SPONSORSHIP TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE

Grant Cycle:	FALL 2016
Title of Project:	Trail Restoration
Funds Requested:	$ 2500
Organization Applying:	Klamath Wingwatchers
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Brief Description of Project including date, time and location:

Trail restoration begins at the end of March, 2017, weather permitting, and should complete by late June, 2017. This trail development will foster greater visitor access to our nature-based outdoor recreation area. Parts of the trail that have not had pea gravel and other bedding materials applied since 1992 will be re-bedded on the entire original trail loop (approximately 1.3 miles) on the east side of Highway 97 next to Lake Ewauna. The original trail was handicapped accessible, but weather, public use, critter destruction, and the flooded field to the south of this property, have eroded many areas of the trail beyond normal repair. Although the entire trail remains accessible, areas need major restoration in order to give the visitor a great trail experience.

We also need to purchase a gasoline powered hedge trimmer to assist us in trail maintenance in March, 2017. The amount of work to do frequently surpasses the number of volunteer hours we are able to amass. The trimmer will allow us to make more efficient use of our volunteer worker time and increase the visitor's sense of safety on the trail.

The undersigned, as proposer, declares that he/she has carefully examined the requirements of the Klamath County Tourism Grant Application packet and agrees, if the application is funded, that proposer will enter into an agreement with Klamath County to furnish the services as specified, in accordance with the grant application attached.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date_____

If the applicant is requesting funds on behalf of another organization, the application must be approved by that organization.

Signature of Organization _____ Date_____

SPONSORSHIP TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Provide a detailed description of the project and activities.

On numerous occasions in the last 20 years, Klamath Wingwatchers has had to repair trail bedding due to weather erosion, public mis-use, critter destruction, and the flooded field to the south of this trail. It is now time to make major repairs, which requires hiring a professional equipment driver to grade and re-bed the trail in specified areas. There are also many places along the original 1.3 mile loop trail that just need more bedding material. We have some gravel for this purpose stored on the southeast corner of our trail. We are able to contract with Glen Howard, who is very familiar with the trail from previous work there. He gives us an excellent price for his experience and equipment. We hope to restore the trail to a more level surface so that it accommodates handicapped people more easily than its current condition allows, and provides a better surface for all trail users to enjoy.

All of the trail maintenance is done by volunteers, with special work dates on the last Saturday of the month from 10 am – noon from March through October. There are many trees that need lower branches cleared to be less attractive to transients who want to use the trail as a camp site in spite of the many No Camping signs. Having the use of a gasoline powered hedge trimmer will allow us to clear more tree material more quickly, especially in the heavier growing months, allowing us to make the trail feel safer to those who use it for walking and bike riding. We want a more family friendly atmosphere on the trail, especially since we partner with Klamath County Library for their Story Hikes, which use 30 sites on the Wingwatcher Trail. These story hikes are open to the public and are advertised also for out of town families with children.

PROJECT GOALS

2. How many out of county visitors do you expect to attract to the project? How will you track the number of out of county visitors versus the number of locals?

This is a very difficult question for us to answer as we have no statistics and no way to collect them unless we had someone at the trail asking questions of the visitors every daylight hour. We do know that Discover Klamath, Worldmark at Running Y, and our trail head boxes give out hundreds of our brochures every year, but we do not have statistics specific to our trail. While performing trail maintenance, we have met people on the trail from Germany and France, various states in the U.S., and from all over Oregon. We received an anonymous donation of $50 from someone in Salem, OR as a thank you for our trail. In early September, 2014 we hosted a group from Portland, OR who gave us a donation of $124. A professional photographer from the Portland area told us he comes down here to photograph wildlife seen on the Wingwatcher trail. While these are isolated contacts, it gives a small window on who uses our trail from out of town.

We made an effort to use a trail counter that we borrowed in 2014. Even though it was well hidden, it was stolen after 3 months. Unfortunately, the counter was not working well during the 3 months of operation and gave us no data that made any sense.

We have now doubled the length of the trail and put in a new trail head that starts at the tourism office of Discover Klamath and takes the visitor on the newly bedded Ken Hay Trail, which connects under the highway to our original trail on the east side of the highway. By providing picnic areas and interpretive brochures (thanks to our 2014 Tourism grant), we increase the amount of time it takes to use the trail, thus extending

the visitor's stay in our community. Our trail is open from dawn to dusk, so it can be used at any time of day, 7 days each week. Folks in nearby motels who want exercise time in the morning and evening can use our trail, as it is marked with mileage markers. Many people use it to walk their dogs.

We have no way to count the extra days someone might stay in order to make use of our trail. However, we expect that someone visiting our area who is not familiar with the great outdoor opportunities of our area will be further impressed by our trail and its convenience to downtown, and want to return to our area at a subsequent trip to experience more of what Klamath County has to offer, especially our trail systems. We have lots of anecdotal stories of people who come to visit Klamath for many years before actually moving to Klamath County. We are told by Discover Klamath staff that folks who come to their office use the Klamath Wingwatcher trail.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

3. Describe your organization/project management team. How are these individuals qualified to lead this project?

Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc is a local non-profit organization dedicated to public education regarding Klamath Basin wildlife and wetland habitat and their value as a natural resource through scientific, arts, and cultural means. We are an all volunteer organization with no paid staff and no tax dollars that support our trail or activities.

Our trail is now 24 years old and is one of the trails mentioned in the Klamath Basin Birding Trail Guide. Our trail coordinator, Bill Wood, is well known throughout the community for his almost 20 year dedication to trail maintenance as well as membership in Search and Rescue. Ralph Opp, who helped start the trail 26 years ago, is still on our Board, as is Bill Wood. Leslie Lowe, President, and Allan Lowe, Treasurer, have been with Wingwatchers for over 15 years

In addition to maintaining the trail, we also have published the "Guide to the Link River" and the "Klamath Basin Birding Trail (KBBT)" booklet, both of which are distributed by Discover Klamath, Worldmark at Running Y, the Running Y Sports Center, and other locations. On September 19, 2014, the Oregonian reporter, Terry Richard, in an article about birding Klamath Basin, said "To help visitors find their way around the Basin, the Klamath Basin Wingwatchers have produced a website (**klamathbirdingtrails.com**) with descriptions of 47 birding destinations in and around Klamath Falls. Also, plan a visit at **discoverklamath.com**." All of the publicity for the KBBT booklet continues to bring visitors to the Basin.

We were the recipient of the Transient Room Tax Grant in 2014 in order to re-print our trail guide with revisions and updates, and create a new guide to native plants on the Wingwatcher Trail. Both of these guides are distributed by various tourist groups, including Discover Klamath, Worldmark at Running Y, and the Running Y Sports Center. They are also available in brochure boxes at the head of the trail across from Veteran's Park and at the Ken Hay Trail, which starts at Discover Klamath.

