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CASCADIA WILDLANDS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY ILLUSTRATION, FEATURING LEFT TO RIGHT:  
MARBLED MURRELET, HUMBOLDT MARTEN, CANADA LYNX, GRAY WOLF, NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL, CHINOOK SALMON, RED TREE VOLE (BY EMILY POOLE).

BACKGROUND IMAGE: DEEP IN THE (NOW WITHDRAWN) FLAT COUNTRY TIMBER SALE (PHOTO BY ANDREW KUMLER).

# CASCADIA WILDLANDS TURNS 25!



When I think about Cascadia Wildlands turning 25, I reflect on our humble beginnings.

The sweltering, 200-square foot shoebox of an office, where on hot summer days, sweat dripped onto our keyboards.

The one shared email account.

The added financial stress in reclassifying the “staff” from contractors to employees.

The Hoedown for Cascadia’s Ancient Forest, with hundreds of flannel-clad vagabonds do-si-do-ing to live bluegrass in a dusty Cottage Grove horse riding arena.

The first Wonderland Auction at the University of Oregon’s Agate Hall, catered with tubs of Toby’s tofu paté and day-old baguettes, where the top-fetching item was a session with a criminal defense lawyer on how to expunge your record.

I also think about the conservation achievements over the last 25 years made possible by your generosity and the deep coalitions of which we have been a part of.

The ancient forests protected from logging through direct action, grassroots organizing and litigation campaigns — including iconic watersheds like Warner Creek, Winberry Creek, Fall Creek, the McKenzie River, and so many others.

The gray wolves returning to historic habitats across the Pacific West. When Cascadia was

founded, no wolves roamed in our region, only dreams and aspirations, and an organization hungry for their return.

The outstanding waterways safeguarded from the impacts of suction-dredge mining for gold in Oregon. Outlawing this detrimental practice created momentum for Washington lawmakers to do the same. No longer are high-powered, underwater vacuums permitted to suck up the river bottoms in key salmon waterways.

The 82,500 acre-Elliott State Forest in the Oregon Coast Range decoupled from the Common School Fund, which forever severed the archaic tie between logging the Elliott’s old-growth forests and funding K-12 education.

The proposed 229-mile Pacific Connector Pipeline and Jordan Cove LNG Project in southwest Oregon defeated after a 15 years battle, which, if built, would have locked us into more fossil fuel dependence exacerbating runaway climate change.

The list is long and inspiring.

Amidst these accomplishments and the daunting challenges Cascadia and our biosphere face, we remain powerful, strategic and committed to our mission with a stronger-than-ever staff, board, volunteer WildCATs, and movement behind us, made up of advocates like you.

We are incredibly grateful and humbled by your involvement in sustaining the organization as a driving force for conservation in the region. Here’s to the next 25 years!

Wildly,

**Josh Laughlin**  
Executive Director

*(This piece was adapted from Josh’s remarks at the 25th annual celebration in June.)*

**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.





# FOREST AND WATERSHED PROTECTION

Protecting rainforest watersheds in western Oregon is Cascadia Wildlands' core motivation. The stately forests found here are strongholds for imperiled species, like the marbled murrelet and coastal marten, and the river systems flowing through them harbor unique species like steelhead and lamprey and provide clean drinking water to humans and wildlife. Critically, these temperate rainforests help sustain life on Earth by sequestering and storing incomparable amounts of carbon from the atmosphere to help mitigate the effects of runaway climate change.

## Highlights from 2022-2023 include:

**Successfully encouraged the Eugene Water and Electric Board of Commissioners (EWEB) to vote to decommission and remove the aging Leaburg Dam** on the McKenzie River benefiting wild salmon and aquatic health.

**Stopped the egregious Flat Country timber sale in the famed McKenzie River headwaters**, compelled the Forest Service to drop plans to log older forests adjacent to the Middle Santiam Wilderness, and initiated a suite of federal lawsuits to protect older forests from logging.

**Stopped developers** from turning TV Butte on the edge of Oakridge into a gravel mine.

**Legally halted reckless post-fire logging**, proposed under the guise of "safety," on the Willamette and Umpqua National Forests in the aftermath of the 2020 Labor Day Fires.

**Generated hundreds of public comments** (as part of 500,000 coalition comments) encouraging the Biden administration to develop a strong and lasting rule to permanently protect remaining mature and old-growth forests on federally managed public lands.

