


East Moraine Community Forest



Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership
Wallowa County, Wallowa Land Trust, Wallowa Resources
and Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
– with support and participation from the Nez Perce Tribe

Brief History of the Project

V. OPEN SPACES, SCENIC AND HISTORIC AREAS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Summary: Wallowa County encompasses over two million acres of land of which the overwhelming majority is committed to uses compatible with open space values, i.e. timber production, livestock production, cropland, and designated wilderness and recreation areas.

GOAL: To conserve open space and protect natural and scenic resources (Appendix 5-1).

Findings:

1. The Wallowa County Natural Resources Advisory Committee is coordinating with Idaho Power Company with regard to their Natural resource Management Plan for Dam Operations.

Policies. The following statements of policy are related to satisfying the above goal.

2. The Salmon recovery Plan is incorporated into the Plan as a resource document. The Salmon Habitat recovery Plan will be used as a supporting document to the Plan. Implementing measures will be contained in the zoning articles.
2. Agriculture and forest uses be continued to preserve open space (Appendix 5-2).
3. Wherever practical, mineral and aggregate, and potential hydro-electric power sites will be considered desirable for development (Appendix 5-3, 5-4).
4. Fish and wildlife habitat be protected by the Forest Practices Act and similar provisions (Appendix 5-5).
5. All Wallowa Lake Basin Moraines be preserved as scientific natural areas, significant to the County, State and nation. (Appendix 5-8)
6. Provisions for recognition be made at such times as sites of historical significance are developed or redeveloped.
7. Extension of, or additional, wilderness area in the County is opposed.
8. Annual gravel removal sites be established
9. Any proposed development adjacent to municipal watersheds be subject to the affected

Wallowa County Land Use Plan

Amended 1996 – Adding Goal Five Overlay (3 Yr Process)

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POLICIES: All Wallowa Lake Basin Moraines be preserved as scientific natural areas, significant to the County, State and nation. (Appendix 5-8).

Article 44: Adopted in 2002 and applying to the Wallowa Lake Moraines Goal 5 Resource Overlay – with a focus on scenic integrity.

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OUR VIEW

Moraine should be preserved

The old T-shirt slogan couldn't be more appropriate: "Think Globally, Act Locally."

With all the environmental issues out there, from urban sprawl to global warming and destruction of the rain forest, from genetic engineering to habitat destruction, it's easy to get swept away in this or that cause.

Now there is something larger, locally, that deserves full attention. We're talking about the move under way to find ways to preserve the east moraine at Wallowa Lake from further development.

The east moraine captivates locals and visitors alike. It's among the crown jewels of Oregon, along

The Wallowa County Chamber's board of directors endorsed the Partnership's pursuit to purchase nearly 1,800 acres of the east moraine.

Chamber

Wallowa Lake Chamber of Commerce endorses purchase of Wallowa Lake's east moraine

By Katy Nesbitt
The Observer
ENTERPRISE — Maintaining

Land Trust makes pitch for moraine purchase

Members of the Wallowa Land Trust approached the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners Monday asking if the county would be willing to assume ownership of a large portion of the East Moraine of Wallowa Lake, a plan that would be contingent

upon securing grant funds for the purchase.

Land Trust Executive Director Kathleen Ackley said negotiations are underway to purchase 1,747 acres of East Moraine property from Yanke Family Trust.

Ackley informed the board

that the Land Trust has received an invitation to apply for a \$4 million Forest Legacy Grant. Because that grant only can be used to purchase land for public ownership and Wallowa Land Trust is a private nonprofit organization, Land Trust Conservation Coordinator Julia Lakes says their group's preference is that the property become

county-owned.

An appraisal of that Yanke-owned acreage currently is underway, said Ackley, adding that grant money beyond the \$4 million would be needed to consummate a purchase.

Nils Christoffersen, a representative of Wallowa Resources, which is partnering with Wallowa Land Trust and the Oregon State Parks and

Recreation Department on the potential purchase, says a stewardship fund could be developed to cover costs of fire suppression, taxes, and management.