We have been the organization behind Pelicans on Parade, POP, which is a tax deductible fundraiser to **"Connect Kids to Nature."** Internationally renowned bird artist Stefan Savides sculpted the 7-foot-high pelicans in flight, which are painted and embellished with original artwork by other Klamath Basin artists. Many of the pelicans are on display in the Discover Klamath building, along with our trails exhibition. Tourists frequently look at the display and the pelicans before leaving the building to use the Wingwatcher Trail.

We have partnered with many organizations in our community on many projects to increase tourism, including International Migratory Bird Day in May, Winter Wings

Festival in February, and the trails exhibit for tourists located in the South Portal Visitor Center from June, 2014 until October, 2016.

4. Describe your team's experience in operating past or similar projects.
   Bill Wood, project director and trail coordinator, has over 20 years experience building and maintaining trails. He has worked with Glen Howard on other trail projects over the last 6 years. Glen Howard has over 40 years of experience using a grader and other heavy equipment to create and restore trails. Ralph Opp helped build trails as an employee of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for 25 years in Klamath Falls.

PROJECT PLAN

5. How will you give credit to Klamath County for its support in our event or project?
   We will create a sign at the head of each trail (one across from Veteran's Park and one at Discover Klamath) and one on our eastside kiosk that gives credit for trail restoration and purchase of a gas hedge trimmer. The sign will say: "This trail was restored and improved in 2017 with help from a grant by the Klamath County transient room tax grant program and the volunteers of Klamath Wingwatchers."

6. Provide a detailed timeline of your marketing efforts leading up to the event or project.
   We will announce the beginning of trail restoration work in the Herald and News and to our email list (over 200 addresses) in March 2017. When the project is completed, in June 2017, we will again request coverage from the Herald and News and make an announcement to our email list.

7. Describe your target market/audience.
   We target all trail users so that they have a more pleasurable walk/bike ride in the natural beauty of our community trail along ponds and Lake Ewauna on the loop trail that can now begin at the Discover Klamath tourism office.

   We will continue to provide Discover Klamath, Worldmark at Running Y, the Sports Center at Running Y, and other locations with brochures as well as provide brochures at the trail heads across from Veterans Park and in the new location at the new trail at the Discover Klamath Visitor Center.

8. How will you measure attendance in drawing out of county visitors to the project? Examples: Hotel Rate Code, Ticket Sales, Trail Counts. (Be specific)
   As stated earlier, we currently have no way to measure use of the trail by out of county visitors except by happenstance and the distribution of our brochures by Discover Klamath, Worldmark at Running Y, and the Sports Center at Running Y to out of town guests. We are very open to suggestions for a practical way to gather this information, but as yet every idea we have had is labor intensive. We have no paid personnel to help us with this project and all of our volunteers give their time in trail maintenance.

9. List your potential sponsors and partners and how they contribute to the event or project.
   a) Glen Howard; Grader operator
   b) Klamath Basin Audubon Society; grant program
   c) John Bellon, City of Klamath Falls; wood chips for trail bedding
   d) Knife River - gravel

10. If your organization is not awarded full funding, how would you modify your plans?
We will seek other sources of funding and delay a major restoration until we secure the funding.

BUDGET

Gasoline Powered Hedge Trimmer, Stihl	$ 360
Gravel	$1500
Time from Glen Howard on Heavy Equipment	$1000
TOTAL	$ 2860

KLAMATH WINGWATCHERS, INC.

P.O. BOX 251
KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97601

I wish to support the activities of the Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc. As a member, I will receive the "Taking Wing" newsletter and I may vote at the Annual Meeting for Board Members. All memberships are tax deductible.

MY MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE:

Student/Senior. .....$ 10 _____

Individual. .....$ 15 _____

Family. .....$ 25 _____

Business. .....$ 35 _____

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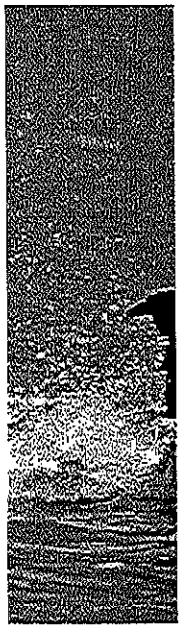

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Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc.

* sponsors ***Pelicans On Parade***, and the ***Klamath Basin Birding Trail***, as well as activity and information booths at community events, including Earthday in April and Migratory Bird Day in May.
* operates and maintains the ***Lake Ewauna Trail***
* holds monthly Board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month with an Annual Meeting in the Spring, plus some informational public meetings held throughout the year
* publishes a newsletter to keep paid members up to date on events and activities during the year
* revises and distributes free copies of the ***Link River Trail Guide*** (originally the 1978 Nature Society's Child's Guide to the Link River)
* participates with Klamath Basin Audubon Society's ***Winter Wings Festival***, successor to the 25 year old Bald Eagle Conference

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Learn more about us at:

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Our Current Projects:

Pelicans on Parade (POP!)

www.pelicansonparade.com
They are for sale now!
See them at South Portal

POP is a tax deductible fundraiser to **"Connect Kids to Nature."** POP honors the city mascot of Klamath Falls, the American White Pelican. Internationally renowned bird artist Stefan Savides sculpted the 7-foot-high pelicans in flight, which are painted and embellished with original artwork by other Klamath Basin artists. Funds raised will help support Wingwatcher educational activities and numerous partnership programs that promote wildlife appreciation, conservation, and education

Klamath Basin Birding Trail

www.klamathbirdingtrails.com
Hard copy available for $2

This cooperative project has mapped the birding trails in the Klamath-Siskiyou-Modoc county area. The Klamath Basin, a bird lovers' paradise with over 350 species of birds, is renowned for its wide diversity and abundance of bird life due to its varied habitats including marsh lands, open waters, coniferous forests, juniper woodlands, oak-chaparral, sagebrush-grass-lands, grassy meadows, and rocky cliffs. The Klamath Basin Birding Trail provides maps and a website to help people locate 47 different Klamath Basin birding hotspots, and offers a complete listing of birds you can see in the Klamath Basin.

Lake Ewauna Nature Trail

Interpretive Guide at the trailhead

Starting in 1992, along the western shore of Lake Ewauna next to Highway 97 in downtown Klamath Falls, this wetland was restored and a 1.6 mile handicapped accessible loop trail created from which a myriad of wildlife can be observed. The trail helps educate the public about the importance of wetlands as a natural resource. People use the trail for birding, walking and jogging, viewing Klamath Falls and the fountains, and learning about wetland habitat. The trail passes near a tall snag used by eagles in winter and cormorants in summer. Benches, trashcans, and dog poop bags, as well as other amenities, can be found along the trail: Parking is available in Veteran's Park, across the Link River.