**Worked with the Oregon Congressional delegation to advance legislation that will permanently protect lands and waterways in southwest Oregon** from mining and logging impacts (and took now-former Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) down the famed Rogue River as part of the effort).

**Advanced a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for 640,000 acres of state-owned forest in western Oregon** that will better protect imperiled species, including northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet and Oregon Coast coho salmon, from the impacts of logging.



THE PROPOSED FLAT COUNTRY TIMBER SALE NEAR THE UPPER MCKENZIE RIVER WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AFTER YEARS OF OPPOSITION CAMPAIGNING (PHOTO BY ANDREW KUMLER).

**"Making QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS as part of the Required Minimum Distribution from our INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS has been a convenient way to support a qualified non-profit, like Cascadia Wildlands. There are tax benefits for us, and we get to assist an important and worthy organization."**

**— Gene and Barb Emge,**  
long-time Cascadia Wildlands supporters

# IMPERILED SPECIES RECOVERY

Loss of essential habitat and climate change continue to wreak havoc on sensitive species in Cascadia. Our conservation work focuses on stopping ongoing impacts to imperiled species and facilitating their recovery.

## Highlights from 2022-2023 include:

**Passed the “Beaver Believer” bill in the Oregon legislature,** removing the “predatory animal” designation for the species to better protect it and elevate the critical role beavers play in maintaining ecosystems and as a natural climate solution.

**Settled our Endangered Species Act case against the Oregon Department of Forestry,** which will result in stronger protections for imperiled Oregon Coast coho salmon on the Clatsop and Tillamook State Forests.

**Helped lead the Pacific Wolf Coalition,** which advocates and educates about wolf recovery in the Pacific West, and the Oregon Wildlife Coalition, which focuses on state wildlife legislative and policy improvements.



“Having grown up in Oregon, I’m passionate about safeguarding its beauty. Supporting Cascadia Wildlands means I’m still helping look after it no matter where I am. And doing it each month through

automated  
**MONTHLY  
GIVING**  
makes it so  
easy!”

— Tanya Enders  
Beach

Cascadia Wildlands  
monthly donor



MEMBERS OF THE BEAR CREEK WOLF PACK IN WALLOWA COUNTY (PHOTO BY ODFW).



# CLIMATE DEFENSE

Our work to protect wildlands and waterways and recover imperiled species will all be for naught if we do not arrest runaway climate change. This existential threat is why Cascadia Wildlands opposes new fossil fuel infrastructure, champions electrification and a just transition off of fossil fuels, and espouses the mantra “forest defense is climate defense.”

## Highlights from 2022-2023 include:

**Compelled the Eugene City Council to adopt an ordinance requiring all-new residential construction be electric.**

(\*Note: The ordinance was recently withdrawn after the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a similar ordinance to Eugene’s, however, other strategies to advance all-electric new residential construction are being explored.)

**Helped pass legislation in Salem to incentivize retrofitting homes with energy efficient updates to help mitigate climate change.**

**Stopped thousands of acres of carbon-storing mature and old-growth forest from being logged through grassroots organizing and litigation campaigns, and helped advance the Biden administration’s inventory of our country’s remaining mature and old-growth forests and development of lasting policies that protect these climate-mitigating forests.**



MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE DEMANDING A FOSSIL FREE FUTURE (PHOTO BY ROBERT SCHERLE)

“Making a donation of APPRECIATED STOCK to Cascadia Wildlands is easily done — just get the proper forms from and communicate directly with your broker and review for correctness. This has been a way for me to support an organization that is fighting climate change on all fronts.”

— Francis Mangels, Cascadia Wildlands stock donor

## 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. No credit card processing fee!

**GIVE THROUGH YOUR IRA:** If you are at least 70-1/2 years old, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your IRA to Cascadia Wildlands. This avoids the tax consequences of the Required Minimum Distribution while supporting your favorite non-profit!

**DONATE STOCK:** Cascadia Wildlands works with Fidelity (DTC #: 0226) in Eugene to facilitate stock donations. Our account number is: Z40191931.

**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.

**DONATE CRYPTOCURRENCY:** If you own crypto, you can help Cascadia Wildlands’ mission by donating it. The process on our website is fast, secure, and donating crypto allows you to enjoy the tax savings on the gains.

### ENDOWMENT FUND GIVING with Charitable Gift Annuity and Charitable Remainder Trust:

A generous donor helped us launch an endowment fund through the Oregon Community Foundation, 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 a specified number of years, while obtaining an income or estate tax benefit. At passing, funds are gifted to Cascadia Wildlands.

