



2015 Annual Report



Dear Wilderness Volunteers' Supporters,

2015 was a great year for Wilderness Volunteers as we continued to make significant contributions to public lands across our nation; delivering tens of thousands of dollars of volunteer labor to help managing agencies accomplish critical projects. 2015 was also a great year for our nation's public lands; six new national monuments were designated by Presidential decree including Pullman, Honouliuli, Waco Mammoth, Browns Canyon, Basin and Range, and Berryessa Snow Mountain.

Thanks to our hard-working & adventurous volunteer participants and leaders we were able to complete 53 much needed service projects across the country in 2015. The generous participation of these volunteers, individual donors, as well as foundation and corporate donors allowed Wilderness Volunteers to end the year on solid financial ground.

After 18 years of being the heart and soul of WV (as well as the only employee for many of those years) Debbie Northcutt retired in July for new adventures. I am excited to have been asked to take over as WV's ED and will do my best to fill the big boots she leaves behind.

Wilderness Volunteers remains dedicated to providing low cost service projects to public land agencies across the United States and promoting engaged community stewardship of our nation's wild places.

Ashely Northcutt
Executive Director
Wilderness Volunteers



2015 Projects

- 53 weeklong service projects completed
- 22,000 hours of volunteer service on protected lands
- \$507,600 in volunteer labor donated to public land agencies
- Projects in 19 states across the country



Project Statistics

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| • 55 miles of trail maintained/repaired | • 1 mile of road removed |
| • 20 miles of new trail built | • 36 campsites maintained |
| • 12 miles of trail removed | • 177 campsites removed |
| • 345 erosion controls built | • 66,086 invasive plants removed |
| • 280 erosion controls maintained | • 5023 native plants planted |
| • 115 trees removed from trails | • 3.5 miles surveyed for weeds |
| • Moved nearly 100 tons of rock | • 3 miles archeological survey |
| • 1 mile of fence removed | |



These collected stats for 2015 only begin to tell the story. WV volunteers hiked, backpacked and paddled for miles to get to work sites. They carried packs, tools, equipment and canoes, collected and removed trash and litter, moved tons of materials to and from work sites, clean myriad debris off trails, removed uncounted pieces of trash from the backcountry, and made it all look easy. You guys ROCK!





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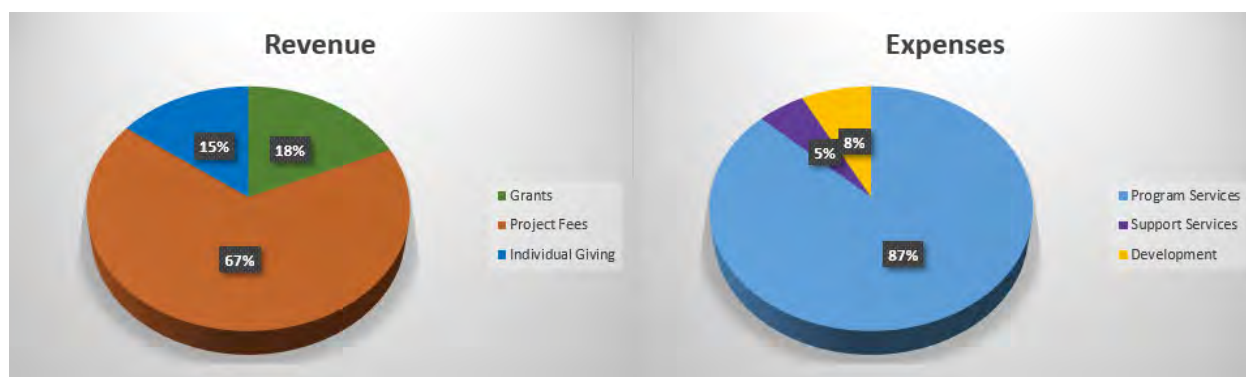
2015 Project Leaders

Jane Beckwith	Maidie Kenney	Chris Riccardo
Edward Belove	Andrew Kerr	Chris Roberts
Brian Bone	Sue Koenig	Ruth Rosenstein
Robin Bland	Bill Koenig	Rick Russman
Carter Bland	Misha Kokotovic	Ruth Sarvis
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Todd Kane	Zoe Purtzer	Tony Zimmer



2015 Fiscal Summary

Wilderness Volunteers utilizes all donations to advance our mission of stewardship of America's wild lands by organizing and promoting volunteer service in cooperation with public land agencies.