Winter Wings Festival

www.winterwingsfest.org

Timed to coincide with the presence of 1000's of wintering waterfowl and hundreds of eagles, this Festival allows participants to enjoy magnificent birds on tours and learn more about them at workshops. The Festival increases community awareness and understanding of our wildlife resources, especially birds, in the Klamath Basin. It offers "Family Fun in the Winter Sun" with art, vendors, displays, special children's activities, and more, all at a cost families can afford.

Join us every President's Weekend in February at Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) campus in the College Union.

Pine, Ponderosa
pinus ponderosa

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Plum, Klamath
prunus subcordata

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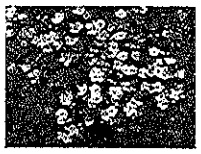

Potentilla (cinquefoil)
rosaceae

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Rabbitbrush, Rubber (grey)
chrysothamnus (ericameria) nauseosa

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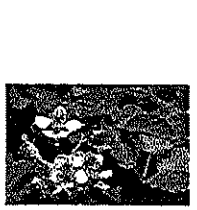

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rosa SP.

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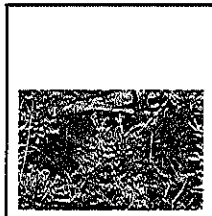

Sagebrush, big
artemesia tridentata

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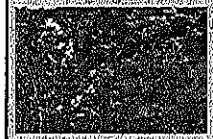
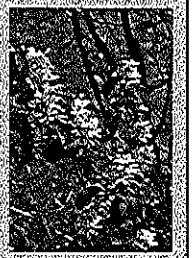

Serviceberry
amelanchier alnifolia

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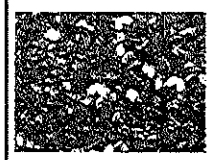

Snowberry
symphoricarpos albus laevigatus

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bird ^
B &

Sumac
rhus SP.

X
^ host for butterfly larva and bird nests
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Willow, Shining Pacific
salix lucida ssp lasiandra

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bird ^
bee, beaver, butterfly &
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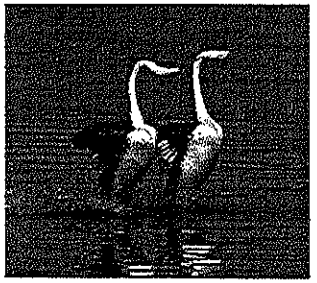

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& - Food X - Has a Sign # - Erosion Control ^ - Habitat NF - Nitrogen Fixer P - People B - Bird D - Deer S - Squirrel

Cottonwood, Black
populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa

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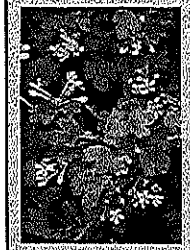

Currant, Gold & Wax
ribes SP.

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Dogwood, Red-Osier
cornus sericea spp. sericea

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Elderberry, Blue
sambucus nigra spp.cerulea

X
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bird ^
P B &

Grape, Oregon
mahonia aquifolium

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bird ^
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Hawthorne, Douglas
crataegus douglasii (rosaceae)

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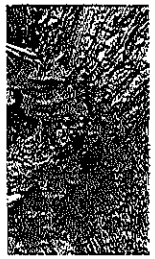

Juniper, Rocky Mountain
juniperus sloopulorum

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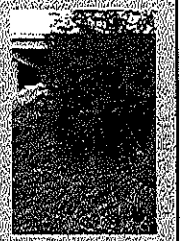

Juniper, Western
juniperus occidentalis

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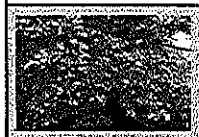

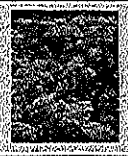

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robinia pseudoacacia

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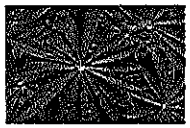
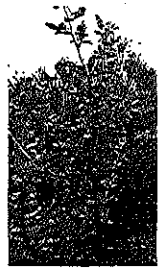


Lupine
lupinus SP.

bee and butterfly &



Mahogany, Birch Leaf Mountain
cercocarpus montanus var.glaver (betuloides)

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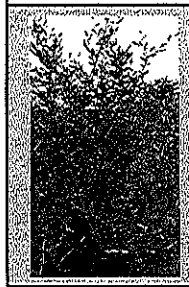

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cercocarpus ledifolius

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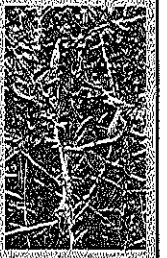

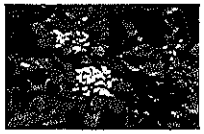

Mock Orange, Wild
philadelphus lewisii

bird ^
B &

Oak, Oregon White
quercus garryana

bird ^
B D S &
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Pine, Lodgepole
pinus contorta

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Sagebrush, big
artemesia tridentata

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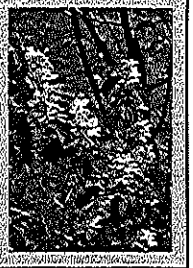
Serviceberry
amelanchier alnifolia



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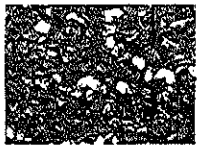

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Willow, Shining Pacific
salix lucida ssp lasiandra

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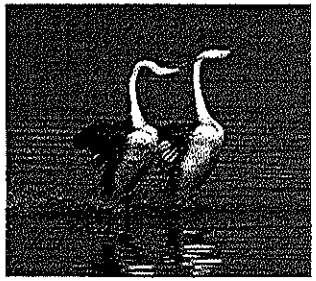

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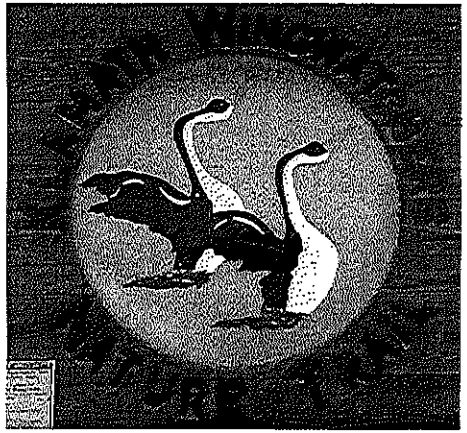


TURNING A SWAMPY AREA INTO A WETLAND NATURE TRAIL

TRAIL STARTED SPRING 1990

GOAL: DEVELOP HABITAT OF MOSTLY NATIVE SPECIES THAT ARE SELF PERPETUATING AND BENEFICIAL TO WILDLIFE, PRIMARILY BIRDS.