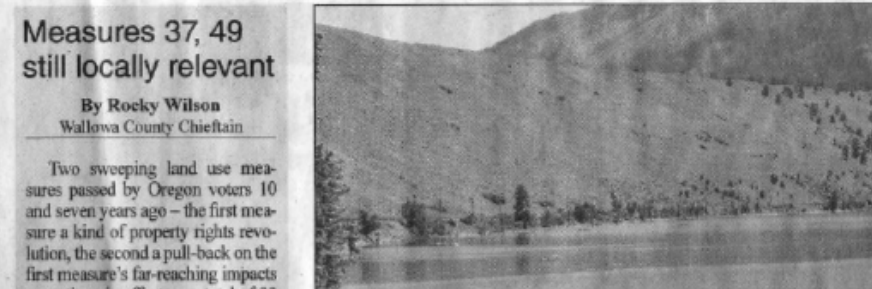
The board of commissioners agreed to place the Wallowa Land Trust proposal on the agenda of a special meeting to be held Monday, Aug. 11.



Several years ago, a conversation began among private landowners, Wallowa County and local organizations about the east moraine. The face of the rim line is allowed for hiking and is used for grazing and timber harvest. Some of the surrounding neighbors use their land for agriculture. Kathleen Ackley of the Wallowa Land Trust said a partnership was formed with the Yanke Family Trust to purchase the east moraine of Wallowa Lake from further development. See MEASURES / Page 44



moraine development



Measures 37, 49 still locally relevant

By Rocky Wilson
Wallowa County Chieftain

Two sweeping land use measures passed by Oregon voters 10 and seven years ago — the first measure a kind of property rights revolution, the second a pull-back on the first measure's far-reaching impacts — continue in effect on a total of 33 parcels in Wallowa County.

Rob Ruth/Chieftain

The east moraine's western face. The home development right for two lots within sight of Wallowa Lake was affirmed by the county commissioners.

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moraine owners' burden

By Rocky Wilson
Wallowa County Chieftain

any property at a negotiated price. But right now nothing... he added.

ioners' grant idea. "The State Park would like to install a trail..."

east moraine deserves protection

SECOND LIGHT RISEN

1000 lakes, best residential plates, team roads, as shores, I WAS-

Woman, my wife of two years, and I had the privilege of joining the final into the Wallows outing of the year for a hike up the east moraine. The hike was led by Whitman College geology professor Ellen Morris Bishop, the author of "Hiking Oregon's Geology," "In Search of Ancient Oregon" and "Best Hikes with Dogs."

The hike was a doozy. The view dramatic. Even with forest fires burning nearby the

have fewer and fewer unspoiled lakeshores to witness. As I stood there, far above the roar of cars on the road to the state park and of boats plying the lake, I imagined what it would be like if the preservation goal is accomplished. Imagine a hiking trail starting from the boat ramp on the north end of the lake. The trail would climb the

in stopping to examine things not previously fascinating, such as lichen-encrusted rock or the flight of the grasshopper. The thin air, nearly a mile above sea level, taxes the lungs, but this is not a place for one of those spectacular national park roads. Not everywhere



Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership



MORAINES PARTNERSHIP
EST. 2011

Oregon Parks & Recreation Dept.
Wallowa County
Wallowa Land Trust
Wallowa Resources



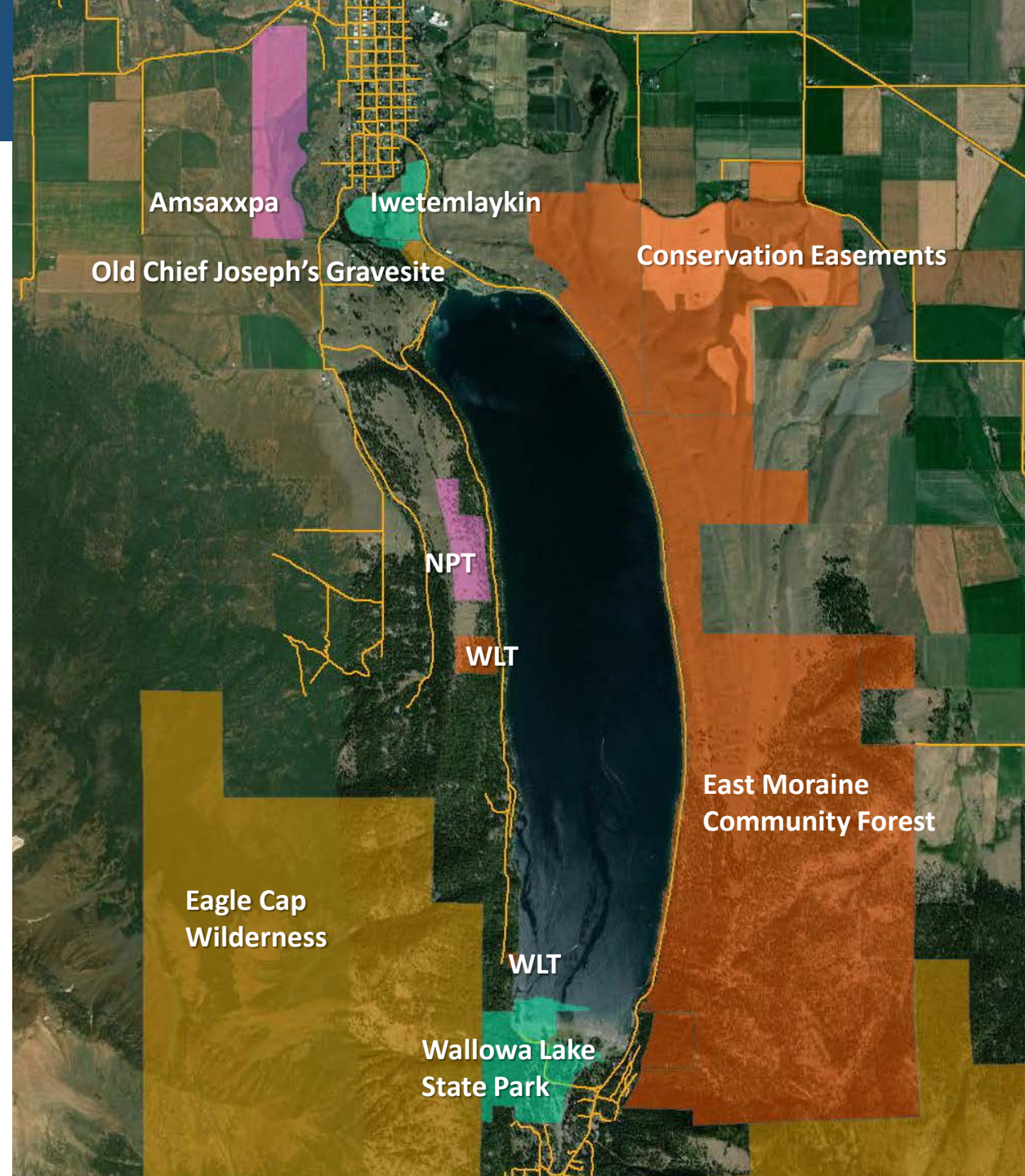
OUR VISION

The goals of the partnership and the community for the Wallowa Lake Moraines are to:

- MAINTAIN SUSTAINABLE WORKING LANDSCAPES of farms, forests and rangeland to contribute to the local economy and rural ways of life;
- PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS respectful of the landscape and its scenic beauty; and
- PROTECT OPEN SPACE for wildlife, recreation, and natural resources.

The larger landscape

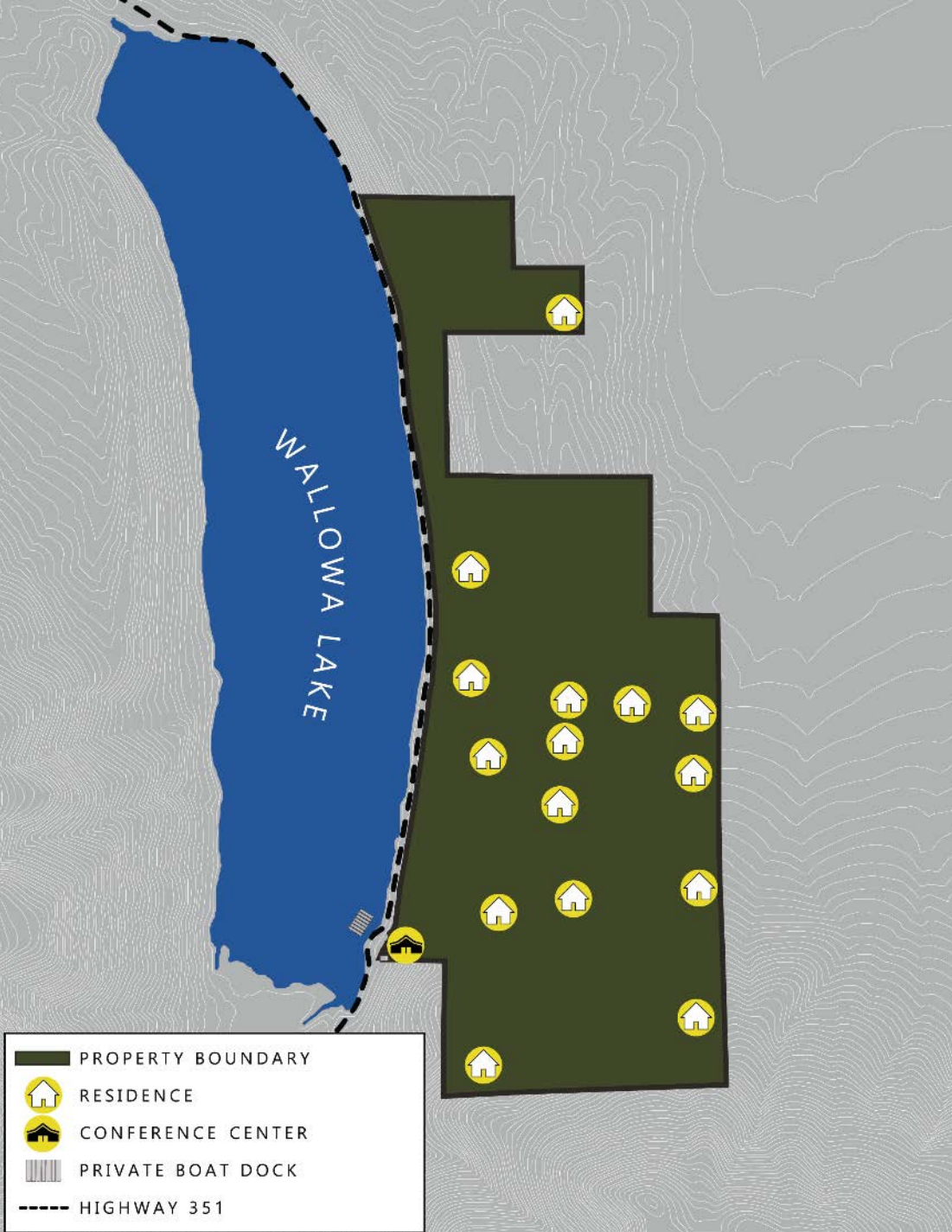
-  **Wallowa-Whitman NF**
-  **Nez Perce Tribe**
-  **Oregon State Parks**
-  **Wallowa Land Trust**



The Property



1,791 acres RY Family Trust



3 houses on the crest of the East Moraine

12 other homesites allowable

Conference facilities

Retreat Center

Offices

Private dock on Wallowa Lake

Purchase Price: Land	\$6,000,000
1,791 acres (an additional 33 was donated from OPRD as match)	
Transaction Costs	\$256,508
<i>Legal fees, due diligence, fundraising and closing costs</i>	
Stewardship Fund	\$311,440
<i>For annual maintenance, multiple-use management and payment in lieu of taxes</i>	
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Total Project Cost	\$6,567,948

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED: \$6,740,484

RY Family Trust property acquired January 2020

OPRD donated an adjacent 33 acres in June 2021 which contributed to match.

A private landowner sold another adjacent 30 acre parcel to the Wallowa Land Trust

Where did the money come from?



USFS Forest Legacy	\$3,673,928.00
Oregon State Parks	\$1,000,000.00
Families & Individuals	\$1,380,376.00
Foundations	\$386,180.00
Nez Perce Tribe	\$300,000.00

