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*You are invited to join the*  
**Stronghold of the Cascade Red Fox**

**WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN TO PROTECT AN ENDANGERED SPECIES**

**What is the Stronghold?**

A community of passionate women taking action to protect a rare, endangered fox from extinction by supporting the work of Dr. Jocelyn Akins and her conservation science organization, Cascades Carnivore Project.

**Together, We Will:**

- Give or raise \$1,000 each to support Cascades Carnivore Project's research program for the recovery of the Cascade Red Fox.
- Build camaraderie with like-minded women who care deeply about the Cascade Mountains and the animals that call this wilderness home.
- Ensure the Cascade red fox has a place of security and survival in its native habitat of the Cascade Range.
- Become major donors for the conservation of biodiversity in the face of climate change.

**What are the Benefits of Joining?**

- Attend exclusive in-person and virtual gatherings and lectures to learn, celebrate, network and share your love of the wild.
- Join a field trip with Dr. Akins! Hike in Cascade red fox habitat and learn first hand about the montane ecosystem that is critical to their survival.
- Receive members-only newsletters with updates on the Cascade red fox research you have helped fund and opportunities to further support their protection.



## Who is Dr. Jocelyn Akins?

Conservation biologist Dr. Jocelyn Akins captured a photo of a Cascade red fox almost two decades ago at a camera station she had set high on the rugged, snow-covered slopes of Mount Adams in the Cascade Range. Working largely solo on a shoestring budget with homemade equipment, Dr. Akins dedicated years of grinding field work and detailed DNA analysis to gain an intimate knowledge of the high alpine environment.



Dr. Jocelyn Akins | Executive Director Cascades Carnivore Project

She received her PhD in Conservation Genetics studying this unique fox. The scientific community was astonished to find proof of this incredibly rare and elusive mountain fox. In 2008, she built a research team, established a long-running ecological study, and formed Cascades Carnivore Project to support this work.

Setting cameras across the Cascade Range, and collecting and analyzing over one thousand DNA samples, Dr. Akins and her team of volunteers showed that few Cascade red foxes remain in their native range and that their population is drawn from a very small genetic pool. She knew the research would be critical to convince government agencies to take action. And she was right.

In 2023, relying largely on the science gathered by Cascades Carnivore Project, Washington listed the Cascade red fox as an endangered species affording it new protections.

## What is Cascades Carnivore Project?

Based in Hood River, Oregon, Cascades Carnivore Project is a conservation science organization that employs rigorous, long-term wildlife studies to help protect our mountains and the animals that depend upon these unique and wild places. We are a small but mighty team that relies upon volunteers and individual donors to achieve our goals.

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### What is Needed?

Cascades Carnivore Project is at the forefront of developing and executing research to prevent the Cascade red fox from going extinct but Dr. Akins cannot do this alone. She needs your help. Funds raised through the Stronghold will support her position and allow her to expand the team and conduct the critical research needed for the Cascade red fox's survival.

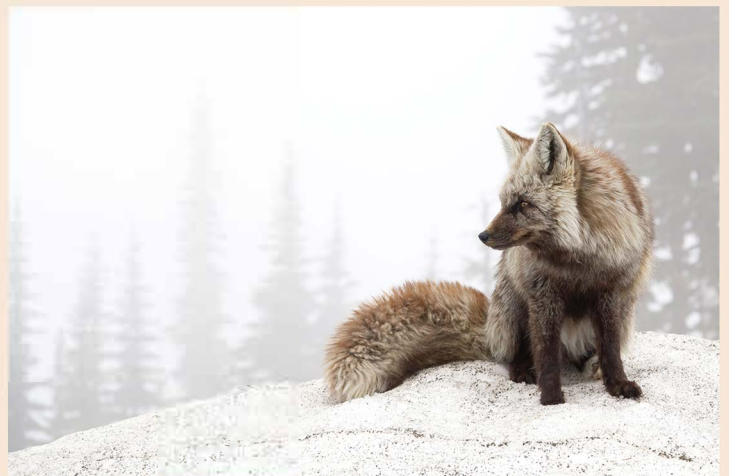


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