WALK THE TRAIL AND LOOK FOR THE PLANT SIGNS

OR

MATCH THE PLANT PICTURES WITH WHAT YOU SEE AS YOU WALK

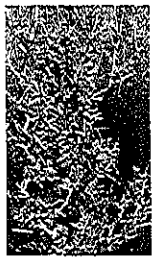
KEY * - Not native to Klamath Basin & - Food X - Has a Sign # - Erosion Control ^ - Habitat NF - Nitrogen Fixer P - People

Alder, Mountain
alnus tenuifolia

#
NF
bird ^
*

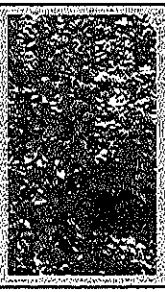
Aspen, Quaking
populus tremuloides

X
#
bird ^
beaver &



Bitter Brush
prushia tridentata

NF
bird^
B &

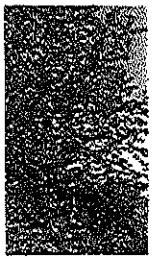


Bitter Cherry
prunus emarginata

B &

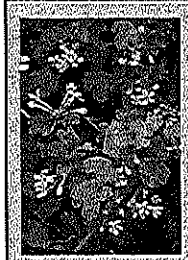
Chokecherry, Western
prunus virginana

X
P B &



Cottonwood, Black
populus balsamifera ssp. trichocarpa

#
bird ^



Currant, Gold & Wax
ribes SP.

X
bird ^
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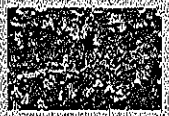

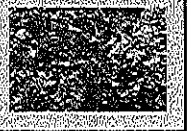

Dogwood, Red-Osier
cornus sericea spp. sericea

X
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B D &

Elderberry, Blue
sambucus nigra spp.cerulea

X
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bird ^
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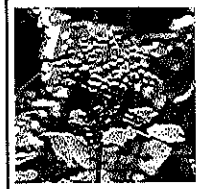
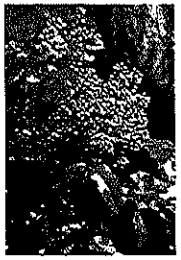


Grape, Oregon
mahonia aquifolium

X
bird ^
P B &



Hawthorne, Douglas
crataegus douglasii (rosaceae)

#
^ host for butterfly larva and bird nests
B & *

Juniper, Rocky Mountain
juniperus siopulorum

X
bird ^
B D &
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Juniper, Western
juniperus occidentalis

bird ^
B D &

Locust, Black
robinia pseudoacacia

NF
bird ^
B &
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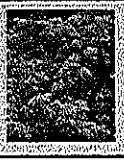

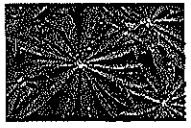

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lupinus SP.

bee and butterfly &

Most Likely to be Seen by Season

Sp = Spring S = Summer
F = Fall W = Winter

BIRDS

Blackbird, Red winged, Yellow headed & Brewer's (Sp, S, F)
Brown-headed Cowbird (Sp, S, F)
Bufflehead (Sp, S, W)
Ceder Waxwings (Sp, F)
Chickadee (year round)
Coots (Sp, S, F)
Cormorant, Double-crested (Sp, S, F)
Eagle, Bald (year round, but mostly W)
Egret (Sp, S)
Goldeneye, Barrow's & Common (Sp, S, F)
Goldfinch, American & Lesser (Sp, S)
Grebe, Clark's & Western (Sp, S)
Gull (year round)
Hawk, Redtail (year round)
Heron, Black crowned night (year round)
Heron, Great blue (Sp, S, F)
Heron, Green (Sp, S)
Kestrel (year round)
Kildeer (Sp, S)
Kingfisher (Sp, S, F)
Mallards (year round)
Meadowlark (Sp, S, F)
Merganser, Common & Hooded (Sp, S, F)
Osprey (Sp, S, F)
Pelicans (Sp, S, F)
Quail (year round)
Robin (year round)
Ruddy Duck (year round)
Scaup (year round)
Shorebirds (Sp, S, F)
Sparrows (year round)
Swallows, Tree & Cliff (Sp, S)
Tern, Caspian & Black Forester (Sp, S)
Vulture, Turkey (Sp, S, F)
Warbler (Sp, S)
Wren, Marsh (Sp, S)

CRITTERS: (all year round)

Beaver (look for toothmarks on trees)
Frog (hibernates in W)
Garter Snake (hibernates in W)
Muskrat
Pond Turtle (hibernates in W)
Rock Chuck (hibernates in W, S)
Deer, Mule & Black Tailed

Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc
P.O. Box 251
Klamath Falls, OR 97601-0359

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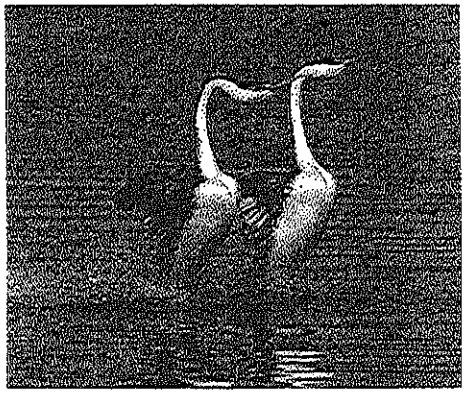

