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For the first time in 100 years,
salmon swim here . . . Page 12

Conserve, care for, and connect

Letter from the Executive Director

"Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something is worth doing no matter how it turns out." Vaclav Havel

This quote appeared in the signature line from one of our recent event participants. It followed this grim reminder, "This is just weather. Climate disruption will be worse."

If you share some of that same concern, the long, hot, dry summer that we've just been through was worrisome. For me it triggered anxieties about all of the impacts that climate change will have on our lives here in the Inland Northwest. Correction, the impacts that climate change IS having on our lives.

My wife, kids and I rely on a well for our water. This summer it began running dry in June – a full 2 ½ months earlier than it ever has before. Suddenly, it seems, the impacts of climate change have landed squarely on my doorstep. Or, more accurately, in my drinking glass.

Our conservation lands, with their life-giving forests, wetlands, grasslands, and uplands, are drying out, and the impacts are clear. Humanity's marks on our planet's natural systems are indelible, and perhaps irreversible. Still, I haven't lost hope. In fact, I'm full of the kind of hope of which Havel speaks; the certainty that our work is worth doing no matter how it turns out. The single most hopeful event I participated in this year was the summer chinook salmon release

that our partners, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, held this summer at our Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve on the Little Spokane River. Consider the significance of these powerful fish returning to this river for the first time in 111 years; I'm already looking forward to next year's release.

Your Conservancy is focused on protecting the most climate resilient lands in our region – the lands that will provide essential habitat as our climate continues to change. We protect lands that store greenhouse gases in healthy forests and grasslands, pulling carbon dioxide out of the air and holding it in trees and soil. And we continue to protect lands that our communities care about; lands that are part of our Rimrock to Riverside, Saltese Expansion, and Make Beacon Public projects – because we know that conservation starts with the land closest to home.

The coming years will bring change, we can be sure of that. But rest assured; inspired by our need for wild and natural places, your Conservancy will continue to use discernment and build partnerships to permanently protect lands and waters essential to life in the Inland Northwest. What could be more hopeful than that?

Sincerely,
Dave Schaub, Executive Director



A buttercup blooms in the aftermath of fire at a local trail system.



Photo courtesy of Ben Tobin

A wildland firefighter watches for flames on the railroad adjacent to Palisades Park in Spokane, WA during the summer of 2021.



Autumn colors festoon the banks of the Spokane River.

Photo courtesy of Angela Roth

An Offering

By Megan R. Charles

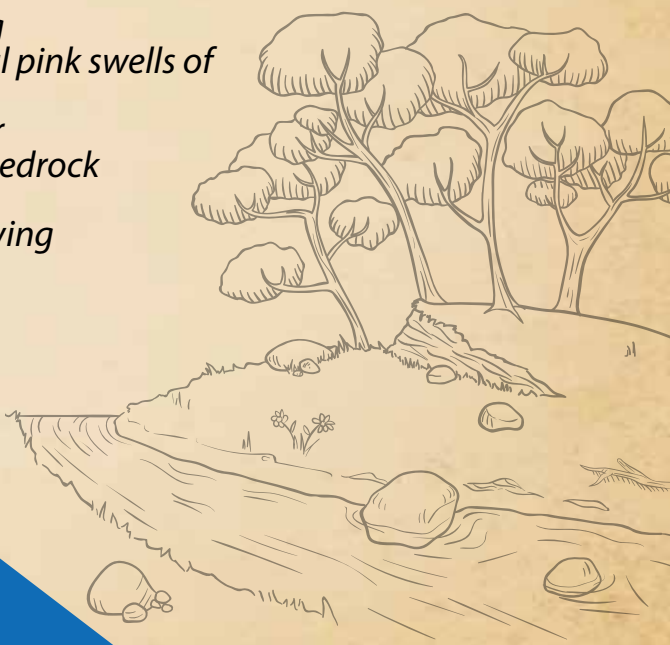


*Too many late summer
sidling on the Sandifur Bridge
you're surrounded by
ghosts of not-too-distant trees
wildfire smoke
haunting local pines
in clouds to collect tears
from aching eyes.*

*Comfort is the Spokane River
beneath you
a mirror offering
the still beautiful pink swells of
sunset
cascading water
singing across bedrock
nature's grace
amidst our growing
flames.*

Artist Bio:

Megan Charles earned her MFA in Creative Writing (Poetry) from Eastern Washington University. Born and raised in Spokane, WA, Megan's favorite thing about the area has always been its wealth of outdoor recreation, from exploring city parks, to hiking countless trails and swimming in nearby lakes. The lush, diverse environment of the PNW has long inspired not only much of Megan's writing, but also her desire to raise awareness about climate impact and the steps each of us can take to better understand and protect the natural world.



Volunteer Land Steward Program 2021

By Jon Jonckers

When you “conserve” something, you protect it from being damaged or destroyed. In the case of land conservation, the primary goal is to safeguard land in its natural state and, in some cases, restore developed properties back into natural habitat. However, very few things, land or otherwise, are conserved or preserved in a matter of weeks. Inland Northwest Land Conservancy started conserving land decades ago, however, the foundation of their mission remains protecting special places throughout our region forever.

Rose Richardson, a Spokane native with land trust experience in Whatcom County leads the land steward efforts for the Conservancy. Part wood nymph, part earth mother, and all conservation professional, Rose says, “The Volunteer Land Steward (VLS) program is designed very intentionally to be flexible to simultaneously meet the stewardship needs of the lands under our protection and meet the interests and skills of our volunteers.”



In a perfect world, protected lands never require any intervention or human assistance. But flora and fauna interconnect with weather, private development, migration changes, political policies, the aquifer, as well as wildfires or floods. Richardson details more about her projects, “Many people don’t know that we work in forever terms. So, when we take on a project, you can trust that we will care for the land, enhance the habitats, monitor, and defend that land, and educate people about that property forever so that it stays in a natural condition and stays healthy in perpetuity. And this applies to our community as well. We believe it is our responsibility to spread the word about stewardship and foster the next generation of stewards so that the lands we’ve worked so hard to protect will be loved and appreciated and cared for many generations down the road.”

Richardson explains, “In a very basic sense, stewardship just means taking care of something. But stewardship in a land trust sense means taking care of something diligently and meaningfully, in perpetuity. Tapping into our passionate community for volunteer support on the land is a new thing for the Conservancy. Creating a cohort of trained volunteers was my first step in bolstering the ‘care for’* element of our work. That cohort grew, despite Covid 19, and has completed a lot of important work in the past year.”

From any perspective, this is an enormous task, even though most of a steward’s time includes tackling small projects such as pulling weeds, thinning unhealthy trees, picking up trash, or educating others about their work. As a sort of concierge for the property, the Stewards help to ensure that each of these special places is building toward long-term health and climate resilience goals of the organization. Because, at the end of the day, as the region continues to expand, access to green space becomes harder to maintain without intervention.

Perhaps the Volunteer Land Stewards’ greatest victory is their education for the people who enjoy these beautiful spaces. Stay on the trail. Leash dogs and pick up after them. Stay out of ponds and streams. Take photos of nature, don’t bring samples home with you. In recent months, many favorite trails, like those at

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Volunteer Land Steward Jasmine Vilar also works for The Lands Council. One of the key organizers, she is pictured here at Reforest Spokane in October of 2021.

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Waikiki Springs, Antoine Peak, Mica Peak, Slavin, and Palisades Park could have become overwhelmed without a level of dedicated stewardship activity and advocacy.

The Conservancy is always adding to our “acres protected” tally**. We are on track to add 1,300 (almost 1,000 football fields!) acres this year alone. With this rapid growth in protected lands, comes a need for more stewards willing to protect beautiful natural spaces for the future. Here’s just a taste of what the Volunteer Land Stewards have accomplished since May 2020. While working over 500 hours, they have pulled weeds and removed invasive plants on more than 19 acres. They have also thinned doghair ponderosa stands on 7 acres, and removed nearly 24 cubic yards of trash. In between the labor, the stewards identified at least 213 different bird species visiting conservation lands.

The VLS program matches passionate people with a good cause that is fulfilling and protects our collective quality of life for generations to come. This program elevates the conservation work of the Conservancy. The program ensures these local treasures will remain a legacy for the volunteers that labor along the way. ■

If you want to be involved:
visit InlandNWLand.org or
email rrichardson@inlandnmland.org.

Thanks for joining us in the “forever business.”



*One of three tenets of the Conservancy’s mission, to “conserve, care for and connect with lands and waters essential to life in the Inland Northwest.”

**To date, the Conservancy has helped to protect 22,000 acres of land, 125 miles of shoreline, millions of gallons of clean water in the aquifer, and places within view of 90% of households in Spokane & Kootenai Counties.



Volunteer Land Stewards Janice Petrin and Patty Ziegler on a recent hike.

Digging Deep for Rimrock to Riverside

The sun broke through a bank of clouds, casting the pile of shovels with a beautiful rim light. As volunteers gathered for Reforest Spokane Day at Rimrock to Riverside, Mother Nature seemed to smile on the 200 participants and 1,700 trees and native shrubs that would soon grace this seasonal wetland. The Lands Council has organized Reforest Spokane events for a decade so when their team approached the Conservancy about a partnership—hosting this event in a Conservancy project area—we knew we were in good hands.

Amanda Parrish, Executive Director of the Lands Council says, “This year marked the 10th annual Reforest Spokane Day, and we’re so glad that we partnered with INLC and USFWS on this year’s event. The Lands Council’s Reforest Spokane Day, sponsored by Avista, has always been an opportunity for our community to work together on something that will have a lasting impact. By reforesting wetland areas in INLC’s Rimrock to Riverside property, we’re truly reforesting Spokane, creating habitat for wildlife and people alike to enjoy for years to come.”

As with many events, the “day of” is just the culmination of weeks, and sometimes months, of preparation. The Lands Council and Conservancy Stewardship Manager Rose Richardson, organized tools, plants, and registration, baked goodies for volunteers, and recruited crew leads. Brian Walker and his maintenance team with the US Fish & Wildlife Service spent hours prepping the site, moving dirt to restore ponds to the area. As local summers grow hotter and drier, wild animals, insects, and plants

struggle to find water during the summer months. Walker’s restoration work, shaded by the trees and shrubs planted by volunteers at the project, will retain more water, longer into the year.

This means that moose, coyotes, bobcats, and many smaller critters like native frogs and toads will be able to move safely and comfortably in and out of this area well into the summer. And being able to provide that safe haven was high priority for the volunteers. Scout troops, retirees, college students, and families dug deep to find safe places for fledgling cottonwoods, willows, pines, and many more. Volunteers laughingly bemoaned the basalt-laden earth as shovel after shovel-full moved aside. And while the weather had promised rain for most of the week, the entire morning was sunny and warm.

As the County Conservation Futures nominations* draw to a close this fall, and we at the Conservancy reflect on the myriad partnerships, and decades of passion that brought about the protection of this corridor, we are grateful for our donors, volunteers, the Friends of Palisades community, and all the other individuals and organizations who work every day to conserve, care for, and connect with lands and waters essential to life in the Inland Northwest.

*Rimrock to Riverside is nominated in the Conservation Futures program and, if ranked highly, will be purchased and placed into public ownership and management in perpetuity.

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..... CARE FOR: STATS

Volunteers engaged in stewardship projects:

254

Noxious weeds removed:

9
cubic yards

Number of volunteer land stewards:

46

Trees planted:

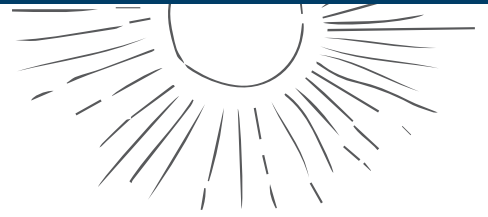
1,910

Garbage removed:

27
cubic yards



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Volunteer Carolyn and her tree, "Rose," meet Rose Richardson, Conservancy Stewardship Manager and organizer of Reforest Spokane.



"Hands knees elbows feet.
Shovels picks nursery pots.
Best means of improving diversity."

-Conservancy member, Julia McHugh



"Planting trees and shrubs on disturbed land made me feel as if I were a healer of the earth rather than a taker from the earth. While most of the time we are takers, it is a special time when we can give back, not just to the earth but to those folks who come after us and who will enjoy a healed landscape for years to come. It was made all the more special to be planting with so many other people."

-Judy Stafstrom, Conservancy volunteer



Two hundred volunteers planted 1,700 native plants and shrubs in only one morning.



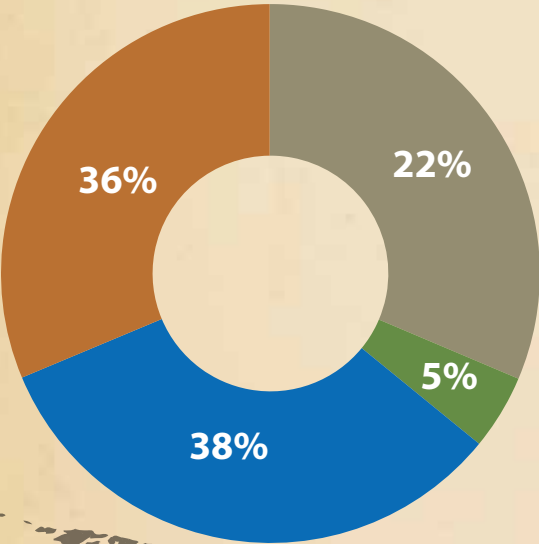
FY20/21 FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES:

Total: \$3,303,735

- Contributions: 36%
- Foundations: 5%
- Government: 38%
- Investments: 22%

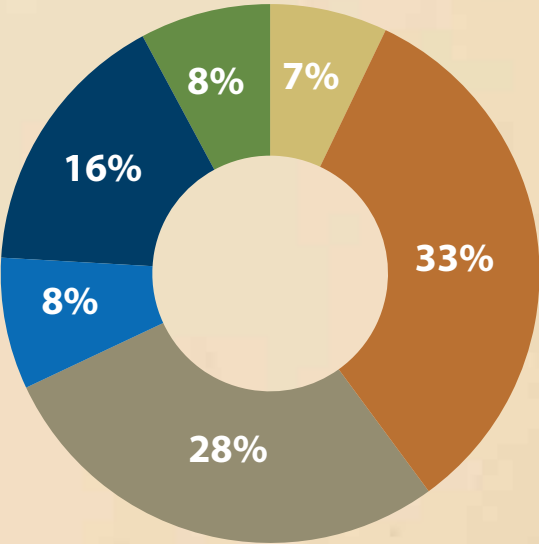
Contributions make up one third of our revenue. Your support is critical to our mission!



ASSETS BY PURPOSE:

Total: \$6,900,000

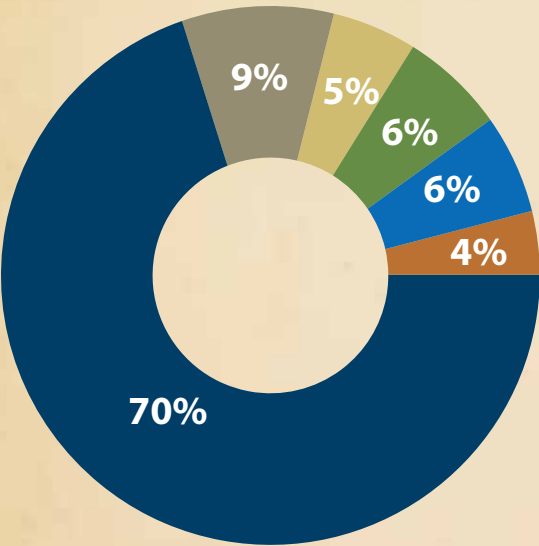
- General Funds: 7%
- Conservation Lands: 33%
- Operating Investments: 28%
- Conservation Fund: 8%
- Stewardship Fund: 16%
- Perpetuity Endowments: 8%



USE OF FUNDS:

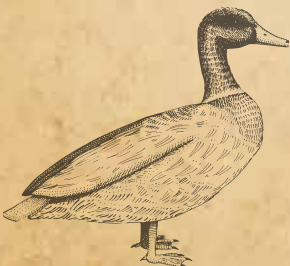
Total: \$2,172,171

- Conservation Land Purchases: 70%
- Conserve Program: 9%
- Care For Program: 5%
- Connect Program: 6%
- Fundraising: 6%
- Management: 4%



CONSERVATION LAND PURCHASES EXPLAINED.

Rimrock to Riverside Land Purchase: \$73K
Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve Land Purchase: \$1.1M
Saltese Uplands Addition Land Purchase: \$364K



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Protecting Havens, Forever

By Chris DeForest, Senior Conservationist

Right now, your Conservancy is creating permanent conservation agreements with a number of Idaho and Washington private landowners. We promise to tell you more once the deals are sealed. What we can tell you is that these people came to the Conservancy, hoping to protect the lands they love. These special places provide havens for all kinds of wildlife, protect clean water, and scenic beauty for all of us. Over the years, over 110 people and families have enlisted the Conservancy's help to see their working forests, farms and wildlife habitat protected forever, totaling over 22,000 acres including 125 miles of waterways and shorelines.

Here are the stories of two projects in the Conservancy pipeline.



Common loon.

Photo courtesy of Jeanne Dammarell

Room for Loons

Loons patrolled a tranquil bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene one fine October morning. Birch and aspen leaves rustled underfoot, as the longtime landowner ("Rob") and I walked through his forests and along the shore. Rob's "happy place" is working in his woods, nurturing elk habitat in some places and building firebreaks and fences in others, and milling lumber out of fallen trees in still others. His wife "Brooke" has had the land in her family for over a century. It features abundant springs, unspoiled shorelines, diverse forests, and the family home. A clear, cold stream burbles its way to the lake all year long.

Yet nearby, thickets of "For Sale" signs line the road. Resort developments have crowded animals onto Rob and Brooke's place. Hundreds of people drive or boat by in summer, taking in the pristine, yet threatened views. It's easy to imagine what could happen to the land, wildlife, and waters if Rob and Brooke don't protect it. When asked "why do you want to protect your land?", the owners said "To preserve the natural habitat for all the animals and birds from the ongoing progression of development. The

main emphasis for creating the conservation easement for us is to preserve the historical ownership of this special property without having it chopped into parcels and developed into more of what is happening around us." They also said, "Without steps to preserve this property, the result would be a catastrophic collapse of the ecological well-being of what makes this property so critical for wildlife habitat. The concept of natural habitat goes hand in hand with protected open spaces. Simply provide and maintain a proper environment and wildlife will thrive in it. For landowners who have a special bond to what they've worked on for generations, it is very comforting knowing that a way of life for future stewards has a pathway to continue on." The conservation easement will ensure that.



Local forests benefit from healthy, sustainable forest management.

Hall of the Mountain King

Thousands of years ago, the Ice Age floods scoured the Rathdrum Prairie and Spokane Valley, laying down the gravels of the great aquifer that provides sparkling drinking water to 500,000 people. Today, floods of development are spreading across the prairie, lapping at the forested foothills surrounding it. Atop one of these knolls, an Idaho family has owned its mountain timberland for over 40 years while watching roads and houses creep across and up the edges of the Rathdrum Prairie. Over time, this couple added more land to their home place. All their free time is spent caring for their land, guided by a series of forest management plans. As a working forest, their property provides wildlife habitat, a healthy forest, a sparkling stream in spring, and scenic views available to thousands. And they inspire others with their legacy of good forest management and stewardship. They sought out the Conservancy to make sure their hard work is never undone by thoughtless development and land conversion.

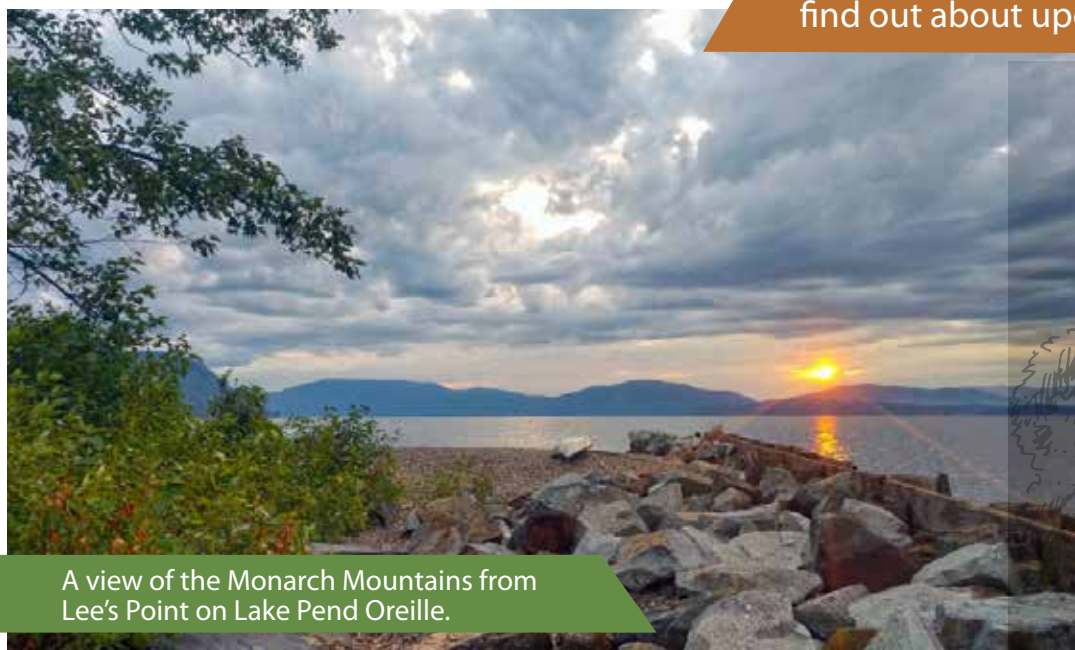
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Together, this couple and Inland Northwest Land Conservancy have crafted a conservation agreement. It will keep the land as a healthy productive forest, a haven for wildlife, full of creatures great and small. They've reserved the right to establish a home someday in a corner of the forest, but the agreement puts over 95% of the land off-limits to development. The forest will continue to generate periodic logging income, in keeping with a forest management plan. And their almost half-mile stream corridor will always help replenish the mighty aquifer below.

While the protection of private land is most often a quiet work that can take decades, the benefit to our community is immeasurable. These lands, with their gravel beds filtering water into our aquifer, their pristine streams and lakeshores, their mighty trees taking in our carbon dioxide and giving us oxygen, their nests, dens, and burrows, fostering healthy and thriving ecosystems, make the Inland Northwest the beautiful, thriving place that it is. Thanks to members like you, work continues every day to keep our home healthy and beautiful, forever. ■

Visit InlandNWLand.org/news/ to find out about upcoming projects.



A view of the Monarch Mountains from Lee's Point on Lake Pend Oreille.



Baker's dozen land conservation agreements in the works, including:

1,500 acres of land
6 miles of rivers and lakeshores

CONSERVE: STATS

Acres
protected:

22,000+

Shoreline
protected:

125
miles

Number of volunteer
land stewards:

46

Projects completed: 3 public preserve land purchases

Rimrock to Riverside—120 acres

Saltse Expansion—55 acres

Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve—95 acres

Historic Healing in Native Waters

By Carol Corbin

Splash! In a flurry of cold foam, the 15-lb salmon propelled itself into the shore of the Little Spokane River with one flick of its powerful tail. One couldn't fault the fish for its disorientation. After being collected at Wells Dam, it spent most of Monday, August 2, sedated, having its fin clipped to test for viruses and later, outfitted with a radio tracker. Earlier on Friday, August 6, it was netted, along with 50 other Chinook salmon, put into a large truck and hauled to Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve and Wildlife Area. Then, netted again, tucked into a rubber boot, passed down a line of people, and deposited in a completely new body of water—an experience that would be jarring at best for any of us.

When the Little Falls Dam was built in 1910, it blocked the native salmon from moving in and out of their ancestral waters—a blow not only to the fish, but also to the tribes who had long depended on salmon for their food, their health, livelihood, and community. This isn't a story unique to the Little Spokane, or our region. Now, Spokane Tribal Fisheries, along with many other tribes, land managers, non-profits, and private citizens are working to restore habitat and river access for native anadromous (migrate between freshwater and saltwater) fish.

The Little Spokane River provides ideal habitat for these beautiful fish because of its gravel bed, shaded banks, and most of all, the year-round 42-degree aquifer water that spills from the hillsides adjacent to the Nature Preserve and Wildlife Area. These cold, clear waters flow into the river, maintaining consistent temperatures despite hot summers and cold winters. This abundant water is why Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife originally purchased land in this area. It is also why the Spokane Tribe of Indians, the

Fairwood community, and state representative Marcus Riccelli championed the funding of the new, adjacent 95-acre Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve, owned and managed by your Conservancy. The Tribe was interested in utilizing this area for salmon reintroduction from day one, but no one ever thought we would see the salmon swimming in its waters so soon!

In mid-July, Conservancy staff received a call from Conor Giorgi, head of the Anadromous Fish Program with Spokane Tribal Fisheries. "We have 51 adult Chinook to release in the river!" At that point, much like the purchase of the Nature Preserve itself in the fall of 2020, the idea seemed like a pipe dream. Approval had to be obtained from partners, biologists had to check the water to make sure that the unseasonably hot summer hadn't made conditions dangerous for the fish, and maybe most importantly, all 51 now-quarantined salmon had to be perfectly healthy and disease free for the release to be a reality.

Plans moved forward for the release, low-key because of the variables but with those in the know waiting on pins and needles to get the official word. A brief email in the evening on August 4 moved me to tears. "The test results all came back negative for the disease testing so we are good to go on Friday. Brent*" For the first time in 111 years, salmon would swim in the Little Spokane River!

While this moment held deep significance for many people, Tribal Council Secretary Monica Tonasket and elder Pat Moses spoke of the deep significance for tribal members. "Those salmon have a spirit," shared Monica before the fish dipped their fins in their new home.

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Adult salmon are being monitored by Tribal Fisheries to better understand how they navigate this water system.



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Tonasket's grandfather was forced from his home by the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam and spent his whole adult life without salmon. "For me to stand here today and know that I'm making my grandparents, my ancestors proud, I'm overwhelmed," she said.**

As the fish were handed down to the water, dozens of community members and local leaders waded into the clear water to release them and watch them swim into the shadows. Some slid gently from the rubber sleeve used to transport them and others fought, whipping back and forth and stretching for the familiar feel of water on their scales. The sounds of Isaac Tonasket's song to the salmon echoed from the sides of the canyon and in the minds of those present as fish after fish splashed into their new home.

While this was not an official step in the salmon reintroduction project by the Spokane Tribe, it is an amazing opportunity for biologists to track the fish and observe their behavior—how they move through the river system and its tributaries, if and where they spawn, where they choose to live their last days. "This is about healing, about restoration," said Giorgi, one of the main movers and shakers for this beautiful occasion, "for the tribe and for our whole community." It is also an opportunity to educate the community about the history of the Tribe and the salmon.

As a Conservancy staff member, I was fortunate to be a part of this incredible day with my 8-year-old son—a child who has been passionate about science for as long as he can remember. From the technology of the fish hauling water truck, to the sensors used by Tribal Fisheries Biologists, to actually holding a fish as it dipped into the cold water of the river, he was fascinated by the day. As he and I danced the Spokane Happy Dance at the end of the release and osprey soared, dipped, and called overhead, and as we watched the fish drawing together and hanging effortlessly in the clear river, I felt a sense of hope. Hope that even in a world torn by climate change, a nation mired in divisive politics and systemic injustices, and the day-to-day struggles of my own life, that things can heal—that the spirit of the salmon can and will return, that a community coming together can make big, important things happen, that the work the Conservancy, your Conservancy does, matters deeply—in this moment and far into the future. ■

*Dr. Brent Nichols, Division Director - Spokane Tribal Fisheries

**As quoted by Eli Francovich in the Spokesman Review



▲ Author and Conservancy staffer Carol Corbin and her son Gavin release one of the 51 salmon.

Spokane Tribal Elder Pat Moses releases the first Chinook salmon to swim in the Little Spokane River in 111 years. ▼



Photo courtesy of Spokesman Review

Saving for the Future: A Legacy Story

Virginia Danke spent 29 years as a physical education teacher at Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, her own high school alma mater. Then she spent the next 40 years hiking the beautiful countryside of the Inland Northwest. And then, because she wanted that countryside protected, she left a legacy gift to the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy.

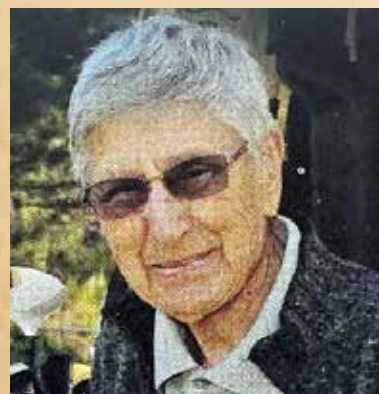
She was not a wealthy woman, Virginia's nephew, Bob Kenyon said. But "she's always been one that loved the outdoors. Her main concern was that beautiful areas should be set aside so people could enjoy them – especially greenbelts around urban centers."

Virginia was born on March 9, 1925, in Spokane and, except for college at Washington State University and a year teaching in Clarkston, Idaho, she lived her whole life in her tidy family home on Spokane's South Hill where she tended a garden that mixed flowers and vegetables. Of the profusion of plants growing along the fence in her front yard, Kenyon said, "she would put seeds in against the cyclone fence, so she had tomatoes growing alongside everything."

As a teacher, coach and referee, she was an early advocate for girls sports in Spokane. "I fought for a long time in Spokane to get things going," Virginia told a reporter for the Spokesman Review in 2019. "It was a matter of just pushing, even to get a line in the paper."

When she began at LC, the only interscholastic sports offered to girls were golf and tennis. Eventually she also coached basketball and, her real love, volleyball. She helped launch a gymnastics team, coached the LC cheerleaders, and started the LC Ti-Girls Marching Unit.

But it was a deeper love of moving in the outdoors that animated Virginia's life. That love began, her nephew said, when her family began renting a cabin at Garfield Bay on Lake Pend Oreille. Hiking in the woods around Lake Pend Oreille translated to a life-long love for hiking. A founding member of the Spokane Hobnailers hiking group in 1951, she hiked for her whole life, doing a mile a day until her death at 94.



Virginia Danke's passion for land was reflected in her estate plan.

She also loved to travel internationally: she went to Russia when it was still part of the Soviet Union. But what she loved most was to travel locally, sharing what she knew about the land in the Inland Northwest. She organized day travels for Elderhostel where she could be the guide to places she loved.

It was that work like that, small jobs doing what she loved to do, that helped put Virginia in a position to make a legacy give to the Conservancy.

"She lived very simply and frugally," said her nephew. "She would always pay for her travel by doing a job: she ran the State B Tournament one year. She worked in the opera house ticket office. Driver for Meals on Wheels for ten years, everyday."

And, he said, "all of her life, she simply saved because she could."

Now we at the Conservancy will share the benefits of Virginia's inspiring combination of frugality and dedication to the outdoors, putting her legacy gift to work to protect the lands and waters of the Inland Northwest. ■



..... STATS

Endowment balance: **\$544,500**

Conservancy planned givers: **45**

Would you like more information about including Inland Northwest Land Conservancy in your estate plan?

Call or email Dave Schaub at:
dschaub@inlandnwland.org or (509) 328-2939.



Active with organizations like the Hobnailers hiking club, Virginia was happiest on a trail. This is a view of her beloved Lake Pend Oreille in the fall.



CONNECT: STATS

Grounded in Nature
Events:

26

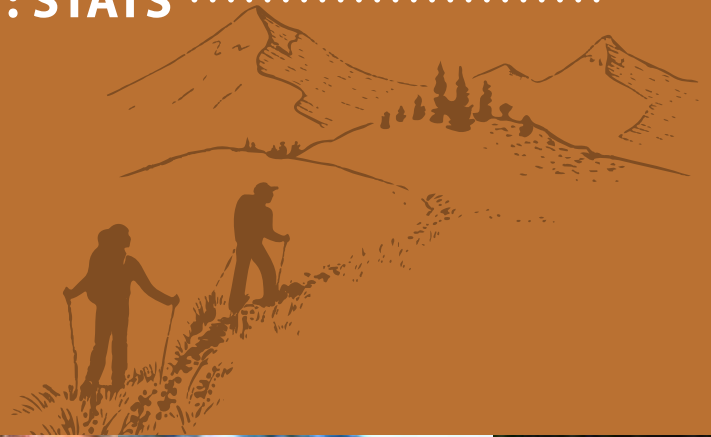
People engaged on
the land:

173

Trail Work Parties:

6

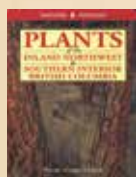
Tubbs Hill in Coeur d'Alene,
Trautman Ranch in Riverside State Park,
Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve in north Spokane



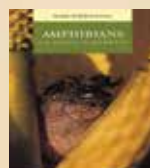
Winter Reading List

Visit our blog to see a list of recommended reading from Rose Richardson, our Conservation & Stewardship Manager. The books on this list will help you become familiar with the local plants, animals, and natural history of the Inland Northwest.

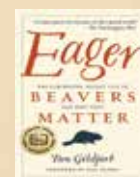
Here are a few examples of the Reading List...



**Plants of the Inland
Northwest & Southern
Interior British Columbia**
by Ray Coupe, Roberta
Parish, Dennis Lloyd



**Amphibians of the
Pacific Northwest**
by Lawrence L.C. Jones



**Eager: The Surprising,
Secret Life of Beavers
and Why They Matter**
by Ben Goldfarb



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Join us for Common Ground

Our annual meeting

Wednesday, December 8th from 6-8 p.m.

Ruby River Hotel in Spokane

Register for this free in-person or live stream event at: InlandNWland.org/Events

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*Limited to 100 participants (must be fully vaccinated for covid-19) in accordance to CDC recommendations.



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Your financial support makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the Inland Northwest every day!



Approximately

90%

of households in Spokane & Kootenai counties live within view of lands INLC has helped protect



125+

miles of protected waterways



MILLIONS

of gallons of clean water flow through protected lands and into the aquifer every day



22,000+

acres of land protected