Thanks to you and your generous support of our work, our 2022 annual report includes a joyful celebration of accomplishments to add to the 30-year history of The Wilderness Land Trust.

This year we completed the purchase of 31 separate parcels totaling 1,361 acres within and adjacent to federally designated wilderness, as well as the transfer of more than 400 acres to public ownership for you and generations of your family to enjoy.

More than just transactions, they are places that each carry a story greater than the total of their acres. They tell of rugged, remote landscapes, of family histories entwined with the land, and of experiences that have nourished the souls and inspired the imaginations of people from all walks of life.

From Alaska’s Kootznoowoo Wilderness, a “fortress of the bears” in the language of the native Tlingit Tribe, with one of the highest concentrations of brown bears in the world; to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness in Idaho that is home to critical habitat for grey wolves, bighorn sheep, lynx and wolverines; to the Holy Cross Wilderness in Colorado named for the craggy, cloud-scraping, summit-worthy 14,005-ft peak of Mount of the Holy Cross. Each has a story to tell.

Their stories aren’t just written in the past – they are unfolding every day. As the only conservation organization solely dedicated to removing the threat of industrial, commercial and residential development within federally designated wilderness, we are honored to ensure that the next chapter is one of conservation.

Every one of our donors, supporters, and partners in the past 30 years have had a hand in our history of success.

Together we have permanently protected more than 55,000 acres to date, placed 532 privately-held parcels under public ownership, and removed the last remaining inholding within 17 wilderness areas. That’s 17 million acres of wilderness that has been positively impacted by our lands program, a steady and significant contribution to a larger, collective effort to save our wild planet’s invaluable biodiversity for future generations.

Together, let’s do even more.

In conjunction with our 30th anniversary, the Trust completed a strategic planning process that provides us with a blueprint to protect more of the wild places you love. We’ll be looking beyond the West to inventory wilderness inholdings in Alaska, the Midwest and eastern regions of the country, map the highest value edgeholdings to pursue for acquisition, increase staff capacity and grow our governing board to ensure it represents our nation’s rich cultural heritage.

On behalf of the entire staff and board, our sincere thanks for your generous investment in our work and congratulations on 30 years of success. Here’s to the past, present and future!
ACQUIRED
The Trust acquired the Surprise Lode property in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness in Idaho, the largest contiguous wilderness area in the lower 48. It supports a wide variety of wildlife including grey wolves and bighorn sheep, and provides some of the most critical habitat for wolves in the Lower 48. Through the heart of the wilderness area runs the main Salmon River, a designated Wild and Scenic River that supports spawning grounds for everything from native westslope cutthroat trout to the federally endangered sockeye and chinook salmon. The 38.7-acre Surprise Lode is adjacent to the Painter Mine parcel, a property we transferred to the United States Forest Service (USFS) in 2017. Surprise Lode builds on this previous work, ensuring the banks of the main Salmon are free from development.

The Upper Lundy Lake property, near Yosemite National Park, includes 10 acres located within the Hoover Wilderness and 39 acres on the edge of the wilderness in the viewshed of the popular Lundy Canyon trailhead. The Trust purchased the property in March 2019 with the help of Resource Legacy Fund, the Eastern Sierra Land Trust, the Mono Lake Committee and several other private donors.

TRANSFERRED
The Upper Lundy Lake parcel is located along the shores of Cleveland Lake in the Holy Cross Wilderness of Colorado. This property is close to the wilderness boundary, within a mile of a road, and has flat scenic areas that extend to the lake shores. Because of these factors, the likelihood of a cabin being built was high. The Trust acquired this property and replaced that potential with the assurance that Cleveland Lake will always be free of structures.

2022 Highlights

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- 2014: 22,860
- 2016: 24,500
- 2018: 26,200
- 2020: 28,160
- 2022: 55,260
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The Trust's 82.6-acre Idaho Power property, a private inholding in the Hells Canyon Wilderness of Oregon, was a high priority property for the USFS and they had been working directly with the landowners, Idaho Power to acquire it. When the two groups came to a legal stalemate, The Wilderness Land Trust was called to act as a third party in the deal. The Trust worked directly with the landowner to acquire the property from them and, on the same day, transferred the property to the USFS to become part of the Hells Canyon Wilderness. The Trust’s approach is to be quick and nimble, and to take risks when needed. Because of this, we were able to assist in this land deal and ensure that the property became wilderness.

ACQUIRED

The Fossil Ridge Wilderness of Colorado is one of long, glacial valleys and jutting limestone ridges. The Trust acquired 183 acres along a flat, scenic shoulder just below Cross Mountain. This property is one of only two private inholdings in the Fossil Ridge Wilderness. With this purchase, the Trust is only one acquisition away from making the Fossil Ridge Wilderness whole.

