# connecting land and people



**2014 ANNUAL REPORT** 



Protect the natural diversity and rural character of the Prickly Pear Valley and surrounding lands in Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater and Powell counties through voluntary and cooperative means. The land trust is dedicated to perpetuating the recreational, wildlife, scenic, agricultural and historic values of the land.

In support of our mission, the core values of Prickly Pear Land Trust define our organizational culture:

- Support the enhancement and restoration of conservation values of strategically identified lands.
- Protect and steward strategically identified open spaces in perpetuity.
- Provide easy trail access and open spaces that interconnect our community for all to enjoy.
- Provide information to the community on resource conservation and open space issues.
- Conduct and communicate our business with openness and integrity.
- Serve those in our community who have interests in open space and conservation.
- Instill a connection with the land that fosters its permanent protection.

"relationships are critical for accomplishing our work"

Dear members, supporters and friends,

Thanks to you, Prickly Pear Land Trust made great strides last year. We recognize and celebrate the personal stake that each of you has in PPLT's successes and challenges. Launching from a solid foundation of community collaboration, PPLT expanded its staffing to bring you increased recreational opportunities and high caliber events.

As a direct result of your support, PPLT has protected the backdrop of the Montana State Capitol, conserved a former subdivision in the Helena Valley for agriculture and public fishing access, created new public access near York, and advanced our role as Helena's trail coordinator. This on-the-ground work expands your access to the amazing landscape that surrounds us, and preserves the rural character and scenic beauty that embodies Helena, Montana—an impact that you have helped to sustain. Thank you!

We have continued to build and maintain partnerships with agencies, businesses, organizations, and landowners. These relationships are critical for accomplishing our work, and we thank these partners for sharing the vision and mission. PPLT also proudly continues to serve as the fiscal and administrative sponsor of the Montana Association of Land Trusts, which provides strong leadership and representation for 12 local, state, and national conservation organizations operating on behalf of Montana's communities and open lands.

Because of your support we are thriving—2014 was PPLT's most successful year in terms of financial support. The bottom line is that none of this work happens without you and your commitment to a healthy environment and community. Your investment makes it possible for PPLT to continue working to protect what so many people cherish about this special part of Montana.

Please read on as we take stock of where we have been and set our sights on the future.

From the board and staff of PPLT, thank you for being part of the PPLT family.

With gratitude,

Andy Baur Executive Director

Jonathan Krauss Board President

# 2014 highlights

Whether born and raised here or lucky enough to have been drawn to Montana, our commonality is love for this landscape. Whether you work it as a farmer or rancher, hike or bike on it for recreation, or simply enjoy watching our area's diverse wildlife, we all feel connected to the land.

Our work at Prickly Pear Land Trust helps conserve this open space we all love. From trail building and maintenance to public land protection to preserving working farms and ranches, we do what we do for the community, the economy, and future generations.

PPLT acquired three additional parcels totaling about 100 acres as part of the Helena **Backdrop Initiative.** Since 2006. PPLT has facilitated the acquisition of 13 lots equaling 344 acres to protect the scenic backdrop, wildlife habitat, and trail access on Mount Ascension. Story on page 6.

### The Trails Program again saw

a record number of volunteers contribute to Helena's world-class trail system. PPLT hosted 23 trail events with about 400 volunteers providing more than 2,000 hours of trail work. Thirteen of these events were sponsored by businesses and organizations. We thank our stalwart partners, the City of Helena and the Helena National Forest, for facilitating and fostering this work. Story on page 7.



### The York Gulch project

increased in size to 386 acres with the addition of the 100-acre Tiddy property. This project added critical wildlife habitat to the surrounding **Helena National Forest and** provides important access for hunting, biking, and hiking. Story on page 8.

## PPLT was thrilled to donate the Aspen Trails parcel along Prickly Pear Creek to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, It became the newest **Fishing Access Site** in the state this spring. Story on page 9.



