



VITAL PARTNERSHIPS...

THE WILDERNESS LAND TRUST
—
2018 ANNUAL REPORT



WILDERNESS PROTECTED...

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.

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.

VISION

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

ON THE COVER

During the past year, The Wilderness Land Trust advanced two projects in the Weminuche Wilderness of Colorado: the purchase of the Sally Bowman Mine and a transfer of the El Dorado Lode to public ownership. *Photograph courtesy John Fielder johnfielder.com*

THANKS TO YOU



Thanks to you, The Wilderness Land Trust completed an array of projects during the past year, including the acquisition of 456 acres of private property and the transfer of 5,040 acres to public ownership in the states of New Mexico, Colorado, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Translation: the threat of private development on eight parcels within the wild places you love no longer exists. You are now free to roam, recreate and explore on 13 new parcels of public land rich in wildlife habitat, quiet beauty and ecosystem diversity.

How did we accomplish this during a time of such political uncertainty?

Years of real estate expertise and invaluable partnerships with landowners, agency staff, elected officials, sportsmen, conservation and recreation advocates, volunteers, foundations, and private donors who put their shoulder to the wheel at critical junctures to ensure the advancement or completion of each project. Let us give you just a couple of examples.

In New Mexico, we partnered with the Wyss Foundation, private donors, U.S. Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, San Miguel County Commissioners, Bureau of Land Management, neighboring landowners, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, National Wildlife Federation, New Mexico Wildlife Federation, and the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance to transfer 3,500 acres of the Rimrock Rose Ranch as a new addition to the Sabinoso Wilderness. It is now open to public access for the first time since its designation in 2009.

In northern California, we teamed up with the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Kimberly-Clark, Roseburg Resources, U.S. Forest Service, Conservation Alliance, Access Fund, Siskiyou County, and the cities of Mt. Shasta and Dunsmuir to transfer to public ownership 1,257 acres of vital wildlife habitat adjacent the Castle Crag Wilderness, thereby increasing access to world class climbing in the Crag.

In western Washington, we joined forces with the Whatcom Land Trust, U.S. Forest Service and private foundations to acquire a 38-acre parcel within the Mt. Baker Wilderness, and we are currently in the process of removing a highly visible cabin and its ample contents before eventual transfer to public ownership.

Assembling vital partnerships, treating everyone with fairness, and focusing on simply getting the job done allows us to protect designated wilderness for future generations during a time of increasing threats to our cherished wild places.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors and staff of The Wilderness Land Trust, thank you for making our success stories possible. We consider you a vital partner in everything we do.

With gratitude,



Karen Fisher, Board Chair



Brad Borst, President

	WILDERNESS AREA	STATE	PARCELS	ACRES	AGENCY
ACQUIRED	West Elk Proposed Wilderness	CO	2	80	USFS
	Weminuche Wilderness	CO	1	10	USFS
	El Malpais National Conservation Area	NM	1	10	BLM
	Mt. Baker Wilderness	WA	1	38	USFS
	Garcia Wilderness	CA	1	160	USFS
	Hells Canyon Wilderness	OR	1	138	USFS
	Wild Sky Wilderness	WA	1	20	USFS
	Total	—	8	456	—
TRANSFERRED	Castle Crags Wilderness	CA	2	1,257	USFS
	Weminuche Wilderness	CO	1	10	USFS
	Sabinoso Wilderness	NM	6	3,595	BLM
	El Malpais National Conservation Area	NM	1	80	BLM
	Frank Church Wilderness	ID	1	38	USFS
	Elkhorn Ridge Wilderness	CA	1	40	USFS
	Avawatz Wilderness Study Area	CA	1	20	BLM
	Total	—	13	5,040	—

Photograph courtesy John Fielder, johnfielder.com



Aimee Rutledge

← ACQUIRED
Vital wildlife habitat is protected with acquisition of 10 acres in the El Malpais National Conservation Area.



Brad Borst

ACQUIRED →
The removal of a dilapidated cabin is underway before transferring 38 acres to the Mt. Baker Wilderness.

← TRANSFERRED
The creation of bat gates to protect wildlife and humans was necessary before transferring 38 acres to the Frank Church Wilderness.

