



The Doctor Is In!

from Tami Quinn Hollenbeck

We are your water doctor. We are here to diagnose the health of your plumbing and fixtures.

Ever noticed that the shower head has one little stream that sprays sideways? Does your faucet “drip”? Is there a blue/green stain in the sink? Have low pressure at your kitchen faucet? Do your whites come out of the laundry with an orange color to them? (Maybe that’s ok if you are a Beaver Believer.) These are classic symptoms of minerals in your well water!

Calcium hardness in your water is like having cholesterol in your arteries. The hard water calcifies inside your pipes and fixtures, and eventually coats the inside of the pipe. The build up can completely plug your pipes or fixtures!!

On the opposite end of the spectrum, if you have a Low PH level in your water it can eat away at your copper pipes and eventually the copper will spring a leak.

If you want to know about your water health, call your favorite Water Care Filtration Supplier. My advice: drink two glasses of water and call us in the morning!

Water is a geological cocktail, so DRINK MORE WATER!



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Watershed restoration takes a community

BY JANELLE DUNLEVY

We have seen many changes during the pandemic, but I believe one of the biggest is the use of our watersheds for recreation. The desire to get outdoors has increased, making the work of the Applegate Partnership so much more important to our community. We conduct a wide variety of water restoration projects year-round. Our work is all funded through local, state, federal, and private grants, or donations. We hire local employees and local contractors, and we purchase as many local supplies and materials as we possibly can to plan, design, and implement projects that beneficially impact our watershed.

We have been working at the Provolt Seed Orchard, now the Provolt Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), for 20 years. In the last five years we have been implementing riparian and habitat restoration, and this year we're working on a fish passage and irrigation improvement project.

If you are walking the trails at Provolt, you will see not invasive blackberry bushes six feet tall throughout the riparian area, but native trees, shrubs, and grasses. You will see areas where we continue to develop nature trails and educational trails for the community. You will see wildlife and places to access the river for recreational fishing and for launching kayaks and canoes. These are all opportunities that the community would not have without planning and implementation initiated by the Applegate Partnership, our staff, dedicated volunteers, contractors, and our partners.

But we need your help! On June 1, a rainy day, in a normally dry, grassy field at the Provolt SRMA, someone used power equipment to cut multiple locks and stole our water trailer. This water trailer was expensive to build and was required during our summer work projects to meet fire safety guidelines. As a result of this critical property theft, we could have had to lay off employees due to our inability to meet the fire restrictions.

With so much doom and gloom in the previous paragraph, you might be asking, how can we help? We need the community to help us maintain our ability to work. Our staff does not live on our project sites. We are asking the community to help be the eyes on our equipment when we are not working, to help us maintain what we have for our field work and protect it like it was your own.

We were fortunate enough to have a private foundation donate funding to replace the water trailer. We have prominently labelled it with the Applegate Partnership logo and its purpose, “Watershed Restoration.” If you see something that does not seem normal or equipment moving on weekends, please let us know. You can contact us at contact@apwc.info or 541-899-9982. We want to continue this important work, but funding is difficult to come by and rarely funds the purchase of equipment.

We appreciate your help and look forward to seeing you and your family at our Applegate community parks and recreation sites. Come enjoy the trails, the river, and the great outdoors.

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A series of criminal acts in the Applegate this summer included theft of this trailer from the Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council.



After a previous trailer was stolen (see story and photo, page 1), the Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council made sure its new water trailer is amply identified as its property.
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