



Cascadia
WILDLANDS
we like it wild.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

IN THE FORESTS, IN THE COURTS, AND IN THE STREETS.

In March of 2016, Cascadia Wildlands staff and board went through an in-depth strategic planning session, and one of the many outcomes of the weekend was a mission statement tweak. It now reads: *Cascadia Wildlands defends and restores Cascadia's wild ecosystems in the forests, in the courts, and in the streets.* It is more strategy and action oriented than before, and it couldn't have been any timelier.

The result of the 45th US presidential election is going to require action like never before. The cabinet has been stacked with climate change deniers, Wall Street executives, and oil and gas barons, and the 115th US Congress is laying the groundwork to gut hard-won, bedrock laws and policies that safeguard our nation's natural heritage so industries can clearcut our remaining old-growth forests, dam our free-flowing rivers, graze and drill our commons unchecked, and sell off our public lands.

We aren't going to have it. Our sleeves are rolled up, and we are fighting back. Working with partners locally, regionally, nationally, and supporters like you, Cascadia Wildlands is on the frontlines day in and day out defending what makes our region so special, and despite what we have been confronted with, ensuring our vision for Cascadia stays laser focused—*vast old-growth forests, rivers full of wild salmon, wolves howling in the backcountry, and vibrant communities sustained by the unique landscapes of the Cascadia bioregion.*

For the next four years, the all-out assault on our public lands will be full-throttle, but together with you, we will push back tenaciously in the forests, in the courts, and in the streets to keep our beloved Cascadia wild.

Wildly yours,



Josh Laughlin
Executive Director



Sarah Peters
Board President

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.

SAFEGUARDING RAINFOREST WATERSHEDS

One might think our region's remaining storybook old-growth rainforests are permanently protected. But they aren't, and pressure is mounting to bring us back to 1970s-era clearcutting on our public lands. Even worse, extraction industries and the politicians who do their bidding are systematically trying to move our public lands, which provide essential fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, carbon storage and so much more, out of public control so they can be mined, drilled, logged and grazed unabated. We aren't having any of it.



"The protection of the Northwest's wildlands and species is not just essential for quality of life, but also for sustainable business. As David Brower once said, 'There's no business on a dead planet.' That is why Patagonia has supported Cascadia Wildlands since its beginning."



— Ron Hunter
Patagonia
Activism Manager

2016 Highlights Include:

Thwarting the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Energy Facility and 232-mile pipeline slated to be built across southern Oregon. After years of grassroots opposition and numerous appeals, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission denied a critical permit for this gas export scheme that would have wreaked havoc on old-growth forest, salmon and wildlife, and climate stability. However, it has been revived in the new administration.

Producing a hard-hitting social media campaign that was critical in moving Governor Kate Brown away from the proposal to privatize the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest and in favor of a public ownership solution for this outstanding coastal rainforest.

Brokering a deal with allies and the Eugene District of the Bureau of Land Management to cancel the reckless "John's Last Stand" timber sale proposed in the heart of the treasured Hardesty Mountain roadless area southeast of Eugene.

Filing a lawsuit against the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management's new forest plan decision to ramp up clearcutting across western Oregon. The dangerous plan would slash streamside buffers in half and eliminate a program to survey for lesser-known species in order to boost logging levels.

Legally stopping the clearcutting of a former parcel of the Elliott State Forest, critical to the survival of the imperiled marbled murrelet, that the state of Oregon sold to a private timber company.

DEFENDING THE ICONIC FISH AND WILDLIFE



Nothing defines the Pacific Northwest better than wild salmon and howling wolves. Cascadia Wildlands focuses its program work extensively on these two iconic species, both struggling to hang on to their respective habitats. Hearteningly, wolf populations continue to rebound across the three-state Pacific West and increased protection measures are being instituted to assist wild salmon recovery from harmful mining practices.



WOLF UPDATE

A MILESTONE IN OREGON WOLF RECOVERY WAS REACHED AT THE END OF 2016. IT WAS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF SEVEN OR MORE BREEDING PAIRS OF WOLVES IN EASTERN OREGON.

OF THE CASCADIA BIOREGION

2016 Highlights Include:

Filing and briefing a legal challenge confronting the state of Oregon's premature delisting of gray wolves from the state Endangered Species Act.

Enacting a five-year moratorium against the harmful practice of suction dredge mining in essential salmon habitat in Oregon, which has set the stage to pass lasting protections for the species through legislative action. In Washington, we filed a Notice of Intent to sue the state for failing to protect imperiled salmon and steelhead from this reckless mining activity.

