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As 2024 comes to an end and many of our feathered friends have migrated to warmer climates, Plumas Audubon Society (PAS) is here to stay for our 36th year of wildlife conservation, education, and research programs. This year, PAS gained new leadership when I, Elizabeth Ramsey, stepped up as Executive Director and Ryan Thoni took flight to the Big Apple to become a curator for the Ichthyology Department at the American Museum of Natural History. This November, we invite you to join us in ensuring the success of our programs during the upcoming year.

Wildlife Conservation Projects: The wildlife that migrate through and call the Upper Feather River Watershed their home need us now more than ever. In 2024, support from members like you allowed us to employ four budding wildlife conservationists to study and protect local wildlife species. One of these individuals, Lauren “LJ” James, returned for her second season with PAS. Her contributions greatly impact PAS’s operations and development, and her continued growth as a leader in wildlife conservation is evident. In 2025 our staff will continue to monitor and conduct research on endangered and climate sensitive species such as California spotted owls, northern goshawks, Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frogs, foothill yellow-legged frogs, western grebes, Clark’s grebes, and osprey. With your contribution, we will remain dedicated to continuing our important wildlife conservation projects while simultaneously training the next generation of wildlife conservation professionals to spread their wings and fly.

Education: The youth are the future advocates for and stewards of wildlife habitat. Since 2016, our Plumas Environmental Education Program (PEEP) has been focused on helping students throughout Plumas County explore and connect with their local ecosystems, native wildlife, and public lands. With your support, we will continue to work in partnership with Plumas Unified School District and Plumas Charter School to teach curriculum to K-12 youth. In 2024, your support allowed our staff and volunteers to reach over 100 local students through a combination of field trips, classroom lessons, and service learning projects. In 2025, your continued support will empower our newest staff member, Mikayla Eager, in her role as PAS’s Education Coordinator to inspire a spirit of stewardship and environmental responsibility in the next generation of scientists.

Outreach: In 2024, our outreach programs grew immensely thanks to our talented Outreach Coordinator, Ellie Hinrichs. Her hard work brought together birds of a feather to explore and appreciate the diverse wildlife and community we share. Partners and friends flocked together for speaker programs, workshops, bird walks, field trips, the Cultivating Connectivity Series, and the beloved Grebe Festival. And the fun is not over yet, as the highly anticipated Christmas Bird Counts are right around the corner! In 2025, your gift will afford PAS the capacity to continue hosting one-of-a-kind events for all to enjoy and further spread the love for the region's wildlife.

Because of you, our end-of-year giving campaign in 2023 raised approximately \$5,000, which was critical in getting PAS through the winter and into the next field season. **This year, our goal is to raise \$10,000**, doubling what was given during last year's campaign. Whether your contribution is big or small, it carries on the wing the power to amplify our important work and, in turn, the future of the biodiverse suite of life that makes the Upper Feather River Watershed so special.

I invite you to become a member of Plumas Audubon Society by visiting **plumasaudubon.org/membership**, or by sending your support to:

Plumas Audubon Society, 429 Main St. Ste A, Quincy, CA 95971

Thanks to you, our programs will continue to take flight and soar!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Ramsey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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