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Ecotrust and the Sitka Center Announce Science Residency Partnership

Portland, OR - Need a place to concentrate and relax? Would you like to spend at least a month in a peaceful, coastal hide-away surrounded by a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve?

Ecotrust is delighted to be partnering with the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology to select a Science or Conservation Resident interested in pursuing an issue with the potential to benefit the natural environment and make a region or community more resilient. We are welcoming a broad scope of applications for this unique opportunity for a Resident to spend one, two, or three months in one of the most beautiful places on Earth—Cascade Head, Oregon. This is the perfect opportunity to start or finish a research or writing project that has been on the back burner for too long.

The Resident will have the use of a wonderful, new 500-square foot house located on the Sitka Center's campus to work at his or her leisure. Housing for the Resident is provided at no charge, but the Resident will be responsible for food, travel, etc. The Resident will live among a small community of other Residents who are all artists, and all Residents are asked to participate in a community event and project. More information about the Sitka Center's Residency Program can be found at <http://www.sitkacenter.org/3-0.html>.

Applicants may choose **one** time period that is either 1, 2, or 3 consecutive months in length.

Fall:

- 10/10/11 to 11/07/11
- 11/14/11 to 12/05/11
- 12/12/11 to 01/02/12

Spring:

- 01/30/12 to 02/27/12
- 03/05/12 to 04/02/12
- 04/09/12 to 05/07/12

To apply, please send the following to brent@ecotrust.org by May 10th, 2011:

- 1) A description of the issue you are interested in pursuing and why you selected this issue. The issue may be the focus of your past or current work or a new area of interest—please explain. The description should be brief—no more than 3 pages. Please tell us how this residency at the Sitka Center might help you advance your work.
- 2) Your resume, including a list of references with contact information.

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Committed to expanding the relationships between art, nature and humanity, the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology is renowned for its workshop and residency programs. Exploration of the coastal environment has remained a key component to The Center's vitality. Located on Cascade Head, with views of the Pacific Ocean, Sitka offers a place where artists come to inspire, create, and ultimately transform themselves. Go to www.sitkacenter.org or call 541.994.5485 to learn more.

Over nearly 20 years, Ecotrust has converted \$60 million in grants into more than \$300 million in capital for local people, businesses, and organizations from Alaska to California. Ecotrust's many innovations include co-founding the world's first environmental bank, starting the world's first ecosystem investment fund, creating a range of programs in fisheries, forestry, food, farms and children's health, and developing new scientific and information tools to improve social, economic and environmental decision-making. Ecotrust works locally in ways that promise hope abroad, and it honors and supports the wisdom of Native and First Nation leadership in its work. More on the Web at www.ecotrust.org.