



# Updraft

*Center for Wildfire Education, History and Interpretation Feb. 2015*

## Funding for Projects Procured

Thanks to your generous donations and a memorial gift, CB has funds to complete some projects described in the last publication

-  When the weather gets warmer we will construct an **entry portal at the main entrance**. It will consist of logs rising from two rock/concrete pedestals. The logs have been obtained and peeled and need to be coated with a preservative. The portal will make the site more visible to potential visitors.
-  An **electrical line will be run to the amphitheater** to provide lighting and easier access to an electrical box near the stage area.
-  The **vintage telephone line** will be completed between Chelan Butte Lookout and East Flattop Lookout.
-  A **telephone line and internet access** was run from the highway and installed in the office building.
-  As per the design offered by Miller-Hull Associates, we will build a **20' X 5' display wall** on the north end of the Arneson shelter. On that wall will be posted photographs by John Marhall showing the regrowth of forests following major wildfires in the NCW area.
-  A **better security system** will be installed at the site to protect the displays in the business building and eventually the displays in the Arneson Shelter.
-  Two new **trail signs** have been installed: One sign lists interesting facts about the history of Smokey Bear and the other sign provides an explanation for why there are so many rocks/boulders at the site. This year we will also install signs identifying flora & fauna and how they adapt to fires.
-  Groups of students from area schools are scheduled to visit CB in the spring and summer...and maybe the fall.

## Our Annual Banquet/Fundraiser Has a New Location & Date

The Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center has changed the venue and time of year for our annual banquet/fundraiser! Please join us at the **Chelan Senior Center on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 6 PM**. The senior center is located on 534 East Trow Ave. We usually have this event in October but have decided to move it to early Spring. It is a time when we can enjoy an evening of food, conversation with friends and supporters, participation in a raffle, and a live auction. We also use this time to review our yearly progress and to share our goals with our partners. CBFIC relies on this fundraiser to maintain, operate, and enhance the site, and to support our school education program.

**This year we will contribute half our proceeds to a fire relief fund set up to help those impacted by the Carlton Fire Complex.**

**Admittance is by presold tickets only.** The cost is \$30 per person. Get the tickets from any CB board member or call 509-670-4875.



## Our Next Long Term Goal

Our next big funding goal is to enclose the Arneson Shelter. This project will provide a larger, indoor meeting facility and more space to display additional fire history artifacts. The project will include: installing walls, doors and windows around the shelter; adding insulation; pouring a concrete floor; painting murals on the outside east wall; and running an electrical and a water line to the facility. The total cost will run between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

## The Status of the Columbia Breaks / Entiat Historical Society Partnership

In 2013 CBFIC, the Entiat Historical Society, and the City of Entiat received a Washington State Community Development Block Grant to study the feasibility of having the Historical Society partner with CB to build a museum/barn/meeting hall at Columbia Breaks. Tom Beckwith, with Beckwith Consulting Group, facilitated the study and prepared the report that: “summarizes the need; identifies the components necessary to make the facility viable for all identified needs; and lays out a strategy for funding of construction and long-term maintenance, as well as defining roles and responsibilities of each of the identified partners” After several meetings those groups are now ready to share that information with the community. The meeting will occur on **March 17 at 7PM at the fire hall in Entiat.**

## Simple Ways of Contributing \$ to Columbia Breaks

The CBFIC Foundation is now registered with both the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program and the AmazonSmile program. Every time you shop at either location, a % of the purchase price is automatically donated to the charitable organization of your choice.

### How does AmazonSmile work?

\*The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program.

\*If you shop regularly at Amazon.com, it is easy for you to participate in AmazonSmile. The site sells the same products as the regular Amazon site.

\*When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer’s selected charitable organization.

