

Final Contribution to The Oregon Community Foundation's North Rim Deschutes River Fund Brings Total to \$934,000

Fund established in 2004 to improve stream flow and water quality in the northern stretch of the Deschutes River Basin

BEND, OREGON, USA, April 21, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Bend community of [North Rim](#), a Brooks Resources development, has made its final donation to The Oregon Community Foundation's North Rim Deschutes River Fund (OCF North Rim Fund) with the sale of its last developer lot. When the community was founded, Brooks Resources created the North Rim Fund by donating a percentage of all North Rim homesite sales dollars. The total amount donated to the Fund since its inception in 2004 is \$934,000. The OCF North Rim Fund focus is to improve stream flow and water quality in the northern stretch of the Deschutes River Basin.

“Brooks Resources created a thoughtful and innovative way for a portion of its proceeds to strengthen the community, now and in the future. Because the OCF North Rim Fund will be invested in perpetuity with OCF, it will continue to help the quality of the Deschutes River forever. We are fortunate to be able to work with people who care so much about their region,” said Max Williams, President and CEO of The Oregon Community Foundation.

Over the years, approximately \$600,000 has been granted to nonprofit organizations that fulfill the fund's mission, such as the Deschutes River Conservancy. The Conservancy actively works with irrigation districts and other partners to allow more water, which was historically diverted through irrigation canals, to remain instream in the Deschutes River Basin. As a result of their work, this section of the Deschutes River has seen significant increases in streamflow and improvement in river health.



“From the very first stages of envisioning this community, we knew that we wanted to create a formal program to give back,” said Romy Mortensen, the project manager of North Rim and vice president of sales and marketing for Brooks Resources Corporation. “The Deschutes River is vital to Bend and our lifestyle here, so making it the focus of the North Rim Fund with an established, respected agency like OCF made good sense. We are so happy to be able to make a final donation to the program and know that a difference was made, and continues to be made for our river.”

A board of directors, comprised of individuals from the North Rim Homeowners Association, consults and advises on the allocation of monies in the fund in continued partnership with OCF. This model will continue with the remaining fund balance.

About The Oregon Community Foundation

The mission of The Oregon Community Foundation is to improve lives for Oregonians through the power of philanthropy. OCF works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support the community causes they care about. Through these funds OCF awarded more than \$100 million in grants and scholarships in 2015. www.oregoncf.org

About North Rim

At the northern tip of Awbrey Butte inside the city limits of Bend, Oregon, lies the private and serene park-like setting for the community of North Rim. With dramatic views of the Deschutes River, snow-capped mountain peaks and the high desert landscape, North Rim features one-acre and larger homesites within Bend, Oregon city limits. Developed by Brooks Resources Corporation, this 200-acre community maintains surroundings that blend into the natural landscape and preserve the unique character of the high desert. The spectacular homeowners' lodge, designed by renowned architect Thomas Hacker, is the focal point of the community, giving residents a special place to meet and relax. Residents appreciate the stunning views and numerous trails that lead through the development to the Deschutes River and its extensive trail system. www.northrimbend.com

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