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Marsh Creek
Our Vital Thread



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Dear Friend of the Mountain,

My grandkids, Brody, 5, and Jemma, 8, recently came to visit us from their current home in Amsterdam. Curious about everything, they asked me if I worked. I said, “Well, I’m saving a mountain...we protect land from development...”, and I was about to pull out a map when I noticed the puzzled looks on their faces. So instead, I asked if they wanted to see it.

Eagerly they jumped in the car and off we went to Mount Diablo. As we drove up we saw some cows, lots of bicyclists, hikers and even people on horses. I told them that more than a million people visit the mountain every year to have fun, relax and enjoy the views and nature. We visited the museum at the summit and of course, the Beacon. We decided to hike the Mary Bowerman Trail and at the trail head, a fox was walking right in front of us. The kids had only seen pictures in a book – and now here was a real live one! Near the end of the trail we encountered another hairy friend they had heard about but never seen: a tarantula.

On the way home Jemma told me: “Poppie, I’m glad you are saving that mountain so the tarantula and fox have a home.”



I didn’t have to explain all I do or what it takes to save a mountain. One day, they will understand it took a lot of people, negotiating, restoring, fundraising, a lot of love and a few gray hairs to reassemble the Diablo wilderness. More importantly, Brody and Jemma will be able to come back with their own children in the future and see the result of Poppie’s work: a fox, a tarantula, the great views.

Your contributions make it possible to do this work – to create a national park-sized wilderness in our own backyard—for us, wildlife and future generations to enjoy! Our job isn’t done yet, so let’s keep up the good work.

Ron Brown

State Park Partnership Award

Save Mount Diablo was recognized by Major General Anthony L. Jackson, Director of California State Parks, at the Director’s Recognition Awards ceremony. Save Mount Diablo was presented the “Dewitt Award for Partnership” for the Mt. Diablo Beacon Restoration Project. We are honored to have been a part of such a great project that brought so many parties together in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day and our veterans. Thank you for all of your support in making the restoration possible.



With Ron Brown (middle) are Susanna Schlendorf of Assemblymember Buchanan’s office, Danita Rodriguez, Jeanette Schulz and Carol Dodge all from California State Parks.

Doughnut and Thread

How Protecting Marsh Creek Saves Mount Diablo

There's a giant doughnut hole—bigger than the mountain itself—and none of us here want it. So, we're threading it. It sounds kind of wild, right? Well, we sure hope so. Because this is how we look at keeping Diablo wild.

A hole in the middle of a doughnut is perfectly acceptable. But in this case, it just won't do. When looking at a map of Mount Diablo and our surrounding communities, you can see a green ring—a doughnut if you will—made up of protected lands. Having open spaces is our top priority so that people and wildlife can enjoy them. Connecting these protected lands is the next step so that wildlife can move to different habitats for food, shelter and water as needed. It also means we can enjoy longer adventures from park to park without leaving the peace of the trail. Although a nutritionist would say otherwise, conservation biology tells us that we need a whole jelly filled doughnut to be healthy. Larger spaces connected together, rather than an empty ring, are what an ecosystem needs to thrive. This is how we strategically look at protecting the Diablo wilderness.

Marsh Creek has proven to be an effective thread through the doughnut hole. It's the second longest and least disturbed creek in Contra Costa County which makes it an optimal place for wildlife in our dry East Bay climate. The creek



A ring or "doughnut" of protected lands, in green, arc out from Mount Diablo and encircle much of Marsh Creek. By filling in the doughnut hole we can protect and connect the Diablo wilderness to support our high numbers of rare wildlife and recreation opportunities in the East Bay's backyard.

is a source of water, a pathway to other open spaces and a habitat for threatened species like the California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander. It's also followed relatively closely by the area's main roads, Morgan Territory Road and Marsh Creek Road, which wind along the creek's bends. A fair amount of unprotected natural lands in the doughnut hole are accessed from these roads. Land along the road is the easiest, and therefore most likely, to be developed. That means by preserving small properties along Marsh Creek we can protect invaluable water habitat and decrease the likelihood that lands behind that property will be developed. Our strategy is to protect

the most important pieces with small purchases so that your money protects as much land as possible before costly habitat restoration is required. By emphasizing Marsh Creek, we're efficiently filling in the doughnut hole of open space.

