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# April Showers

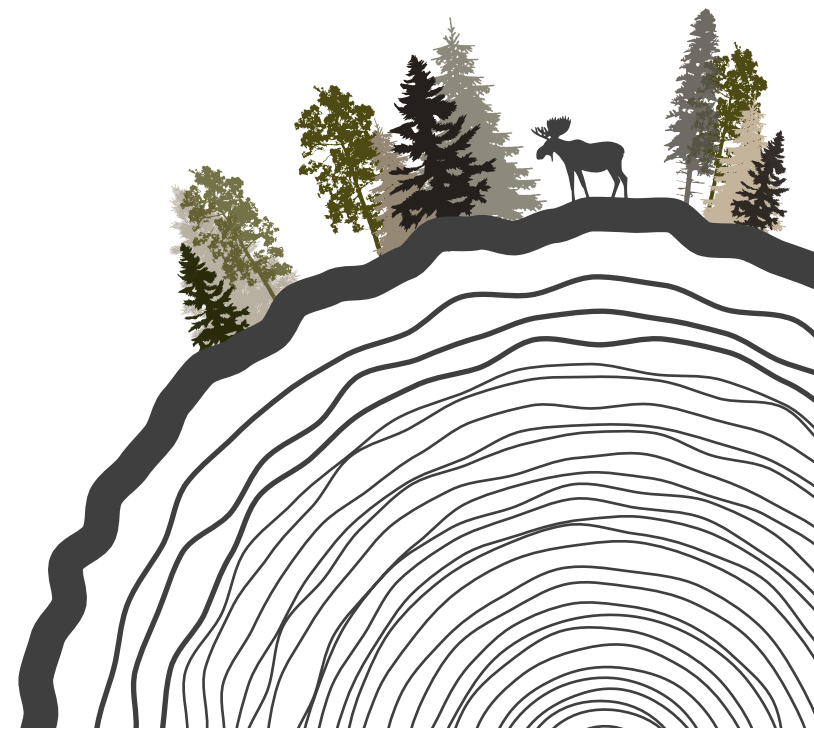
Auction & Dinner

SATURDAY : THE GRAND HOTEL  
April 8th, 2017 333 W Spokane  
Falls Blvd  
5 - 9 PM Spokane, WA

Please join us for a wonderful evening of great friends, a delicious dinner, fantastic live and silent auction items, and most importantly, supporting the restoration and revitalization of your Inland Northwest forests, water, and wildlife.

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### PROJECT SUSTAIN

BY KAT HALL

Project SUSTAIN - our outdoor, place-based, STEM-focused environmental education program - continues to flourish, thanks to grant funding from Washington STEM, the EPA Urban Waters Program, and the Department of Ecology! As part of a FieldSTEM Career Connected Learning Grant, TLC is working with students from North Central HS, Lewis & Clark HS, Central Valley HS, and University HS on a year-long Spokane River Watershed project. Students are participating in active, service-based field experiences focusing on water quality (e.g. measuring temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, transparency, nitrates, and phosphates and sampling for macroinvertebrates); water quantity (e.g. measuring snow-water equivalency (SWE), analyzing impacts of climate change on SWE over time, and calculating available runoff in the Spokane River watershed); and urban water management (e.g. wastewater treatment, green infrastructure, and low impact development). They'll wrap up the year by presenting individual research

projects focusing on local water resources issues at a joint Youth Water Summit in May.

This October, we facilitated an intensive, hands-on curriculum on Urban Stormwater Management to students at MEAD Alternative HS. Students measured plant



transpiration, calculated infiltration rates and storage capacities of different soil media, created pervious pavement mixtures, designed and constructed a "modified" storm garden on their campus, and will do storm drain artwork/stenciling in the spring. We're presently teaching a year-long iteration of this curriculum to three chemistry classes at Post Falls HS. We kicked it off with a visit to the Spokane County Water Reclamation Facility/Water Resource Center, Upriver Dam, and the City of Spokane Urban Runoff Greenway

Ecosystems (SURGE) project at Lincoln St. and W. Broadway Ave.

Students also got their hands dirty and feet wet during yet another successful TLC fall riparian restoration season! Approximately 375 students from North Central HS, University HS, Central Valley HS, Post Falls HS, Liberty SD, Cheney MS, and MEAD Alternative HS planted several hundred trees and shrubs on Hangman Creek near the Hanging Tree Historical Monument and along the headwaters of Marshall Creek. Our spring restoration season begins in March, and we'll be holding a community-wide tree planting event on Earth Day—Saturday, April 22nd. Stay tuned for details!

