

FEATHER RIVER



LAND TRUST

Protecting the Places that Make the Feather River Country Special

November 27, 2018

Mission Statement

To conserve the lands and waters of the Feather River region and steward their ecological, cultural and educational values for current and future generations.

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Dear Donor,

Why is nature important to us? It may be different for each of us and can be difficult to put into words. As the child of two writers, I'm inspired by naturalist Terry Tempest Williams, a master at putting words to her feelings about nature. She writes:

I pray to the birds because they remind me of what I love rather than what I fear. And at the end of my prayers, they teach me how to listen.

What would our home be like without birds? Many birds, like Sandhill Cranes, need special habitats to breed and raise their young, like wet meadows. These meadows are among the Sierra's most threatened habitats, and they have been a conservation focus for the Feather River Land Trust for the past 18 years. The good news is that because of your support, we still have open meadows in the Feather River Watershed, and Sandhill Cranes are thriving.

Your love of the Feather River region, and your generous financial support, have helped FRLT conserve 54,000 acres—7,095 acres in 2018—of priority lands for these special species, and the local communities we hold dear. These conserved lands (the size of two Lake Almanors!) protect meadows and waterways, wildlife corridors and ag lands, outdoor classrooms and Maidu homelands, scenic open space and public recreation. This is a legacy we can all be proud of. Thank you.

Yet there is still critically important work to be done. Today, I am writing to ask you renew your support and give generously to the Feather River Land Trust. **Please help us raise \$100,000 by December 31** to ensure the protection of habitat, safe drinking water, and the open spaces that define the Feather River Watershed.

Led by our 2020 Vision, we are actively working to conserve 68,000 more acres of globally unique wetlands, meadows and forests in the Feather River Watershed by 2021. It's an ambitious but attainable goal that will be made possible by your continuing and renewed support.

Together with you, we are conserving family ranches in Sierra Valley, PG&E owned lands in the Lake Almanor Basin for public benefit, and conserving and caring for beloved places in Indian, Genesee, and American valleys. We are working to enhance public access and experiences on lands we own like the Olsen Barn Meadow in Chester, Heart K Ranch in Genesee Valley, and the 2,500-acre Sierra Valley Preserve, deepening a love of the land and connection to nature for visitors and local residents alike.

In 2017-18, you helped us raise a \$1,000,000 Vision Fund to scale up our staffing and infrastructure to care for and connect people to already conserved lands and to protect more critical resources. Thank you. The 2020 Vision Fund was the catalyst needed to kick off our 2020 Vision—and we're putting that vision into action. Now, we need your help to sustain our 2020 Vision and conserve and care for 68,000 more acres by 2021.

I invite you to join me in listening to what we love rather than what we fear. Please invest in the beautiful lands and waters of the Feather River region by giving generously today. The birds—and the lands we love—are counting on us. Thank you.

With gratitude and for the land,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelton Douthit". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Shelton Douthit
Executive Director

P.S. Please give as generously as you can. Please mail your gift today using the enclosed envelope or donate online at www.frlt.org/donate. Thank you for giving us the financial support necessary to protect land in one of California's most important watersheds and natural areas.