



Cascadia
WILDLANDS
we like it wild.



2018

ANNUAL
REPORT

20 YEARS LATER AND A BIT MORE SEASONED

2018 marked 20 years as an organization for Cascadia Wildlands. In the late 1990s, old-growth clearcutting on public land was commonplace in beloved places like Fall Creek, Winberry Creek, the McKenzie River, and the Elliott State Forest. Gray wolves were absent from the wildlands of the Pacific West. And in-stream gold miners were sucking up the river bottoms in the Northwest's salmon strongholds, like the Illinois and Rogue Rivers. With you at our backs, we've reversed course on all this: school kids are no longer pitted against the Elliott's big trees, wolves howl across the region from Mt. Hood to Mt. Lassen, and wild salmon waterways no longer face the pressure of suction-dredge mining in Oregon. It has been humbling to be part of keeping it wild in Cascadia with YOU for 20 years!



But the anniversary party was short-lived as 2018 also marked year two of the Trump administration, which has done all it can to weaken bedrock conservation law and policy in order to make it easier to mine, graze, log and drill our commons unabated. Runaway climate change, which our president thinks is a hoax, remains the greatest threat to life on Earth. The science is clear in that if we don't

drastically reduce global greenhouse emissions, our work to safeguard species like the marbled murrelet and Humboldt marten will be all for naught.

This otherworldly political climate has given us the opportunity to take a fresh look at our offensive and defensive game, and our tactics and strategies to meet our goals. 2018 saw the formation of WildCAT (Cascadia Action Team) to directly confront reckless proposals that threaten our wildlands, waters, and species of the region. WildCATs have been in the forests and in the streets uniting against the climate-polluting Pacific Connector Pipeline / Jordan Cove LNG Project, field checking reckless timber sales on public land, and tabling on our issues to the public to build the momentum required to shift the imbalance of power. We will continue to seriously emphasize grassroots organizing and the courtroom in the years to come.

Thank you for being here with us over the last 20 years. Let's keep our sleeves rolled up and heads high. We need each other now more than ever.

Wildly yours,

MISSION CASCADIA WILDLANDS DEFENDS AND RESTORES CASCADIA'S WILD ECOSYSTEMS IN THE FORESTS, IN THE COURTS, AND IN THE STREETS.

WE ENVISION VAST OLD-GROWTH FOREST, RIVERS FULL OF SALMON, WOLVES HOWLING IN THE BACKCOUNTRY, AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES SUSTAINED BY THE UNIQUE LANDSCAPES OF THE CASCADIA BIOREGION.



Josh Laughlin
Executive Director



Daniel Kruse
Board President

SAFEGUARDING CASCADIA'S WILDLANDS

Our rainforest watersheds provide critical fish and wildlife habitat, store incomparable amounts of carbon to mitigate climate change and offer a necessary respite in an otherwise chaotic world. Yet they continue to be compromised through ill-conceived management plans. Our work in 2018 confronted these reckless actions and advanced initiatives to safeguard our forests and rivers in perpetuity.

2018 Highlights Include:

Advanced plans to keep the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest in the Oregon Coast Range in public ownership after thwarting a reckless privatization proposal for the forest.

Prosecuted two cases on the Elliott State Forest to ensure public ownership and protection of imperiled marbled murrelet habitat on parcels that were sold to the timber industry. The cases are ongoing, and one is headed to Oregon's Supreme Court!

Activated community members to push back against reckless timber sales near the Breitenbush Hot Spring Retreat in Marion County, Oregon, and adjacent to the Thurston Hills Natural Area in Springfield, Oregon.

Advanced the Oregon Wildlands Act through Congress, which includes the 30,500-acre Devil's Staircase Wilderness and hundreds of miles of river designated as Wild and Scenic, like the famed Elk, Chetco, and Lower Rogue Rivers.

Won our lawsuit against the Lower Grave timber sale above the Wild and Scenic stretch of the treasured Rogue River in southwest Oregon.

The Oregon Wildlands Act protects an additional 120 miles of Rogue River tributaries from mining and future dam installations.