TLC once again had the privilege to teach the Roots of Success environmental literacy and green jobs readiness curriculum to a cohort of roughly 25 offenders at the Geiger Corrections Center this fall. Two participants are continuing to take the course from us post-release. We're looking forward to teaching another cohort this winter.



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**THOUGHTS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
BY MIKE PETERSEN

Welcome to 2017 and its challenges! Since January 17, there have been a slew of Executive Orders and Congressional Proposals to roll back environmental protection, sell off public lands, and reward energy corporations who are ignoring climate change. The Lands Council is taking action in a number of ways - and you can help as well. I encourage all of you to contact our elected officials to ensure they fight these measures.

Regardless of what happens in Washington DC, The Lands Council will continue to work with forest coalitions in Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Members include rural elected officials, staff from Congressional offices, timber people, and recreationists who are generally supportive of keeping public lands in public hands. Notably, a proposal to sell off public lands introduced by Rep. Chaffetz of Utah was withdrawn after an outcry from sportsmen and conservationists.

Working locally is key. Over the past couple of weeks I have met with County Commissioners from N. Idaho and NE Washington about forest issues. In addition to working together on forest health and wildfire issues, we are also having conversations about new Wilderness. We are not talking about selling off public lands. In our part of the country we

have communication and efforts happening between rural and urban stakeholders on resource issues! For example, legislation has been introduced by Senator Risch of Idaho to protect part of the Scotchman Peaks roadless area as Wilderness - with great local support!

Late last year a new group formed from a diverse set of people in Pend Oreille, Steven, and Ferry Counties to give input to the Colville National Forest. We have now met as a Tri-County group many times and are finding common ground. I sit on a Wilderness and recreation access committee, as well as, a grazing committee. It is exciting to be working with very diverse rural interests and talking about permanent protection for key roadless areas, and helping rural economies!

In North Idaho, all five northern counties are now participating with the Forest Service in collaborations. Again, the key was helping both the Forest Service and counties come together and work on tangible forest projects that helped with forest health and wildfire protection - all while meeting ecological standards. The Lands Council is now a member of the Shoshone-Benewah Forest Health Collaborative and the Panhandle Forest Collaborative

In NW Montana, our forest collaborative is working with a collaboratively challenged

Forest Supervisor. We met with the Regional Forester and I think we are getting on the right track. I was invited to speak at the Western Governors Association meeting to speak about collaboration. I am thinking of collaboration as an antidote to confrontations like the Malheur Refuge takeover and the anti-public lands agenda of Reps. Bishop and Chaffetz of Utah.

Turning to our watershed work, we relocated our 100th beaver last year, mostly onto the Colville National Forest. Also, we are working to restore the Spokane River and three tributaries with tree planting, a couple of in-stream structures, outreach to landowners, and partnerships in several counties. We held a clean energy forum with another planned in the Spring, and are working to increase wild salmon in the Columbia River basin.

There are many opportunities to volunteer with our restoration efforts, both in the Spokane area, as well as the high peaks of Northeast Washington. Please let us know what you want to do!



Mike Petersen | Executive Director

**APRIL SHOWERS WISH LIST**



This year celebrates the 22nd April Showers auction and dinner. This much-anticipated event is a staple in our philanthropic 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 or inviting your friends and family!

**ATTENDING.** April Showers has a 22-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.

**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.

To purchase auction tickets or reserve a table, visit [www.landscouncil.org](http://www.landscouncil.org) or contact Chelsea at (509) 209-2407 or [cupdegrove@landscouncil.org](mailto:cupdegrove@landscouncil.org).



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Your sponsorship does more than simply put your organizations name in front of Spokane's environmental community and business leaders; it makes a real difference to the future of our community's environment. We have fun, engaging sponsorship levels still available, such as:

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**DONATE AN ITEM**

Donating to our auction is a great way to promote your business to an active group of local members while supporting a meaningful, local cause. April Showers is our most important and highly-publicized fundraising event of the year. In 2016, we hosted nearly 400 guests and made over \$85,000 for your local forests, water, and wildlife. Not only will your donation contribute to the health of our region, but your donation will also be recognized in our program and booklet that our 400+ guests receive.

The April Showers Auction and Dinner never fails to offer an exciting line up of live and silent auction items. You can donate online or stop by! Items needed:

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