

Cascadia
WILDLANDS
we like it wild.



2015 ANNUAL
REPORT

A YEAR TO REMEMBER IN CASCADIA

2015 was a year of notable change and marked progress at Cascadia Wildlands. Long-time conservation staffer Josh Laughlin was hired as Executive Director and board member Sarah Peters stepped up as the organization's new President. Following these transitions was an impressive series of victories for the wildlands, waterways and species of Cascadia — the unique bioregion we work within that spans from northern California to south-central Alaska.

From the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals victory once-and-for-all protecting the vast stretches of roadless forests on the 17-million acre Tongass National Forest, to gray wolves continuing to expand in populations in the three-state Pacific West, to the moratorium protecting wild salmon and steelhead from the impacts of suction dredge mining in Oregon, it was a banner year for conservation in Cascadia.

It is victories like these and the shared values like Cascadia's clean water, old-growth forests, spawning salmon, and storybook recreation destinations that keep our fire burning. And we know our fire is your fire. We feel it and appreciate the partnership that defines Cascadia Wildlands and allows us to succeed.

The “we” in our “we like it wild” tagline is you — the individuals, businesses, foundations, scientists, volunteers, interns and so many others who facilitate Cascadia Wildlands' vision and mission. For that, we are full of gratitude and look forward to another year with you keeping it wild in Cascadia.

Sincerely yours,



Josh Laughlin
Executive Director



Sarah Peters
Board President

MISSION

CASCADIA WILDLANDS EDUCATES, AGITATES,
AND INSPIRES A MOVEMENT TO PROTECT AND
RESTORE CASCADIA'S WILD ECOSYSTEMS.

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

Big Timber and industry-friendly politicians are still working overtime to try to cut down our remaining old-growth forests — the ecosystems that purify our drinking water, provide the natal grounds for our salmon and steelhead, store incomparable amounts of carbon to mitigate climate change and harbor wildlife teetering on the brink of extinction. We spent significant time and resources in 2015 defending these cherished ecosystems by field checking and commenting on dozens of reckless proposals, presenting to community members, litigating in the courtroom and educating policy makers about the importance of these older rainforests.



2015 Highlights Include:

Ensuring the old forests of the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest in the Oregon Coast Range remained standing. However, a state process to privatize the forest continues, and we are pulling out all the stops to keep this irreplaceable forest in public ownership.

Engaging closely in the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service processes to revise public forest management across the 24.4-million acre Northwest Forest Plan area. The outcomes have major implications for our climate, species recovery, and clean water in our region.

Winning a lawsuit in federal court that protected hundreds of acres of old forest and thwarted the BLM's new clearcutting scheme for low-elevation forests in western Oregon.

Continuing to advocate for the creation of the 30,000-acre Devil's Staircase Wilderness in the Coast Range and the 60,000-acre Wild Rogue Wilderness in the Siskiyou. Both proposals are waiting to be pushed across the finish line in Washington DC.



"The beauty of western Oregon played a great part in drawing our company here. That is why Mountain Rose Herbs annually supports Cascadia Wildlands, which is working tirelessly to ensure the region's natural legacy is not just maintained but enhanced for future generations."

— Shawn Donnille,
Co-owner, Mountain Rose Herbs



RESTORING WOLVES AND OTHER SPECIES

Bringing species back from the brink of extinction drives much of Cascadia Wildlands' work. In 2015 gray wolves continued to repopulate historic habitats and increase in numbers in Oregon and Washington. Last year marked the first time in nearly 100 years that gray wolf pups were born in the wild in California! Cascadia Wildlands remains at the forefront of species conservation in the region.



"If you're at least 70-1/2 years old, utilizing the IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) option is a convenient way I've been able to support Cascadia Wildlands' outstanding conservation work. Neither Cascadia nor I pay taxes on the money I take out, and the gift can be put to use immediately to safeguard what makes our region so special."

— Sarah Douglas,
long-time
Cascadia
Wildlands
supporter



LEGAL
UPDATE

ON FEBRUARY 3, 2016 CASCADIA WILDLANDS AND SEVERAL PARTNER GROUPS FILED A LAWSUIT CHALLENGING WILDLIFE SERVICES' PROPOSED INVOLVEMENT IN WOLF KILLING IN OREGON.