Management Plan & Governance Structure

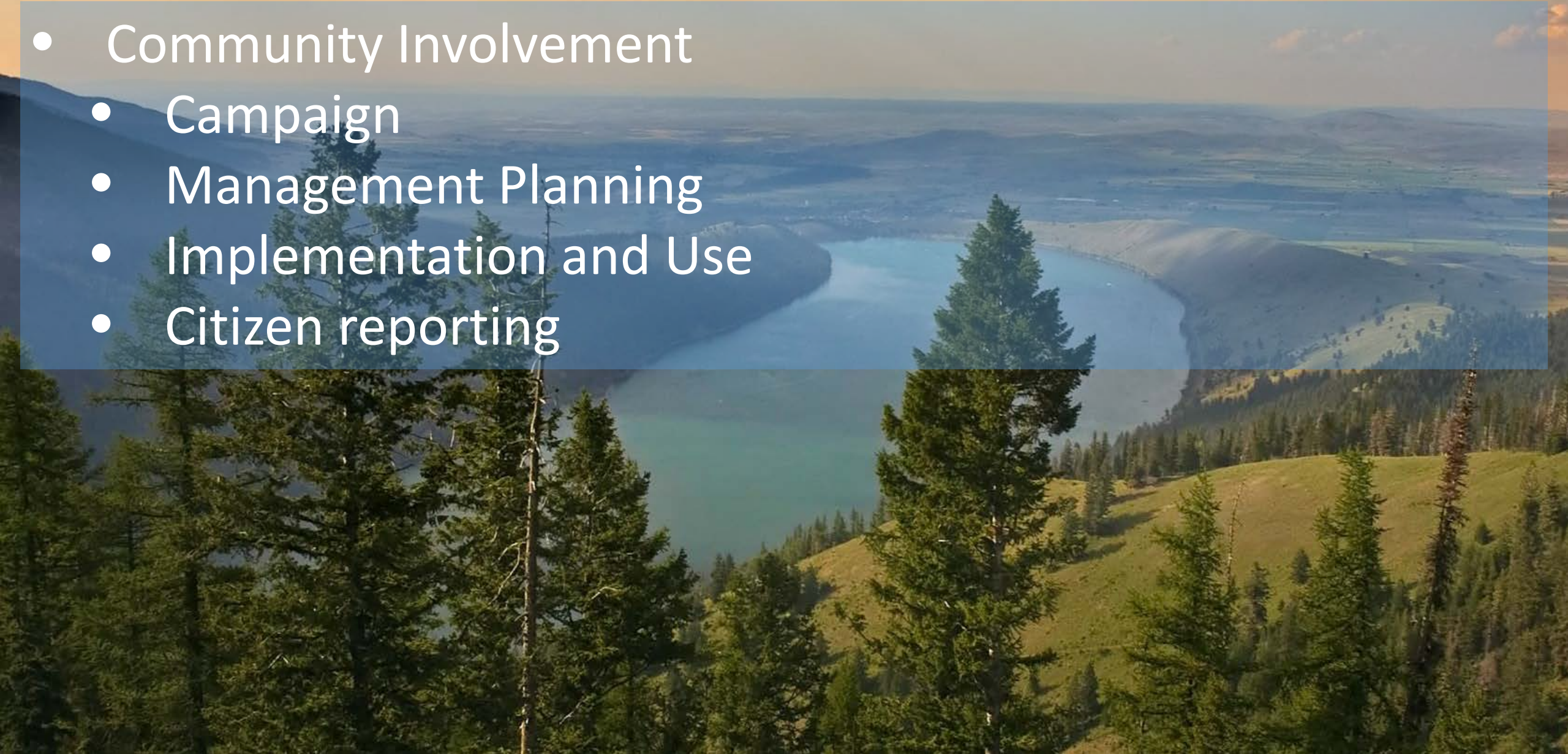
Conservation Values of the East Moraine Community Forest:

- a relatively unaltered community treasure, providing unparalleled scenic views;
- diverse and critical habitats, which support and connect a complexity of species;
- longstanding cultural significance of the East Moraine and this Property to its original inhabitants;
- its cultural history and the returns it provides to the local economy as a working landscape;
- recreation and educational opportunities for the local community and visitors alike.

The Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership is united in its desire to ensure balance across all uses and Conservation Values.

Recreation

- Community Involvement
 - Campaign
 - Management Planning
 - Implementation and Use
 - Citizen reporting



Recreation Issues and Tension Points

- Potential for too much use and erosion of conservation values
- Potential for increased conflict among users
 - Different recreation users, and recreation and livestock
- Limited uses of motorized vehicles
- Dogs – leashed, voice command, unleashed
 - Bigger challenge with bikers and horseback riders
- Grazing – general dislike to trails-fences issues
- Community and/or private events
- Infrastructure – parking, trailheads, toilets, signage

Response and Lessons Learned

- Developing system to monitor trends and peaks in public use
- Initiating Public Use Carrying Capacity Study
- Conducting series of public tours and field trips
- Ongoing dialogue and education with users on dog policies
- Demonstration of virtual fencing with OSU Ext and EOARS
- Community engagement in infrastructure planning
- Ndw Land Use Permit for use of motorized vehicles
- New Conditional Use Permit for Events

Success requires:

Partnerships

Patience

Persistence

Perpetuity

and

Scotch