



*Dear Friends,*

Where did the love of wilderness start for you?

- The first breath over coffee, on the second morning of a backpacking trip?
- Simply knowing the wilderness is there, fueling daydreams while gazing out the window?
- Hugging your child, knowing you're passing on this conservation legacy?

For us, it's all of these moments. That's why we are dedicated to our work – to wilderness. In this Annual Report are several stories of what we've done and what we have yet to do. Here are the highlights:

**We refined our mission.**

Ultimately a minor, but critical, well thought out change to address the growing need to secure wilderness, including access, and those protected lands that abut and enhance wilderness values as part of a connected conserved landscape in times of global change.

*Our Mission*

**WE KEEP THE PROMISE OF WILDERNESS, BY ACQUIRING AND TRANSFERRING PRIVATE LANDS (INHOLDINGS) TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP THAT COMPLETE DESIGNATED AND PROPOSED WILDERNESS AREAS, OR DIRECTLY PROTECT WILDERNESS VALUES.**

**We inventoried all of the inholdings in the National Wilderness Preservation System.**

The good news is that our work and the work of our partners have cut the number of private lands by more than half – down from 400,000 acres in the lower 48 states to less than 180,000 acres. The bad news is 2,883 private owners remain, with goals for managing wilderness land inconsistent with 50 years of designation that created the largest protected landscape in the country – the National Wilderness Preservation System.

**We undertook work in 8 states and 13 wilderness areas.**

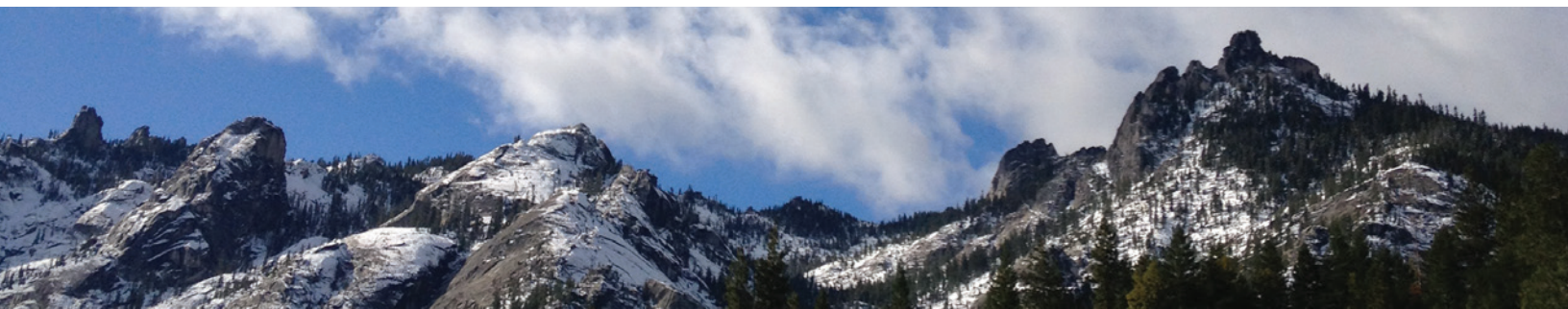
This brings the total of our work to 410 separate acquisitions in 90 designated and proposed wilderness areas across 8 states, while consulting in another 12 states and as many wilderness areas.

The Trust is dedicated to preserving that experience of the first steaming cup of camp coffee, in a vista uninterrupted by human development. Nature left to do what it does. We want that experience of everything anew to be passed on to those we love and hold dear. Your support of our work demonstrates that you do too.

Thank you,

Jean Hocker, *Chair*

Reid Haughey, *President*



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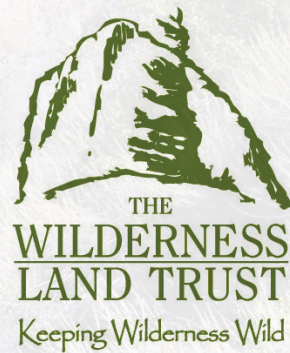
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ANNUAL REPORT

13-14





## National Inventory

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act that led to the designation of a globally unique system of 759 wilderness areas.

### But is it secure?

In this golden anniversary year, WLT completed an exhaustive survey of the remaining private inholdings located in the nation's designated wilderness lands.

### It's a good news, bad news story.

- **Good News** – The acreage of private inholdings has gone down from an estimated 400,000 (at our founding in 1992), to just under 180,000 acres – even though 220 new wilderness and an additional 14.5 million acres have been added. *We're over halfway there!*
- **Bad News** – Within designated wilderness in the lower 48 states, remain nearly 180,000 acres of private lands. One in three wilderness areas remains threatened.