Winning federal court cases to protect the endangered Canada lynx and wolverine, two species that are all but absent from our region due to historic hunting and trapping and lack of regulatory protections.

Briefing our lawsuit against ill-named Wildlife Services to keep this barbaric wildlife killing agency out of Oregon's wolf recovery efforts.

Winning two petitions filed with the state of Oregon that seek to provide more safeguards for the imperiled marbled murrelet, a seabird that nests in coastal old-growth forests.



WOLF NUMBERS

Minimum in Washington: 115

Minimum in Oregon: 112

Minimum in California: 7



"For those over 70-1/2, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA is a great way to support the incredible work of Cascadia Wildlands. Neither the organization or the IRA holder pays taxes on the distribution, and the gift goes straight to protecting what makes our region so special."



—Linda & Doug Carnine
long-time Cascadia
Wildlands supporters

THE WASHINGTON WOLF POPULATION GREW BY NEARLY 30% IN 2016, WITH AT LEAST 20 PACKS NOW RESIDING IN THE EVERGREEN STATE. THE FIRST DOCUMENTED PACK IN WASHINGTON SINCE EXTERMINATION WAS IN 2008.

WOLF
UPDATE

PROTECTING CASCADIA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER

Long-time Cascadia Wildlands Alaska Field Director, Gabe Scott, moved with his family from south-central Alaska down to Eugene during summer 2016. While we are winding down our work in Cascadia's northern frontier, we had a busy past year defending all that is wild in this special region, including its wild salmon, island wolves, old-growth forests, and so much more.



2016 Highlights Include:

Leading a week-long ground truth expedition into the remote 17-million-acre Tongass National Forest to photo document the sheer beauty and rampant logging of the rainforests islands. Expect a short, compelling social media film in the next few months.

Protecting the enormous Bering River coalfields and surrounding old-growth forests outside of Cordova, Alaska through a precedent-setting carbon credit program in California. For years, Cascadia Wildlands assisted allies at Eyak Preservation Council in the defense of this ecologically sensitive landscape, critical to brown bears, wild salmon, wolves, and native communities.



Filing legal challenges against reckless old growth timber sales on the Tongass National Forest to protect the old-growth rainforests, Sitka deer and Alexander Archipelago wolves that call these rainforest islands home.



THANK YOU!

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS

During 2016, individual giving accounted for a remarkable \$93,993 to support clean water, stately forests, salmon and wildlife recovery, recreation, and so much more.

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 vital support of **Mountain Rose Herbs**, a company that sets the bar high year after year. While we can't name them all, we are also indebted to following businesses for their unwavering support in 2016.



Back to the Roots Landscaping
Barking Mad Farm B&B
Caddis Fly
Cameron and Company
Coconut Bliss
Cornbread Café
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Klink Cycles
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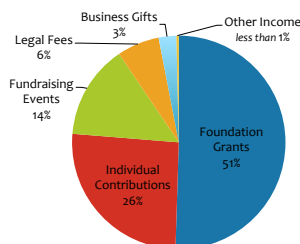
Our work would not be possible without the support of the following grant-making foundations over the past two years:

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Leotta Gordon Foundation
LUSH Charity Pot
Mazamas

Medicine Flower
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Steamboat Inn
Tactics Board Shop
Thinking Tree Spirits
Vanilla Jill's
Wet Planet Whitewater
WildCraft Cider Works

CASCADIA WILDLANDS BY THE NUMBERS

2016 REVENUES



Foundation Grants
\$192,900.00 (51%)

Individual Contributions
\$98,523.00 (26%)

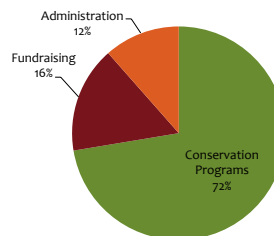
Fundraising Events
\$54,513.00 (14%)

Legal Fees
\$24,504.00 (6%)

Business Gifts
\$10,240.00 (3%)

Other Income:
\$1,364.00 (<1%)

TOTAL: \$382,044.00



2016 EXPENSES

Conservation Programs
\$235,352.00 (72%)

Fundraising
\$52,387.00 (16%)

Administration
\$37,414.00 (12%)

TOTAL: \$325,153.00

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LEAVING A LEGACY

Consider leaving a lasting legacy in Cascadia by including Cascadia Wildlands in your estate planning. Contact Executive Director Josh Laughlin to begin the conversation at jlaughlin@cascwild.org or 541.434.1463. Our tax-ID number is 93-1293019

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