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STARTED JANUARY 1987

WWW.KLAMATHBIRDINGTRAILS.COM/WINGWATCHERS/INDEX.SHTML

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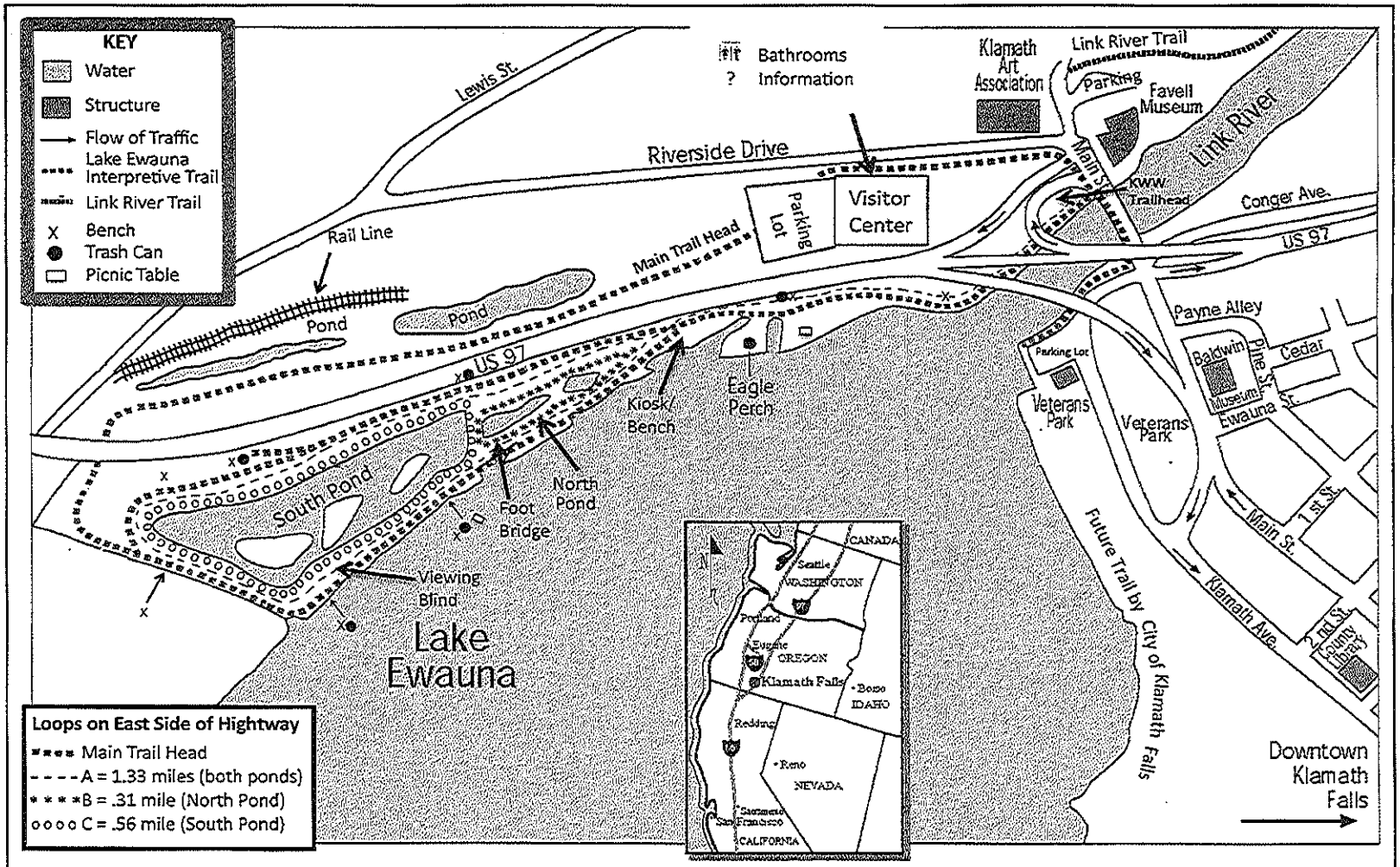

Klamath Wingwatchers Lake Ewuana Interpretive Trail

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If you appreciated our trail, please consider contributing to its maintenance with "your backs or your bucks". Become a member of Wingwatchers, help remove invasive weeds as you walk the trail, contribute to a project for trail enhancement, etc. Guided tours are available. Call Bill at 541-884-2421 or Leslie at 541-882-6509.

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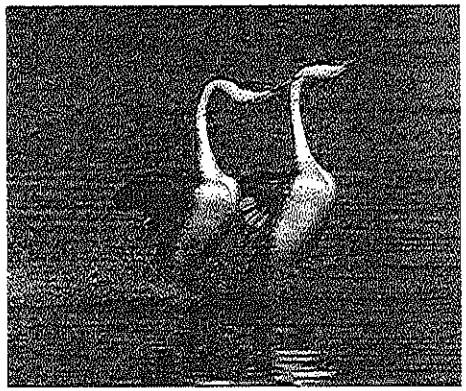

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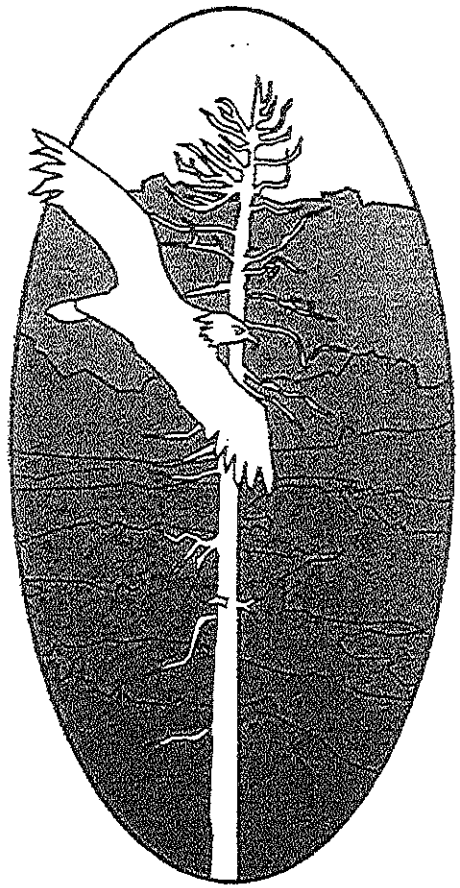
Guide to Wingwatchers Lake Ewauna Interpretive Trail