SALMON, LYNX, AND WOLVERINES, OH MY!



2015 Highlights Include:

Ensuring no wolves were lethally controlled in Oregon for the third consecutive year. This has much to do with the successful settlement negotiation we helped broker in 2013 after our legal injunction.

Marshaling significant opposition against Washington's heavy-handed approach to managing gray wolves.

Winning a lawsuit in Washington state that stopped Wildlife Services' involvement in wolf "control." This prompted our similar case in Oregon.

Advocating for new rules to protect wild salmon and steelhead from the impacts of suction dredge mining in Oregon. We expect a bill to pass in Salem this year to codify the common-sense rules.

Continuing our legal cases to protect and recover Canada lynx and wolverine, two imperiled carnivores that were all but wiped off the landscape in the Pacific West due to trapping and hunting.



WOLF NUMBERS

Minimum in Washington: 68

Minimum in Oregon: 105

Minimum in California: 7

THESE KEY PREDATORS ARE HELPING TO BRING CASCADIA'S ECOSYSTEMS BACK IN BALANCE AND ARE REWILDING OUR REMARKABLE REGION.

PROTECTING CASCADIA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER

Much of Cascadia's northern frontier remains the way it has always been — wild salmon teeming up rivers, grizzly bears jostling for feeding positions, wolves howling in the distance, and vast stretches of unbroken rainforest. Yet forces are hard at work to destroy what makes southeast and south-central Alaska so special. Cascadia Wildlands is pushing back hard and making a difference.



2015 Highlights Include:

Winning a lawsuit in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals that ensures the vast network of roadless areas on the 17-million acre Tongass National Forest remains protected.

Defeating a 4,000-acre old-growth clearcutting project on Mitkof Island, home to the imperiled Alexander Archipelago wolf, through a strategic lawsuit.

Building public opposition to and filing an appeal against the Food and Drug Administration's decision to approve the "Frankenfish" experiment, which would splice genes from Atlantic salmon, Pacific salmon and pout to make a fast-growing fish for human consumption. The stakes are huge for wild salmon with the likelihood of genetic pollution through eventual escaped Frankenfish into Pacific waters.



"Their smart and strategic advocacy for wildlands and wildlife protection in Cascadia drives Wilburforce's support of Cascadia Wildlands. We are confident our investment will pay dividends far into the future for both our region's wild nature and the human communities that depend on healthy ecosystems."

— Denise Joines,
Senior Program
Officer, Wilburforce
Foundation



THANK YOU



INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS

During 2015, 342 individuals donated a remarkable \$78,107.42 to support our conservation programs.

We are humbled and full of gratitude.

BUSINESSES

Agrarian Ales	Klink Cycles
Alaska Glacial Mud Co.	Mountain Rose Herbs
The Apple Farm	Ninkasi Brewing Company
Back to the Roots	North Umpqua Outfitters
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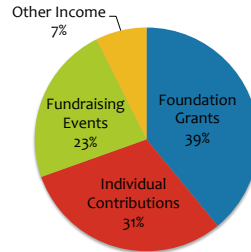
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Our work would not be possible without the support of the following foundations over the past 1-2 years:

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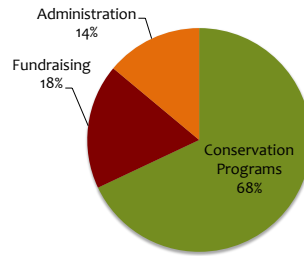
CASCADIA WILDLANDS BY THE NUMBERS

2015 REVENUES



Foundation Grants
\$99,985.00 (39%)
Individual Contributions
\$78,107.42 (31%)
Fundraising Events
\$58,986.00 (23%)
Other Income:
\$18,986.82 (7%)
TOTAL: \$256,065.24

2015 EXPENSES



Conservation Programs
\$186,146.70 (68%)
Fundraising
\$49,476.37 (18%)
Administration
\$38,166.45 (14%)
TOTAL: \$273,789.32

