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Local Projects Awarded Funding through the *Protect Your Playground Initiative*

Bend, OR. \$8,000 in funding has been awarded to four finalists proposing environmentally focused projects in Central Oregon through the Protect Your Playground initiative.

Protect Your Playground was introduced earlier this winter and designed as a grant program for environmental projects in our local communities. Mt. Bachelor, together with Powdr Resorts, will be awarding a total of \$40,000 across its nine resort properties through this inaugural campaign. The focus of Protect Your Playground is to empower individuals in our community - from skiers and riders, to business owners and homeowners. Applicants were encouraged to present ideas for funding between \$100 and \$2500 for projects that will serve to protect the environmental playgrounds that we all love and enjoy in Central Oregon.

Project proposals were due for submission through the deadline of February 21, 2014, at which point Mt. Bachelor's Green Team reviewed all applications and submitted finalists to be reviewed and approved for funding by Brent Giles, Powdr Corp's Chief Sustainability Officer.

As part of Earth Day, Mt. Bachelor is excited to announce a total of \$8,000 in funding for the following selected proposals on behalf of the Protect Your Playground Initiative;

- Jimmy S. – Volcano Veggies: creating a compost water heater to eliminate the use of natural gas to heat the water for an aquaponic farm, growing fresh veggies and fish for local distribution year round in Bend.
- Basey K. – creating a butterfly and bee garden in one of our local Bend parks using locally-grown and native plants, serving as a display garden and educating the community about the importance of pollinators in our climate.
- Andria Z. – building a bus stop shelter from skis and snowboards and other recycled materials, utilizing old and damaged equipment unsafe for use that would normally go to the landfill.
- Amy M. - Redmond Proficiency Academy, funding of the annual Sustainability Fair and assisting in project supplies for students in need and local community outreach.

Brent Giles, Powdr Corp Chief Sustainability Officer exclaims "Protect Your Playground was created to empower and inspire individuals with the resources they need to turn their ideas into action to better their communities and protect their environment. We were ecstatic with the number and quality of applications and we look forward to seeing these projects come to life and to watch the lasting impact they will have on their environments in the future. The grant recipients are proof that one person with a vision for change can make a difference."

For more details and information on Protect Your Playground, visit; www.mtbachelor.com/protectyourplayground

About Mt. Bachelor: Mt. Bachelor is the largest ski resort in the Cascade Range, offering 3,683 acres of lift-accessible terrain. The mountain features 10 lifts, seven of which are Express Quads, plus two tubing lifts and two beginner carpets and an average annual snowfall of 462 inches. Mt. Bachelor also features 5 terrain parks, a superpipe, 56K of groomed and tracked cross country trails, snowshoeing, tubing, sled dog rides and summer attractions including downhill mountain biking. For weather conditions, news, and events visit www.mtbachelor.com.

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