"It is because of the clean water, incredible landscapes, and quality of life that people are moving to our region in droves, and we need to do all we can to safeguard

this priceless bounty. That is why we firmly stand behind the work of Cascadia Wildlands."

— Steve Mertz

Owner of Tacovore and The Wheel restaurants



RECOVERING IMPERILED SALMON & WILDLIFE

The clear, cold streams and towering old-growth forests provide unique habitat for the salmon and wildlife in our region, but clearcutting, road building, and suction-dredge mining threaten all that is wild. Leveraging a suite of tactics and strategies in 2018, we worked to ensure Cascadia's imperiled species, like wolves, martens and marbled murrelets, received the protections they deserve.

2018 Highlights Include:

Filed a petition to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission that halted trapping of the critically imperiled Humboldt marten, a small carnivore that lives in Oregon's sand dune forests. Biologists say that trapping just a few of these mammals each year could wipe out the remaining population in only a few decades.

Argued our case in Washington state to ensure wild salmon are protected from the impacts of suction-dredge mining. The case is currently on appeal. Simultaneously, efforts continue to protect salmon from this destructive form of gold mining through rulemaking and legislation.

Prosecuted our case against the state of Oregon's premature delisting of gray wolves from the state Endangered Species Act. The case awaits a decision from the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Helped dismiss the livestock industry's lawsuit erroneously alleging gray wolves are not a native species to California. As intervenors in the case, we have made certain wolves in the Golden state will receive protections they deserve under the state's Endangered Species Act as they begin to recover.

Prosecuted our lawsuit to ensure the endangered marbled murrelet, a sea bird that nests in coastal old-growth forests, is listed on the state Endangered Species Act. We successfully staved off the timber industry's attempt to intervene in the case, and we are awaiting oral argument.



“If you’re at least 70 1/2 years old, utilizing the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution option is an excellent way we’ve been able to leverage support of Cascadia Wildlands’ steadfast conservation work. We nor Cascadia Wildlands pay any taxes on the gift from our IRA, and it can be put to use immediately to protect the incredible landscapes, clean water and unique critters of our region.”

— Gene & Barb Emge
long-time Cascadia Wildlands supporters



OREGON



WOLVES BY THE NUMBERS

*Minimum end-of-the-year 2017 numbers, 2018 numbers available soon.