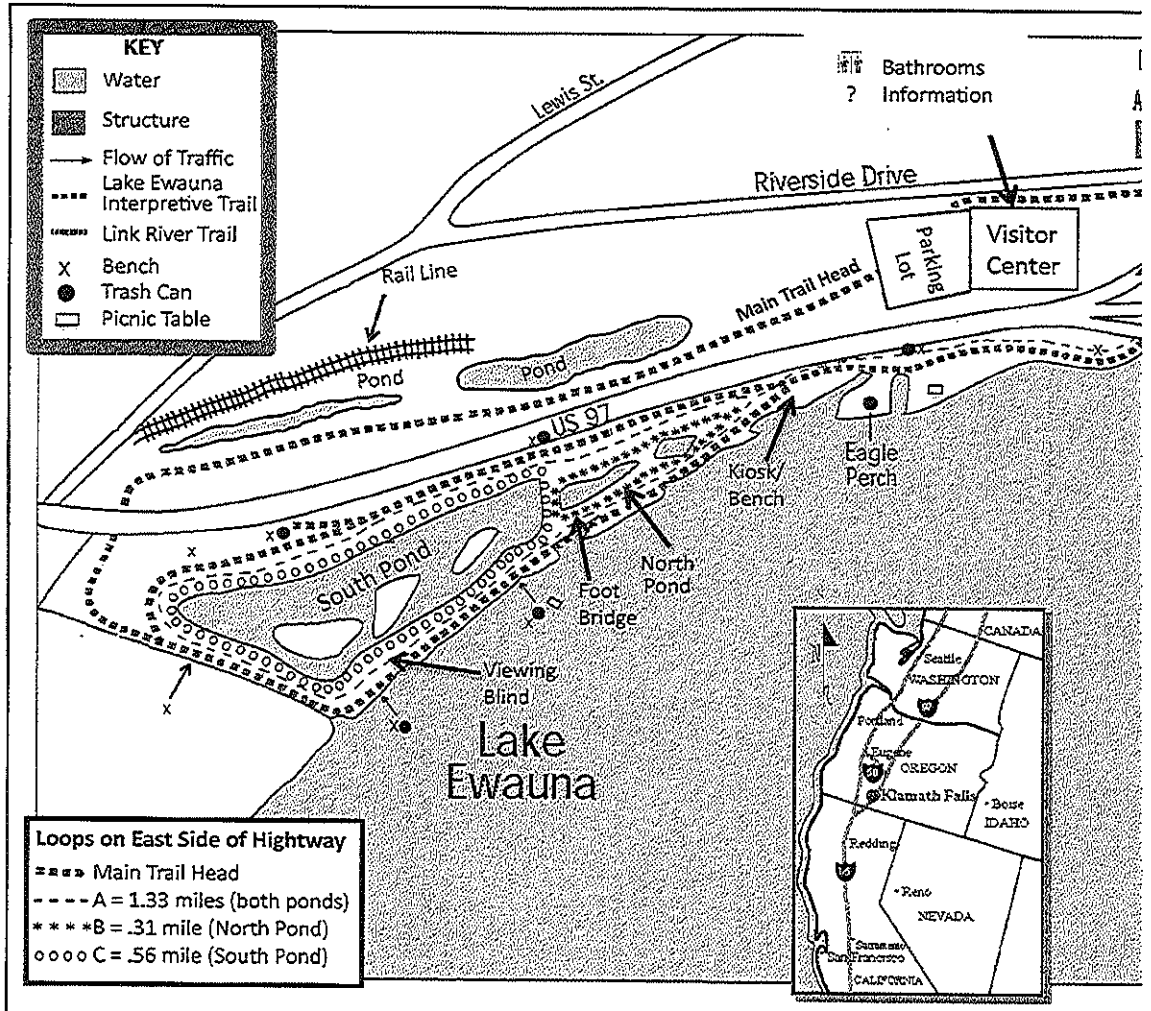
Water is the substance that defines the Pacific Northwest. The Klamath Basin is part of the Pacific Flyway and provides wetland habitat for hundreds of species of wildlife, more than any other area in the western United States, and hosts the largest concentration of migrating waterfowl found on the continent. In addition, over 800 Bald eagles use the region's wetlands for foraging between November and April. The Klamath Basin also hosts the highest density of nesting Bald eagles in Oregon.

Klamath Wingwatchers has developed a 1.3 mile, handicapped accessible loop trail along the western shore of Lake Ewauna and another mile on the west side of Highway 97, beginning from the Visitor Center in Downtown Klamath Falls. Along these trails, we have planted over 1500 trees, shrubs, and other plants that provide shelter and food for the many species that use our area. Together with our community volunteers, we have added many trail features, including: waterfowl nesting islands in the pond, a wildlife viewing blind, an informational kiosk, a bridge, nesting boxes, numerous benches, trash cans, picnic tables, a dog poop disposal bags dispenser, and a special trail head sign at each trail entrance.

The logo on the cover of this brochure represents the erected eagle perch used year-round by wintering eagles and summer cormorants. It is easily visible near the downtown exit to Klamath Falls and is a trail highlight.

The Wingwatcher Trail serves the community as an urban nature educational area, helps the public see the importance of wetlands as a natural resource, and focuses attention on wildlife viewing and appreciation, both for residents and traveling visitors as well.

The Trail is part of a large almost continuous trail system that extends over 70 miles in Klamath County, creating a vast complex of open space, wildlife corridors, and recreational opportunities for hiking, biking, wildlife viewing, leashed dog walking, and nature enjoyment for all ages on public lands. It is a remarkable partnership between individuals, businesses, and government agencies that see the Lake Ewauna wetlands as an irreplaceable community amenity.



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APPENDIX
KLAMATH WINGWATCHERS APPLICATION

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL TRANSIENT ROOM TAX GRANT

LETTERS:

1) Discover Klamath: Jim Chadderdon, Executive Director
2) City of Klamath Falls Parks and Recreation: John Bellon, City Parks Manager
3) WorldMark by Wyndham: Tinaka Difani, General Manager
4) Running Y Ranch Sports Center: Mindy Surber, Manager
5) Klamath County Library: Christy Davis, Director
6) Klamath Trails Alliance: Dennis Taugher, President

BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION RECORDS

1) Klamath Basin Birding Trail Booklets (KBBT) dating from 1-22-2013 through 10-17-2016; cost $1 wholesale, $2 retail
2) Guide to Link River dating from 3-1-2012 through 10-17-16; free to families

ENCLOSED BROCHURES

1) Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc (distributed free at various events to encourage membership)
2) Guide to Wingwatchers Lake Ewauna Interpretive Trail (distributed free at both trailhead boxes in addition to all locations where Guide to Link River and KBBT are available); Published new version in 2014, thanks to a Transient Room Tax Grant
3) Turning a Swampy Area into a Wetland Nature Trail, a guide to native plants on the Wingwatcher Trail; Published for the first time in 2014, thanks to a Transient Room Tax Grant; primarily distributed by Discover Klamath and both trailhead boxes)

DISCOVER
KLAMATH
OREGON UNEXPECTED

October 26, 2016

Ms. Leslie Lowe
Klamath Wing Watchers
c/o 205 Riverside Drive
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

Evaluation & Selection Committee
Klamath County Tourism Grants Program
c/o Finance Office → 305 Main Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

Re: Klamath WingWatchers, Inc. → Sponsorship Level Grant Request

Dear Leslie & Tourism Grants Committee Members,

Discover Klamath Visitor and Convention Bureau is happy to support Klamath WingWatchers' efforts towards receiving a Klamath County Tourism Grant (Sponsorship Level), which will allow the Klamath WingWatchers to expand its efforts to have the best birding trails and materials in the region, thereby bringing more people to our area to enjoy birding.