Brad Borst





VITAL PARTNERSHIPS

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↑ ↑ ACQUIRED

*The acquisition of two 40-acre parcels helps pave the way for proposed additions to the **West Elk Wilderness**.*

↑ TRANSFERRED

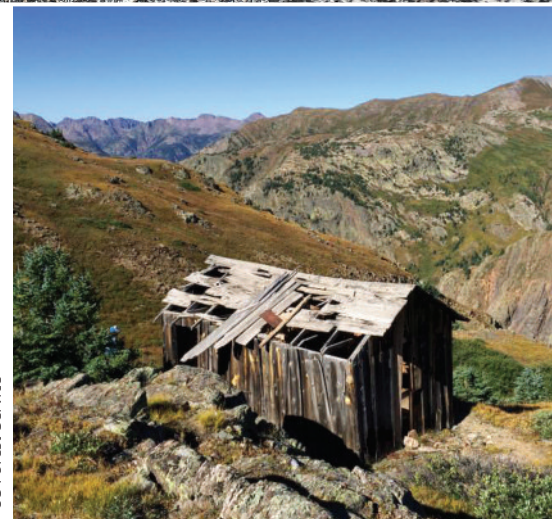
*The transfer of 3,595 acres creates public access to the **Sabinoso Wilderness** for the first time since its designation.*

TRANSFERRED ↗

*A unique alliance brings permanent protection to world-class climbing adjacent the **Castle Craggs Wilderness**.*

TRANSFERRED →

*A historic miners cabin is transferred along with 10 acres to increase **Colorado's Weminuche Wilderness**.*



US Forest Service

FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2018

Fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Beginning Net Assets **\$1,922,865**

OPERATING INCOME

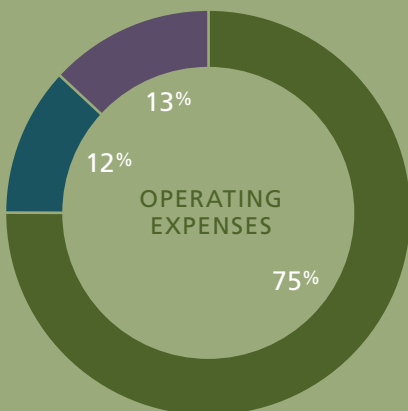
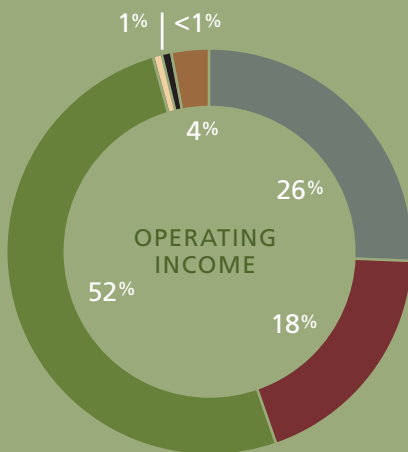
Contributions	\$505,540	●
Operating Grants	\$341,485	●
Land Sales*	\$995,962	●
Other Income	\$10,528	●
Land Donation	\$4,501	●
In Kind	\$1,075	●
Reimbursements	\$69,242	●
TOTAL	\$1,928,333	

OPERATING EXPENSES

Lands Program Support	\$643,362	●
Administrative	\$104,224	●
Fundraising	\$112,043	●
TOTAL	\$859,629	

Land Impairment Charge** \$(257,921)

Ending Net Assets **\$2,733,648**



*revenue from transfer of Castle Crags project allocated to nine-month operating reserves.
 **reduction in property market value due to removal of structure prior to transfer.

Leave a Wilderness legacy for future generations

The 1964 Wilderness Act created a globally unique National Wilderness Preservation System that is a safe haven for threatened and endangered species, a reservoir of clean air and water, a refuge from the noise and pace of cities, and an opportunity to experience the profound beauty of nature.

They are special places meant to be cherished by ensuring they remain untrammelled, wild and free.

Help us fulfill the legacy of wilderness for future generations through the creation of a bequest in your will, a relatively simple and powerful way you can support our work to protect the wild places you and your family love.

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

To learn more contact Brad Borst, President, at 206-397-5240 or brad@wildernesslandtrust.org

Thank you for your generosity.

THANKS TO YOU

2018 DONOR HONOR ROLL

For 26 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.

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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Sentinel Society members provide support essential to ongoing wilderness lands projects by generously contributing \$1,000 or more annually.

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We appreciate the opportunity to recognize every donor. The Donor Honor Roll above includes gifts received during our last fiscal year, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. If you find an error or omission please accept our sincere apologies and contact us so that we may correct our records.

Grants

The Trust partners with grantors specializing in wilderness lands projects. We are very grateful for the essential resources they provide as well as their guidance and counsel.

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Donors to the Wilderness Opportunity Fund invest in The Trust's revolving capital fund for wilderness land acquisitions. The fund includes donations, grants and loans – including project specific funds and revolving funds.

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