Oregon

124 wolves / 12 packs

California

6 wolves / 1 pack

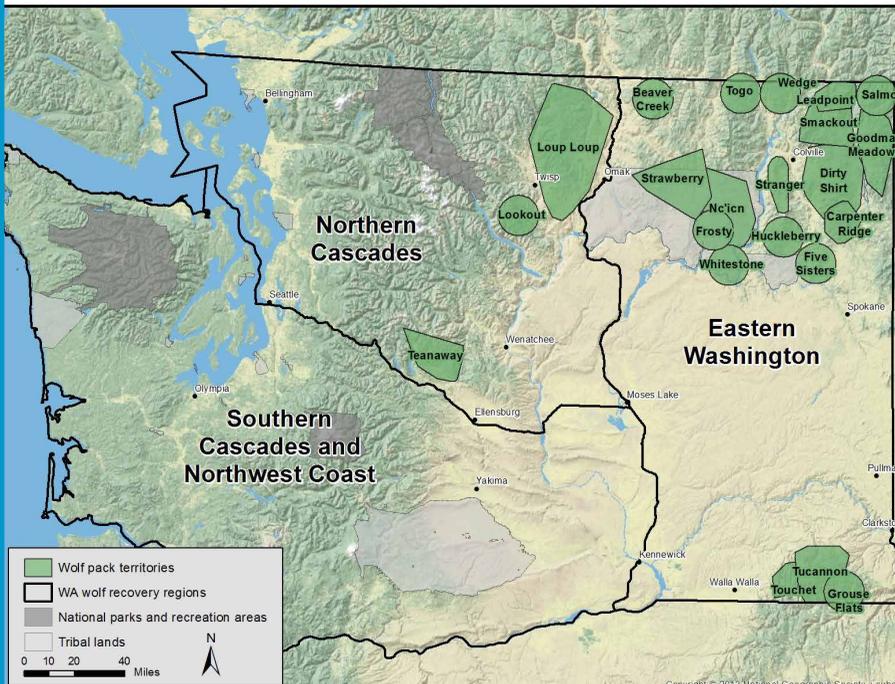
Washington

122 wolves / 22 packs

CALIFORNIA



WASHINGTON



Gray Wolf tracks vs. Coyote tracks

Larger wolf prints on left, smaller coyote print on right.

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MOBILIZING THE PUBLIC INTO ACTION

An informed and educated public helps create an activated public; and that was the impetus for the formation of WildCAT (Cascadia Action Team) in 2018. WildCATs, overseen by our Grassroots Organizer, are volunteers who are in the forests, in the office, and in the streets helping build the grassroots momentum necessary to win our conservation campaigns. WildCAT was incredibly active in 2018 and is growing each day.

2018 Highlights Include:

Field-checked dozens of reckless public lands timber sales to help inform formal comments and acquire information necessary to engage the public into action.

Led demonstrations in the field and in the streets to oppose the reckless Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Pipeline, which would require building a 229-mile pipeline across southern Oregon in order to export fracked gas to Asia.

Held the Wild and Scenic Film Festival as well as hosted community presentations and forums to educate the public and organize them into action.

Tabled at dozens of outreach events to connect with community members about pressing conservation issues and plug them into action through op-ed and letter to the editor submissions, lobbying visits, and field checking.

Field Checking the Jordan Cove LNG PIPELINE AND EXPORT TERMINAL





THANK YOU!

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS During 2018, individual giving accounted for a remarkable \$147,104 to support clean water, stately forests, salmon and wildlife recovery, recreation and so much more. Our community came out in force for our 16th annual Wonderland Auction in December, which raised an additional \$100,000 through the deep generosity of individuals and business alike. *We are humbled and full of gratitude.*

BUSINESSES Whether through cash or in-kind donations, business support creates strategic cause-related marketing that benefits both Cascadia Wildlands and the supportive business. We are particularly grateful for the deep support of **Mountain Rose Herbs**, a company that sets the bar high year-after-year and which contributed \$20,000 to help us achieve our goals last year. While we can't name them all, we are also indebted to following businesses for their unwavering support in 2018.



- Agate Alley Bistro
- Andrew Kumler Photography
- Barking Mad Farm B&B
- Backcountry Gear
- Breitenbush Hot Springs Retreat
- Caddis Fly Angling Shop
- Cameron & Company
- Coconut Bliss
- Deep Woods Distillery
- Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery
- Earth Bookkeeping & Accounting
- Elevate Kombucha
- Elk Store
- Falling Sky Brewing
- Freudian Slip
- Hoodoo Ski Area
- Kiva Grocery
- Klink Cycles
- Lane United Fútbol Club
- Medicine Flower
- Mississippi Studios
- Merry Hempsters

- Moody Trout Guided Fishing
- Morning Glory Cafe
- Ninkasi Brewing Company
- Northwest String Summit
- Oakridge Lodge & Guest House
- Oakshire Brewing
- Opine Cellars
- Oregon Cliff House
- Oregon Country Fair
- Out on a Limb Gallery
- Pedal Power
- Provisions Market Hall
- River Jewelry
- River Vista Vacation Homes
- SeQuential Biofuels
- South Passage Outfitters
- Sperry Tree Care
- SugarTop Buddery
- Tacovore
- The Wheel Apizza Pub
- Thinking Tree Spirits
- TJ's Gardens
- Wendy Gregory Photography
- Wet Planet Whitewater
- WildCraft Cider Works

FOUNDATIONS Our work would not be possible without the support of the following grant-making foundations over the past two years:

- Astrov Fund
- Burning Foundation
- Campbell Foundation
- Deer Creek Foundation
- Dillard Foundation
- Furthur Foundation
- Guacamole Fund
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- Wilburforce Foundation
- Winky Foundation

