

The Sentinel Society





## *You're Invited*

Unfold a map of the American West. You will see that eleven states are home to a “Sentinel Peak.” These peaks keep watch over our wilderness.

**So can you.**

The Sentinel Society is a community of people who commit to Keeping Wilderness Wild.

As a member of the Sentinel Society, you will help The Wilderness Land Trust keep watch over our wilderness areas. With your support, we can remain on station, protecting the fabric of wilderness we have all worked so hard to create. Every acre we acquire, when woven into the tapestry of the wilderness, preserves 109 million acres of irreplaceable wilderness that surrounds it. You allow us to be there when landowners are ready to sell and enable us to work through the process of acquiring private land and transferring it to public ownership, no matter how complex.

The Sentinel Society recognizes a level of commitment that truly advances the work of the Trust. We are excited to tell you that your contribution will be matched, dollar for dollar. In return for your support, we invite you to take an inside look at the work of the Trust.

# Sentinel Society

Your Sentinel Society gifts of \$1,000 or more provide the funding needed to move us beyond day to day operations to getting the critical lands work done. One generous donor has created a solid foundation for the Sentinel Fund, by pledging to match your gift, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000 each year. Your generous contribution of \$1,000 or more will be doubled, leveraging our ability to protect wilderness lands forever.

## What can your donation do?

\$1,000	Contact and engage all landowners in one high priority state
\$2,500	Fund a site visit to a remote inholding property
\$5,000	Complete a required land value appraisal
\$10,000	Produce or update a new statewide Inventory and Prioritization
\$25,000	Insure our properties while we own them
\$50,000	Perform an environmental analysis and site clean up
\$100,000	Add programmatic staff for project work in a specific region

## Benefits

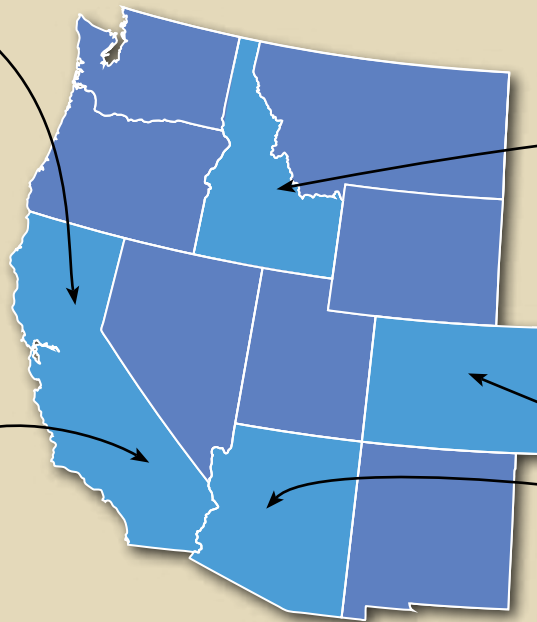
As our most valued friends, Sentinel Society members will receive regular communication from our staff and board about WLT projects, requests for feedback about how we implement our mission, an “inside look” at our program work and invitations to events such as project site visits and donor gatherings.





# Success

WLT purchased 1,257 acres from Roseburg Resources, saving large tracts of forest from logging and creating new climbing access in Castle Crags Wilderness.



277 acres in the Sheep Mountain Wilderness were forever preserved as wilderness when WLT purchased the Big Horn Mine, preventing it from reopening and protecting a favorite local hiking destination.

In 2014, the 38-acre Painter Mine was acquired in the Frank Church—River of No Return Wilderness, eliminating a home and lodge site on the Salmon River.



WLT began in Colorado in 1992 and now celebrates more than 410 land transactions, protecting more than 41,000 acres in 8 states.



The 640-acre purchase in Hells Canyon Wilderness completed the wilderness, eliminating any internal threat to the integrity of the surrounding wildlands. WLT has now completed 12 wilderness areas across the west.





To mark the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, **The Wilderness Land Trust completed an exhaustive survey of the remaining private holdings located within the nation's designated wilderness lands.** It has quantified a concrete base of information about the state of wilderness inholdings nationally. There are two stories there.

**The story of success** - The efforts of The Wilderness Land Trust and its partners have reduced the acreage of inholdings in designated wilderness in the lower 48 states from 400,000 acres to 180,000 acres over the course of our 26 years of work. That's the very good news.

**The story of need** - 180,000 acres of private lands remain within designated wilderness within the lower 48 states. That is the equivalent of 11 times the acreage of all the Walmarts in the United States. These lands are owned by 2,883 land owners who each have different ideas about how to manage their land - different than managing their properties as part of the wilderness that surrounds them.

We know what we have to do. With your support, we can focus our efforts to eliminate these pockets of inholdings and create a seamless wilderness system, echoing the spirit and intent of the original Wilderness Act.

**We cannot do it without you.**



# Our Wilderness Community

## LANDOWNERS

*"I tried to do it myself—to get land directly to the Forest Service—but it took five years. [WLT] made it very easy to convey. Once the Forest Service had gotten the land, that made James Peak possible as a Wilderness. It's really fine what the Wilderness Land Trust does."*

**- Giles Toll**

Landowner, Colorado

## FEDERAL PARTNERS

*"Transferring this property into public ownership will help ensure conservation of the valuable resources this land has to offer for future generations. Without the hard work and dedication of the Wilderness Trust and its partners, this opportunity to enhance Sheep Mountain Wilderness would not be possible. This is a true legacy opportunity made possible through public/private partnerships."*

**- Jody Noiron**

Forest Supervisor, Angeles National Forest, California

## FUNDERS

*"WLT does important work, but it's largely below the radar screen. They don't seek a lot of attention. They do the job and they do it well. They have a distinct role to play that's not glamorous, but so important. Their job is not only to make new wilderness but to protect the wilderness we have. It's been a great partnership."*

**- Michael Mantell**

President, Resources Legacy Fund Foundation (RLFF)



## Our Mission

The Wilderness Land Trust acquires and transfers inholdings to public ownership that complete designated and proposed wilderness areas, or directly protect wilderness values.

## The Wilderness Land Trust

The National Wilderness Preservation System is a refuge for animals, plants, clean water, clean air and a foundation for 21st century conservation. It may hold the key to future conservation and the tools for adapting to global climate change. However, the system is still filled with holes, 180,000 acres of private lands that fracture the whole. Across the country there are plans to develop mines, retreats, logging operations and resorts deep within wilderness holdings, fragmenting a resource that cannot afford to be lost.

The Trust's continuing mission to eliminate these pockets of inholdings and create a seamless wilderness system is vital, echoing the spirit and intent of the original Wilderness Act. The Wilderness Land Trust is the only national organization dedicated solely to buying these lands and adding them to the National Wilderness Preservation System.



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