



Cascadia
WILDLANDS
we like it wild.



2017 ANNUAL
REPORT

PUSHING BACK, PRESSING FORWARD IN 2018

National monuments shrunk; bedrock conservation laws and policies eviscerated; imperiled species protections stripped; climate accords abandoned; gun-toting yahoos bent on privatizing public lands acquitted, offshore drilling proposed. 2017 was a year-long nightmare for the environment, especially here in Cascadia.

Fortunately, we have a growing and energized movement of people like you who are fired up, digging in, and fighting back against Big Industry, Congress and the White House, which are hell-bent on dismantling the conservation framework that safeguards our bioregion's sacred landscapes. It is our job, together, to beat back this nonsense, and stand up for all that makes Cascadia special.

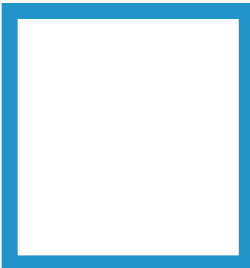
Amidst our stalwart defense, we secured some monumental victories in 2017. All but sold to the timber industry, the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest in the Oregon Coast Range was won over by the people and will remain public. Wild salmon strongholds like the South Umpqua, Rogue, Illinois and Chetco Rivers were legislatively safeguarded from the impacts of suction-dredge mining. Gray wolves re-occupied historic territories and now howl on the volcanic flanks of Mt. Hood and Mt. Lassen.

As we navigate this daunting political climate, Cascadia Wildlands has been refining our strategies and tactics. Our grassroots organizing and legal efforts have never been more necessary. As we launch into our 20th year, we need each other more than ever to ensure the biological diversity of our beloved Cascadia isn't reduced to strip mines and clearcuts. Thanks for the incredible partnership. Let's kick some butt together in 2018 and beyond!

For a wild Cascadia,



Josh Laughlin
Executive Director



**Shannon
Rose-Peterson**
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 STORYBOOK LANDSCAPES

The new administration and the industry-friendly Congress are doing all they can to roll back key laws and policies that protect our carbon-sequestering wildlands and iconic species in the region in order to expedite clearcutting and fossil fuel extraction. Bedrock laws like the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act are in the crosshairs, and we are deep in blunting this assault. It was a busy year for rainforest watershed defense, but we also notched some historic victories.

2017 Highlights Include:

Saving the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest from privatization. The will of the people was unleashed, resulting in Governor Kate Brown and the rest of the State Land Board reversing its shortsighted decision to sell off this crown jewel of the Oregon Coast Range.

Prosecuted a private timber company for violation of the Endangered Species Act on a former parcel of the Elliott State Forest that is occupied by the endangered marbled murrelet, a seabird that flies inland to nest in remaining old-growth forests. The trial will begin in August.

Settled our legal challenge to the Loafer timber sale on the Umpqua National Forest, which would have logged mature and old-growth forests near the popular Tokatee Hot Springs and North Umpqua Trail.

Negotiated our appeal to thwart Forest Service plans to clearcut old forest near the Three Sisters Wilderness above the South Fork McKenzie River.

Jettisoned an ill-advised plan hatched by Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) to clearcut in the beloved Columbia River Gorge after last summer's wildfires and stymied Rep. Bruce Westerman's (R-AR) plans to ramp up logging in the region in the name of "forest health."

Pushed back against the Trump-era revival of the Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facility and 232-mile Pacific Connector Pipeline slated for southern Oregon through technical comments and grassroots organizing.



"Cascadia Wildlands is effective in the courtroom, they are fantastic collaborators, and powerful grassroots organizers, bringing wit, intelligence, and creativity to their work. Cascadia Wildlands is a strong and essential presence for public lands and wildlife protection efforts in Cascadia, and Wilburforce Foundation has been proud to support them for nearly a decade."

— Yolanda Morris

Program Associate,
Wilburforce Foundation



RECOVERING GRAY WOLVES AND

Wolves and other imperiled species in Cascadia continue to make historic recoveries, yet they face ongoing threats, including logging, trapping, mining and a rapidly changing climate. Our grassroots organizing, policy and legal strategies are the backbone of various conservation campaigns working to confront these threats and reverse population declines. There is a lot to report on in 2017.

2017 Highlights Include:

Intervening in the Farm Bureau's lawsuit in California, which is trying to strip gray wolves of state Endangered Species Act protections by alleging the species is not native to the state. Only two packs call the Golden State home, including the Lassen Pack, which established itself spring 2017.

Mobilizing significant public involvement to strengthen the Oregon Wolf Plan, which is undergoing an update, and arguing our lawsuit against the State of Oregon's premature removal of wolves from the state Endangered Species Act.

Filing a lawsuit in Washington state to halt the Department of Fish and Wildlife's aggressive lethal control program of recovering gray wolves.

"Cascadia Wildlands is truly an inspiring organization dedicated to protecting the forests, waters, and wildlife of the Cascadia region. These folks aggressively promote a more compassionate and responsible relationship with ecosystems in the land we

call home, and we could not imagine our great region without them."

— Alyssa Bascue

Director
of Sustainability,
Mountain Rose Herbs



Prevailing in a lawsuit to compel the Oregon Board of Forestry to identify and protect murrelet sites on state and private timber lands.

WOLVES BY THE NUMBERS

* end of 2016 numbers, 2017 not yet available.

Min. in Washington: 115

Min. in Oregon: 112

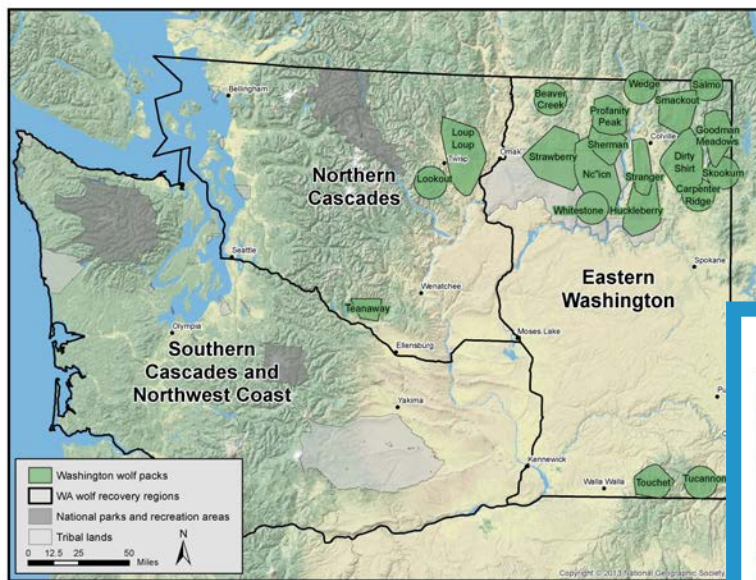
Min. in California: 7

(Shasta Pack has been undocumented for over two years)



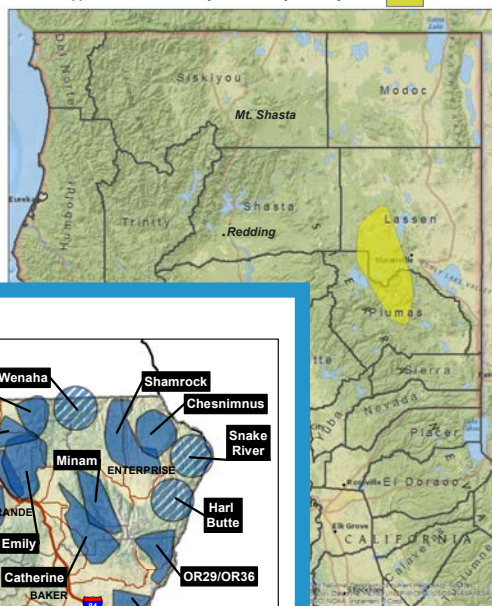
OTHER IMPERILED WILDLIFE

WASHINGTON

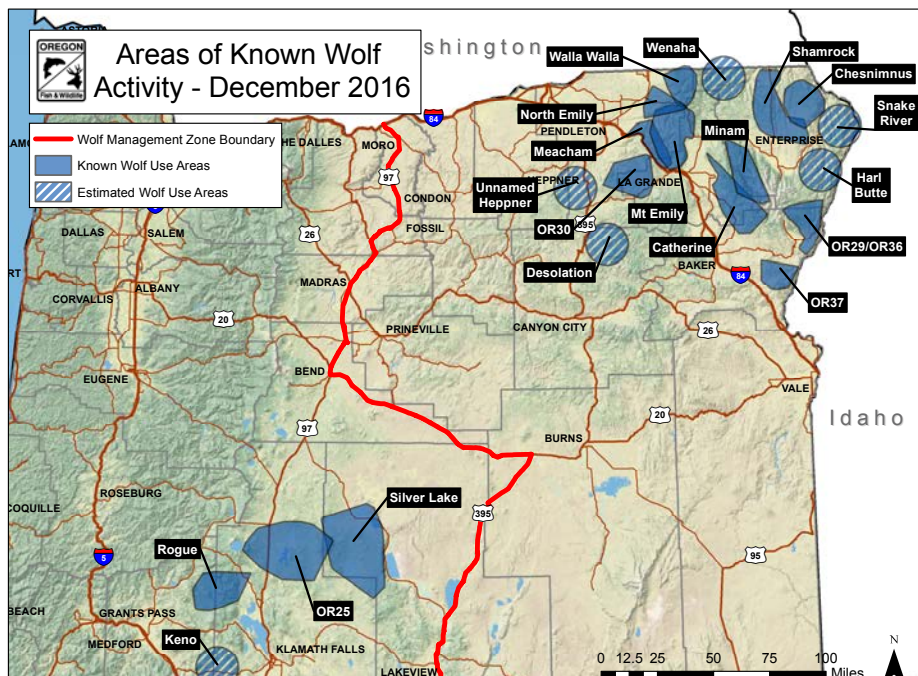


CALIFORNIA

Approximate Area of Gray Wolf Activity, January 2018



OREGON



PROTECTING COLD WATER HABITAT

The cool, clean water of Cascadia is the lifeblood for imperiled salmonids, which face a myriad of ongoing threats, including dams, drought, suction-dredge mining, and stream-side logging. Cascadia Wildlands was busy defending wild salmon habitat from destructive land management practices in 2017 and also scored a few significant victories.

2017 Highlights Include:

Passed legislation in Salem to permanently protect over 20,000 river miles in Oregon from the impacts of suction-dredge mining. Iconic salmon strongholds in the state are now off limits from this destructive, underwater gold mining practice.

Filed a lawsuit in Washington state challenging the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's illegal suction-dredge mining program. Iconic river systems like the Nooksac, Methow, Wenatchee and Peshastin and others are getting vacuumed up year after year with little oversight as miners search for gold flecks.

Sent a 60-day Notice of Intent to sue the Oregon Department of Forestry for illegal "take" of endangered Oregon Coast coho salmon. The state's notoriously weak forestry laws are contributing to the ongoing decline of this unique coastal salmon

HELP LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY IN CASCADIA

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD) FROM YOUR IRA

Consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). At the end of 2015 Congress passed a permanent provision of law for donors at least 70 1/2 with an IRA. This giving option maximizes a donor's charitable contributions to qualified non-profits such as Cascadia Wildlands while avoiding the tax consequences of their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA. Contributions typically need to be made by December 31 of the tax year to qualify. This type of support works conveniently well for donors who are at least 70 1/2 and are required to take the RMD from their IRA, but don't need the income.

We'd enjoy talking to you more about your options for planned giving to Cascadia Wildlands.

To initiate a conversation, please contact:

Executive Director, Josh Laughlin

at 541.434.1463

or jlaughlin@cascwild.org





THANK YOU!

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS During 2017, individual giving accounted for a remarkable \$129,668 to support clean water, stately forests, salmon and wildlife recovery, recreation and so much more. Our community came out in force for our 15th annual Wonderland Auction in December, which raised an additional \$94,000 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 2017.



Andrew Kumler Photography
Barking Mad Farm B&B
Cameron and Company
Coconut Bliss
Cornbread Café
Deep Woods Distillery
Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery
Earth Bookkeeping & Accounting
Elevate Kombucha
Falling Sky Brewing
Klink Cycles
Lane United Futbol Club
Medicine Flower
Mississippi Studios
Moody Trout Guided Fishing
Morning Glory Cafe
Ninkasi Brewing Company

Northwest String Summit
Oakridge Lodge and Guest House
Oakshire Brewing
Opine Cellars
Orca Adventure Lodge
Oregon Cliff House
Out on a Limb Gallery
Pebble Cove Farm
Pedal Power
River Jewelry
River Vista Vacation Homes
Sequential Biofuels
Steamboat Inn
SugarTop Buddery
Tacovore
Thinking Tree Spirits
TJ's Organic Provisions
Wendy Gregory Photography
Wet Planet Whitewater
WildCraft Cider Works

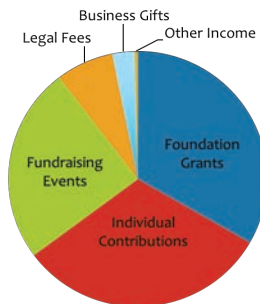
FOUNDATIONS Our work would not be possible without the support of the following grant-making foundations over the past two years:

Acme Bader Community Fund
of the Oregon Community Foundation
Burning Foundation
Campbell Foundation
Deer Creek Foundation
Dillard Foundation
Furthur Foundation
Jubitz Family Foundation
Leotta Gordon Foundation
LUSH Charity Pot

Mazamas
McIntosh Foundation
Meyer Memorial Trust
MillsDavis Foundation
Mountaineers Foundation
Oregon Deep Ecology Fund
Patagonia
Rex Foundation
Suwinski Family Foundation
Wilburforce Foundation
Winky Foundation

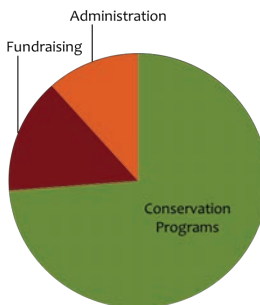
CASCADIA WILDLANDS BY THE NUMBERS

2017 REVENUES



- Foundation Grants - 33%**
\$136,900
- Individual Contributions - 32%**
\$129,668
- Fundraising Events - 25%**
\$101,939
- Legal Fees - 7%**
\$29,630
- Business Gifts - 3%**
\$11,292
- Other Income - <1%**
\$1,709

TOTAL: \$411,138 up 7.6% from 2016



2017 EXPENSES

- Conservation Programs 74%**
\$232,627
- Fundraising 15%**
\$46,190
- Administration 11%**
\$36,510

TOTAL: \$315,327 down 3% from 2016

CW STAFF

Nick Cady
Legal Director

Kaley CoslowSauer
Operations & Communications Director

Samantha Krop
Grassroots Organizer

Josh Laughlin
Executive Director

Gabe Scott
In-House Council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Julie Bailey
Laura Beaton
Sarah Douglas, Treasurer
Daniel Kruse, Secretary
Jonathan Leong
Sarah Peters
Shannon Rose-Peterson, President

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Amy Atwood
Jason Blazar
Ralph Bloemers
Susan Jane Brown
Sally Cummings
Alan Dickman, PhD
Jeremy Hall

Timothy Ingalsbee, PhD
Megan Kemple
Paul Kuck
Pollyanna Lind, PhD
Beverly McDonald
Lauren Regan



CascWILD.ORG

541.434.1463

info@cascwild.org

PO Box 10455

Eugene, OR 97440



cascadiawildlands



@cascwild



@cascadiawildlands

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

IMAGE CREDITS | **Cover**Page 1; Salmon Jumping (photo by Andrew Kumler), **Page 2**; Top, local mountains left to right, Mt. Hood, Mt. Baker, Mt. Rainier, and the Three Sisters (graphic by Cascadia Wildlands). Bottom, left to right, Josh Laughlin and Shannon Rose-Peterson. **Page 3**; left to right, Yolanda Morris, LNG rally (photo by Allen Hallmark), and young Elliotteer activist Ayana Gonzales speaks at a public rally in support of the Elliott State Forest (photo by Cascadia Wildlands), background image - Marbled Murrelet (photo by Angus Wilson). **Page 4**; left to right, Alyssa Bascue, Walla Walla pack wolves (photo by ODFW). **Page 4-6**; background image - Snake River Pack wolf (photo by ODFW). **Page 5**; Maps showing the locations of known wolf activity in Washington State, Oregon, and California (photos by of WDFW, ODFW, and CDFW). **Page 6**; Bottom, Rainforest watershed (photo by Andrew Kumler), background image - Oregon Coast Coho Salmon (photo by Oregon Department of Forestry). **Page 7**; logo by Mountain Rose Herbs. **Back Cover**Page 8; Blue Pool, Willamette National Forest (photo by Andrew Kumler).

Printed on 100% recycled paper.