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The Freshwater Trust appoints new board members

May 27, 2009 – Portland, Ore. – The Freshwater Trust (formerly Oregon Trout and Oregon Water Trust) appointed four new members – David Chen, David Laurance, Will Neuhauser and Pat Reiten - to the Board of Directors.

“This slate of board members represents a key transitional step for The Freshwater Trust as we continue to grow,” said Joe Whitworth, president of The Freshwater Trust. “I am pleased to welcome them as their unique set of perspectives will continue to drive our conservation work forward.”

David Chen is a partner and co-founder of Equilibrium Capital, a private-equity investment firm that invests in growth stage companies in the areas of green building, resource management and the food shed. Chen also sits on the board of the Portland branch of The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, is the chairman of the Oregon Innovation Council and founder of Patton Valley Vineyards.

David Laurance is the CEO of VetSource, the country’s largest provider of outsource services and medicines to veterinary clinics and animal hospitals. Laurance is a longtime supporter of The Freshwater Trust.

Will Neuhauser is the managing member of FBR CoMotion Venture Capital, LP, a venture capital firm focused on early-stage investments in the Pacific Northwest. Neuhauser serves on the Oregon Community Foundation’s Portland Metropolitan Leadership Council and is the board chair of The Nature Conservancy in Oregon.

Pat Reiten is the president of Pacific Power, an electricity provider to customers in Oregon, Washington and California. His board service includes Oregon Business Council, Oregon Associated Industries and Greenlight Greater Portland.

“The Freshwater trust is already making a positive difference for Oregon’s endangered 30,000 stream miles by restoring water flow and habitat. Our four new board members will help leverage our conservation efforts in Oregon, the Northwest and the nation,” said The Freshwater Trust co-chairman Hank Ashforth.

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About The Freshwater Trust

The Freshwater Trust (formerly Oregon Trout and Oregon Water Trust) is a statewide not-for-profit organization headquartered in Portland, Oregon with satellite offices in Bend and Corvallis. The Freshwater Trust takes an integrated, innovative approach to restoring freshwater ecosystems – from restoring a river’s architecture to working with landowners to keep more water in streams to educating children on the importance of freshwater conservation.