PPLT's Outreach and Education Committee had a busy summer hosting events that reached out to the young and young at heart. Their work spreads the word about how important land conservation is to our region, and seeks to increase PPLT's base of support.

we do what we do for the community, the economy, and for future generations. PPLT assisted in the acquisition of a wetland parcel to be added to the van Hook Wetlands near the fairgrounds and an abandoned railroad parcel that will connect Centennial Trail to Spring Meadow Lake State Park. PPLT is proud to be in its ninth year as fiscal and administrative sponsor of the Montana Association of Land Trusts, which promotes and supports excellence in private voluntary land conservation in Montana through leadership, collaboration, education, and outreach.

PPLT acquired a 6.5-acre parcel through a grant from the Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust that allowed the **Waterline Trail** to be extended an extra mile to the south. Users no longer have to travel on the busy road to connect between Rodney Ridge and Wakina Sky, and also now use a new access generously donated by adjacent landowners.

## PPLT adopted a new comprehensive conservation plan highlighting critical targets for land protection within its four-county service area.



The **14th annual Don't Fence Me In** Trail Run again broke records for participation and pledge raising! For the fourth time, the 30k race was included in the La Sportiva Mountain Cup Series, which brought some national caliber competitors to the South Hills Trail System, generating media coverage around the U.S. and Canada.

PPLT's private land conservation program is actively working to protect thousands of acres of wildlife habitat, agricultural lands, and open space.



## "PPLT is a bridge between the city, the community, and the trail users."



When the Helena Open Space Bond passed in 1996, PPLT was a big part of that success, according to **Amy Teegarden**, director of the Helena Parks and Recreation Department. At the time the city had no open lands staff and, with Prickly Pear Land Trust doing trail-building, a partnership seemed natural. Since then, there's been a natural evolution of that association.

"We see PPLT as an important partner," Amy said. "The city doesn't have the money to acquire additional land and PPLT is very creative in securing funding. Often PPLT and city staff will work together to identify potential grants and even write them together.

"Prickly Pear Land Trust is a bridge between the city, the community, and the trail users," she continued. "They're instrumental in helping further the city's open lands mission. The face of Helena's Open Lands would be quite different if PPLT wasn't there from the beginning."

## protecting Helena's scenic backdrop

**Skyline.** Frame. Horizon. Ridge. Whatever you call it, Helena's southern skyline provides one of the most beautiful backdrops of any city in the United States. It is also home to our beloved 72-mile trail system.



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Mount Ascension is a big player in our backdrop; its trails provide unparalleled views of the Helena Valley, the Continental Divide, and surrounding mountain ranges. Prickly Pear Land Trust has been working since 2006 to protect access to Mount Ascension's Entertainment Trail while reassembling a fractured landscape to be placed into public ownership. With the generous assistance of numerous partners, PPLT has been very successful in this ambitious project known as the "Backdrop Initiative."

PPLT and the city worked with multiple partners to acquire 13 parcels in and around the Alpine Meadows Subdivision, situated on the south ridge of Mount Ascension. These lots are 20 to 58 acres in size; 10 have been conveyed to the city and are now part of the park. When this project is complete, Mount Ascension Natural Park will have increased in size by 88 percent.

When combined with other open lands and the adjoining Helena National Forest lands, Mount Ascension is critical to our acclaimed South Hills Trail System. Purchase of these parcels will complete PPLT's efforts to preserve this trail corridor for hikers, mountain bikers, runners, snowshoers, birdwatchers, wildlife viewers, photographers, and botanists.



Before Initiative

Additions through 2014

When this project is complete, Mount Ascension Natural Park will have increased in size by 88 percent. Helena Orthodontist **Tim Ballweber** has been an avid mountain biker and hiker for more than seven years and can't get enough of Helena's South Hills trails.

"There's nothing like getting out after a long day at work and releasing some stress on a long ride," he said. "And there's definitely nothing like being able to do it right from the office door."

Tim gets out on the trails every single day and, while he has several favorite routes, he changes it up all the time. "I treat my support of PPLT like a gym membership or a season ski pass. There's nothing better than getting outside to get fit."

We're grateful for Tim's generous support and are glad he's part of the PPLT family.