Clustered on Marsh Creek Road along the creek are eight small parcels we've protected. The first, Marsh Creek 1, was preserved in 2007. Five years and several properties later, its neighbor Marsh Creek 7 was preserved too. These two parcels alone doubled our stretch of preserved creek.

At first, no one had a plan to protect Marsh Creek even though the East

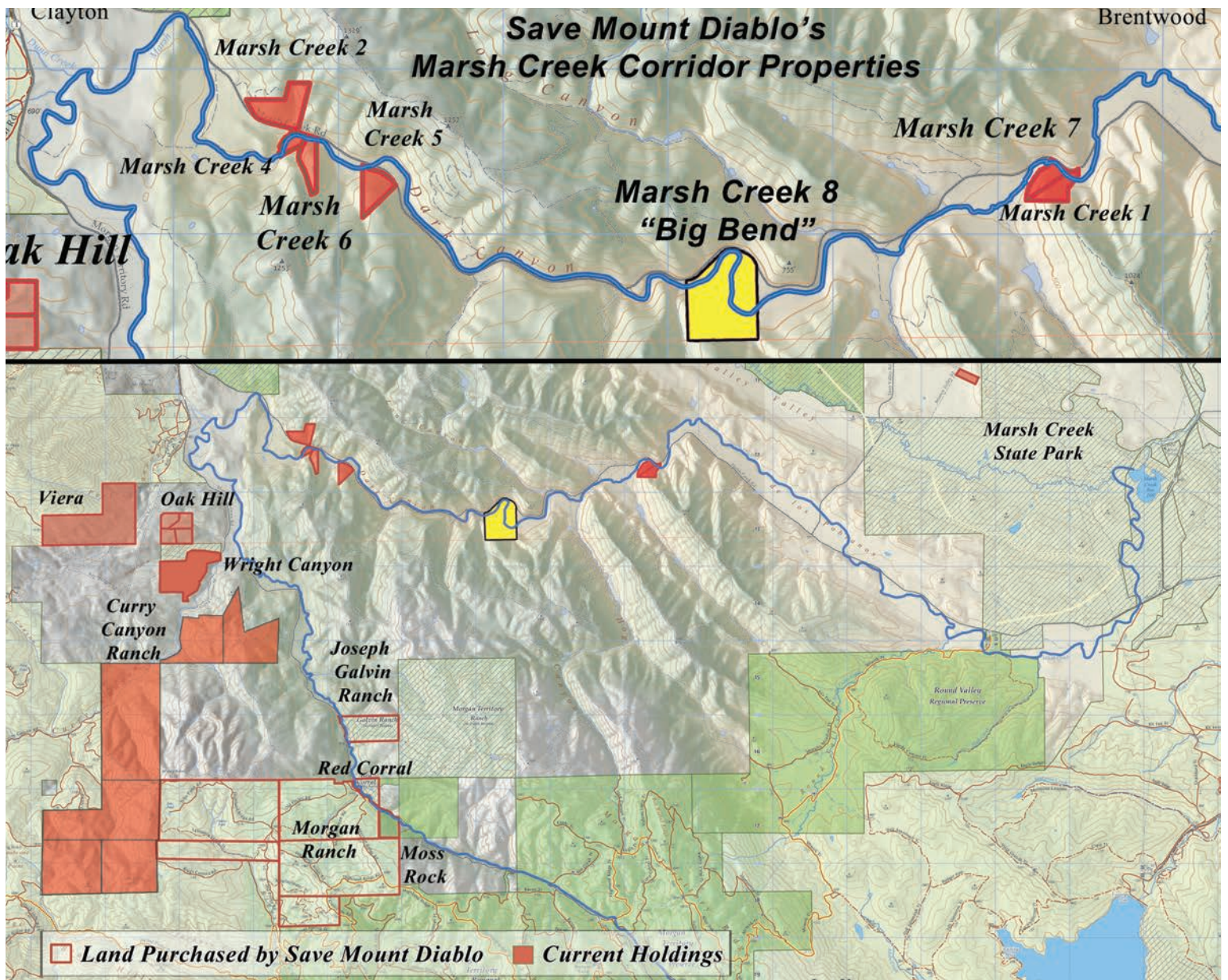
Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy saw the creek as a priority. Now, with big parcels and small parcels alike, we and our allies have protected nearly half of Marsh Creek in segments from Mt. Diablo State Park to Morgan Territory to the Delta. And now our newest property, Big Bend, also known as Marsh Creek 8, is just one parcel away from a new East Bay Regional Park District acquisition (read more about Big Bend on page 6 and Marsh

Creek 6, one of our volcanic domes, on page 5).

