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Fiscal Sponsorship Application

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About You

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Tell us about yourself (brief biographical statement):

Carcajou Carnivore Conservation conducts research and monitoring of rare carnivores in the Northwest. We collaborate with federal and state land managers to improve non-invasive detection methods and inform better stewardship of understudied carnivores.

Project Manager: Kayla A. Dreher
Field & Outreach Coordinator: Scott C. Shively
Senior Advisor: Audrey J. Magoun, PhD

have you previously worked with a fiscal sponsor? yes no
if "yes", what was the name of your fiscal sponsor organization?

About Your Proposed Project

project title: **Wallowa Wolverine Project & additional out-of-state projects**
what type of project are you proposing? fish wildlife other
will it address an *Oregon Conservation Strategy* habitat or species? yes no
If "yes", please name the habitat and/or species addressed: **Wolverine and pacific marten**
anticipated start date: **November 2020** anticipated end date (if any): **N/A**
project location (if applicable): **Northeast Oregon** nearest town or city: **Enterprise, OR** county:
Wallowa

are you working with a local, state, or federal biologist on this project? yes no
If "yes", what is their name? **Brian Ratliff** phone: **(541)-519-3654** email:

brian.s.ratliff@state.or.us

If "no", what is your plan for an external review of the project?

estimated project cost: **Variable**

please identify any other partners in your project here: **Wallowa Whitman National Forest, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest**



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Project Abstract/Summary

Carcajou Carnivore Conservation conducts research and monitoring of rare carnivores throughout the Northwest. We integrate non-invasive techniques, such as remote camera monitoring, winter-tracking, genetic analysis, and new field data collection methods to improve our understanding of understudied species on remote landscapes. Through collaborations with federal and state entities, we inform management strategies of sensitive carnivores and promote the improved stewardship of these species. Projects include:

Wallowa Wolverine Project:

We use proven non-invasive detection methods to identify individual wolverines by photos and DNA. The Wallowa Mountain Range may comprise an essential link between disjunct wolverine habitats in the Pacific Northwest. We seek to answer fundamental questions about wolverine population dynamics in this ecosystem and garner new insights on the status and conservation needs of wolverines in Oregon. We coordinate our field efforts with the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to incorporate multi-species detection methods, which support the development of effective management plans for other species of conservation interest, such as the Pacific marten and Rocky Mountain red fox. We use our results to provide community scientists and recreationists with tools to learn about rare carnivores in their own field experiences, as well as provide impactful education experiences to students.

Improving summer detection of wolverine kits:

Wolverine young travel with their mothers throughout summer and fall months, but information on kit survival is difficult to obtain because of ineffective detection methods. Females often avoid bringing kits to monitoring stations once larger predators, such as bears, frequent sites. We are testing new techniques that we predict will prevent the habituation of bears to monitoring sites and increase the probability of detecting wolverine kits. We are testing these methods in collaboration with existing wolverine monitoring programs in Washington, Montana, and Oregon.

Cascade red fox Tracking Project (*in development*):

The Cascade red fox (*Vulpes vulpes cascadensis*) is a rare subspecies of mountain fox endemic to the Washington Cascades. Recent genetic research has shown that this subspecies is the most genetically unique of all red foxes and that the current effective population size is approximately 20 breeding females. Despite the extreme conservation needs of this fox, little study has been conducted into its basic ecology, thus the causes of its substantial decline throughout its range are unknown. There has been limited investigation into the movement ecology of habituated foxes at Mount Rainier, but these findings are likely not representative of “wild” foxes. We propose using cellular remote cameras to locate and document fresh Cascade red fox tracks to gain new insights on their resource selection and fine-scale movements for



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peer-reviewed publication.

Legal Relationship and Sponsored Project Responsibilities

If approved, I understand that Oregon Wildlife Foundation is accepting legal and financial responsibility for the proposed project. Operating under the auspices of the Foundation makes the project eligible for charitable donations and grants. It also requires that the project be operated in a way that is consistent with IRS regulations and funder expectations.

Consequently, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

- regular communication with Foundation staff
- understand and adhere to all applicable laws and IRS regulations
- meet funder obligations and abide by any restrictions imposed by them on their funding
- understand and adhere to the Foundation's fiscal policies and procedures
- ensure project activities contribute to and relate directly to the Foundation's mission
- manage the day-to-day operation of the project
- fundraise to sustain the project
- carefully manage my project's financial resources

Project Certifications

By my signature below, I certify that I understand and agree to the following:

1. The legal relationship between Oregon Wildlife Foundation and the project.
2. The responsibilities of being a sponsored project.
3. The assessment of a fiscal administration fee against project expenses.
4. The responsibility for obtaining all necessary permits from requisite agencies *as applicable to my proposed project(s)*.
5. To provide a picture or video entry of myself with this application.
6. Regular communication with Foundation staff that includes periodic progress reports and digital content for use in their blog and social media posts.
7. That I am the legal owner of all pictures and video submitted to the Foundation.
8. That the Foundation may reproduce, exhibit, and publish my submitted pictures and video as it relates to their work.

project manager signature:

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date: 12/20/2020

Next Steps:

- The Foundation's Project Committee will review your application at their next regularly scheduled meeting
- If approved as a sponsored project, an agreement between Oregon Wildlife Foundation and the project will be developed that outlines mutual responsibilities and expectations