

## Middle Deschutes Watershed Council – Update April 28, 2020

Dear Middle Deschutes Watershed Council Board of Directors and Partners,

Thank you for your support and understanding during the COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of an in-person update during our normal scheduled meeting this month, please see below for brief written updates. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with questions or comments.

Since my last note, I have spent the majority of my time writing restoration, education, and outreach grant proposals in an attempt to diversify the MDWC's funding sources. I have also taken advantage of the many Webinars offered by professionals to learn more about water monitoring systems and virtual learning opportunities.

~ Jenna Keeton

### Council/Admin:

- Writing MDWC Annual Report 2019, beginning work on 2020 report
- Reading Trout Creek watershed assessment, Watershed Coordinator handbook
- Developing R code for mapping, statistics

### Education:

- Wrote and submitted *STREAM Connections* proposal to The Bean Foundation for funding support with field trips and after-school electives in Jefferson County 509J school district and Warm Springs Academy
  - Developing a similar proposal to PGE
- Attended Children's Forest of Central Oregon *Virtual Learning* and *Program Committee* meetings
- Planning *Stream Sampling 101* Virtual Learning lesson

### Monitoring:

- Developing a *Middle Deschutes River Lamprey Population* funding proposal with Cramer Fish Sciences to submit to the PGE Lamprey Research Fund
- Getting up to speed with Campbell Creek projects:
  - Beaver Dam Analogue Technical Assistance, CIS, and SIA
- Exploring a potential project: *Trout Creek Watershed Basin Plan* with DEQ
- Exploring a potential project: *Trout Creek Watershed Assessment* with NRCS

### Restoration:

- Wrote and submitted *Warm Springs Riparian Planting* proposal to PGE for funding support with riparian restoration event on Deschutes River
- Continuing to communicate with CTWS Restoration Biologist regarding details and permitting for *Warm Springs Riparian Planting* project

### Outreach:

- Working with Coalition for the Deschutes and North Unit Irrigation District on *Plotting for Pollinators* project
  - Attended a site visit at Fox Hollow Ranch to understand pollinator plot importance
  - Writing a grant proposal to Oregon Wildlife Foundation
- Attended OSU Extension Small Farm workshops