship Pilot and the Haypen III Stewardship Contract. Monitoring data

## Private and Government Partners

Wallowa Resources is grateful for funding, technical assistance and partnerships with many diverse supporters.

- USDA Forest Service
- Wallowa County Commission
- A Territory Resource
- Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce
- Bureau of Land Management
- Oregon State University
- Bella Vista Foundation
- Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Dept.
- Grande Ronde Model Watershed Program
- Ford Family Foundation
- Oregon Department of Forestry
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- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- WC Natural Resource Advisory Committee
- Oregon Economic & Community Development Department
- Sustainable Northwest
- Wallowa County Community Connection
- Eastern Oregon State University
- Wildhorse Foundation
- Wallowa County School Districts and ESD
- The Nature Conservancy
- Wallowa County Granges
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
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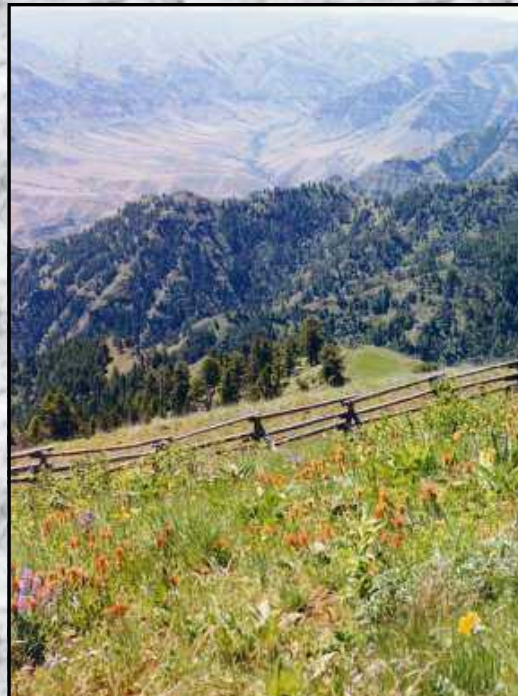
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Community contributions make a huge difference to Wallowa Resources. We would like to honor our following past and current contributors.

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*Water trough installed to protect water source and provide more consistent supply of water to wildlife*

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*Treated unit located on Buck Stewardship Pilot Project.*

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## Habitat Restoration

- Blue Mountain Habitat Restoration

This past fall, Wallowa Resources contracted 3,716 feet of fence built on Beeler Ridge. Monitoring of other Aspen Habitat project areas continues with great response from clones being documented. Additional aspen projects with private landowner partners will take place in 2004.



## Adding Value

- Community Smallwood Solutions

Our investments in small diameter round wood processing capacity and marketing strategies have been transferred from the Joseph Timber Company, to a new industrial site located in the City of Wallowa. A new company, Community Smallwood Solutions (CSS), is being created under Community Solutions, Inc. (WR for-profit subsidiary). CSS will be producing a variety of post and pole products, and watershed restoration products. The watershed restoration line of ELWD products is produced under license from Forest Concepts LLC.

- Weed-free Hay

Wallowa Resources participated in the creation of a weed-free hay program in the County. An association of hay growers has been established with the OSU Extension Agent serving as the certifier.



*Producing post and pole product at the new industrial site in the City of Wallowa.*

## Policy

- Federal Level

## Education

- Wallowa Ranch Camp

In its seventh year, Wallowa Ranch Camp hosted four camps this past summer. WR continues to provide administration support. In addition this year, WR assisted with fundraising that resulted in securing funds from the Enterprise Education Foundation, Friends of Paul Bunyon, as well as funding for aspen fence work on the Zumwalt.

- Field Studies Program

Wallowa Resources developed the first two courses of a new Field Studies Program that are currently being considered for accreditation by OSU under their Natural Resources Program. These initial courses will be offered in 2004 and are targeted for undergraduates interested in natural resources management and environmental education.

- OYCC Program

Youth in the program working with Wallowa Resources this year experienced weed pulling, capturing bugs for bio-control of weeds, building fence and planting for habitat enhancement.

- Nature and Heritage

Creating opportunities to explore nature, utilizing services of local outfitter and guides while hosting a work vacation are the benefits desired from this program. The initial season of this was postponed due to delays in marketing. 2004 is now the target for commencing the program.

- Eastern Oregon Small Diameter Wood Fair

Wallowa Resources is serving as fiscal sponsor of the first Eastern Oregon Regional Small Diameter Wood Products Fair. The planning for this event is nearly complete where leading businesses, community leaders and entrepreneurs will be convened to shape the future of the small wood products industry.

