

2019 Payette Land Trust Annual Report



CONSERVING THE RURAL LANDSCAPE
OF WEST CENTRAL IDAHO



Payette Land Trust

Letter from the President

Happy 2020 to all.
Welcome to the year of the Rat! (Chinese calendar!)

2019 was a very productive year for Payette Land trust. Craig and the Board have been running to keep up!

Highlights from 2019:

- Announcement of the Payette River Basin Initiative. PLT met twice with Governor Little and staff to discuss the Initiative.
- Stewardship visits to existing easements were scrutinized and brought into compliance with Industry Standards. Every easement was visited and thoroughly documented.
- PLT and ICOLT were represented by Craig in Washington D.C. last March, where he met with ranking members of the House and Senate, including Senator Risch and Senator Grassley.
- 2 Board members and Craig attended a Murdock Foundation Workshop in Vancouver WA. — Learning how to run a successful Non-Profit and strengthen the PLT.
- Quarterly newsletters were initiated.
- New Easement work:
 - Easements on Three Idaho County properties are being developed.
 - South Fork Ranch easement was stewarded into its final stages.
 - Progress on an important Payette riverfront parcel south of McCall is advancing.
- Payette Land Trust Events and Outreach
 - Broken Horn Brewery spring event – Burgers and Beer in a snowstorm!
 - Epicurean Delights Wine Dinner at Ruby's Kitchen – November – sold out success and super fun.
 - Alzar and Root's Forest School- Student conservation education

Craig has had a full calendar in addition to these major areas of attention, he's been spreading the word about conservation in the region and working to build partnerships.

Fundraising was twice as productive as last year. Thank you all !! Keep it coming as we still have a lot to do!

Writing this letter, I realize what has happened since we hired an Executive Director. PLT is a REAL ORGANIZATION now. We would not be where we are without Craig, a dedicated Board and the strong support from the community. But we can't rest now! This community has passed its vision to us and we are working to make it reality.

Please continue to tell your friends near and far (pretty much everyone!) about PLT and what this organization means to Central Idaho. Open space conservation depends on the support of community.

Yours in Open Space

Rick Fereday



Payette Land Trust service area



National Involvement Advocacy Days in Washington DC



Meeting with Sen. Risch

Meeting with Sen. Grassley



Statewide Involvement

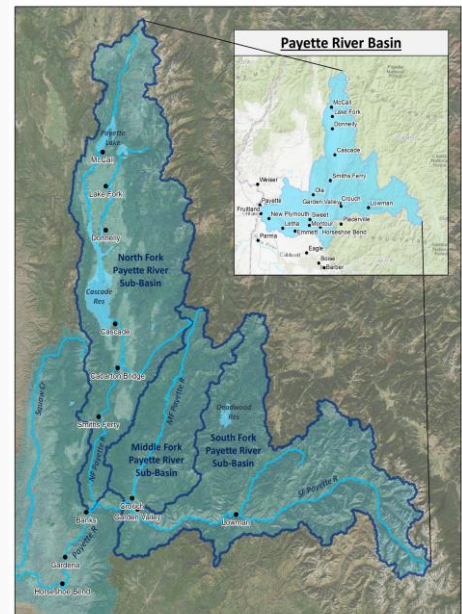
Relationship Building

Payette Land Trust Board Meets with Governor Little to Discuss Conservation in the Payette River Basin



On Thursday, June 27th, Governor Brad Little, along with members of his staff, met with the Payette Land Trust (PLT) Board along the shore of Payette Lake to discuss conservation within the Payette River Basin. The group gave the Governor a virtual tour of current PLT projects located in their service area which includes Adams, Idaho, Valley and Washington counties.

The conversation then turned to the PLT's efforts within the Payette River Basin.



Pictures from the Payette River Basin Initiative announcement



Local Outreach and Education

with Alzar and Roots Forest Schools

Student Community Conservation at Work



Students preparing for the field day

Morning briefing before going into the field



Roots Forest School

A preschool in the forests of McCall, ID



On a Beautiful Fall Sunday afternoon, Roots Forest School families joined author Niki LeClair and Payette Land Trust executive director Craig Utter for a special walk around one of the PLT properties.



Payette Land Trust Fall Fundraising Dinner at Ruby's Kitchen

The chefs prepared a 5 course locally sourced meal paired with regional wines. This was a fun and elegant way to support locally grown food and private land conservation. Seating was limited to 35 and tickets were priced at \$150 a plate. The event sold out in just one week. It was such a success; plans are in the works for more in 2020!

An Evening of Epicurean Delights

Brought to you by the Payette Land Trust

With exquisite and locally sourced food items from
Ruby's Kitchen.

November 15th, 2019
6:00 - 9:30 PM
324 W Lake St, McCall, ID

First Course Meet & Greet

Appetizers including Yak and Beef Sliders, Cucumber English
Tea Sandwiches and Buffalo Caprese
Paired with a Sparkling Wine

Salad Course

Beet & Goat Cheese Salad
Paired with a White Wine

First Entree

Duck Confit
Paired with a Red Wine

Main

Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Local Seasonal Vegetables and
Cauliflower Smashed Potatoes
Paired with a Red Wine

Dessert & Social Hour

Assortment of Summer Cream Cheese Berry Cakes, Layered
Peanut Butter/Chocolate Cake Bites, Custard-Filled Churros
and Ruby's House Cookies
Paired with Red Wine



Payette Land Trust Financials

Profit and Loss Statement ending December 2019

Total Income:	\$44,722.75
Total Expense	\$52,020.93
Net Income	-\$7,298.18

Balance Sheet

Ending December 2019

Current Assets:	\$21,939.19
Fixed Assets:	\$901,377.93
Total Assets:	\$989,363.62
Liabilities	\$0.00

Total Liabilities and Equity
\$989,363.62



Payette Land Trust Vision for the Future

By focusing on agricultural, wildlife and access corridors adjacent to water, together we can conserve habitat and water quality for future generations



Goals for the next 5 years

- 2 full time and 1 part time staff.
- Increase acres conserved to 25,000.
- Create an acquisition fund of at least \$1 million.
- Create and Implement River Basin initiatives along the Payette, Weiser and Little Salmon/ Salmon rivers.
- 3 public access projects.

Little Salmon River – Brees Easement
Watershed Conservation at work



Payette Land Trust Membership

HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT BALANCING
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

OPEN SPACE CHAMPION

\$30 Bronze Open Space Champion

\$50 Silver Open Space Champion

\$100 Gold Open space Champion

RIVER GUARDIAN

\$300 Bronze River Guardian

\$500 Silver River Guardian

\$1,000 Gold River Guardian

VALLEY STEWARD

\$3,000 Bronze Valley Steward

\$5,000 Silver Valley Steward

\$10,000 Gold Valley Steward)

Support can be made online at payettelandtrust.org

Or by sending a check directly to

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Payette Land Trust Board of Directors

Our organization is managed by a board of local volunteers. It is people donating their time for the cause that get work done. We all care immensely for helping landowners and the public leave their legacy of scenic open spaces for future generations.



Rick Fereday
President



Bob Vosskuhler



Jim Fronk



Michelle Groenevelt



Gary Thompson



Regan Berkley



Michael Eck



Craig Utter-
Executive Director