*These remaining lands, put together, are nearly 11 times larger than all of the Walmarts in the United States* – and it means there are 2,883 landowners in wilderness with their own ideas for how to manage these wild lands.

**There is more work to do. We cannot do it without you.**



**THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM IS A REFUGE FOR ANIMALS, PLANTS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR AND RECREATION AND IS A FOUNDATION FOR 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION. IT MAY HOLD THE KEY TO FUTURE CONSERVATION AND THE TOOLS FOR ADAPTING TO GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.**

**PRIVATE HOLDINGS ARE A THREAT TO THE GLOBALLY UNIQUE, 109 MILLION ACRE PRESERVATION SYSTEM THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE HAVE WORKED TO CREATE OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS.**

## WILDERNESS PROTECTED

This year, we worked on securing 13 wilderness areas in five states and completed projects in eight wilderness areas, removing private home development, reclaiming abandoned mines, creating access and unifying wildlife habitat.

### CALIFORNIA

#### CASTLE CRAGS WILDERNESS

*Roseburg Resources Property (1,257 acres, purchased)*

#### VENTANA WILDERNESS

*3 Georges (160 acres, transferred)  
Dedini (29 acres, purchased)*

#### YOLLA BOLLY – MIDDLE EEL WILDERNESS

*Leech Lake Mountain (640 acres, transferred)*

### COLORADO

#### MAROON BELLS – SNOWMASS WILDERNESS

*Ashcroft Historic Site (10.2 acres, transferred)*

### IDAHO

#### FRANK CHURCH – RIVER OF NO RETURN WILDERNESS

*Painter Mine (37.8 acres, purchased)*

#### HELLS CANYON WILDERNESS

*Bald Eagle Lode (13 acres, purchased)*

### NEVADA

#### EAST FORK HIGH ROCK CANYON WILDERNESS

*Yeager (320 acres, transferred)*

### WASHINGTON

#### GLACIER PEAK WILDERNESS

*Olympic Lode (100 acres, purchased)*

## The Wilderness Land Trust Earns Continued National Recognition

In 2014, The Wilderness Land Trust achieved renewed land trust accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. WLT is one of only 280 land trusts from across the country that is now accredited. Accredited land trusts meet national standards for excellence, uphold the public trust and ensure that conservation efforts are permanent. Accreditation renewal must be completed every five years and provides the public with an assurance that accredited land trusts continue to meet exceedingly high standards for quality.



*"This accreditation validates our central belief that the physical integrity of wilderness ensures the preservation of those fundamental values – biotic, recreational aesthetic, and spiritual – embodied by the Wilderness Act of 1964. It is particularly relevant that this accreditation comes on the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, at a time when The Wilderness Land Trust has completed and/or ensured vital protection for wilderness throughout the West."*

– PAUL TORRENCE, WLT BOARD MEMBER

## LANDS PROGRAM

### *A Story of Success* YOLLA BOLLY–MIDDLE EEL WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA



We completed the transfer of the last private inholding in the 2006 addition to the Yolla Bolly–Middle Eel Wilderness in California. The path to protection was nothing short of astounding, including burned buildings, marijuana farmers and federal funding uncertainties.

Prior to acquiring this final parcel, the Trust bought and donated to the United States two other inholdings owned by the same family in the Yolla Bolly. This last piece was the crown jewel. To get it, we had to compete with growers who envisioned a great pot farm at the end of a long wilderness road.

Just before the Trust began clean up and transfer of the land for inclusion in the Yolla Bolly–Middle Eel Wilderness, the 2012 North Pass Fire hit the property and burned all of the structures to the ground. Nature had its way in helping to return the parcel to wilderness, “where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.”

The Forest Service can now let fires burn – without cost – as they are meant to. Hikers can wander through the forest without negotiating fence lines and pot grows – and the surrounding Wild and Scenic watershed will remain unaffected – Wild Forever.

- A WILDERNESS ADDITION COMPLETED
- 15 MILES OF ROAD WITHIN THE WILDERNESS RETIRED
- HABITAT FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES MADE WHOLE
- THE WATERSHED OF THE WILD AND SCENIC MIDDLE FORK OF THE EEL RIVER PROTECTED

### *An Ongoing Project*

FRANK CHURCH – RIVER OF NO RETURN  
WILDERNESS, IDAHO

*“My late husband and I wintered ’79-’80 across the river at the Thomas Place, while our good friend and expert mason, Wil Wilkins, wintered at Painter Mine. Always a favorite place to stop for floaters. I am so thrilled at least this piece of the river will be well taken care of for generations to come!!” – Marlene Miller Noffsinger Attaway*

The history of the Painter Mine is a history of the West. It started out as a copper and gold mine backed by eastern money. Went bust. Became a friendly place for those who loved the land and welcomed others. They moved on. Became a private retreat with airstrip rights and a private home. It came up for sale. We bought it.