Statement of Activities

Revenue

Corporate / Foundation Grants	\$ 33,128
Project Fees	\$120,510
Individual Giving	\$ 26,638
Net Operating Revenue	\$180,276

Expenses

Program Services	\$166,154
Support Services	\$ 9,979
Development	\$ 14,676
Total Expenses	\$190,809

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets \$ -10,533

Statement of Position

Current Assets	\$ 59,007
Long term investments	\$304,590
Total Assets	\$363,597
Liabilities	\$ 2,653
Net Assets (unrestricted)	\$ 360,944

Wilderness Volunteers is a nonprofit charitable organization as qualified by IRS section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. EIN #91-1821692. A copy of the organizational 990 form is available by calling (928)255-1128 or emailing info@wildernessvolunteers.org.

The work of Wilderness Volunteers in 2015 was made possible by generous support from:
Partners





Supporters

All donations to Wilderness Volunteers are greatly appreciated and help the program to function. Program fees roughly cover half of the cost per person, so individual support is critical.

Individuals

\$500+

Peter Bergstrom
Curtis Mobley
Dodd Cosgrove
Linnea Matson
Paul Whiting
Rick Volpe
Cheryl Wagner
David Bennet
Henry Whiteside

Julie Coates
Donald Conroy
Nancy Corn
Allen Crawford
Dave Daniels
Tom Davidson
Stephanie Dickey
Joseph Fabiny
Jim German
Esther Gilman-Kehrer
James Gomon
Bill Goolsby
Stephen & Mary Graner

Dudley McIlhenny
Tom McIntosh
Kay Noguchi
Joyce Persing
Tim Peterson
Kathleen Robertson
Ruth Sarvis
Roger Schatzlein
Steve Senna
Randy Sweeting
Tim Tilton
Caroline Williams
Jake Wimberger
Tim Wood

Harlan Clark
Alicia Crabbe
John Danek
Mary Darrough
Craig Deidrick
Al Delio
Eugene Demine
Alberto Diez
Stephen Dorsett
Stuart Douglass
Judi Drinker-Collins
Gayle Eatchel
Janis Emanuel
John Emery

\$250+

Sally Slowman
Bob Ludlum
Ed Belove
Doug Michel
Charles Phy
Jane Beckwith
Steve Breitbach
Bill Koenig
Karen Gordon
Carter Bland

Jared Greco
Steve Haley
Sylvia Harvey
Jamin Heady-Smith
Larry Herman
Kimberly Hoffer-French
James Holt
Leslie Howard
Jody Isenberg
Nancy Kaiser
Paul Kehrer

\$50+

Stephanie Abel
Jean Acheson
Neal Allbee
Masood Behbahany
Werner Berger
Kristin Bergstrom
Kelly Beumer
Sue Blish
Kent Blizzard
Mike Bork
Michal Bowen
Rose Bundy-Hansen
Nancy Cappelloni
Michael Chance
Maggie Chesnutt

Cliff Evans
Doug Ferriss
Jerry Fish
Linda Fowler
Andrew Frank
C Diane Furry
Linda Gonzales
Randy Goode
Elizabeth Goolsby
Elaine Gorman
Mike Gormley
Virginia Gregurek
Michael Griffin
Dennis Grzezinski
Jane Hackett
Cindy Halliday
Margaret Hansen

\$100+

Anne Ashford
Michael BeBout
Jeanette Bonnell
Stephanie Boullin
Nancy Cappelloni
Gerry Chambers

Richard Kirstein
Susan Leptuch
Mark Lewis
Lana Lindstrom
Fred Mansfield
Claudia Marks