\*To participate in the AmazonSmile program, you can go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1532783>

### How does the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program work?

\*Most of you who shop at Fred Meyer already have a Rewards Card. You are able to link that card to your favorite nonprofit by following the link below. Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy’s, you will be helping Columbia Breaks earn a donation from Fred Meyer. If you do not have a Rewards Card, you can sign up for one at the Customer Service Desk of any Fred Meyer store.

\*You can link your card by going to [fredmeyer.com/community-rewards](http://fredmeyer.com/community-rewards). You will be asked to log into your online account or create an online account. At that point you will be able to search for your nonprofit. Columbia Breaks’s NPO number is **83997**.

\*This is an ongoing program and you may enroll at any time. You will still get the full reward points that you already get...Fred Meyer will just make a donation to CB based upon how much you purchase.



Bill Austin lends a cleaning hand to Chelan Butte Lookout.

### Where Can You Get Current Fire Information?

Sometimes, getting current information on a going fire is just a matter of knowing what agency or website to contact. This list may help you...

[nifc.gov/](http://nifc.gov/) (Fire information, Situation Report, National Fire News)

[Central Washington Interagency Communication Center \(CWICC\)](#)

[chelandem.org](http://chelandem.org) or [Chelan County Emergency Management](#)

[wildlandfire.com](http://wildlandfire.com)

[wildfiretoday.com](http://wildfiretoday.com)

[smokejumpers.com](http://smokejumpers.com)



Casey Woodward demonstrates rappellers’ gear & safety to middle schoolers.

### Did You Know?

- Smokey the Bear was an advertising mascot created in 1944, during World War II, to encourage people to prevent forest fires that destroyed wood needed for the war effort.
- The first name given to the live bear was "Hotfoot Teddy."
- Smokey Bear was named after "Smokey" Joe Martin, a New York City Fire Department hero who suffered burns and blindness during a 1912 rescue.

## Membership and Support

You can help support wildfire education, historical preservation, and interpretation by making a donation to Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center Foundation. Annual memberships are essential to our ongoing success. Please join us in our mission. All donations are tax deductible.  
**Thank you!**

### 2015 Annual Memberships

Enclosed is \$25 for one year's Dues       Here is an additional donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to give this donation in honor of / in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my donation to be dedicated to a specific purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

**2015 Land Purchase:** All Sponsors will receive a certificate as evidence of their contribution. A land purchase can be made in honor of or in memory of another individual, and in such cases that individual's name will be represented on the certificate.

Homesteader	Rancher	Land Baron
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 (10ft x 15ft plot)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300 (40ft x 50ft plot)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$960 (80ft x 80ft plot)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$45 (10ft x 30ft plot)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375 (50ft x 50ft plot)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,200 (80ft x 100ft plot)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 (10ft x 50ft plot)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$525 (50ft x 70ft plot)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,400 (80ft x 120ft plot)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$90 (20ft x 30ft plot)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$675 (50ft x 90ft plot)	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$120 (20ft x 40ft plot)	Please print the name as you wish it to appear on the certificate:	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 (20ft x 50ft plot)		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$225 (30ft x 50ft plot)	Select if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of <input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of	

Name:		Phone:
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mail my annual newsletter to the address above		

**Please provide the following information:**

Mail donations to:    CBFIC, P.O. Box 644, Entiat, WA. 98822-0644



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Visit our website:

[www.columbiabreakswildfire.com](http://www.columbiabreakswildfire.com)

### Our Annual Spring Work Day will be on April 8, beginning at 9AM:

- \*\* Rake pine needles and debris from interpretive trail & amphitheater
- \*\* Repaint the outside of East Flattop Lookout
- \*\* Spread more gravel on parts of the trail
- \*\* Repair the grounding system on Chelan Butte Lookout
- \*\* Replace faded and damaged interpretive signs on the trail
- \*\* Remove/lift shutters on Chelan Butte & East Flattop Lookouts
- \*\* Apply preservative on logs for entry portals.
- \*\* Finish connecting vintage telephone lines to vintage telephones

**Please call 509-670-4875 if you want to help**

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