This strategy to fill in the doughnut hole of threatened natural lands wouldn't be possible without you. Individual donors give us the speed and funding necessary to preserve land when the opportunity arises. We continue to work with our partners like state and regional parks and East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy to focus on

large parcels while also protecting small integral pieces of land. Without them, our habitats would be incomplete and fragmented. Just like we'd be without you.

Together we're protecting and connecting Diablo's natural lands to create a national park-sized wilderness in your backyard. Here are a few of the recent projects that you've made possible.



As part of our Marsh Creek Small parcel strategy, we protect small parcels along Marsh Creek which allows us to protect invaluable water for wildlife and decrease development pressure in the area. We are starting to see opportunities for connecting these properties to larger recreation possibilities as well.

A Rare Restoration

Marsh Creek 6 the Volcanic Dome

As I tiptoed around the house's pool in the "party deck" at our Marsh Creek 6 property, I felt a mix of awe and terror. The vantage point allowed for a breathtaking view of Diablo's recently burned east side but the decrepit structure—a badly visible blight from either direction—below my feet teetered dangerously over a 250-foot drop to Marsh Creek. Skeletons of rare endemic Contra Costa manzanitas hinted at how special this place once was before the structures impacted its unique habitat. It was clear to me, these structures had to come down.

Marsh Creek 6 is a volcanic dome, one of two domes we recently protected. We purchased the six-acre property for its segment of Marsh Creek and its abundance of rare plants but the property also contained several structures located on the peak of the dome. They had become structurally unsafe and surrounding habitat had been degraded. We crunched the numbers, solicited input from neighbors and experts and arrived at our verdict: restore the volcanic dome!

This is our first opportunity to restore a volcanic dome. At first, the plan was simple: remove the structures then re-vegetate the site with native plants. As we started the demolition component of the project, it turned out to be incredibly challenging. Vehicle access to the site was narrow and steep. It required meticulous attention on behalf of the delivery and dump truck drivers, who were negotiating cliff-like hillsides that had 45%



600,000 pounds of debris were removed from the peak of one of our unique volcanic domes in the first step toward restoring it to its natural state.

slope! Brian Gates' Expert Tree Service scoped the project for us and provided invaluable advice. Bob Lilley and longtime supporters IBEW Local 302 kept us from electrocuting ourselves by removing power lines.

One week and 600,000 pounds of debris later Phase I was complete. 82% was recycled at no cost, thanks to Garaventa Enterprises and their amazing staff. They donated all recycling, debris disposal and transportation fees for the project. Ryan, our contractor from Dig & Demo, and his crew weren't intimidated by the steep slopes and blistering heat and did a remarkable job cleaning up the site. After the dust settled, the volcanic dome is starting to look natural once again.

Our next phase will reestablish native vegetation on the former pool and house location. The site is ripe for restoration because its volcanic soils and varying exposures support numerous rare and native plants. We've collected seeds on site and we're having plant cuttings propagated. I can't wait to see the manzanitas growing here again.

You can help restore the volcanic dome for wildlife! Join George and our Diablo Restoration Team volunteers. Check our calendar for dates at SaveMountDiablo.org.



By George Phillips, our Land Conservation Manager. A true outdoorsman, he loves to work and play in the great outdoors.