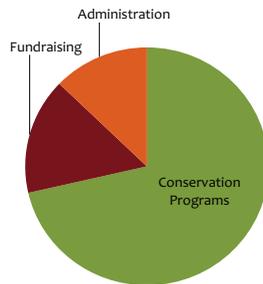
CASCADIA WILDLANDS BY THE NUMBERS

2018 REVENUES



- Foundation Grants** 33%
\$159,500
- Individual Contributions** 30%
\$147,104
- Fundraising Events** 21%
\$103,280
- Legal Fees** 7%
\$33,425
- Business Gifts** 3%
\$17,156
- Other Income** 6%
\$28,915

TOTAL: \$489,380



2018 EXPENSES

- Conservation Programs** 71%
\$290,026
- Fundraising** 16%
\$64,130
- Administration** 13%
\$51,920

TOTAL: \$406,076

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IMAGE CREDITS | Cover/Page 1: The Devil's Staircase Wilderness has been approved by Congress and awaits a signature by the president (photo by Andrew Kumler). **Page 2:** Middle, Cascadia Wildlands' 20-year anniversary logo (graphic by Cascadia Wildlands). Bottom, left to right, Josh Laughlin (photo by Wendy Gregory Photography) and Dan Kruse (photo by Amanda Meg Photography). **Page 3:** Left to right, Steve Mertz; the fabled Devil's Staircase (photo by Andrew Kumler); Background, 2009 trip to see the Devil's Staircase with Dee and Dave Tvedt (photo by Cascadia Wildlands). **Page 4:** Inset, Two members, one subadult and one pup, of the Catherine Pack on private property in eastern Union County in May 2017 (photo by ODFW); Humboldt marten (photo by North Coast Journal). **Page 4-5:** Background, Sockeye salmon (photo Matt Casselman). **Page 5:** Maps of known wolf activity in Oregon, California, and Washington State (photos by ODFW, CDFW, and WDFW); Bottom, Tracks observed in Sled Springs Wildlife Management Unit (Wallowa County) in May 2007; wolf tracks are usually twice the size of coyote tracks (photo by ODFW). **Page 6:** Top, WildCATs in the proposed Jordan Cove Export Terminal area (photo by Michael Sherman); Bottom, WildCATs visiting the Thurston Hills Natural Area (photo by Michael Sherman); Background, Cascadia Wildlands and coalition members at a 'No LNG, No Fracked Gas' rally (photo by Cascadia Wildlands). **Page 7:** Logo by Mountain Rose Herbs. **Back Cover/Page 8:** Wasson Creek flows through the proposed Devil's Staircase Wilderness (photo by Andrew Kumler).

HELP LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY IN CASCADIA

DONATE MONTHLY:

Set up a direct account transfer (ACH) and become part of our Keystone Circle (monthly donor program). This method is the most efficient way to give your support and ensures your entire gift goes to us and not also to a credit card processing fee.

GIVE THROUGH YOUR IRA:

If you are at least 70 ½ years old, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your IRA to Cascadia Wildlands each year. This avoids the tax consequences of the Required Minimum Distribution while supporting your favorite non-profit!

DONATE STOCK:

Cascadia Wildlands works with RBC Wealth Management (DTC #: 0235) in Eugene to facilitate stock donations. Our account number is: 316-04682.

MAKE A BEQUEST:

Naming Cascadia Wildlands in your will as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan asset such as a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, Keogh or profit sharing pension plan will accomplish a charitable goal while realizing significant tax savings.

SUPPORT THROUGH A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY OR CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST:

A generous donor helped us launch an endowment fund last year as we celebrated our 20-year anniversary, allowing us to offer Charitable Gift Annuities or Charitable Remainder Trusts. These two options facilitate income for the remainder of a donor's life or for a specified number of years, while obtaining an income or estate tax benefit. At passing, funds are gifted to Cascadia Wildlands.

We'd enjoy talking to you about the options. To get started, please contact:

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