Just under 39 acres, it sits right on the bank of the main stem of the Salmon River and includes an unreclaimed mine that threatens water quality and a home with two jetboat permits. (There was a Jeep on the property that was helicoptered in!) The Trust cleaned up and remediated the mine with the help of the State of Idaho. We’re working on removing the house and garage.

Next summer, we will coordinate a volunteer service trip into the property, with donors and supporters, to finish the cleanup. In 2016, we plan to return the Painter Mine back to wilderness – as a reclaimed part of the iconic Frank Church–River of No Return Wilderness and restoring the wilderness experience of the Wild and Scenic Salmon River. It will once again be a favorite place for floaters to stop and enjoy.



There are many. Like this tenacious mountain goat, we continue to protect our wilderness.

Within the proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness (MT), we are working to acquire a mining company and protect its 42 mining claims from development inconsistent with the proposed wilderness, carrying on 30 years of work by the company owners to keep wilderness wild.

We’re striving to create access to land locked wilderness in New Mexico and perfecting access to wilderness in California (in partnership with the Access Fund, Conservation Alliance and the Packard Foundation), for climbing, backcountry skiing and hiking.

We continue to have the strong support of donors, companies, foundations and agencies to complete this work, as well as the vital bipartisan support of Congress to fund the acquisition of priority inholdings that complete and protect wilderness and preserve wilderness values.

### *Future Opportunities*

# THE WILDERNESS LAND TRUST ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

**BEGINNING NET ASSETS** \$ 1,789,181

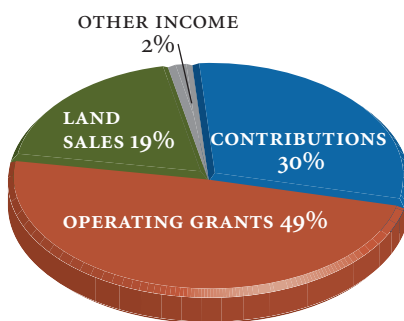
## OPERATING INCOME

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Contributions    | \$ 249,362        |
| Operating Grants | \$ 407,438        |
| Land Sales       | \$ 154,651        |
| Other Income     | \$ 14,526         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$ 825,977</b> |

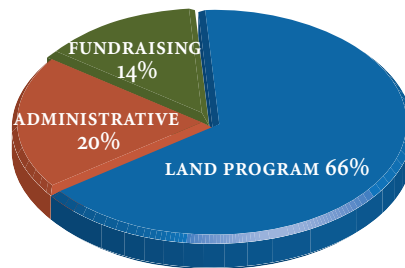
## OPERATING EXPENSES

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Land Program   | \$ 525,908        |
| Administrative | \$ 164,059        |
| Fundraising    | \$ 113,410        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 803,377</b> |

**ENDING NET ASSETS** \$ 1,811,781



OPERATING INCOME



OPERATING EXPENSES

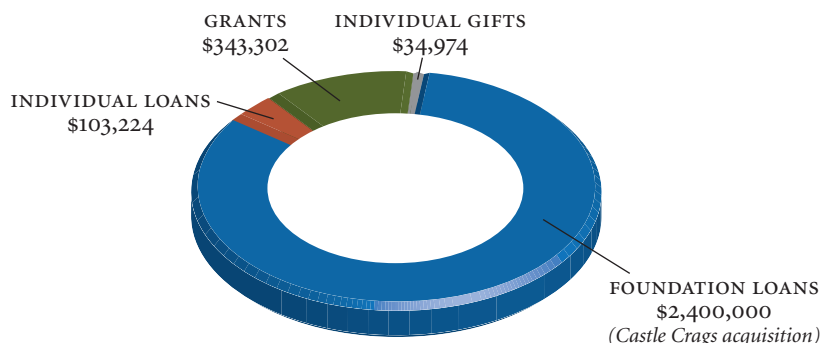
*For every \$1 raised in operating funds, we were able to purchase \$3.48 worth of land.*

*This annual report demonstrates our ability to leverage funds and our efficiency in using your contributions to protect wild land.*

**Thank you for your support.**

## 13-14 LAND ACQUISITION FUNDING SOURCES

(1,436.8 ACRES PURCHASED FOR \$2,881,500)



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*WLT Board and Staff reviewing maps on a site visit in Montana*

