



# MIDDLE DESCHUTES WATERSHED COUNCIL

## **Annual Report** **July 1, 2019 – June 20, 2020** **Executive Summary**

The Middle Deschutes Watershed Council focuses on restoration, conservation of natural resources in the Middle Deschutes Watersheds, while also educating local community members of watershed ecology. Jenna Keeton is the current Watershed Coordinator and began in this role in October, 2019. MDWC participated in multiple outreach events this year, including highway and trail clean-ups in Madras, attending farmers markets, hosting informational tables at community events, and presenting work at conferences in the Pacific Northwest. A key facet of MDWC's mission includes leading education events with local schools. This year, we held summer camp, field trips at Mecca Flats Recreation Site, and led after-school lessons at Warm Springs Academy. We also filmed a short virtual lesson on water quality sampling in Jefferson County. MDWC was involved in 9 restoration projects this year including riparian plantings and headwater fencing in Willow Creek, and juniper removal and large wood placement in tributaries of Trout Creek. MDWC continued with projects focused on monitoring stream health in Willow Creek as well as Campbell Creek, where we look for changes in water level and pesticide concentration. Some of our goals for next year, 2020-2021, include expanding community awareness of MDWC activities and diversifying funding sources and build staff capacity.