Water for Wildlife

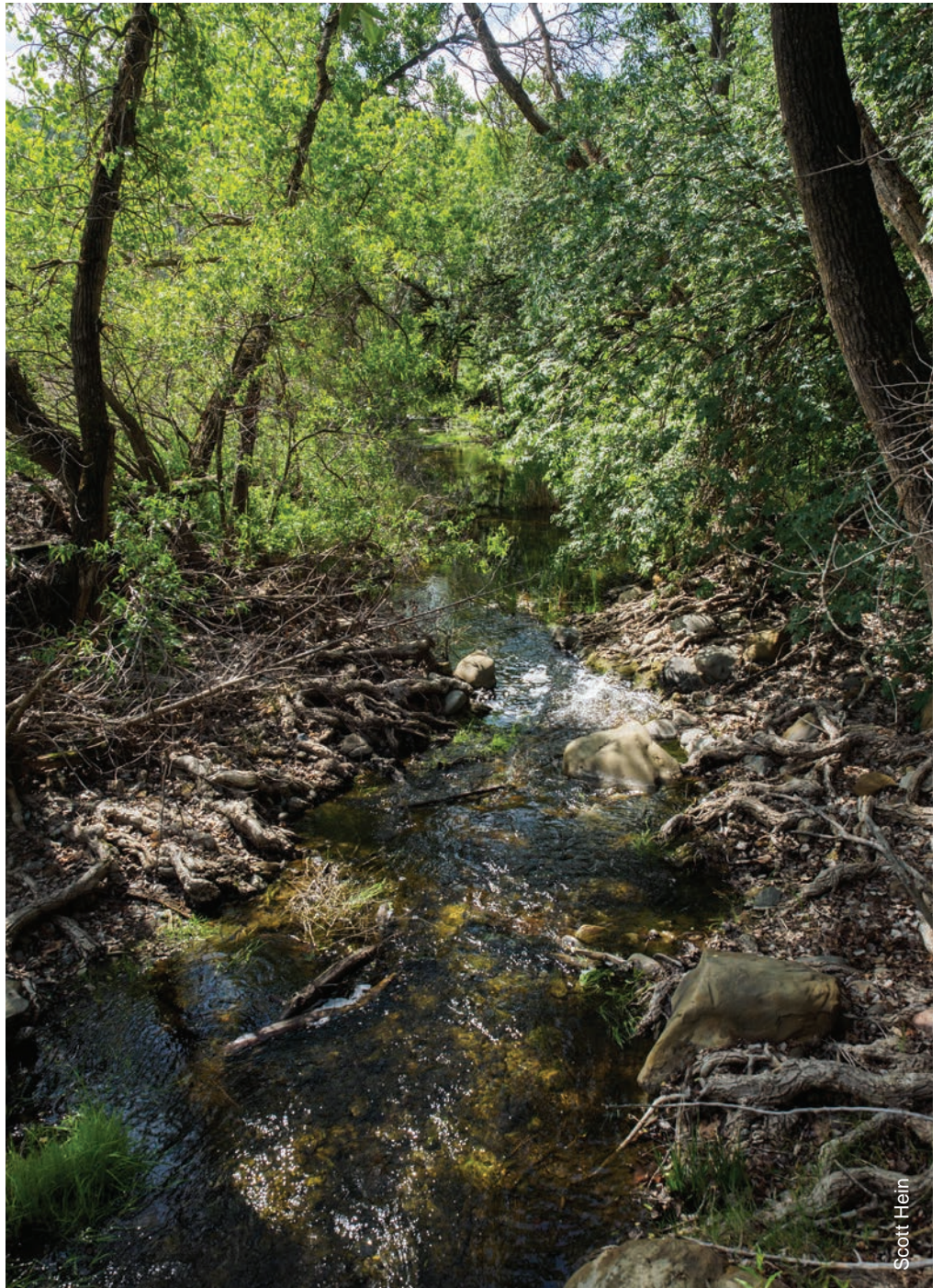
The Big Bend in Marsh Creek

Water. I remember my high school English teacher said it's often the universal symbol of life in literature because nearly every living thing needs water. Especially wildlife. Most of our wildlife need water at least once a day. Water sources are hard to come by in our warm dry East Bay climate making natural water creeks and springs the "hot spots" for wildlife. Your support just made it possible to add another 3,100 feet to the total of protected creek for wildlife with the purchase of our newest property, Big Bend.

The 51 acres were named for its arcing section of Marsh Creek that will not only provide a water source for wildlife but also critical habitat for threatened species like the California red-legged frog which has already been confirmed on site. A pond on the property is also home to a Western pond turtle, another rare species (Read more about rare species and biodiversity on page 8). Being able to support rare species means Big Bend can also support many common types of wildlife.

Beyond Big Bend's creek lies diverse habitat from the floodplain up to blue oak wooded hills. The more kinds of habitat the land has, the more types of wildlife the land can support. But Big Bend is

in transition right now. It's just beginning to reclaim its wildness after previously being a golf course and then a highly grazed horse pasture. There wasn't a blade of grass to be seen and erosion was starting to set in when we bought it. A lot of the native plants had been cleared out.



