

Conserving what you love about Lassen County

Since 1987, we have been working as part of the community to conserve all that makes our region home and to enhance our way of life through trails and education.

Our mission is to conserve significant natural areas & agricultural landscapes, and to promote and enhance a public trail system throughout Lassen County.

2023 Event Calendar

- May 6: Homebrew Festival @ the Depot
- May 13: Paiute Meadows Trail Run @ Susanville Ranch Park
- Nature Camp
 - July 10-14 (8-10 yr olds)
 - July 24-28 (10-12 yr olds)
- Sep 9: Lassen Gravel Adventure Ride (NEW partnership with Susanville Area Bicycle Club and Bizz Running Co!)
- October 7: Rails to Trails Festival
- And more to come! Stay up-to-date through emails and on social media!



Paiute Meadows Trail Run: Kids' Run

Financial Summary

Lassen Land & Trails Trust continued operating as a nonprofit corporation in 2022 for its 35th straight year. Stronger-than-ever community support provided the financial base for LLTT with \$98,607 generated from memberships, donations, sponsorships, and events in 2022, ~\$15,000 higher than in 2021. Grants of \$20,584 helped defray costs incurred for Habitat Restoration on Hulsman Ranch, a demonstration orchard at the Depot, conservation work on Lassen Creek Conservation Area, and Nature Camp. Total FY22 income was \$128,495 which is ~\$19,000 lower than in 2021 primarily due to lower grant income. Total expenses were \$132,463 in 2022, or ~\$10,000 higher than 2021. Net income was -\$3,968.

Not immediately evident from financial reports is the payoff of a \$15,000 note from a private lender for the house in the Lassen Creek Conservation Area. In addition, a long-time supporter of the Trust forgave a \$20,000 loan on the house in 2022, and with the third loan of \$25,000 expected to be forgiven in 2023, the Trust will soon be debt-free. This is a major accomplishment and a tribute to our conservative approach to fiscal management and a generous donor base.

LLTT maintains designated emergency funds of \$20,000, temporarily restricted funds of \$20,651 for specific projects, and \$150,295 in permanently restricted funds in long-term certificates of deposits.

The Trust enters FY23 in good condition and is poised to take on a number of new projects with total new grants awarded amount to \$468,000 for the next two years. LLTT's fiscal health has benefited from major community support with a strong membership base. If you are interested, our full tax documents are available on our website for public review. Thank you! Phil Nemir – Treasurer



Lassen Creek Conservation Area
Acquired in 2003-4, 2013

Our Board:




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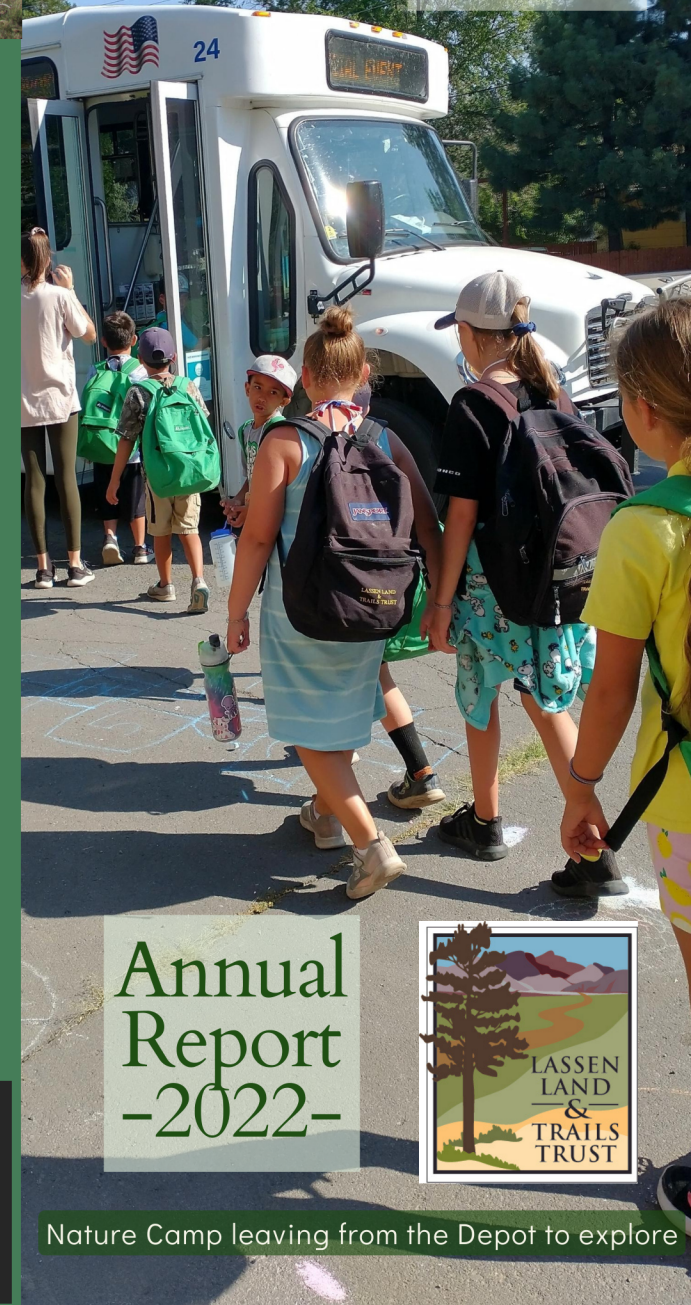
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- Admin/Volunteer Coordinator: Randy Darrow