# managing Helena's world-class trails

**Since 2001,** Prickly Pear Land Trust has managed the City of Helena's South Hills Trail System. As in previous years, scores of volunteers turned out in 2014 for our official trail workdays and several more impromptu sessions. Miles of trails were built, improved, or relocated. The Diretissima Trail got a facelift as a new, more sustainable and enjoyable route is being established and older, less user-friendly routes are being retired. Look for this project to be completed in Spring 2015, including additional loop opportunities on Mount Helena's far west side. With the help of Montana Conservation Corps crews, several miles and hundreds of pounds of derelict barbed wire fence—a hazard to wildlife and trail users—was removed from both Helena National Forest and City of Helena lands. PPLT hopes to continue this project next season. Our most ambitious project was extending the famed Waterline Trail an extra mile south, where it now connects to the Barking Dog Trail. The new route allows hikers and bikers to travel safely away from a busy road. In addition, Bill and Marilyn Evans graciously allowed construction of a new access from the Waterline Trail to Wakina Sky Ridge Gulch, furthering better trail connections and loop opportunities.

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Tim Ballweber descends the Rodney Ridge Trail.

# enhancing kabitat in York Gulck

**York Gulch** is about two miles east of the community of York and less than 20 miles from Helena. This beautiful little valley has steep, timbered walls that lead up to Hedges Mountain, and the views just get better the higher you go. Working with Montana's Outdoor Legacy Foundation, PPLT protected 386 acres of important wildlife habitat and recreational lands in the area and incorporated them into the surrounding Helena National Forest. With this acquisition, the public now has legal access to key public lands for hunting, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and other recreation.

This newest addition to the Helena National Forest consists of two former inholdings: the 286-acre parcel owned by the foundation, and 100 acres formerly owned by Mrs. Betty Tiddy, of Helena. The Tiddy property also provided key access to the foundation's property and adjacent National Forest System land. Betty Tiddy wanted to do something special for the people of Montana by selling the property to PPLT for conveyance to the Forest Service.

Aside from wonderful recreational opportunities, the area functions as an important corridor for wildlife movement. Area residents and agency personnel have reported sightings of black bears, mule deer, elk, wild turkeys, mountain lions, bobcats, lynx, wolverines, pine martens, wolves, and even grizzly bears.

> Prickly Pear Land Trust did in fostering the partnerships and funding that brought the project to fruition for us and others who want to enjoy York's special open spaces." -David Olson Vice President, York Community Association



"The York Gulch project

was very important to the

folks who live in this area.

Many of us have been here

for decades and appreciate

the opportunities that

living somewhere like

We hunt, fish, hike, bike,

and raise our families

here. Our volunteer fire

department is known for its York 38 Special mountain bike race every summer. When we were presented with the idea of making this parcel of land public, we were absolutely

in support of it.

We appreciate the work

York brings.

386 acres of important wildlife habitat and recreational lands in the area are now protected. "As ranches become more isolated in the valley, the Aspen Trails piece was important for us to actually be able to expand our operations. We were already leasing that ground, and wanted to permanently incorporate it into our operation. Without Prickly Pear Land Trust we wouldn't have been able to afford the acquisition of this parcel."

– **Gary Burnham**, co-owner, Prickly Pear Simmental Ranch, and wife Loretta





the vision: maintain agricultural use and protect the riparian habitat while providing a new place for the community to enjoy.

## a new vision for Aspen Trails

**In December 2012,** Prickly Pear Land Trust closed on a major conservation project that protects a significant piece of agricultural land in the Helena Valley while providing public access to Prickly Pear Creek, which flanks the property's eastern edge.

In 2006, the Aspen Trails Ranch Subdivision had proposed 325 lots with 435 homes. When the parcel ended up under the ownership of Mountain West Bank, PPLT saw an opportunity to create a conservation project in the Helena Valley. A new vision for the 266-acre property maintains agricultural use and protects the riparian habitat of Prickly Pear Creek, while providing a new place for the community to enjoy fishing, birdwatching, or a picnic.