Scott Hein



Left: Plants and trees soak their roots in the 3,100 foot stretch of Marsh Creek arcing through Big Bend. Above: Grasses are beginning to return to Big Bend's 51 acres of habitat, like these blue oak wooded hills, now that immense grazing pressures have been lifted.

Native plants provide food and shelter for wildlife so encouraging native plants and removing competing non-native ones are major steps in restoring natural lands. Now, the golf course is long gone and the horses are enjoying other pastures. This spring, as we led our first hikes on the property, new grasses reached waist high.

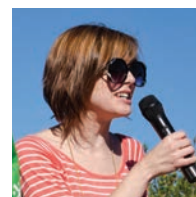
Just a few months earlier, 80 cubic yards of debris were cleared from the creek's floodplain. Much more debris still needs to be removed but weeding out non-

native invasive plants like purple star thistle and artichoke thistle, the bane of many a folk that spend time outdoors for one reason or another, has begun the restoration process. We plan to enhance the creek, its floodplains and the pond—a priority—since people and wildlife alike love to visit natural watering spots.

Big Bend's preservation is a great example of why our work is even more critical today. We were able to purchase Big Bend in a matter of weeks. Because of donors like you, we can move quickly

to protect a property when the opportunity arises and care for the land until the time is right for a public agency to bring it into their fold for long-term protection and management. Until then, join us for a tour of Big Bend.

Hike Big Bend on Sat, 10/25. For more information, visit SaveMountDiablo.org.



By Beryl Anderson, our Public Relations Manager. Beryl and her family love being outdoors.

Devilish Heat

Fire Recovery in a Biodiversity Hotspot



The first major fire on Mount Diablo in decades is providing the first real chance to study how the mountain regenerates itself. After the smoke cleared, the research opportunities began with our annual BioBlitz event and our new Mary Bowerman Science and Research Program grants. In our dry climate, fire doesn't mean the end for all wildlife. This is the chance that fire adapted species have been waiting for. See some of the fire following wildflowers on page 15.

I had no grumbles about working Saturday morning. In fact, I even decided to take my husband and our 7-month-old son. This visit might be a once in a lifetime experience. It was our annual BioBlitz. A 24-hour period where experts and naturalists identify as many species as they can in a given area. This year, we were all excited to focus on the Morgan Fire burn area.

Following the Flames

We had to meet a news cameraman eager—as were my husband and I—to capture the seldom seen wildflowers blossoming between the trunks of charred chaparral. These are some of the silver linings, so to speak, from last year's Morgan Fire. In addition to several years of

phenomenal wildflowers, we have the chance to see things we haven't seen before.

Such as fire followers, species that follow a fire, either travelling to or growing in the location of a recent fire. These unique species require an element of the fire—heat, smoke, ash or access to sunlight—in order to repopulate. The mountain is already recovering from the blazes and we're poised to learn from the process.

Fire Recovery Research

One of the mountains' largest fires raged in 1931 just after our botanist co-founder Dr. Mary Bowerman started her research there. She literally wrote the book on Mount Diablo's plants. After the Morgan

Fire, we realized we had a chance to learn more about Mount Diablo and continue in the spirit of Dr. Bowerman's initial inspiration for saving the mountain.

We've created the Mary Bowerman Science and Research Program to encourage scientific research through collaborative efforts with scientists, academics and citizens in the Diablo wilderness. In addition to expanding our annual BioBlitz opportunities, this year we've provided our first grants to local researchers to study the mountain's regeneration over the next three years. We've already started a pilot program with three projects including how the fire affects wild bees.

“Wildlife of all kinds rely on the nourishment and shelter provided by flowering plants and the bees that pollinate them. It is also clear that many wild bee species are in decline, primarily due to habitat loss,” our grantee, Dr. Gordon Frankie of U.C. Berkeley told me. The Morgan Fire contributed to more habitat loss for wild bees but plants are already recovering. Dr. Frankie’s study hopes to look at “bee attractive” plants to see which native plants act as bee magnets. Uncommon fire following wildflowers, such as Fremont’s star lily, Kellogg’s snapdragon and fire poppies, were quickly appearing on burn area slopes with blooms.

Because the last major fire on Mount Diablo was in 1977, many relationships like these have never been studied until now.

