



Cascadia
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2020 | 2021 ANNUAL
REPORT

TOGETHER, WE ARE A POWERFUL MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE



We will look back in decades and be reminded that 2020-2021 was the period marked by a confluence of events that shaped world history. The global health crisis, the popular uprising to confront racial injustice, the near theft of our democracy, the Labor Day fires and other climate change-fueled events that impacted so many lives. It has been a lot to process — different for each of us as we continue to navigate the world. But one thing has been made clear: *we need each other more than ever to stand strong against oppression and to fight for what our planet needs right now.*

Thank you for helping give us strength each day during this unprecedented time. It allowed Cascadia Wildlands to bring on new staff and add capacity to safeguard our carbon-storing old-growth forests, recover imperiled species, and protect Cascadia's precious, clean water. Critically, it allowed us to put a seemingly final nail in the coffin

of the proposed Jordan Cove Project and associated 232-mile Pacific Connector Pipeline that would have moved fracked gas from the Rockies through southern Oregon to Coos Bay then shipped overseas to burn, fueling the climate crisis we are experiencing.

Our work for wild salmon, marbled murrelets, and Siskiyou Mountain salamanders, and so many other sensitive species will be all for naught if we don't address runaway climate change, and stopping this fossil fuel infrastructure project from being built with our potent 15-year coalition was a major feat and gives us hope.

This victory and so many others over the past year were only made possible through the support of people, businesses, foundations and partners like you. Together, we are a powerful movement for change in Cascadia. Thank you again for your deep support!

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 wild salmon, wolves howling in the backcountry, a stable climate, and vibrant communities sustained by the unique landscapes of the Cascadia bioregion.

For the wild,



Josh Laughlin
Executive Director

18TH ANNUAL WONDERLAND AUCTION

Roots Reggae Legend Norma Fraser Throws Down

The pandemic forced us to pivot in how we execute our annual Wonderland Auction, which typically turns out 350 community members in person for a big-time evening of fun and philanthropy. Due to the health conditions in December, we live-streamed the event from business partner **WildCraft Cider Works'** barrel room to interact with hundreds of community members through program highlights, live and silent auctions, a live concert, and a volunteer-run, contact-free local dinner delivery of gourmet pizza and special release beer, Rebirth IPA (**The Wheel**), fine wines (**Opine Cellars**), and rich dessert (**Sweet Life Patisserie**). Ultimately, we raised \$60,000 to support our conservation programs. Reggae legend **Norma Fraser** was joined by **The Bandulus** — Ska, Reggae Soul to make this one to remember.



Thank You Wonderland Auction Sponsors!



BACKGROUND IMAGE: 2020 WONDERLAND AUCTION IN THE WILDCRAFT BARRELL ROOM (PHOTO BY CASCADIA WILDLANDS).

DEVELOPING OUR LEGAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

With the generous backing of the Evergreen Hill Education Fund, we fortified our legal internship/externship program, attracting some of the brightest environmental law students in the region. In addition to assisting with our deep caseload, we are helping create the next generation of public interest environmental attorneys through the mentorship of our three attorneys on staff. We were blessed to have the following join us this year:



1 Danielle Curtis
University of Oregon School of Law

3 Noah Mikell
University of Oregon School of Law

5 Chelsea Stewart-Fusek
Lewis & Clark Law School

2 Marty Farrell
University of Oregon School of Law

4 Elie Steinberg
Lewis & Clark Law School

SAFEGUARDING IMPERILED SPECIES

The iconic fish and wildlife of our region continue to feel the impacts of climate change and habitat degradation. Grassroots organizing, policy advocacy and litigation are the primary strategies we employ to achieve our goals for Cascadia's unique critters.

Highlights from 2020-2021 include:

Helped recover **gray wolves** across the three-state Pacific West, with populations and pack numbers increasing across the region.

Filed a lawsuit with co-plaintiffs to stop the Trump administration's premature removal of **Endangered Species Act** protections for recovering gray wolves.

Filed a lawsuit with partners challenging the federal government's failure to complete a recovery plan for imperiled **Canada lynx**.

Filed a lawsuit with co-plaintiffs challenging the Trump administration's decision to deny Endangered Species Act protections to climate-impacted **wolverine**.

Filed a lawsuit with partners challenging the stripping of 3.4-million acres of northern **spotted owl** critical habitat.

Filed a lawsuit to protect the imperiled forest dwelling **red tree vole**.

Helped form the **Oregon Wildlife Coalition** to bolster state-level protections for imperiled species across Oregon.

Became the fiscal sponsor and continued to sit on the steering committee of the **Pacific Wolf Coalition**.

PACIFIC
WOLF
COALITION



CANADA LYNX
(PHOTO BY USFWS)

"I included Cascadia Wildlands in my **ESTATE PLANNING** through a bequest because I wanted to support their passionate, intelligent, tenacious work on behalf of places I care about. They play a major role in defending the region's forests, rivers and wildlife."



— Nadene
LeCheminant
long-time Cascadia
Wildlands supporter



LASSEN PACK WOLF PUPS CAPTURED BY REMOTE FIELD CAMERA, 2017 (PHOTO BY USFS).

