

**Wenatchee High School Interact Club - Chelan Douglas
Land Trust Partnership
2018-2019 Project - Goal \$35,000**

1. (\$15,000) Fund the construction costs of building a trail between Castle Rock and Chopper on the Peryea property (immediately west of Castle Rock City Park). It involves purchasing materials to build stairs and potentially using helicopter to pre-place supplies. Construction would be primarily done by volunteers and in partnership with other trails organizations. Installation will require some heavy equipment and specialized skills with limited volunteer opportunities for WHS students.
2. (\$1,000) Purchase and plant native grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs, and perennial grass seed for use at Castle Rock. Planting would be in late fall, 2019, done by volunteers in the areas the erosion control matting was laid down to minimize social trails, around the trailhead. If #1 is funded, additional plants would be placed at area disturbed by construction. WHS Students welcome to join the planting work party in Nov. 2019.
3. (\$12,500) Fund a series of geology and natural history bilingual interpretive signs at Castle Rock. Costs includes supplies, sign structures, production of sign panels, and graphic design services. Research and writing would be provided in-house by CDLT staff and volunteers. A similar project was completed and installed at Saddle Rock Trailhead in 2017.
4. (\$5000.00) Create a fire-stopping greenbelt firebreak by restoring an 8-12-foot wide margin along 0.4 mile stretch of road on the upper Jacobson Preserve. The present state is a cover of invasive non-native weeds that serve as fuel when a wildfire comes. Restoration in 2 steps: 1) Laying plastic weed matting to smother weeds in spring, 2019, 2) hiring BFI Seeds to use farm equipment to drill native seeds in November, 2019. The “greenbelt” of fire-resistant native grasses will serve as a fuel-break when a wildfire comes. WHS students are welcome to a spring 2019 workparty to install plastic sheeting.
5. (\$1000) 32 feet of wooden stair-rebuild and 27 feet of wooden stair addition, on the upper Jacobson Preserve trail loop where it connects to access road. Reinforced with gravel fill after building. Needed due to increasing erosion and soil compaction. CDLT volunteers would install in Spring 2019. WHS students are welcome to join the work party.