Natural Laboratory

Our annual BioBlitz in May was a great way to bring more experts in on the action. This year’s location included a portion of the Morgan Fire burn area on our Viera North Peak property and in Mt. Diablo State Park. My fellow Humboldt State alum, botanist, board member and chair of our Science program, Heath Bartosh summed it up best, “This was the most important BioBlitz we’ve put together because of the ecosystem

effects of the Morgan Fire. Post-fire ecosystems are wonderful natural laboratories for capturing short-term changes in biodiversity. We had the chance to record species never seen on the mountain.”

It’s an exciting time to watch Mount Diablo as nature reacts to the fire. What better way for my son to have his first experience with the mountain? I adore the gushy thought of watching both the mountain’s new trees and my son grow. Hopefully, we can revisit saplings that we saw that day and snap a photo of him next to them each year.

By Beryl Anderson

Biodiversity

It’s hard to believe that in the midst of seven million people, the Bay Area has some of the highest numbers of rare species in the country. Rare species receive a lot of attention because of endangered species laws and because they’re indicators of overall environmental conditions. When we protect habitat for rare species many other species also benefit. “Rare” means there’s still time, but extinction is forever. A single species’ disappearance can make a huge difference. Like the threads in a tapestry, the loss of one species can unravel the whole ecosystem.

New discoveries are still being made right in our backyard. During BioBlitz’s 24-hour period, 480 species were identified in the Morgan Fire footprint. And a new species of moss is currently being confirmed. We expect species numbers to shift and increase as the mountain regenerates.

2014 BioBlitz Results



gypsum spring beauty

Plants 235



soldier beetle

Insects: 168



yellow bellied racer

Reptiles: 5



Northern Pacific treefrog

Amphibians: 2



white-crowned sparrow

Birds: 61



ground squirrel

Mammals: 5



wolf spider

Arachnids: 4



Total: 480 species

No Green Washing Here

Open Space in Our Fastest Growing City



George Phillips

Dublin is the fastest growing “non-prison” city in state. Although the city has more than 4,000 housing units already planned or approved within its city limits, a developer has proposed to annex and build at least 2,000 more in beautiful Doolan Canyon. The canyon is the only remaining open space—supporting ranching and recreation—between Dublin and Livermore. In addition to its beautiful scenery, Doolan Canyon is home to rare wildlife including golden eagles, American badgers and Cillippe Silverspot butterflies.

Coalition for the Canyon

In January, we joined a coalition of

environmental groups and Dublin residents to protect Doolan Canyon and other open space around Dublin. Together, we started a grassroots volunteer signature drive to qualify an initiative for the ballot. The Dublin Open Space initiative would create a permanent eastside Urban Limit Line, beyond which development cannot occur without a vote of the people, and would make the existing west-side Dublin Urban Limit Line permanent.

Dublin and Tri-Valley residents are fed up with sprawling growth. They experience the impacts every day with traffic, houses on hillsides

and strain on city services. Once residents realized what our purpose was, they were happy to sign the initiative. The enthusiasm of the people and the commitment of our coalition volunteers helped us collect 160% of our goal in just eight of the expected 26 weeks! But even before we finished collecting, the developers started fighting back.

Green-washing

They hired paid signature collectors working 24/7 to qualify a “green-washed” initiative called “Let Dublin Decide”, or as we call it, “Let Dublin Developers Decide”. Their initiative copied elements of ours but

would create a much more expansive Urban Limit Line that allows Doolan Canyon to be developed without further voter approval. In other words, if the developer wanted to build, all they'd need is City Council approval.

The purpose of “Let Dublin Developers Decide” wasn’t necessarily to win, but to confuse voters. Developers knew that if both initiatives were on the ballot for November 4th, then voters would be more likely to vote no. It would be perfectly fine if theirs failed as long as ours did too, since that leaves Doolan Canyon open for development.

Power of the People

The land speculators and developers started by dumping \$150,000 into their qualification campaign. But where they had plenty of money, we have people. When the Dublin City Council met to decide if our Open Space initiative should be immediately made into law or sent to the November 4th ballot, dozens of supporters spoke about the need to save Doolan Canyon and limit traffic and development.

Led by Mayor Tim Sbranti and Council member Abe Gupta, the Council saw that the public clearly supported our initiative and left everyone but the developers smiling when they unanimously voted to make our initiative law. Dublin now has an Urban Limit Line that can only be changed by the voters.

