



SUSTAINABLE PLANET
THE FRESHWATER TRUST

“You can drive a Prius, and you can hug a glacier,” says Joe Whitworth, president of river restoration group the Freshwater Trust, “but the fact of the matter is water issues are coming swiftly.” Of Oregon’s 111,619 miles of streams, the Trust says roughly a quarter are too degraded for fish to thrive. The Freshwater Trust is trying to change that. For 26 years, the group, armed with rubber boots and waders, has removed trash and invasive species from our rivers’ edges, helped redirect stream flows to make waterways more fish-friendly, and planted stream-saving trees. Last year alone, the Trust helped restore 850 miles of stream, including stretches of the idyllic John Day and Salmon Rivers. —MEGHAN HILLIARD

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WISH LIST

- Volunteers to plant trees
- Donated wine for the annual benefit and auction
- Housing for volunteers near freshwater resources (contact the Trust for specific locations)