As Klamath County's official tourism agency, Discover Klamath's goal is to generate incremental tourism to our region. Without question, the Klamath WingWatcher's Team consistently demonstrates an ability to improve the ever-growing infrastructure that brings both birds and birders to Klamath County. The group's advocacy over a period of over 20 years has directly contributed to the Kamath Basin being known for its raptors as well as many other birds -- over 300 species migrate through our area. And because of the work of the Klamath WingWatchers, there are trails, wayfinding signage, and digital and printed materials to support those locals and visitors who wish to learn more about and see birds of the region.

Here at the South Portal Building we operate the Discover Klamath Welcome Center. The numbers of folks traveling through who hike the Ken Hay Nature Trail (a Klamath WingWatchers Project) is not insignificant. Many times, people who've been traveling for hours just need to get out and move around. This trail provides that opportunity while educating people about Klamath and its birds.

But trails need a bit of maintenance and this one is no different. This grant will provide the Klamath WingWatcher group with resources to complete restoration efforts to the original trail, a section of about 1.3 miles. Funds will go towards purchase of a gas trimmer. Fortunately, Klamath WingWatchers has an active and supportive community of volunteers who can and will use this equipment to get the job done spring 2017.

Good Luck,
Jim Chadderdon

Jim Chadderdon
Executive Director

CITY OF KLAMATH FALLS
PARKS & RECREATION
226 S. 5th St. – P.O. BOX 237
Sister City – Rotorua, New Zealand

PHONE (541)883-5391 – TDD (541)883-5324
FAX (541)883-5390

October 25, 2016

Board for Transient Room Tax Grants
Klamath County Finance Department
305 Main Street,
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

RE: Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc Sponsorship Level Grant Request

Klamath Falls City Parks have partnered with Klamath Wingwatchers of well over 20 years. Helping this volunteer organization with occasional minor maintenance needs is a mutually beneficial investment. I consider the Wingwatchers site one of the Klamath area park and recreation facilities, with the added benefit of being managed and maintained by members of our community. These are the type of partnerships we need to support, and perpetuate.

This natural resource should be valued as an integral part of our community identity. Residing on the edge of the downtown core, trails which lead through waterways resplendent with wildlife increasingly bring more visitors to an area than almost any other leisure activity. The combination of walking, bird-watching and photography offers visitors yet another popular and healthy activity.

Remember that with the completion of the Lake Ewauna Trail (a Klamath County, Wingwatchers, City Parks and ODOT partnership) as the eventual walking and bicycle loop around Lake Ewauna, the WW trail will increase in popularity in the near future—it is wise to start preparing for that growth now.

If you have not taken a stroll on the Wingwatchers Trail for a while, I invite you experience the sights, sounds and aromas enjoyed along this short journey, in order to gain a fresh perspective. I hope that you will continue to support this community asset, fulfilling its part in building our economy as yet another piece of our Klamath County brand.

The Wingwatchers Mission Statement sums up well by proclaiming: "To promote wildlife opportunities in and around the Klamath Basin. To further the enjoyment of residents, and encourage economic development through tourism."

Sincerely,

John Bellon

John Bellon, City Parks Manager
City of Klamath Falls Parks Division
226 S. 5th St.
Klamath Falls, Or 97601
Phone: 541-883-5391
Email: jbellon@klamathfalls.city

WorldMark
BY WYNDHAM

October 24, 2016

RE: Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc. Sponsorship Level Grant Request

To Whom It May Concern:

We are located at the Running Y Resort, and typically have 400-600 visitors in residence on any given day. Most of our guests are looking for recreational activities and many of them are birders. The Klamath Wingwatchers trail is a great example of somewhere we send our guests. We have people from other countries and several states that stay with us.

A complete trail restoration of the original 1.3 mile loop will increase the value of the trail for all of our visitors, increasing the likelihood of a return visit as well as positive comments to friends and on social media who might then visit the area.

We recommend a grant to Klamath Wingwatchers to provide the funding for trail restoration and the purchase of a gas hedge trimmer.

Sincerely,

Tinaka Difani
GM, WorldMark by Wyndham at Running Y

20TH ANNIVERSARY
RUNNING Y RANCH RESORT

Running Y Ranch Resort
Mindy Surber
5271 Coopers Hawk Rd.
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

October 17, 2016

To: Board of Transient Room Tax Grants
Klamath County Finance Department
305 Main Street Klamath Falls OR 97601

RE: Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc. sponsorship level grant request

Dear Sirs;

The Running Y Sports Center has an average of 300 guests that pass through our doors on any given day. One request we get more than anything, is where to see the most birds, how do we gain access to these areas to watch these birds? Do we have any good hiking paths?

To this we can answer with great enthusiasm. We have the most amazing paths, some paved, some not. All fairly easy to drive to, and all with amazing views of the Klamath basin and the wildlife we have here.

Visitors from all over the world stay at our hotel, and it is such a wonderful gift to share with them the amazing wildlife and walking paths in our area.

Please support a grant to provide the funding for trail restoration and the purchase of much needed equipment to keep our areas paths free of debris for everyone to enjoy.

Best regards,

Mindy Surber
Running Y Sports & Fitness Manager

KLAMATH COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE DISTRICT
126 SOUTH THIRD STREET
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON 97601-6304
541-882-8895
541-882-6166 FAX

Board for Transient Room Tax Grants
Klamath County Finance Department
305 Main Street,
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

RE: Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc Sponsorship Level Grant Request

Dear Grant Review Board, October 2016

Our organization, the Klamath County Library Service District's downtown branch, has been a partner in projects with Klamath Wingwatchers for many years. We feel this organization has created and sustained a great community trail that provides access to nature in downtown Klamath Falls for locals and tourists alike. In much the same way the Library receives visits from travelers, it is not uncommon to find people from other countries as well as other states and cities out walking the Wingwatchers Trail. They invariably tell us how lucky we are to have such a nice amenity right in our city.

The Library's Outreach Department has enjoyed partnering with Wingwatchers over the last several years. We've collaborated on story hikes and also co-wrote a grant where we were awarded funds to plant permanent posts along the Trail. The Library affixes book parts to the tops of the posts so that hikers along the trail can read a narrative as they go from point to point. The posts can be used by other partnering organizations as well.The feedback from this project has been very positive.

As part of our aspirations and ambitions for a healthy downtown, the Library believes complete trail restoration of the original 1.3 mile loop will enhance the value of the trail for all of our visitors, increasing the likelihood of a return visit as well as generating positive comments to friends and neighbors who might then visit Klamath Falls.

We fully support a grant to provide the funding for trail restoration as well as the purchase of a gas hedge-trimmer for trail maintenance. Such practical and well-deserved help will continue to improve and sustain a worthy and appreciated community asset.

Sincerely,

Christy Davis, Director
Klamath County Library Service District

Klamath Trails Alliance, P.O. Box 347, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

October 23, 2016

Board for Transient Room Tax Grants
Klamath County Finance Department
305 Main Street,
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

RE: Klamath Wingwatchers, Inc Sponsorship Level Grant Request

Dear Tourism Grant Selection Committee:

We at Klamath Trails Alliance could not be more enthusiastic in our support for Wingwatcher's trail along Lake Ewana. Through true grit and determination, this small group has not only built and maintained the original trail but expanded it to complete a loop beginning at the South Portal Building. One can see folks out on the trail in all seasons--weather, rain, snow and our famous sunshine.

While no doubt used by our locals, it also can contribute to our economy by encouraging out-of-towners to enjoy the beauty of our area. When people visit or move to a new area, they want a wide range of outdoor activities. The Ken Hay Nature Trail is conveniently located at one end of town, easily accessed by all.

It is gratifying to know that this dedicated group of people has come together to build and maintain this small but important trail in Klamath Falls. This grant will help them provide better maintenance.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Taugher
President, Klamath Trials Alliance

91 Boxes with 180 @ = 16,380

KBBT Booklets (82/box) 92 boxes to start with on 7-5-12

Name	Box #	Kind of Distribution	Date Taken
		general via Carla and Leslie as orders come in, etc.	7/5/2012
Leslie Lowe	1 box		
Ken Hay	Partial box	City Parks purchase of ~~200~~ 100 PD	9/20/2012
Ken Hay	partial box	" " 100 PD	1-22-13
LESLIE LOWE	2 boxes	Xanterra, ~~87~~ in office storage	Sept 2012
Ellen Boles	20 booklets	shall sell them & pay us back	4-15-13
Crater Lake	40 booklets	Les took to So Portal by request	4-17-13 - well pay b
Running Y Sports Center	24 booklets	Les delivered	5-14-13
Cindy Deas 90	~~1 BOX~~	web sales Boles	5-28-13
Leslie Lowe	20	Running Y World/Mark	5-28-13
LESLIE LOWE	14	Link River Days	6-1-13
" "	12	Running Y store	6-19-13
CINDY DEAS	180	website distribution	7-18-13
" "	150	" "	2-13-14
LESLIE LOWE	40	SHAWS	5-9-14
CINDY DEAS	2 BOXES	website & dist distribution	8-20-14
" "	10 booklets	Shasta Cascade Visitor Center	10-15-14
Ellen Boles ~~returned~~	40 booklets	20 Cooperative Kandy	11-10-14
LESLIE	3 booklets	PCAM	1-17-15
Running Y/Market	10 booklets	Leslie took	2-6-15
World/Mark Allen Y	30 "	" "	2-6-15
Running Y Hotel	20 "	" "	2-6-15
Running Y Worldmark	30 "	" "	2-12-15
Running Y Hotel	20	" "	3-26-15
Sentinel Kiwanis	60	" " Presentation	4-8-15
Run Y Worldmark	60 booklets	" "	8-6-15
DISCOVER KLAMATH	100 booklets	" "	10-8-15
Run Y Worldmark	60 Booklets	" "	3-25-16
DISCOVER KLAMATH	100 booklets	" "	5-13-16
Run Y Worldmark	60 booklets	" "	7-7-16
Crater Lake Park	50	Allen & Les mailed	6-7-16
Klamath Refuge	500 booklets	Cindy Deas & Allen	6-9-16
Run Y World Mark	60	Leslie took	10-17-16
Sports Center Run Y	180	" "	10-17-16

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1	**Guide to Link River (125/box)**	**80 boxes to start in March 2012**		
2		**~~and 5 boxes of 200 each of original printing~~**		
3	**Name**	**Booklets**	**Kind of Distribution**	**Date Taken**
4	Bill Hunt/KOSS	4 new boxes	schools	March 1, 2012
5	Leslie Lowe	1 new boxes	IMBD and general	April 1, 2012
6	Carla Stewart/Leslie Lowe	1 new boxes	general	August 28, 2012
7	Leslie Lowe	1 old boxes	PLAY day	January 18, 2013
8	Bill Hunt/KOSS	4 old boxes	schools	January 18, 2013
9	LESLIE LOWE	1 new box	Winter Wings Festival	Feb 2013
10	" "	55	PLAY DAY JAN	2013
11	" "	40	APRIL - YMCA	2013
12	" "	122	IMBD MAY	2013
13	ELLEN BOLES	20	general distribution	April 2013
14	Leslie Lowe	60	Link River Days	June 1, 2013
15	Maureen (teacher)	60	school field trips	June 3, 2013
16	Discover Klamath	100	general fourism	July 12, 2013
17	" "	40	" "	9-12-13
18	Maureen Sudy	1250	City + County Schools	10-8-13
19	LESHELAW	58	PLAY DAY JAN	1-17-14
20	"	0	Forest for Winter	Wing 2014
21	"	11 Boxes	IMBD + Discover Klamath	5-7-14
22	DISCOVER KLAMATH	1/2 boxes	general distribution	6-6-14
23	Leslie Lowe	1/2 Boxes	PLAY @ Fairgrounds	1-17-15
24	DISCOVER KLAMATH	2 BOXES	General Distribution	3-4-15
25	Running Y Hotel 10	~~1 box~~	general distribution	3-26-15
26	Linkville-Kiwanis	6	please deliver	4-8-15
27	Leslie Lowe left from last	year 100	IMBD	5-9-15
28	" "		Link River Festival	5-30-15
29	" "	2 Boxes	DISCOVER KLAMATH	7-9-15
30	" "	8 booklets	Box Festival	8-22-15
31	" "	2 boxes	Discover Klamath	9-18-15
32	" "	30 booklets	Wellness Center	9-30-15
33	Unya Kunka	25 booklets	Diabetes Fair	10-30-15
34	Leslie Lowe	50 booklets	PLAY @ Fairgrounds	1-16-16
35	Cheri Severson	10 booklets	Aerie Acres	4-13-16
36	Leslie Lowe	20??	IMBD	5-19-16
37	Leslie Lowe	125 books	DISCOVER KLAMATH	5-13-16
38	Ralph Off	60 books	Class Presentation	6-1-16
39	Leslie Lowe	125 books	DISCOVER KLAMATH	8-5-16
40	LESLIE LOWE	2 boxes	DISCOVER KLAMATH	10-6-16
41	LESLIE LOWE	1 box	Running Y Waldorf	10-17-16
42	" "	1 box	Running Y Sports Center	10-17-16
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