The Trust purchased the 38.9-acre Lockwood Lode property in the Wild Sky Wilderness in the Northern Cascades of Washington. Rugged and unkempt, the Northern Cascades are home to diverse habitat teeming with wildlife, including the charismatic gray wolf, Canada lynx, wolverine, and even the occasional grizzly bear. The temperate rainforests of western Washington are unsung heroes in the fight against climate change, storing vast amounts of carbon that would otherwise warm the planet. Thick with both old growth and second growth trees, this acquisition ensures that the vegetation in the part of the wilderness remains intact.

Located south of Juneau, Alaska on Admiralty Island, the Kootznoowoo Wilderness (“Fortress of the Bears” in Lingít) is aptly named. The island is said to have the world’s highest concentration of brown bears in the world – an estimated 1,600 bears. That is more than one bear per square mile! The Tongass National Forest is the largest intact temperate rainforest on the planet. The Wilderness Land Trust partnered with the Southeast Alaska Land Trust to acquire the 5-acre Wheeler Creek inholding.

VITAL PARTNERSHIPS

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Bureau of Land Management
California Wilderness Coalition
Conservation Alliance
The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
DeChambeau Creek Foundation
Eastern Sierra Land Trust
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks
Friends of the Eel River
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Mount Shasta Trail Association
National Park Foundation
National Park Service
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
Resource Legacy Fund
Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
Sierra Club, Redwood Chapter
Siskiyou Land Trust
Southeast Alaska Land Trust
U.S. Forest Service
Ventana Wilderness Alliance
Whatcom Land Trust
Wildlands Conservancy
Willits Environmental Center
Looking out across the rolling hills blanketed with sage brush and juniper, painted with vibrant splashes of wildflowers, with the high peaks of the Sierra Nevada rising in the distance, the Bodie Hills feel every bit as wild as they are. Just an hour or so outside Yosemite National Park, the roughly 123,000-acre Bodie Hills stretch between the Sierra Nevada mountains to the west and Great Basin to the east. Scattered throughout the hills are reminders of the countless people who tried to make a hard living off the land. The ghost town of Bodie, now a State Park, gives a snapshot of their lives, frozen in time as the gold and mining claim are gone. Today the Bodie Hills have been classified as some of the highest ecological intactness and species richness in the region.

The Bodie Hills are home to rare species like the Bi-State Sage Grouse and Lahontan Cutthroat trout. The story of how people are connected to the landscape of the Bodie Hills is changing, away from one about what can be taken from the land toward one about what can be preserved on the land. Their value has shifted from what lies in veins under the ground to their recreational opportunities and vibrant ecosystems which hold 1.95 mega tons of sequestered carbon.

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Meet the unsung heroes behind our team.

Pete
Chief Happing Officer
Favorite wilderness area: Clouds Peak Wilderness, WY
Favorite trail treats: Huckleberries off the bush

Jane
Director of Linking Wildlife
Favorite wilderness areas: Sawtooth Wilderness, ID
Favorite thing about wilderness: The squirrels and the sticks

Kevin Noble
Assistant Director
Favorite wilderness areas: Mt. Evans Wilderness, CO
Favorite thing about wilderness: I wouldn’t know, they never take me with them...

Casey
Assembly Organizer
Favorite trails: Mount Helena, MT
Ideal wilderness day: Curling up at Brad’s feet

Duckie
Stick Durability Analyst
Favorite wilderness area: Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, MT
Ideal wilderness day: Napping in the sun on a mountain pass

The Janeway Boys
Favorite wilderness area: Mt. Evans Wilderness, CO
Favorite thing about wilderness: Climbing on rocks and splashing in creeks and then getting ice cream. But, no lightning.

Oostitis
Plant Therapy Associate
Favorite wilderness area: Quebradas Backcountry Byway, NM
Favorite trail treats: Pileated woodpecker sap

Red
Pecking Specialist
Favorite wilderness area: Anywhere with bugs
Favorite trail treats: Bugs

Lily
Gear Tester
Favorite wilderness area: Sawtooth Wilderness, ID
Favorite thing about wilderness: The squirrels and the sticks

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Fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Beginning Net Assets $3,594,212

OPERATING INCOME
Contributions $573,512
Grant Income $305,000
Other Income $104,226
Reimbursements $27,250
Land Sales $2,967
TOTAL $1,012,956

OPERATING EXPENSES
Land Program $664,450
Administrative $99,665
Fundraising $147,577
TOTAL $911,692

Ending Net Assets $3,695,476

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Our National Wilderness Preservation System is a treasure trove of wild landscapes that need our help to protect them from the threat of private development.

Help ensure this legacy of wilderness will be passed on to future generations through the creation of a bequest in your will. This simple and powerful tool can provide vital financial support for our programs to conserve and expand the wild places you and your family love. Speak with a knowledgeable financial advisor to help you get started.

To learn more contact Brad Borst, President, at 206-397-5240 or brad@wildernesslandtrust.org. Please let us know if The Wilderness Land Trust is in your future plans.

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In 2022, The Trust purchased the 10.3-acre Copper Glance Lode property in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness of Colorado. This property is in Queen Basin, an area that was once bustling with mining activity. The Copper Glance Lode is the last remaining private inholding within the basin.

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