



## COAST FORK WILLAMETTE WATERSHED COUNCIL

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# WATERSHED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## YCC in the Field - July

CFWWC's YCC's Adventures continued throughout July.



In addition to ongoing efforts at Bake Stewart Park outside of Cottage Grove, this year's crew has had the opportunity to take part in a fish salvage project - part of the [McKenzie Watershed Council's Quartz Creek Ecosystem Resiliency Project.](#)





This exciting project works to interrupt streamflow, add complexity in the channelized Quartz Creek, and to restore floodplain connectivity at its confluence with the mainstem McKenzie River. As crews work to raise the streambed grade and install large wood structures to support the new channels, fish and other aquatic animals need to be temporarily moved, and that's where the YCC gets to be involved. They've spent several hot days working to collect and move fish from Quartz Creek to the mainstem McKenzie River.



Nayla rocks the Electrofisher

## Volunteer Spotlight

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**We can't say it enough - our volunteers are amazing!**

**We'd like to take this opportunity to give special recognition to some of our members who have gone above and beyond this year.**



**This month, we're thrilled to recognize Tammie Stark for her incredible dedication to our pollinator garden! Our YCC crew generally tends to the garden in the summer, but they're not available until July.**

**During the first hot summer months, Tammie showed up and consistently watered the plants, ensuring they not only survived but thrived. Her commitment was especially meaningful as she was the very first (and only!) volunteer to show up for Nayla's first-ever volunteer event. Tammie's hard work and passion have made a significant impact on the pollinator garden's success!**

**She'd also like to give a shout-out to Hideki Tomeoka and Chris Ellis for their help with watering.**



## Science On Tap Returns in September

Slithering Salamanders, we had an amazing time at July's Science on tap with Tom Titus! Tom spoke to a packed house at the Axe and Fiddle last month. If you missed it, we'll have the presentation posted on our You Tube page soon.



Science on Tap is gonna take another quick summer break in August, but don't worry, we have the marvelous Martyne Reesman, a fisheries biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in Springfield, returning in September. Her position focuses on community education and outreach. Martyne will be talking about Chinook Salmon and their life history at September's event, "Chinook Salmon: There and Back Again, a Spawning Salmon's Journey".

We host these family-friendly events on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5-7pm at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. in Cottage Grove.

Events begin with informal socializing, trivia, and updates about the watershed and watershed council. The Science on Tap presentation begins at 6pm.

The event is free to the public, with a \$5 donation suggested.

### ALSO:

Just a reminder that thanks to the generous efforts of the talented Jim Lockhart, you can revisit past presentations or catch up if you weren't able to make it in person.

Our Science on Tap event presentations available to watch over on our [You Tube page](#).

# Prescribed Fire Field Workshop at Native Oaks Ridge

Join local fire practitioners in the field to grow your understanding of cultural burning, fire effects monitoring and oak-prairie ecology, fire lighting techniques, engine operations, and radio communications.



Saturday, August 23, 2025  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Near Cottage Grove



This field workshop intends to help build connections among neighbors and interested community members in preparation for burning a 14-acre meadow at Native Oaks Ridge just east of Cottage Grove at the end of Bryson-Sears Road. It's an opportunity for people new to prescribed burning and people with years of experience to build a shared understanding of prescribed fire techniques and approaches to help prepare for burning together. This field workshop won't include live fire. We will walk through a prescribed burn scenario

together. Attendees will be able to sign up to participate on burn day. The workshop is limited to 30 people. Please sign up to let us know you're planning to attend and we will send you additional information to prepare for the day.

Direct any questions to Sara or Katie at [swpbaoregon@proton.me](mailto:swpbaoregon@proton.me)

**SIGN UP HERE TO ATTEND**

Instructors include: Joe Scott, Tiffany Perez, Katie MacKendrick, Sara Fraser, Amanda Gonzales

This workshop is brought to you by partners at the Center for Rural Livelihoods, the landowners and Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council.

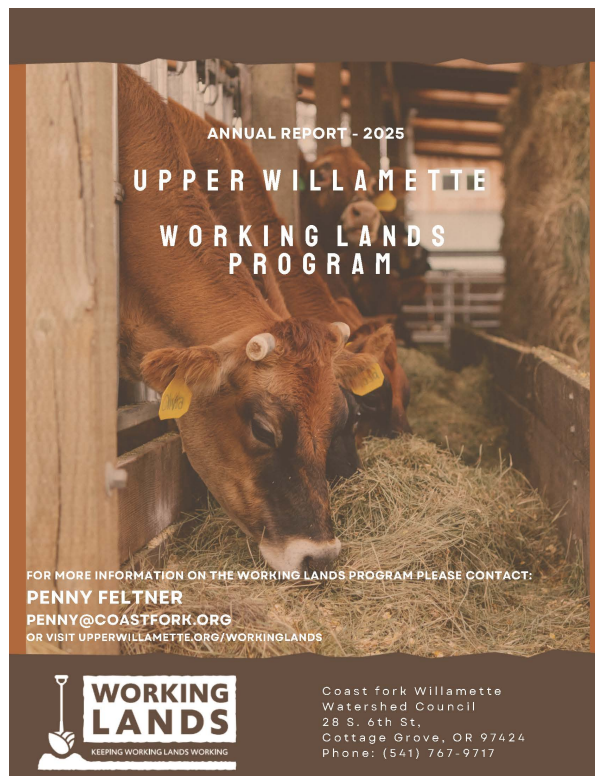


# NEWS & UPDATES

## Working Lands Annual Report

The 2024 Working Lands Report is now available [here!](#)

