



# Monthly Updates

## February & March



### *Eugene*

#### McKenzie River Trust to manage Willamette Confluence Preserve

After a decade of restoration, The Nature Conservancy is transferring The Willamette Confluence Preserve to the McKenzie River Trust. The Willamette Confluence Preserve is a 1,305-acre natural area located between the Coast Fork and Middle Fork of the Willamette River. Bonneville Power Administration and the **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board** hold long-term conservation easements to ensure the proper management of fish and wildlife habitat.

### *Tillamook*

#### Tillamook recycling getting major update

Tillamook County's recycling program is in the process of receiving a complete overhaul thanks to an Oregon Bill that is revamping the way recycling is handled across the state.

Tillamook's Solid Waste Program Director David McCall told county commissioners that the bill offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity and that his department will be gathering public input at a meeting on February 14.

County commissioners signed a letter of support for the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council in its application for funding from the **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board** (OWEB).

### *Ashland*

#### Ashland all lands forest resiliency project

In total, 8,500 acres of public and private land will be treated in the forests adjacent to Ashland. Trees will be thinned, and flammable debris removed, sometimes with controlled burns. The **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board** (OWEB), partner agencies, and private landowners are using lottery dollars to help prevent wildfire disasters.

### *Willamette Valley*

#### Coyote Creek, Willamette Valley

Wetlands like Coyote Creek play a critical role in the Willamette Valley ecosystem. Not only do these areas provide homes to native species, they also recharge and filter groundwater, trap floodwater, and support stream and river systems. Your Oregon Lottery gameplay provides valuable funding to the **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board** (OWEB) to support the restoration and enhancement of our state's natural habitats.