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Payette Land Trust’s Spring Fundraising Campaign is in Full Swing

What will the population be in 10, 20 or even 50 years? One thing is certain, there will be more people, more houses and more development in the West Central Mountains.

The Payette Land Trust (PLT) is the only conservation organization solely dedicated to the counties of West Central Idaho.

We need your help and it starts with the basics. By giving to our

Operating Capital campaign, you will help cover our costs of doing business. Your donation will help make us stronger in 2019. You can visit payettelandtrust.org to contribute or send your financial support to :

Payette Land Trust
309 E Lake St. McCall Idaho 83638

Population statistics between 2010 and 2017

(According to the US Census
Bureau web site, census.gov)

Idaho’s State population
grew by 9.5%

Ada County’s population
grew by 16.4%

Valley County’s population
grew by 8.5%



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REGAN BERKELY: PLT'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

By- Ted McManus

One of the most important changes is the addition of Regan Berkley, the Regional Wildlife Manager of Idaho Fish and Game, to its Board of Directors. She brings to the Board a passion for open spaces and traditional land uses and a unique knowledge of the area's wildlife and its migration corridors. Her knowledge of and focus on migration corridors could bring a new perspective to the organization's work.

Regan has been living and working in McCall for five years, following an eight year stint with Fish and Game in the Jerome area. She oversees the McCall wildlife program at the Fish and Game office, supervising the biologists and technicians on staff. They track and inventory much of Southwest Idaho's wildlife but focus a majority of their time and attention on big game species, particularly elk and deer, as the animals move throughout the state in search of the best food sources.



Ms. Berkley took a roundabout route to her career in Wildlife Management. As the daughter of a PhD in Modern Chinese History, she spent much of her childhood in Alabama, where her father taught at Auburn University. Her family made their way to California, where she graduated from high school. Although she has always loved animals and hoped to one day work as a Marine Biologist or Veterinarian, her family was not particularly outdoorsy, so her current career never really dawned on her. It would not be until later in life that she would even first hear of the job of Wildlife Biologist that she holds today.

During her first years in college in Maine in the late 90's, Ms. Berkley made friends with a fellow student whose parent worked as a Wildlife Biologist. As the friend described that parent's work, Regan knew right then that it was the future occupation for her. That led to a major change in her college path, and she transferred to the University of Montana in Missoula where she earned a B.S. in Wildlife Biology in 2000, followed a few years later by an M.S. in Wildlife Sciences in Moscow at the U of I in 2005.

These past five years as the Regional Wildlife Manager here in McCall has put Regan in an important position to understand the most important and threatened areas that need to be preserved to ensure the healthy movement of wildlife throughout Southwestern and Central Idaho. While in Jerome, Regan worked closely with the Wood River Land Trust and saw effective ways in which State agencies and private organizations can work together to preserve open spaces and ensure the continuance of traditional land uses.

Please join the Payette Land Trust in welcoming Regan Berkley to its Board of Directors. If you have questions as to how you can help the Land Trust in its efforts to conserve open landscapes, please visit payettelandtrust.org or email info@payettelandtrust.org.



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The Payette Land Trust is partnering with the City of McCall's Environmental Advisory Committee to discuss issues around our growing community and conservation

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

EARTH DAY

Join the Environmental Advisory Committee in viewing "On the Shoulders of Giants- The Story of Montana Private Land Conservation"

VIEWING EVENT AND DISCUSSION
6:30 - 8:00 PM, 24 APRIL 2019
MCCALL COMMUNITY CENTER
WWW.MCCALL.ID.US/ENVIRONMENTAL



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‘Payette Land Trust Heads to DC to help Educate Lawmakers about Land Trusts’



Craig Utter, executive director of Payette Land Trust, traveled earlier this month to Washington, D.C. to meet with Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and other officials. Photo courtesy of the Land Trust Alliance.

Craig Utter, executive director of Payette Land Trust, traveled to the nation’s capital as part of a coordinated effort among land trusts to strengthen land conservation across America.

Lawmakers and other officials in Washington, D.C. are increasingly focused on conservation tax benefit abuse. It was a good time to remind them of the good deeds that land trusts perform. Utter also thanked lawmakers and other officials for their recent votes in support of the Farm Bill and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Additionally, there were discussions about renewing the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. During his time on Capitol Hill, Utter met with Sen. Jim Risch, Staff from Rep. Fulcher’s office and Sen. Grassley, among others.

learn more about the variety of options for supporting private lands conservation in West Central Idaho, please contact the Payette Land Trust or visit Payettelandtrust.org