Pamela Henson	Susan Perry	Tim Stewart	Rebecca Glucklich
Cynthia Hughes	David Peters	Sunyo Suhaimi	Phyllis Hirsen
Catherine Jelencovich	Karen Peters	Randy Sweeting	Sharon Howrey
Gail Johnson	Paul Pickett	Trevor Temmen	Tom Kasper
Edmund Jones	Terese Pierskalla	Karen Tierney	Misha Kokotovic
Donald Kirkwood	Patricia Pikul	Marla Tillotson	Jerry Menke
Marianne Lawrence	Mary Powell	Faith Waida	Roma Montoya
Mike Leonard	Stewart Pravda	Susan Wanser	Lisa Peters
Debbie Livingston	Peter Pretzer	Kenneth Willis	Thomas Rics
Helena Lynch	Steve Rauh	Carolyn Wood	Kimberly Selwitz
Daniel McAllister	Warren Rawson	Alex Zubelewicz	Karen Solberg
Steve McClary	David Red	Joe Maglaty	Randall Smith
Josh Morrison	Steven Reneau	Mark Viglianco	Joe Stefanik
Bill Orben	Frances Robertson		Rob Swift
Maria Ovalles	Angeline Rubin	\$10+	Troy Tortorella
Harold P. Schlechtweg	Stephen Rubin	Kathy Chapman	Linda Ziesmer
Marion Page	Stevan Saldana	Lori Dallman	David Zurheide
Joel Palmer	Amy Stausebach	Sally Fish	
Gary Pedigo	Paul Stearns	Caryn Fitch	

2015 Photo Contest

Thanks so much to all who entered the 2015 Photo Contest! With more than 100 entries, picking winners was extremely difficult.

Thank you also to our generous sponsors:



Best Photo –

Aidalicia Swertferger
John Muir Wilderness
Inyo National Forest, CA



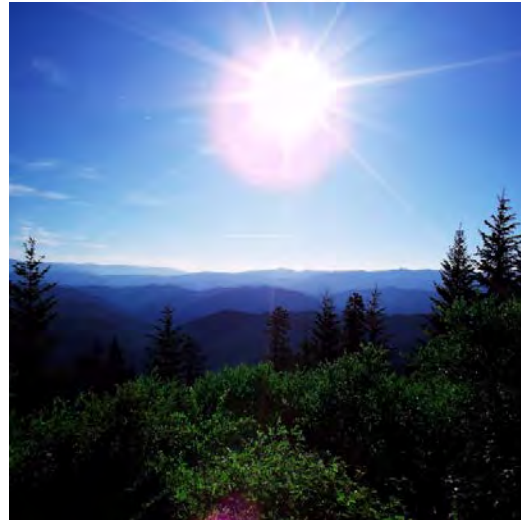


Best Landscape –

Kenneth Willis

Siskiyou Wilderness

Six Rivers National Forest, CA



Best Wildlife –

Elle Kiznyte

Olympic National Park, WA



Eighteen 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 partnered with public land agencies including the National Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Over the course of our 18 years we've contributed more than 267,000 total hours of volunteer labor on more than 750 service projects; providing labor worth more than \$6 million to public lands.



A Few of Our Fantastic Volunteers







Comments from the Field

"It was a great way to get involved with an important project that I had only read about in the news before. It was a pleasure to spend a week in a beautiful place with awesome people!"

-Max Gordon

"I have been on 9 other similar wilderness service trips previously with other organizations and this was the best organized trip I have been on. As with other trips, this was truly a physical, mental, and spiritual adventure. The leader was extremely attentive to each person's needs; especially dietary restrictions. We worked hard, but only to the level we could handle. The leader and assistant operate with the highest degree of competence, professionalism, care, and organization. I recommend Wilderness Volunteers trip to anyone without the slightest hesitation. You will be hard pressed to find a better provider in this field."

-Ralph Keating

"My WV project experience was physically challenging, but the tremendous support and comradery of our little "village" of volunteers left me with the satisfaction of being a part of a great effort with great people. The work and the community will be a life-time satisfaction."

-Phyllis Hirsén

"Wilderness volunteers has it all. They have the best trips, the best locations, the most worthwhile activities and especially the best trip leader. It is a true volunteer organization from top to bottom that exists to get things done for a personal and monetary contribution that makes sense in today's world. The satisfaction of doing something so rewarding is also a great benefit. I plan to be back for more hard work and FUN as soon as I can manage it. Thanks enabling for the great experience."

-Gary Pedigo