

The Lands Council
invites you to attend



april showers

Auction & Dinner

Saturday, April 16th at 5:00 pm
The Davenport Grand Hotel
333 W Spokane Falls Boulevard
Spokane, Washington

Please RSVP by April 8th.

\$1000 - Friends of The Lands Council Table
\$500 - General Table
\$75 - Individual Guest

To RSVP, please go to: www.landsCouncil.org/april-showers-auction-dinner, call Chelsea at (509) 209-2407, or return the back of this invitation.



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THE ENVIRONMENT

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SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

WE SUPPORT



URBAN ECOLOGY

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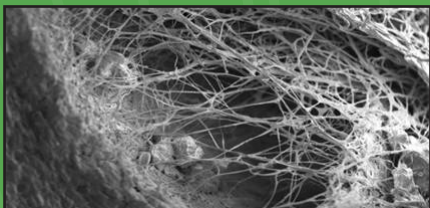
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Mycology Project

by Heidi Montez

You may rarely notice them. You might never even see them. Even so, they're all around us; quietly and tirelessly working to dispose of waste, generate soil, operate underground communication and commerce, and provide healing nutrition to the hungry. They are the wonderfully mysterious Kingdom of Fungi.



Fungi aren't nearly as flashy or obvious as Plants or Animals, but they are just as diverse (if not more!) as either group. Fungi have a myriad of functions in the ecosystem, including their important role as nature's recyclers. They harbor unique abilities to break down tough organic

materials - such as wood - making nutrients available to other organisms once again. Their digestive systems are truly amazing. Not only can they digest wood, but they can also eat toxic chemicals! This incredible ability sparked a radical idea here at The Lands Council:



Can mushrooms help us keep pollution out of the Spokane River?

The Spokane River has elevated levels of toxic man-made chemicals called Polychlorinated Biphenyls, or PCBs. There is still a lot to learn about PCBs, but we do know that they stick around in the environment for a very long time, are building up in our river fish, and can cause human health issues. Cleaning up these chemicals and preventing

them from entering the river is a huge challenge for our community.

The Lands Council is currently building a Mycology Lab and gearing up for a series of experiments that will put some promising mushrooms to the test. Can mushrooms eat and break down PCBs that are polluting our precious river? With the help of the City of Spokane, we are planning groundbreaking experiments to assess the potential PCB-digesting abilities of our fungal friends. They



may know more than we do about dealing with PCBs... Stay tuned in the coming months for more news on this exciting new endeavor!



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Thoughts from our Executive Director

by Mike Petersen

When I think about the best days I have had in my life, many of them have been in National Parks, National Forests, and National Monuments. Almost all of the rare wildlife I have seen has also been on public lands. The armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has brought out the worst – and the best of America. Armed thugs invaded a peaceful refuge, bulldozed fragile ground, trashed the headquarters, and intimidated the citizens of Harney County, Oregon. Some politicians, such as Washington State Rep. Matt Shea, abandoned their legislative duties to support the insurrection. But, most Americans expressed outrage that our public lands were invaded by the same people whose cattle have been illegally trespassing on our lands in the southwest and wanted the occupation to end.

The armed occupation is part of a larger, and longer effort by some in the West to take over our lands and turn them over to states and private companies. Led by Utah Congressman

Bishop, this attack on our American heritage defies the great conservation principles of Teddy Roosevelt, who helped lay the foundation to protect wilderness and wildlife that shaped American land and culture. Roosevelt said: "We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its good fortune."

Our environmental laws provide a framework for all citizens to be involved in how our lands are managed and The Lands Council has worked for 30 years to improve management of nearby National Forests. Twenty years ago the Forest Service had forsaken science and allowed a massive road building and clear-cut binge to occur. The Lands Council led the way in the country to establish a monitoring and forest watch program that helped change the way our forests were managed.

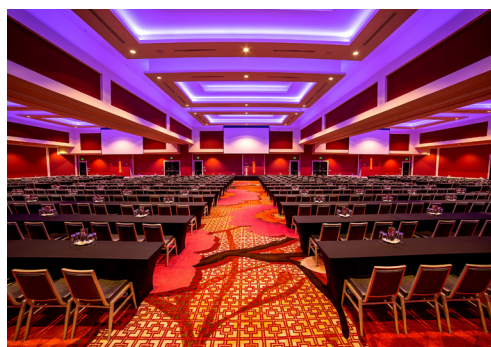
Today, we are at the table with other stakeholders, and on the forests

we work on, forest restoration follows science. A landscape scale restoration project north of Colville, Washington is an example of collaboration with conservation goals at the forefront. Thinning that leaves the largest and most drought resistant 40 to 200 trees per acre, re-routing a road that is impacting a nearby creek, while leaving half the landscape untouched, will shift this area toward fire and drought resistant species like Ponderosa pine, western larch, and white pine.

You can help celebrate our public lands. On March 19th we will have a hiking and activity day at nearby Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. Organizing with the Friends of Turnbull, and the Refuge, we want to have this be the first of many outings this year on our public lands. I hope you can join me.

Mike Petersen | Executive Director

April Showers Wish List



This year celebrates the 21st April Showers auction. This event is much anticipated and has become a staple in the community. We put a lot of work into making this event as special and fun as possible. Please help us in making this year's event a success by:

ATTENDING. April Showers has a 21-year reputation of being one of the best events of the year. Ticket prices are only \$75 for individuals and \$500 for a table of 8, which includes a three course meal, and wine - plus great deals on hundreds of items.

SPONSORING. Do you work for a company who would benefit from being a part of a large-scale, well-publicized event like April Showers? Sponsorship levels are an affordable way to promote your business to a great group of local members and other business partners, while supporting a meaningful cause.

INVITING. Even the best events are better shared with your friends and family. We would love the opportunity to share the mission and work of The Lands Council with you and your community. Please invite your friends and family to share in this lovely night.

DONATING. The April Showers auction never fails to offer an exciting line up of live and silent auction items. Do you have any of these items to donate:

- TICKETS TO GONZAGA BASKETBALL GAMES, REGIONAL SPORTS EVENTS, SYMPHONY, PLAYS, OR OTHER EVENTS
- AIRLINE MILES
- TIME SHARE VACATION WEEKENDS
- HOTEL POINTS

- LOCAL GETAWAYS
- HANDMADE ITEMS
- ART AND JEWELRY
- RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATES
- WINE
- SPA SERVICES
- OUTDOOR GEAR
- ACTIVITY PASSES
- ANY OTHER GREAT AUCTION ITEMS

Donate online at www.landscouncil.org.

To purchase auction tickets, reserve a table, donate, or find out more about sponsorship contact Chelsea at (509) 209-2407 or cupdegrove@landscouncil.org.

Guest Information & Reservation Form

DINNER MENU

CAESAR SALAD. Fresh hearts of romaine, shaved Parmigiano Reggiano, garlic croutons, fresh lemon, housemade Caesar dressing.

ENTREES (choice of).

- PORTOBELLO AND SWEET POTATO NAPOLEON.** Kalamata-caramelized onion Pomodoro sauce, grape tomato and caper relish, basil emulsion. (vegan/gluten free)
- GNOCCHI WITH ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH.** Roasted forest mushrooms, pearl onions, tomatoes, asparagus, Pomodoro sauce. (vegetarian)
- OVEN ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST.** Wrapped in Parma ham, stuffed with wild mushroom, thyme and brie, Meyer lemon-fresh thyme butter sauce; served with herb roasted fingerling potatoes, organic beets, fennel, wild mushrooms.

CHOCOLATE FLOURLESS CAKE. Rich chocolate cake with crème anglaise and fresh raspberries.

Your Name: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date : _____ Security Code: _____

- \$1,000 Friends of The Lands Council Table
- \$500 General Table (Seats 8)
- \$75 Individual

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