### TO LEARN MORE OR GET STARTED, PLEASE CONTACT:

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# CULTIVATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEYS

With the generous backing of the **Evergreen Hill Education Fund of Oregon Community Foundation**, we continued to attract some of the brightest environmental law students in the region. In addition to assisting with our legal docket, these legal interns are being mentored by our staff and allies as we intentionally cultivate the next generation of public interest environmental attorneys.

We have the privilege of working with the follow students this year:



**1 Andy Archer**  
University of Oregon School of Law

**2 Elissa Karim**  
University of Oregon School of Law

**3 Kelsey J. Shaw**  
Lewis & Clark Law School

# CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT MT. PISGAH

Cascadia Wildlands and our supporters celebrated our 25th anniversary in style at our “Down by the River: Summer Soirée and Auction” on June 16 at Mt. Pisgah. In addition to commemorating this milestone with a catered Mediterranean dinner, local beverages, 225 festive supporters, and live music by legendary roots-reggae artist Norma Fraser, **we raised a humbling \$78,000 for our conservation work in 2023-2024 and beyond.**

Cascadia Wildlands finds our work increasingly at the intersection of the conservation, environmental justice, human rights and social justice movements, and as part of the event, we were able to raise \$5,000 for colleagues at **TransPonder**, a trans founded and led non-profit based in Eugene providing support, resources, and education for the transgender and gender-diverse community and allies.

Deep gratitude goes out to our event volunteers, premier sponsor **Mountain Rose Herbs** and other incredible event sponsors: **The Wheel Apizza Pub, Opine Cellars, WildCraft Cider Works, Willamette Valley Alchemy, Hyphae Wellness, Tao Gardens, Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery, Pedal Power Music and Oakway Catering.**





# CASCADIA WILDLANDS BY THE NUMBERS

**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.

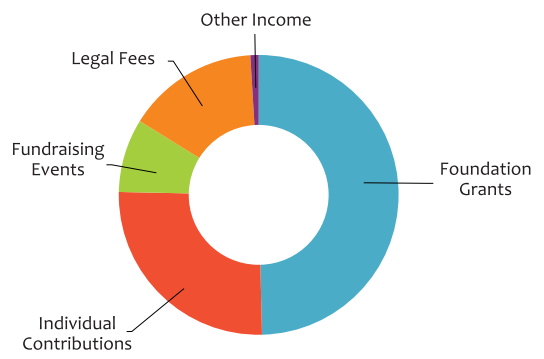
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Oregon Cliff House  
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River Vista Vacation Homes  
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Signature Surfaces NW  
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Sperry Tree Care  
Steamboat Inn  
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Sundance Natural Foods  
Tacovore  
Tao Gardens  
The Wheel Apizza Pub & Brewery  
Thinking Tree Spirits  
TJ's Organic Provisions  
Uncommon Scents  
Wet Planet Whitewater  
Wicked Kind  
WildCraft Cider Works  
Willamette Valley Alchemy

**FOUNDATIONS** Our work would not be possible without the support of the following grant-making foundations over the past few years.

- Acme Bader Community Fund of Oregon Community Foundation  
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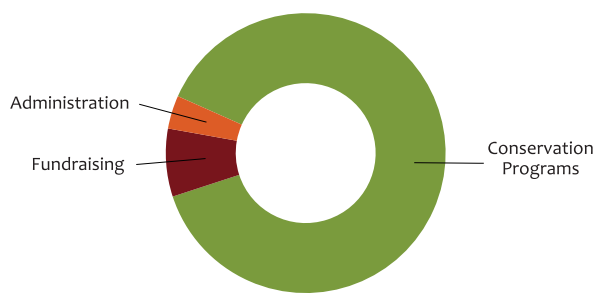
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## 2022-2023 REVENUE

- Foundation Grants 49.6%**  
\$534,800.00
- Individual Contributions 25.7%**  
\$277,009.64
- Fundraising Events 8.5%**  
\$91,731.26
- Legal Fees 15.2%**  
\$163,871.57
- Other Income 1%**  
\$10,280.42

**TOTAL: \$1,077,692.89**



## 2022-2023 EXPENSES

- Conservation Programs 88.31%**  
\$949,839.25
- Fundraising 7.85%**  
\$84,438.09
- Administration 3.84%**  
\$41,350.64

**TOTAL: \$1,075,627.98**



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