## Outreach

- Warm Hearts—Warm Homes

Through combined efforts of Wallowa Resources and many partners, firewood for disadvantaged families and elderly was provided. Twenty four

## Range Stewardship

The Lower Grande Ronde Noxious Weed Program had a great year in 2003. Efforts to contain large populations and to detect new ones are paying off. The Program used 17 private contractors (facilitating the investment of over \$150K into the local economy) to accomplish the following achievements:

- Chemically treated all known high priority noxious weed sites on private, state and BLM land adjacent to the Grande Ronde River (74 river miles).
- Coordinated the Scotch Thistle Spray day near Troy. 17 landowners and many agency people from both Wallowa and Asotin County helped.
- Spot treated 1,700 acres of noxious weeds in the program area
- Monitored the results of treatments on weeds and desirable vegetation at 14 intensive monitoring plots and 12 photo points.
- Released two new bio-control agents to help control Leafy Spurge and Diffuse Knapweed (biocontrols are organisms that control specific weeds).
- Re-seeded 86 acres and distributed over 900 lbs of grass seed .
- Intensively inventoried 14,600 acres to assess new weed infestations.
- Distributed *Wallowa County Weed Watcher* information sheets.
- Provided work and education opportunities for the OYCC crews.
- Developed a Weed Database to track all weed related activities efficiently
- Weed Program featured in Bugle Magazine and Mosaic Magazine (National Forest Foundation)



**Wallowa Resources Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2003**

**Wallowa Resources**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Community Checking 20,858.34

Petty Cash 28.54

Sterling Savings 97,166.31

Total Checking/Savings 118,053.19

Accounts Receivable 100,219.43

Total Current Assets 218,272.62

Other Assets

Equipment/CSI 88,500.00

H.J. Heinz Co. 1,421.02

Property & Equipment 22,513.79

Total Other Assets 112,434.81

**TOTAL ASSETS 331,707.43**

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities

Current liabilities

Accounts Payable 51,435.40

Total Accounts Payable 51,435.40

Credit Cards 1,643.09

Other Current Liabilities

Contract Clearing 2,650.00

Deferred Revenue 58.70

Payroll Liabilities 7,152.96

Total Other Current Liabilities 9,851.66

Total Current Liabilities 62,390.15

Total Liabilities 62,930.15

Equity

Retained Earnings 217,333.72

Net Income 50,443.56

Total Equity 267,777.28

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 330,707.43**

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Contributing to the local contractor workforce, Wal-

***Promotes healthy lands and communities***

*Wallowa Resources creates opportunities in Wallowa County for natural resources stewardship, prosperous families and promotes a broader understanding of the links between community well-being and ecosystem health.*

Since its formation in 1996, Wallowa Resources has worked hard to bring people together in a common goal: to blend the ecological needs of the land with the economic needs of the community. Wallowa Resources is a nonprofit organization that strives to balance Wallowa County's economic well-being and the proper use of its resources. Wallowa Resources strives to preserving the area's heritage of making a living from the land.

Wallowa Resources' collaborative work with private landowners, key agencies, Nez Perce Tribal members and community leaders has made it a model for other rural communities.

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## Policy

- Federal Level

The major issues requiring our work include: maintaining funding for the Forest Service and its Economic Action Program; permanent authorization of the stewardship contracting authorities; and implementation of the National Fire Plan and the Healthy Forests Initiative. In addition, Jesse Abrams, an OSU Graduate Student, interned this summer and performed an in-depth study of the impacts of the Competitive Sourcing Initiative on the Forest Service and rural communities.

- Monitoring

Monitoring remains a priority of the organization's policy work. Several activities in monitoring aside from project implementation monitoring are taking place.

- Warm Hearts—Warm Homes

Through combined efforts of Wallowa Resources and many partners, firewood for disadvantaged families and elderly was provided. Twenty four households throughout the Wallowa Valley were delivered firewood.

- Visits

*Dale Bosworth*, Chief of the Forest Service, came to view collaboration in Wallowa County, as well as, the community planning process, fuels reduction and thinning projects. Candid discussions about economic conditions in the community were stimulating.

National Geographic Senior Illustrations Editor, *Chris Johns*, and his family spent nearly a week in Wallowa County visiting with Wallowa Resources and enjoying the splendor of the place we call home. He provided suggestions to us about implementation of the Nature and Heritage Program.

and Mosaic Magazine (National Forest Foundation)



*Bill Graning and Leigh Dawson take a break from weed work in Wildcat Creek*

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