



2012 Annual Report

15 years of Giving Something Back!

Dear Wilderness Volunteers' Supporters,

Wilderness Volunteers' past year was a great success for the entire organization, and we THANK YOU for helping us achieve our goals together. As a program dedicated entirely to Giving Something Back to our nation's wild places, and with a small efficient staff, *volunteers remain the heart of what makes us great.*

2012 was a year of organizational and staff transition. In January, Debbie Northcutt, our first and only Executive Director, and one of the founders, handed me the reigns of the organization she built and still loves. Debbie remains on staff to keep our Operations well-oiled, and she continues to lead several service projects each year.

In April, our Board of Directors formally adopted a five-year Strategic Plan, to serve as the guidepost for organizational growth and planning through 2017. Among the highlights are goals to expand the number of projects and opportunities for wild land service, and to build our internal capacity to make it possible. As such, in September, we welcomed Paul Goldberg to our staff as Development Coordinator. Paul is tasked with achieving the fundraising goals of the organization as we broaden our outreach to foundations, businesses and individuals to support our good work.

Out in the field, Wilderness Volunteers continued to make the difference for local public land managers struggling to address backlogged projects on continually tighter budgets. We completed a record number of projects with a record number of volunteers and it speaks volumes that we're asked to return year-after-year to many of our most special places.

Financially, Wilderness Volunteers remains on solid ground. Thanks to the generous participation of volunteers seeking meaningful outdoor adventures, to individual donors who responded to our annual appeal, and to a few key individuals, foundations and companies, 2012 ended with the organization remaining in the black. While our mission remains clear and focused, our financial goal is to ensure that volunteers are continually available as on-the-ground stewards... and increasingly so into the future.

Thank you to all who made my first year as Executive Director a great success!

Sincerely,

Dave Pacheco, Executive Director

Fifteen Years of Giving Something Back

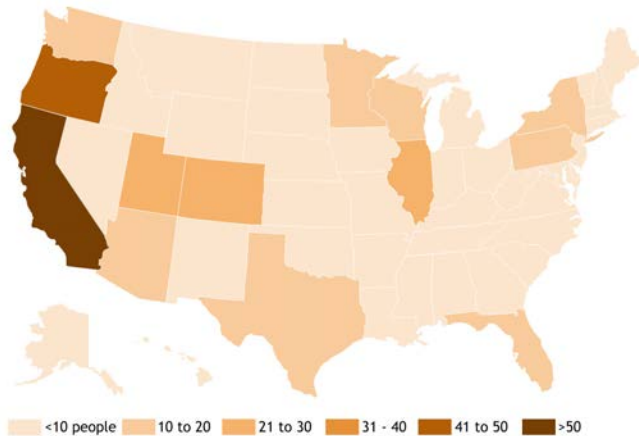
Wilderness Volunteers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit created in 1997 by John Sherman, Deborah Northcutt and Vince White-Petteruti to organize and promote volunteer service to America's wild lands. We've worked with public land agencies including the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Over the course of our 15 year history, we've contributed over 200,000 volunteer hours on more than 500 projects contributing labor worth more than \$4.5 million to public lands.

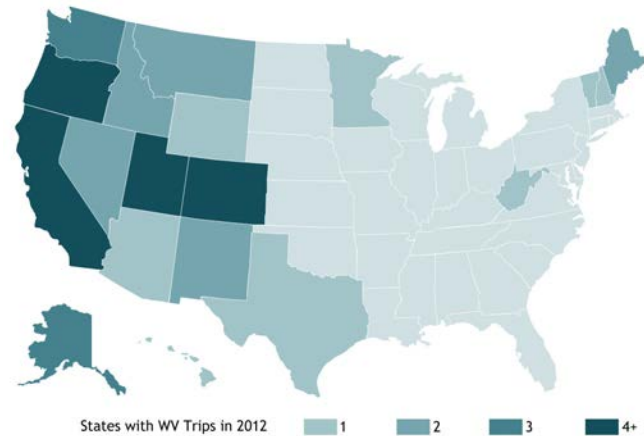
2012 Service Projects

Wilderness Volunteers completed 47 service projects in partnership with the National Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and the US Fish & Wildlife Service. 458 participants volunteered 20,976 hours of labor valued at more than \$457,067!

WV Participants in 2012



47 Wilderness Volunteers Projects in 2012



Giving Something Back

In 2012, Wilderness Volunteers collectively:

- repaired and maintained 120.3 miles of existing trails
- constructed 3.4 miles of new trail
- built 3 new backcountry bridges with hand tools
- constructed 219-ft of turnpike
- 240 trees logged from trails
- Installed 28 new rock waterbars
- installed 36 new log waterbars
- created 342 bermed waterbars
- cleaned 342 existing waterbars
- built 77 checkdams
- improved 16 existing checkdams
- removed 4 miles of unneeded trails
- removed 2 miles of fencing, carried materials out of backcountry
- removed 79 illegal fire rings- removed 73 illegal campsites
- restored 8 campsites
- created 4 new campsites
- removed 2.3 miles of road
- eradicated/disposed more than 58,000 invasive plants
- prepared the area and planted more than 13,900 native plants
- placed 700ft weed barrier in native plants nursery
- archeological survey, mapping & excavation of six sites
- general cleaning and brushing of 20 miles frontcountry trails
- felling trees, peeling bark on numerous trees for trailwork
- 34 tons of rock moved
- 11 posts placed , signage installed
- numerous cairns rebuilt
- 2 tons of crush pounded for trail
- built 6-ft rock staircase

These stats only begin to tell the story. WV volunteers hiked miles of trail to get to worksites; tons of dirt was moved, tools and materials were carried to/from worksites, myriad rocks were kicked from trails, trash was collected and removed from the backcountry, worksites were rehabilitated/cleaned after the work was done, etc... You guys ROCK!

