LTTV seeks to raise $100,000 by Oct. 28 to acquire 320 acres of open space east of Avimor

BOISE – (Sept. 22, 2022) - The nonprofit Land Trust of the Treasure Valley needs to raise $100,000 by Oct. 28 to acquire 320 acres of prime open space, wildlife habitat and recreation property east of Avimor. The private land parcel also is bounded on three sides by Bureau of Land Management property.

“We’re looking for small and large donations in a very short amount of time to acquire this super valuable open space property,” said Eric Grace, Executive Director of LTTV, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

This opportunity to acquire the South Fork Willow Creek property came up recently when the landowner approached LTTV about wanting to sell the property but keep it protected as open space for the public to enjoy. The property serves as key winter range for elk, mule deer, sage grouse and black bears. It also would provide access for recreation with a number of existing roads and trails for walking, running and biking.

“The proximity to residential development makes the property a prime candidate for development – hence, the need for immediate protection,” Grace said.

This is the largest land-conservation campaign that LTTV has undertaken since it successfully raised more than $560,000 in 2010 to purchase the popular 58-acre Harrison Hollow open space property near Healthwise and Highlands Hollow brew pub. That open space campaign led to the City of Boise acquiring additional open space in the “Hillside to the Hollow” foothills property used by hundreds of people daily between 36th Street and Bogus Basin Road.

As a bird and big game hunter and active hiker and mountain biker, LTTV Board member Dr. Tom Pintar said he is quite excited about the opportunity to acquire the South Fork Willow Creek property. Pintar lives on a small farm in Eagle, just minutes from the Avimor trails.
“I’m a staunch advocate for access to public lands, conservation of open space and the preservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat,” Pintar said. “So this opportunity to acquire this property seems like a no-brainer to me. It also is an opportunity to reach new members and donors who may live in the Eagle or Avimor areas to see how they can make a difference in protecting open space close to home.”

A total of $171,000 has been pledged to date for the project, officials said.

Pintar and Grace said that Avimor officials are excited about the prospect of acquiring more open space property near the residential development and plan to support the campaign.

To learn more how you can help, please contact the Land Trust for the Treasure Valley or call 208-345-1452.

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