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FOR 25 YEARS

The Wilderness Land Trust 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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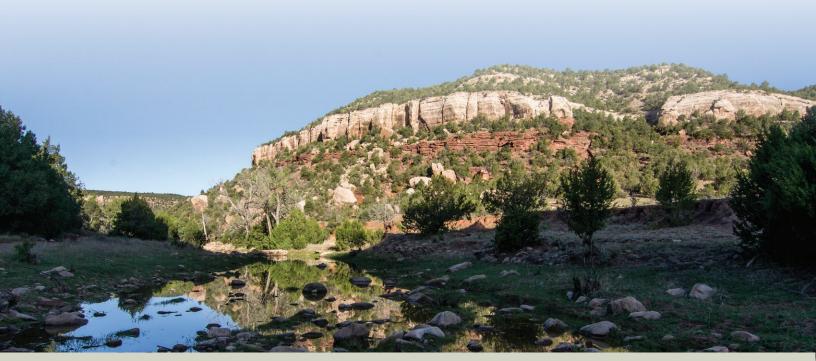
We keep the promise of wilderness — by acquiring and transferring private lands (inholdings) to public ownership that complete designated and proposed wilderness areas, or directly protect wilderness values.

OUR VALUES

We revere our remaining wild places, a legacy to pass on to future generations, the tenacity to work until the job is done and treating everyone with fairness.

OUR VISION

We envision a National Wilderness Preservation System that is complete, secure and accessible.



NEAR COMPLETION

Cover and this page: The Rimrock Rose Ranch addition to the Sabinoso Wilderness is a project eight years in the making and near closing. This project provides public access for the first time since its designation and completes the original vision of permanently protecting this rich canyon habitat. Special thanks to the Wyss Foundation, other donors to The Wilderness Land Trust, local sportsmen, kindly neighbors and the Bureau of Land Management. Photos used by permission from Claire Haughey Photography.

Letter from the Board Chair and President HAPPY ANNIVERSARY... AND THANK YOU!



From the ancient, misty forests of Alaska to the dry, rugged badlands of New Mexico, our nation boasts a stunning array of wild places to experience the profound stillness of nature, watch a majestic creature in its native habitat or marvel upon a star filled night sky.

These landscapes provide meaning to you and your family, generating stories of adventure, discovery and inspiration. They are special places that you cherish, hopeful for their future and its inhabitants to remain untrammeled, wild and free.

As an organization, we are motivated by the same values as you, a reverence for the land and the complex communities of life it supports.

We express this by striving to preserve a rich legacy of protected wilderness through persistent, professional and fair acquisition of private lands that complete the promise of wilderness.

The parcels we work to obtain are often located in the heart of designated wilderness or along its outer boundary. The threat of commercial, residential or industrial development is a glaring reminder of what may come should they remain in private hands.

This year we proudly celebrate our 25th anniversary by recognizing a significant accomplishment — the securing of more than half of all private inholdings within designated wilderness in the lower 48 states and adding them to the surrounding landscape.

Despite political uncertainty and mounting threats to our public lands, we successfully acquired 217 acres of private property and transferred 244 into public ownership. We have another 18 projects actively underway in eight western states, including Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington – work we are proud to do on your behalf.

Thank you for your generous support of our work and for being a part of something special. You and your family are what make The Wilderness Land Trust a success story, 25 years after its founding.

With gratitude,

Koren L'Ficher

Karen Fisher Board Chair

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Brad Borst President

NEAR COMPLETION

Castle Crags Wilderness, California

A unique alliance between The Wilderness Land Trust, timber companies, local businesses, avid rock climbers, conservation groups and the U.S. Forest Service is bringing permanent protection to more than 1200 acres of beautiful forest land and access to world-class climbing adjacent the Castle Crags Wilderness and Little Castle Creek in northern California.

> "Without great fanfare of divisive politics, conservation advocates, the Federal government and a for-profit company came together to do what Americans do best..."

Dr. Grover Shipman, author, Mount Shasta Area Rock Climbing — A Climber's Guide to Siskiyou County





NEW OPPORTUNITIES

◀ Wild Sky Wilderness, Washington

Two acquisitions totaling 365 acres in the heart of the stunning Wild Sky Wilderness permanently protects vital salmon habitat and remaining old-growth forests.

Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado

A 2000 sq. ft. private enclave previously visible from a majority of beautiful Wild Basin is now gone, soon to be a new wilderness addition to the national park.

▼ Chuck River Wilderness, Alaska

This 155 acre acquisition is a first for The Wilderness Land Trust in Alaska, immediately removing the threat of commercial logging, mining and development.

WILDERNESS PROTECTED

Purchased Lands

WILDERNESS AREA	STATE	PARCELS	TOTAL ACRES	AGENCY
Chuck River	AK	1	154	USFS
Collegiate Peaks	CO	2	19	USFS
Rocky Mountain National Park	CO	1	13	NPS
North Cascades National Park, Stephen Mather	WA	1	21	NPS
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Transferred Lands

WILDERNESS AREA	STATE	PARCELS	TOTAL ACRES	AGENCY
Avawatz Wilderness Study Area	CA	1	20	BLM
Cedar Roughs	CA	1	144	BLM
Jacumba	CA	1	80	BLM

FINANCIALS

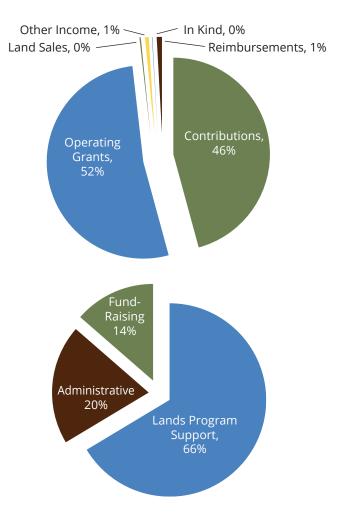
Gifts received fiscal year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

BEGINNING NET ASSETS	\$1,827,262
Operating Income	
Contributions	\$598,058
Operating Grants	\$685,000
Land Sales	(\$2,930)
Other Income	\$8,230
In Kind	\$1,021
Reimbursements	\$11,468
TOTAL	\$1,300,847

Operating Expenses

\$133,256
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\$196,171
\$650,817

ENDING NET ASSETS	\$1,922,865
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THANKS TO YOU! For 25 years, the Wilderness Land Trust has been focused on one thing: making wilderness areas complete and secure. With sincere gratitude, we thank each and every one of you for your support of our mission. **Gifts received fiscal year**, **July 1**, **2016** - **June 30**, **2017**

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Sentinel Fund. The Sentinel Fund advances The Trust's critical lands work. From identifying high priority inholdings and edge holdings to obtaining and transferring these lands to public ownership and wilderness protection, this is how WLT meets its mission.

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Donations and Grants Specific to Rimrock Rose Ranch. Many donors listed above made it possible for The Trust to restore the wilderness character of Rimrock Rose Ranch in New Mexico.

Gifts in Memory of Thomas Pfeifle.

The Wilderness Land Trust is honored to be a recipient of Gifts in Memory of Thomas Pfeifle.

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You can help us fulfill the legacy of wilderness for future generations through the creation of a bequest in your will, a simple and common way you can have a significant impact on our work as part of your future plans.

Speak with a knowledgeable, reputable financial advisor today to help you get started.

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