One of PPLT's key objectives was to preserve agricultural use of the land, which led us to the neighboring landowner, Prickly Pear Simmental Ranch, founded by the Burnham family in 1864. In the 1960s, Don Burnham began building a Simmental breeding program that is now internationally known. His son, Gary, carries on this work today.

PPLT worked with Lewis & Clark County to secure funding through its County Open Space Bond to purchase a conservation easement on approximately 230 of the 266 acres of the property, which was sold to the Burnhams. On September 25, 2014, PPLT conveyed the remaining 36-acre creek parcel to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to become first public access to Prickly Pear Creek in the Helena Valley. This ensures protection of more than 1,500 feet of Prickly Pear Creek, as well as a spring creek and habitat for deer, trout, sandhill cranes, bald eagles, and many other bird species. There are also excellent opportunities for restoration work on the creek to further enhance habitat values.



The 36-acre creek parcel will become first public access to Prickly Pear Creek in the Helena Valley.

## strategic planning

PPLT's strategic plan is a "living" document used by staff and board as they define PPLT's growth and map out the years ahead. In the fall of 2013, PPLT board and staff updated the three-year strategic plan, setting the following programmatic and organizational goals that guided our work in 2014:

- Permanently protect critical lands in Prickly Pear Land Trust's service area.
- Maintain the conservation and scenic values of protected lands.
- Engage the public in private conservation and the mission of the land trust.
- Identify and implement public recreation projects.
- Grow the capacity of the land trust.

## What does the future hold?

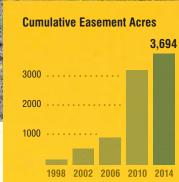
PPLT has big plans for 2015 and beyond, with on-the-ground trails and conservation projects that will help shape our community.

We'll continue to work with our partners to expand the South Hills Trail System, making connections to the Brooklyn Bridge area, into the Helena Valley, and beyond. PPLT is working hard to bring improved recreational access to those in the nearby communities of York, Montana City, Clancy, and East Helena. We will also continue to ensure that the trails are built, maintained, and enhanced for the long haul.

We'll watch as Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks facilitates the first public fishing access on Prickly Pear Creek, as part of the Aspen Trails project we completed last year.

And we will begin the visioning and planning process for the Prickly Pear Creek Greenway, which one day will create a continuous open space and trail corridor from Montana City through East Helena and into the Helena Valley. This important project aims to create safe new transportation routes, provide new familyfriendly recreational access, and preserve the rural character of our region.

PPLT will continue to help farmers and ranchers keep their land in traditional uses. New conservation easement projects are currently underway in the Canyon Creek and Augusta areas. These cooperative projects create real benefits to local agriculture, the economy, and the environment, now and for future generations. these cooperative projects create real benefits to local agriculture, the economy, and the environment, now and for future generations.





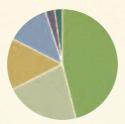
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## financial summary

Fiscal year ending December 31, 2014

Total assets	\$1,592,661
Liabilities	\$ 226,880
Net assets	\$1,365,781
Unrestricted net assets	\$1,165,926
Restricted net assets	\$ 199,855
Conservation land held for sale/donation	\$ 971,252
Investments	\$ 468,938

## Revenue



82%

Total Revenues	\$1	1,613,712	
Investments and other	\$	36,077	
Sales and program fees	\$	41,231	
Fundraising events	\$	203,685	
Donated conservation land	\$	242,500	
Dues and contributions	\$	346,915	
Grants	\$	743,304	•

Expenses

Total Expenses	\$1	,570,695	
Administration	\$	75,272	0
Fundraising	\$	213,161	
$\label{eq:conservation} \textbf{Trails and conservation } programs \dots$	\$1	,282,262	

Notes

Prickly Pear Land Trust is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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## 2014 grantors

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"Through our travels we have come to appreciate just how fortunate we are to call Helena our home. Our access to public open space is a result of PPLT's tireless work on our behalf. We can think of no greater bequest to future generations than to ensure the ongoing stewardship of these lands. That's why we have included PPLT in our estate planning and encourage you to do the same."

-Mary Ellen Holverson and Matthew Cohn



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