They also unanimously voted to officially oppose the “Let Dublin Developers Decide” initiative. This was the best possible outcome for Doolan Canyon and we thank the Dublin City Council for their wise decision. Dublin now has permanent Urban Limit Lines on its east and west and voters get to decide if they want development beyond them.

Now, our coalition is running a campaign opposing the “Let Dublin Developers Decide” measure. If the developers win on November 4th, their initiative replaces ours. We need to defeat their self-serving ballot measure, so if you can, please consider joining the campaign.



Scott Hein



George Phillips

Left: Hikers in Doolan Canyon look north toward the mountain—a path many wildlife use as a corridor between habitats. Top: Doolan Canyon is the only greenbelt between Dublin and Livermore. A regional park is planned for the area. Bottom: The canyon has a natural lake and is home to this American Avocet and Black-necked Stilts along with many rare species.

Visit: <http://form.jotformpro.com/form/30947672600960>.
With your support, we will be able to defend
the Urban Limit Lines you helped create and keep Doolan
Canyon and other areas open and beautiful.



By Juan Pablo Galvan, our Land Use Planner. His experience includes bird and marine mammal research and environmental consultation on NCCP/HCP projects. He holds a B.S. in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution with a minor in Political Science and an M.S. in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology.

Events

Diablo Trails Challenge

April 19, 2014

1,300 trail runners and hikers enjoyed taking on the challenge of Mount Diablo's trails. Everyone appreciated the mountain's showing of spring along the 5K, 10K, Half Marathon and point to point 50K courses.



Top: Runners in the 5K take on the mountain trail's incline in Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area at full speed. Top Right: As the dawning sun starts to hit the trails in Round Valley Regional Preserve, so do the 50Kers. Right: Father and daughter enjoy quality time on the trails together.

Scholastic Photo Contest

May 22, 2014

Hundreds of students around the mountain shared their talent to show the importance of saving Mount Diablo. For our second year, the talent of these Kindergarten through 12th grade students knocked us off our feet.



Left: Grand Prize winner Allen Abbott, 8th grade, stands next to his photo "Golden Poppy". Center: Fourth Grader Autumn Morley, a 2013 winner, excitedly holds up the certificates for both of her winning photos this year. Right: Madeline Wilson, 5th grade, and her grandfather stand in front of her winning photo "Black Diamond Green Hills". You can see all of the student's photos at SaveMountDiablo.org under Activities.

Four Days Diablo

April 23-26, 2014

A great group of folks joined us for a “gently roughing it” tour of the Diablo wilderness. Experts guided the hikers along the Diablo Trail by day and gourmet dinners prepared on-site by local chefs awaited them each night.



Scott Hein

Top Left: Our Land Conservation Manager George Phillips shares his mountain expertise with the hikers along the trail. Top: The explorers pose in one of the mountain's large wind caves which were actually created by water. Left: The first fine dining course awaits our hikers' arrival to camp.

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Upcoming Events

Mount Diablo Challenge

October 5, 2014

Cycle the mountain's slopes to the Junction or the Summit

Trail Adventure

November 2, 2014

5K, 10K, Half Marathon and guided Family Hike

Diablo Trails Challenge

April 2015

5K, 10K, Half Marathon and point to point 50K

Scholastic Photo Contest

May 2015

Students submit their photos from Diablo's parks



By Mary Lind, our Event and Volunteer Coordinator. Mary holds a degree in Speech Communication and is thrilled to bring her non-profit event experience to Mount Diablo.

Cowboy Boots to Hiking Shoes

Hiking in the Los Vaqueros Watershed

Growing up in New Jersey, grizzly bears, herds of tule elk and “cowgirls” were, to me, just things that only existed in storybooks or movies. But here in the Diablo wilderness, they are not just things of fiction, but true stories about actual people and wildlife that roamed the grasslands of Los Vaqueros.

At 20,000 acres, the Los Vaqueros watershed is as big as Mount Diablo State Park, only newer and less well known. To let us in on the wild west mystique in our backyard, the Los Vaqueros audible hike guide, our latest free guide, will take you on a four to nine-mile walk, showcasing this amazing place with up to 12 stops. Experts share the complex history of the watershed, the plants and wildlife that thrive here and dive into water policy and wind power.

I didn’t own my first pair of cowboy boots until I moved to Colorado but the woodland, chaparral and grasslands around here were trod through for over 10,000 years. There is a long and complex history of people in Los Vaqueros, full of unique spirits. Including a “real cowgirl” Edith Ordway, who owned land in 1948 and could “out drink and out fight...the guys.” You’ll also hear stories about the archeology, Native Americans, cowboys, ranchers and the arrival of the Spanish in California.