Wilderness Volunteers exists thanks to the tireless dedication from committed and experienced volunteer leaders. We offer our deep gratitude to the following individuals who led service projects in 2012:

Ashely Northcutt
 Bill Koenig
 Bill Sheppard
 Brian Bone
 Carelton Sheppard
 Caroline Williams
 Carter Bland
 Cass Hopkinson
 Charlie Phy
 Cheryl Walczak
 Clarence Elstad
 Dale Grooms
 Dave Pacheco
 David Taylor
 Dean Twehues
 Debbie Northcutt
 Debra Ellers
 Dennis McKane

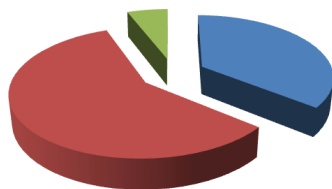
Don Meaders
 Dudley McIlhenny
 Ed Belove
 Ed Hill
 Frank MacMurray
 Henry Whiteside
 Jane Beckwith
 Jeanne Whiting
 Jeff Moorehead
 Jen Leonard
 John McLean
 John Washo
 Kathleen Worley
 Katy Giorgio
 Laurie Twehues
 Lee Cooper
 Maidie Kenney
 Mike Leonard

Norm Feaster
 Peyton Hutton
 Rich Johnson
 Rick Russman
 Robin Bland
 Robin Rose
 Ruth Rosenstein
 Ruth Sarvis
 Steph Flores
 Steve Jones
 Sue Koenig
 Susan Fitzpatrick
 Susan Holling
 Tom Laabs-Johnson
 Tom Holling
 Toni Williams
 Tony Zimmer
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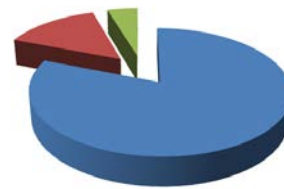
In 2012, we were able to allocate 81% of our expenses directly toward our mission of stewardship of America's wild lands through organizing and promoting volunteer service in cooperation with public land agencies.

2012 Revenues



■ Major Gifts/Grants \$75,250 36%
 ■ Project Fees \$122,531 58%
 ■ Supporters \$12,374 6%

2012 Expenses



■ Program Expenses \$152,123 81%
 ■ Support Expenses \$27,125 14%
 ■ Fundraising Expenses \$8,664 5%

Wilderness Volunteers

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Revenues

Major Gifts/Grants	75,250.00
Project Fees	122,531.00
Supporterships	12,374.00
Net Operating Revenue	\$210,155.00

Expenses

Program Services	152,123.00
Support Services	27,125.00
Fundraising Expenses	8,664.00
Total Expenses	\$187,912.00

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	22,243.00
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Balance Sheet

Current Assets	28,809.00
Restricted Assets (Endowment)	235,792.00
Total Assets	\$264,601.00

Current Liabilities	3,094.00
Total Liabilities	\$3,094.00

Total Net Assets	\$25,715.00
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Total Assets	\$261,507.00
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$261,507.00
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Wilderness Volunteers is a nonprofit charitable organization as qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. TIN #91-1821692. A copy of the annual IRS Form 990 is available at www.wildernessvolunteers.org/Support WV, or by calling (801) 949-3099.

I was sixty-years old when I did my first backpacking trip, and it was on a Wilderness Volunteer's adventure. I had always enjoyed being outside and active, but before this, I hadn't done much hiking and had little experience with wilderness.

That first trip was a challenge on every level. I learned quite a bit about myself and the outdoors on that trip. Having the safety net of skilled leaders and the caring group of folks around me was a great comfort. I had so much to take in, so much I needed to learn.

I've done four WV projects in the past four years, and because of these experiences I feel at home in the wilderness and confident in my backpacking skills. Now at sixty-five, I plan to continue doing backcountry volunteer work as long as possible.

MaryKay Netolick, Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, Idaho



Each project in 2012 was unique thanks to the special combination of individuals who took time to give something back.

My first experience with Wilderness Volunteers was as a 21 year old student in 2007...and I've been hooked ever since! Those early service projects to the Escalante River to eradicate invasive Russian olive landed me a summer-long internship with WV in 2011 and solidified my pursuit of a degree in Parks, Recreation & Tourism. I'm now using that experience to build a career working on public lands as a seasonal fire lookout.

Combined with a personal desire to climb, hike and backpack in remote locations, volunteering with WV provided the opportunity to work side-by-side with agency trail crews and resource staff, giving me those important personal contacts on which to build a resume. Thanks Wilderness Volunteers for the opportunity and for the continuing adventure!

Cass Hopkinson, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, UT



One of my best memories, and there are many, is when I stepped out of my tent at 2:00 a.m. to see a spectacular Milky Way which seemed to be in my reach! My WV experience provided a beautiful, quiet retreat for me away from job, cell phone, computer, and television. Thank you Wilderness Volunteers!

It was great to be a part of a group that worked together, making camp, doing trail maintenance, preparing meals, or just visiting. I met some fun and interesting people.

Cindy Casillas, Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness, Colorado



The weather for the week was a mixed bag. We had rain on and off and snow on more than one day but some sun almost every day. Our views were of wide open tundra with the expansive Alaska Range all around, huge braided rivers, and brilliant fall colors of red, orange, and yellow.

Our volunteer group was a friendly, hard-working, and interesting bunch, diverse in age and from all over the country, and we enjoyed working side by side with the Park Service Trail Crew, who appreciated our efforts.

Donna McParlan, Denali National Park (sitting)



These companies generously donated items to our monthly web-contest in 2012:

