



What a year it's been at Oregon Natural Desert Association! We're truly impressed by what this community accomplished in 2023.

Thank you to the members and supporters who make up this dedicated group of desert conservation advocates.

This year, we've conserved hundreds of thousands of acres in eastern Oregon, supported the recovery of iconic wildlife species, mobilized advocates to challenge detrimental proposals, launched a national monument campaign, completed restoration projects – and so much more. Along the way, you've given the desert a voice. And now, you can give it color.

Join us in celebrating a year of conservation accomplishments benefiting Oregon's high desert lands, water and wildlife outlined in the pages of our 2023 Year In Review Coloring Book.

Grab a crayon, marker or colored pencils and let's begin...



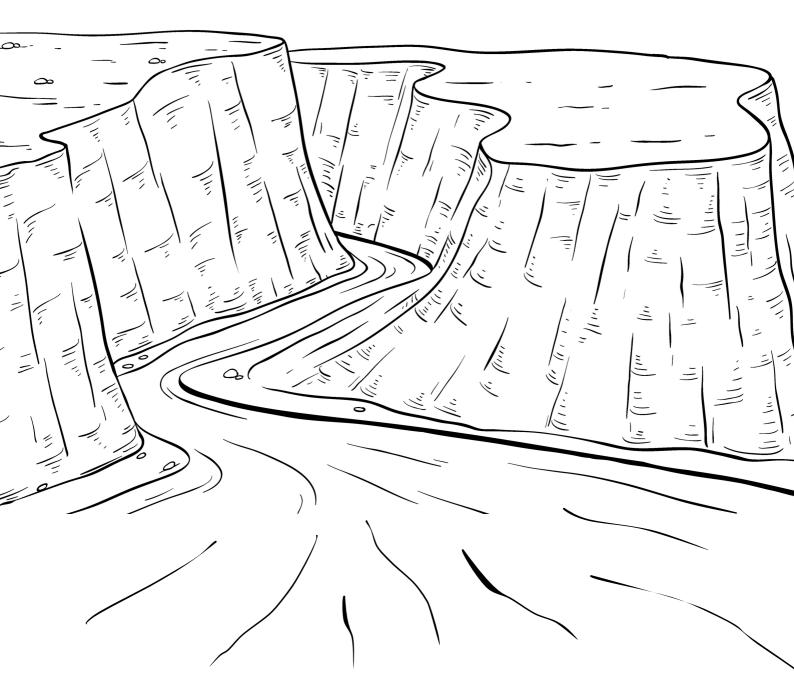
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ONDA improved conservation and management of Lake Abert and supported the hundreds of thousands of birds that depend on this fragile ecosystem when our advocacy encouraged the Oregon State legislature to take action on the issue.