Get in touch!

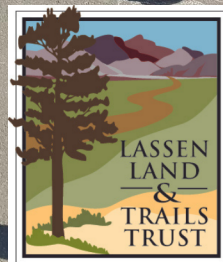
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Lassen Land & Trails Trust



Annual Report -2022-



Nature Camp leaving from the Depot to explore



2022 Year-in-Review

Project Updates

Lassen Land & Trails Trust continues working on many conservation and trails projects throughout Lassen County! Here is a summary of our major projects in 2022:

- At Lassen Creek Conservation Area (LCCA), we focused on noxious weed removal, trail maintenance, and improvements to the former house (LCCA Center), which we are fixing up to host educational programs and events for the Trust and community.
- Along the Modoc Line Rail Trail (MLRT), a rail trail in Eastern Lassen County open to motorized and non-motorized users, the Trust has been working with the Bureau of Land Management-Eagle Lake Field Office, and the CA State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division for maintenance and repairs on the trail. More work is scheduled after a wet winter!
 - We secured funding to complete environmental clearances on the rest of the MLRT, which will result in an 85-mile continuous corridor to explore!



Modoc Line Rail Trail
Acquired 2008



Rosenberg CE
Protected forever in 1991

Project Updates, cont.

- Conservation Easements (CEs): We continue to make progress on conservation easements on working lands in Lassen County, with funding secured for an additional 2 CE projects. LLTT focuses on projects with the benefits of preserving the agricultural heritage and open space values of these properties. The process of acquiring a CE can take years, but these permanent easements provide lasting public benefit by conserving habitat and watershed values, as well as providing potential financial benefit to the private landowners.
- Recreational Trails: We have continued to support and work with local partners to develop and maintain trails in the region. Proposed projects include a new Fredonyer Trail System, the Bizz Johnson extension into Westwood, and connector trails to link trails from Susanville to Chester!



Proposed Conservation Easement
Lassen County



Nature Camp is back!

Thanks to generous support from Lassen Municipal Utility District, Lassen Rural Bus Company, and Johnstonville School, we will be hosting our annual Nature Camp again this summer! This day camp for 8-12 year olds allows children to learn about natural resources, archaeology, and more while exploring the wonders of their own backyard. Registration is now available on our website, so sign up today!

- Session 1 (8-10 y.o.): July 14-18
- Session 2 (10-12 y.o.): July 24-28



Rails to Trails

brings the community together

In our first full Festival since 2019, we were so excited to bring a variety of community groups and tons of visitors to the Depot. Join us on Oct 7, 2023 where we will be celebrating 30 years of the Rails to Trails Festival! We hope to see you there!



Upgrades at the Depot

In 2022, we completed plantings for the new Demonstration Orchard and a culturally-significant plant garden, which will be used to help educate the public about native plants and their historic uses, and the orchard will serve as a location for fruit-tree care workshops and more! We also secured a planning grant to help guide our efforts to utilize this property as a more valuable community resource and welcoming hub for visitors to the area. We secured funding for plans and design for future improvements at the Depot, with planning efforts beginning in 2023



Susanville RR Depot Campus
NEW Demonstration Orchard
Established 2022

We also continued our volunteer greeter program at the Depot this summer which allowed us to open the Depot to the public! We plan to continue this project in 2023. No experience is needed, and we provide training for volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the office for more information.