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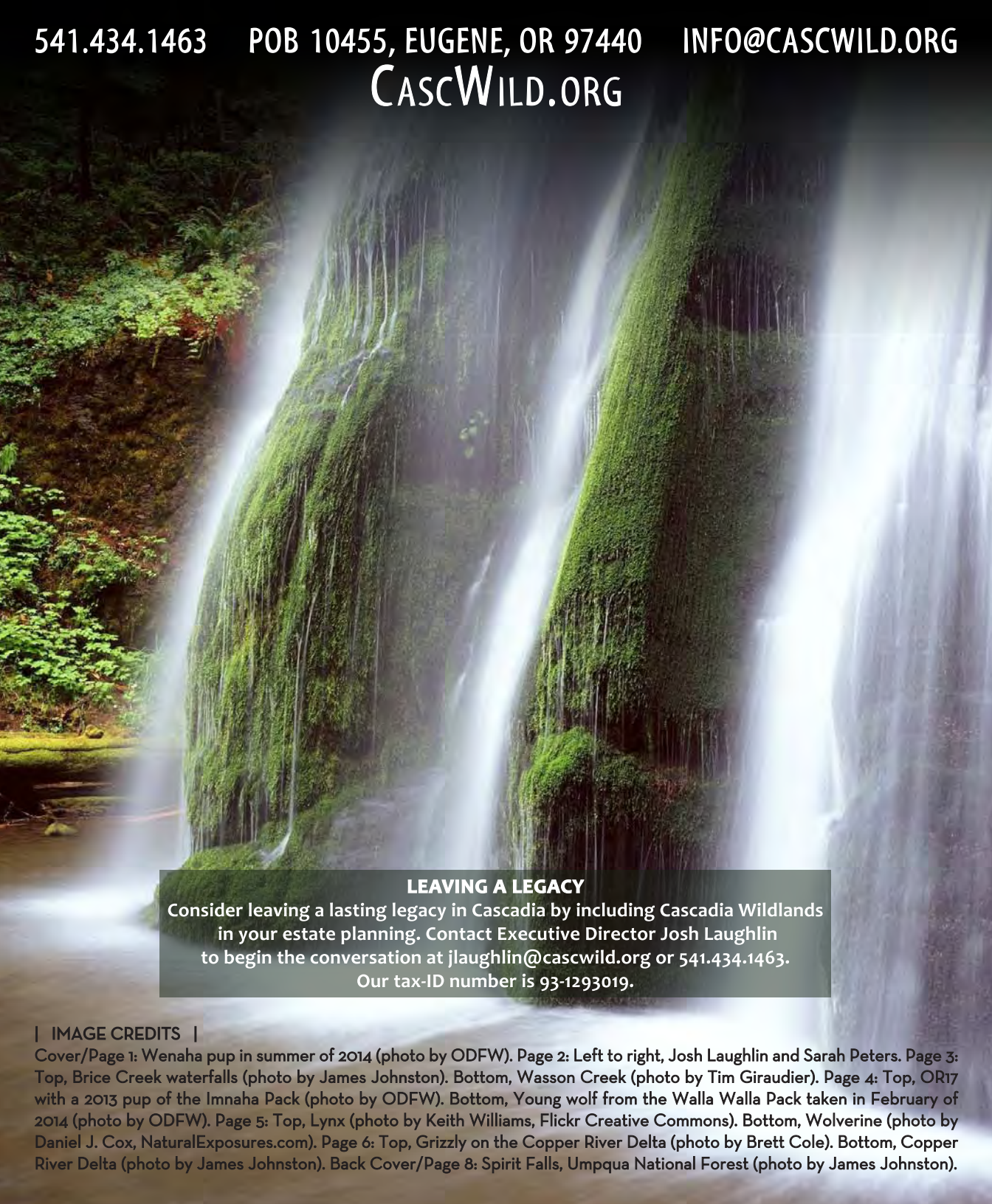
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LEAVING A LEGACY

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 jloughlin@cascwild.org or 541.434.1463. Our tax-ID number is 93-1293019.

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