Along with this cast of characters, grizzly bears roamed from the foothills of the central Sierra across the Central Valley, through what is now the Delta and Los Vaqueros to the Bay Area. In fact, Mike Moran, East Bay Regional Park District

naturalist says, “this region may have supported the densest population of grizzlies in North America”. It has also been estimated that 500,000 tule elk lived in the Central Valley before the Gold Rush began.

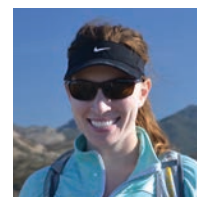
There are no longer elk at Los Vaqueros and grizzlies have been gone for almost a century. But there is an abundance of birds and amphibians for you to see. Throughout your hike, you will learn about rare and threatened species like the California red-legged frog and tiger salamander and the San Joaquin kit fox. Because of the reservoir, you’ll see shoreline species too, such as osprey, pelicans, herons, egrets, gulls—and maybe even bald eagles!

Download this packed guide today – it’s full of history, unique characters and stories, wildlife, wind and of course, water.



Explore Los Vaqueros’ large watershed and listen to stories about the characters that pioneered this part of the West from experts with the latest free Audible Guide.

You can download the Los Vaqueros audible guide at SaveMountDiablo.org. The guide was produced by Save Mount Diablo and Mount Diablo Interpretive Association in partnership with Joan Hamilton at Audible Guides to the Outdoors supported by California State Parks Foundation, Thomas J. Long Foundation and Contra Costa Water District. You can check out all our hikes and guides on our website thanks to our Hike & Thrive partner Kaiser Permanente.



By Amanda Bucknam, our Advancement Associate and an avid hiker and trail runner.

Tributes

Thank you to all of our supporters. Your generosity preserves, defends and restores the Diablo wilderness for all of us to enjoy! Tribute gifts are donations made in honor or memory of loved ones. Tributes made between January 1st and June 31st of 2014 are listed below.



This Kellogg's climbing snapdragon came from seeds that laid dormant for about 80 years until the Morgan Fire. By Heath Bartosh

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Woodland woollythreads is a special tarplant because it is also a fire follower. By Scott Hein



Fire poppies had only been collected on the mountain once after the fire in 1977 until now. By Heath Bartosh

In Honor of

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Mount Diablo Challenge

A thousand cyclists compete in this timed ride, climbing 3,249 feet in elevation in just 11.2 miles to the summit. In addition to coveted shirts for cyclists finishing under an hour, prizes are awarded at the summit with refreshments for all.

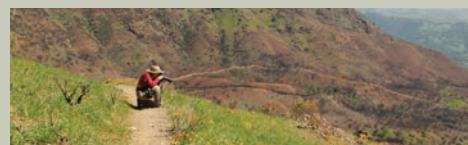
Sunday, October 5, 2014



Trail Adventure

Find your adventure! Presented by Chevron, this event offers a distance for everyone with a Half-Marathon, 5K, 10K and Family Hike on Diablo's slopes. Runners and hikers receive medals and shirts at the expo after the race.

Sunday, November 2, 2014



Mary Bowerman Science and Research Colloquium

Researchers who have been studying the recovery of Mount Diablo after the September 2013 Morgan Fire will be discussing their first year findings.

The colloquium is open to the public.

Thursday, December 11, 2014

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Our Mission

To preserve Mount Diablo's peaks, surrounding foothills, and watersheds through land acquisition and preservation strategies designed to protect the mountain's natural beauty, biological diversity, and historic and agricultural heritage; enhance our area's quality of life; and provide recreational opportunities consistent with the protection of natural resources.

What We Do

Preserve natural lands through acquisition and cooperative efforts.

Defend Mount Diablo and its foothills from threats of development through land

Restore habitat prior to transfer to a public agency for permanent preservation and public use.

Enjoy Diablo's parks through events and recreational opportunities.

Why We Care

This is our home. Preserving natural land forever means safeguarding our quality of life, including our air, water, and views. Only half of Mount Diablo has been preserved. The other half of the mountain, over 70,000 acres, is privately owned and still threatened by development. That means risking the loss of wildlife corridors, ecosystems and recreational opportunities.