The purpose of the Upper Willamette Working Lands program is to support farmers, ranchers, and other working land managers as they attempt to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Toward this end, we are pursuing several strategies designed to catalyze the adoption of regenerative agriculture as a standard practice for local farmers and ranchers.



The program objectives focus on developing the role of farm manager as land steward, and supporting these individuals in accessing information, skills development, and resources for adopting best management practices and on-farm conservation.

Read the [full report here](#) to find out about the excellent work being spearheaded by Penny Feltner.

# Mosby Creek Update

## Our Mosby Creek Project is Underway!



Silt curtains installed in Mosby Creek at the work site.

**Officially named "Increasing Complexity in Mosby Creek's Floodplain Habitat for Northwestern Pond Turtles Project", this endeavor has been years in the making and is finally being put into action.**

**Like so many of our waterways, Mosby Creek has been subject to channel straightening and industrial timber activity for many decades. The site now resides on BLM land.**



The first pond being excavated, already filling with groundwater.

**Our current Mosby Creek project includes the creation of numerous interconnected ponds with channels to the creek during high water events. No materials are being removed from this site – everything including the uprooted trees are being repurposed within the framework of this project, restoring complexity to this area of Mosby Creek and restoring floodplain habitat for Northwest pond turtles.**





CFWWC's Board of Directors tours the site.

**We're very excited to see the evolution of this project site. Thousands of trees, shrubs, and riparian plants are slated to go in to the ground this fall and we look forward to reporting progress as this restoration continues.**

## **Monarchs in the Grove**



Monarch butterflies chilling on a local resident sunflower

**It's so exciting when people see positive results. A Cottage Grove resident recently sent us photos of Monarch butterflies in their garden.**



Monarch Larvae (left) and caterpillar (right) on showy milkweed.

## PARTNERS CORNER

### Salmon Watch Volunteers

**Hey UWSN people!**

This fall will be Salmon Watch time again and as always we are looking for volunteers!



# SALMON WATCH

# VOLUNTEER TRAINING



**DO YOU WANT TO:**



- ✓ CULTIVATE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WITHIN STUDENTS
- ✓ TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT BEAUTY OF THE SALMON LIFE CYCLE
- ✓ HELP STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE ECOSYSTEMS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
- ✓ ALL NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ONE OF THESE TRAININGS

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**  
**PLEASE VISIT WEBPAGE BELOW**

**SIGN UP TO BE A SALMON WATCH VOLUNTEER**



**Friday, August 22nd, 3-5 pm**  
 McKenzie Watershed Council  
 175 W B St, Springfield, OR 97477



**Sat, Sept 20th, 10 am-1pm**  
 Carmen Smith Spawning Channel  
 \*This training is a field module



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## **Salmon Watch Volunteer Summer Training**

**Friday, August 22nd 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**McKenzie Watershed Council Office**

## **Salmon Watch Volunteer Training Field Module**

**Saturday, September 20th 10:00AM – 1:00PM**

**Carmen Smith Spawning Channel**

Training is structured as a mock Salmon Watch trip with trainees playing the role of the students. New volunteers are required to attend one or both training sessions before signing up to support trips.

**[Register Here!](#)**

## **Job Postings**

The Long Tom Watershed Council is currently accepting applications for the following position:

### **Urban Waters and Wildlife Program Manager**



**Desired Start Date:** Flexible, September 2025

**Status:** Exempt, Full-time (40 hours per week but will consider 32–36 hours per week at a prorated salary)

**Reports To:** Director of Programs

**Compensation:** \$73,000–\$77,000 starting salary (depending on experience) + benefits.

To Apply:

Please submit your application materials via email to [apply@longtom.org](mailto:apply@longtom.org).

**[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)**

The Long Tom Watershed Council is currently accepting applications for the following position:

**URBAN WATERS AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM SPECIALIST,  
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER**



**Desired Start Date:**Flexible, September 2025

**Status:** Exempt, Full-time (40 hours per week but will consider 32–36 hours per week at a prorated salary)

**Reports To:** UWWP Program Manager

**Compensation:** \$64,000–\$67,000 starting salary (depending on experience) + benefits.

**To Apply:**

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