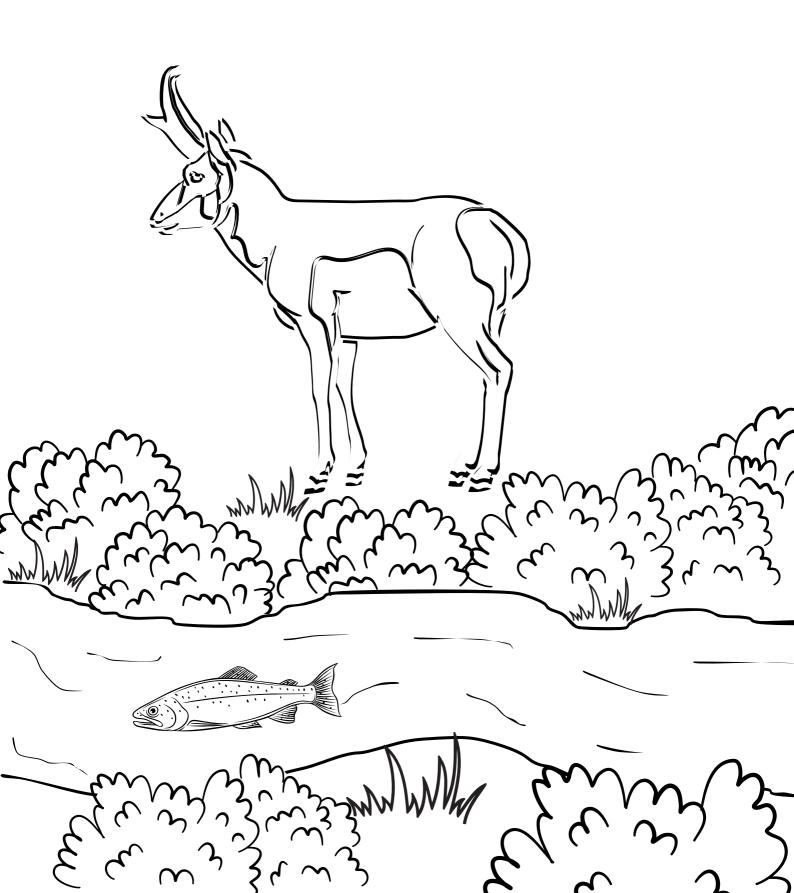


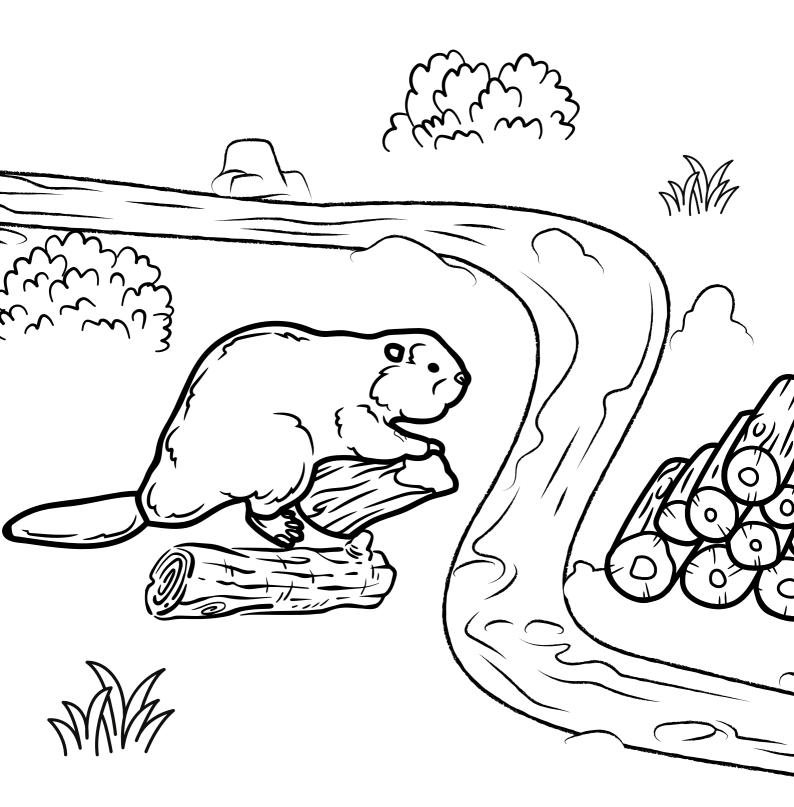
We mobilized advocates and coordinated with tribal members and communities to organize opposition to an industrial scale mining proposal that would eliminate habitat for greater sage-grouse, pronghorn, Lahontan cutthroat trout and many other species in southeast Oregon's McDermitt Caldera. After more than two decades of advocacy, ONDA celebrated the protection of more than 400,000 acres of Owyhee public lands in a Bureau of Land Management plan that encompasses many locations, including Jordan Craters, Three Forks, Leslie Gulch and the West Little Owyhee.





ONDA led a diverse coalition of conservation, sporting, recreational, business and tribal interests to advocate for permanent protection of the Owyhee Canyonlands. We helped produce the latest, best version of the Malheur Community for the Environment Act and unveiled a complementary Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument campaign. We launched a Desert Wildlife campaign that safeguards wildlife, promotes biodiversity, conserves habitat, and engages the public in shaping seven key management processes.





Your advocacy supported healthy high desert ecosystems and waterways and secured state actions to conserve beaver. After a decade of work by volunteers and staff, ONDA completed the South Fork Crooked River restoration project that added more than 25,000 trees to the river corridor to restore wildlife habitat and improve climate resiliency.





We pressed the Bureau of Land management to conserve wilderness values across 800,000 acres of public lands in the greater Steens Mountain region. ONDA celebrated 10 years of the Oregon Desert Trail, a long-distance trail that showcases the beauty and wonder of the high desert, connecting thousands of people to conservation issues and advocacy opportunities.





ONDA led a coalition of organizations and local communities pushing back against the U.S. Air Force's decision to disrupt the tranquility of the Owyhee Canyonlands by increasing low elevation jet fighter training and use of toxic materials over the landscape. ONDA welcomed another cohort of Tribal Stewards, coordinating five weeks of paid on-the-ground work that promoted equity, tribal leadership and introduced these Indigenous young adults to conservation careers.



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