PROTECTING RAINFOREST WATERSHEDS

Big trees and clean water are largely what defines Cascadia. We work to protect them for their carbon storage capacity to mitigate climate change, their ability to withstand and calm wildfire, the habitat they offer for a host of imperiled species, and the clean water they filter.

Highlights from 2020-2021 include:

Protected the Thurston Hills on the outskirts of Springfield from clearcutting by the Bureau of Land Management through a second legal victory.

Strengthened a proposed long-term plan for the 82,500-acre Elliott State Forest in the Oregon Coast Range.

Helped advance Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley's Rivers Democracy Act in Congress, which will designate 4,700 additional river miles as Wild and Scenic across the state.

Advanced opposition plans confronting post-fire clearcutting proposals in the aftermath of the 2020 Labor Day fires in the famed North Santiam, McKenzie and North Umpqua watersheds.

Worked as a member of the Forest Waters Coalition — a statewide network of community and conservation organizations working to update protections for our rivers, streams, and forested watersheds.

Prevented over 3-million acres of designated critical habitat for the northern spotted owl **from being stripped of key federal protections.**

Brought on board a new Wildlands Program Director and Conservation Director, increasing our capacity and deepening our legal and policy expertise.

The Rivers Democracy Act in Congress will designate 4,700 additional river miles as Wild and Scenic across the state.



McKENZIE RIVER JUST BELOW SAHALIE FALLS (PHOTO BY ANDREW KUMLER).

"I choose to **DONATE MONTHLY** to Cascadia Wildlands as it allows me to contribute reliably to the foundation of funding that carries the organization throughout the year, paying for the essential expenses that enable this incredible organization to thrive year round. It was simple to set up, and with it forgoes writing checks and licking envelopes. I like to think of it as a recurring bill for the environment on auto-pay."

— Jason Blazar
long-time Cascadia
Wildlands supporter



CONFRONTING CLIMATE CHANGE



The science remains abundantly clear that we need to immediately reverse the increasing levels of fossil fuel-based carbon pollution in the atmosphere if we want to avoid global catastrophe. We are at 415 ppm today; scientists say we must bring it down to 350 ppm. Cascadia Wildlands prioritizes safeguarding our big old trees in part because they store incomparable amounts of carbon when standing. We fight new fossil fuel infrastructure to keep our planet liveable.

Highlights from 2020-2021 include:

Defeated the proposed Jordan Cove LNG Project and 232-mile Pacific Connector Pipeline that would have pumped fracked gas from the Rockies through southern Oregon and then shipped overseas to be burned.

Launched Fossil Free Eugene, a diverse coalition of local leaders involved in conservation, housing, climate recovery, and civil rights working to ensure new energy infrastructure in the city is not reliant on climate-polluting fracked gas, and instead focused on electrification and renewables.



(PHOTO BY 350 EUGENE)



"Partnering with Cascadia Wildlands spawns creativity and guarantees fun. We love to support their outstanding conservation work through live music and our culinary delights, and we know **LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT** is essential for their success."

— Amy Winton, owner of Pandita

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 recently, allowing us to offer Charitable Gift Annuities and 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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WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE ALL THE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILY AND ADVISED FUNDS, BUSINESSES, AND FOUNDATIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR WORK.

Together, we are able to work toward a more sustainable and equitable future with vast old-growth forests, rivers full of wild salmon, wolves howling in the backcountry, a stable climate, and vibrant communities sustained by the unique landscapes of the Cascadia bioregion.

BUSINESSES While we can't name them all, we are indebted to the following businesses for their incredible partnership.

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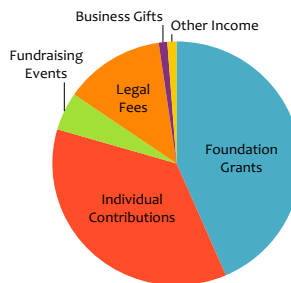
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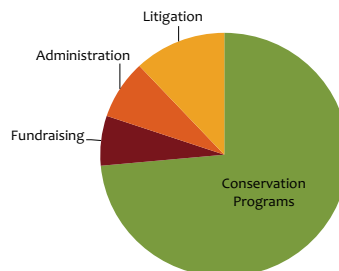


2020-21 REVENUE

Foundation Grants	44%	Legal Fees	13%
\$409,717		\$123,759	
Individual Contributions	36%	Business Gifts	1%
\$339,524		\$10,505	
Fundraising Events	5%	Other Income	1%
\$47,606		\$11,141	

TOTAL: \$942,252

includes acquired Pacific Wolf Coalition assets



2020-21 EXPENSES

Conservation Programs	73.5%	Administration	8%
\$438,850		\$46,761	
Fundraising	6.5%	Litigation	12%
\$39,406		\$71,624	

TOTAL: \$596,641

“Donating APPRECIATED STOCK to Cascadia Wildlands was a unique way for us to support this outstanding organization. It allowed us to financially back their critical conservation work while avoiding the tax implications of capital gains.”

— Diane Bolte-Silverman
and Jay Silverman

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SPARKS LAKE, CASCADE RANGE IN THE DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST (PHOTO BY ANDREW KUMLER)