



## **2016 ANNUAL REPORT**



Dear Wilderness Volunteers Supporters,

2016 was a great year for Wilderness Volunteers as we continued to make significant contributions to public lands across our nation. Thanks to our hard-working & adventurous volunteer participants and leaders we were able to complete 51 service projects across the country; delivering tens of thousands of dollars of enthusiastic volunteer labor to land management agencies. 2016 was also a great year for our nation's public lands; the National Park Service turned 100 on August 25th and eight new national monuments were designated by Presidential decree!

As our public lands, new & old, face the added challenges of ever-shrinking budgets, staff shortages and increased visitation, they increasingly turn to volunteer labor to help complete vital on-the-ground projects. The work that our dedicated volunteers help them accomplish increases accessibility for public recreation while lowering the adverse impacts of overuse, reducing erosion, improving watershed health, and improving wildlife habitat through planting native plants and removing invasive species.

We were excited to welcome Taryn Schreiner this year as our new Program Manager! Taryn's outdoor experience, passion for the preservation and protection of our wild lands and her cheerful enthusiasm make her the perfect choice to help lead WV into our 20th year of giving something back.

Our sincerest thank you to all of our hard-working volunteers and generous individual, foundation and corporate donors.

Wilderness Volunteers remains dedicated to providing an affordable national service project program and promoting engaged community stewardship of our nation's wild places.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ashely Northcutt', is positioned above the printed name.

Ashely Northcutt  
Executive Director  
Wilderness Volunteers



## 2016 Projects

- 51 weeklong service projects completed
- 22,000 hours of volunteer service on protected lands
- \$513,000 in volunteer labor donated to public land agencies
- Projects in 18 states across the country



## Project Statistics

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| • 92.5 miles of trail maintained/repaired | • 11 campsites maintained             |
| • 10 miles of new trail built             | • 68 campsites removed/rehabilitated  |
| • 1 mile of trail removed/rehabilitated   | • 80 fire rings removed/rehabilitated |
| • 330 erosion controls built              | • 52,095 invasive plants removed      |
| • 229 erosion controls maintained         | • 1054 native plants planted          |
| • 543 trees removed from trails           | • 16.5 miles surveyed for weeds       |
| • Moved over 68 tons of rock              | • 2 miles archeological survey        |
| • 1 mile of road removed/rehabilitated    |                                       |



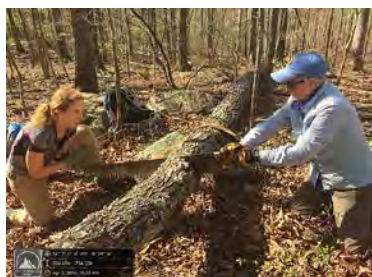
These collected stats for 2016 only begin to tell the story. Our volunteers hiked, backpacked and paddled for miles to get to work sites. They carried packs, food, tools, equipment and canoes, moved tons of materials, clean countless rocks and branches off trails, and removed innumerable pieces of trash from trails, forests and beaches, all while making it look easy.

In addition to the physical work completed in 2016, each of our volunteers developed a deep personal connection to the area they visited while working to care for our public lands.

These impactful wilderness experiences cultivate a sense of commitment to the land, creating wilderness advocates who will work for the protection and preservation of our wild lands for years to come.



OUR VOLUNTEERS  
ARE AMAZING! 







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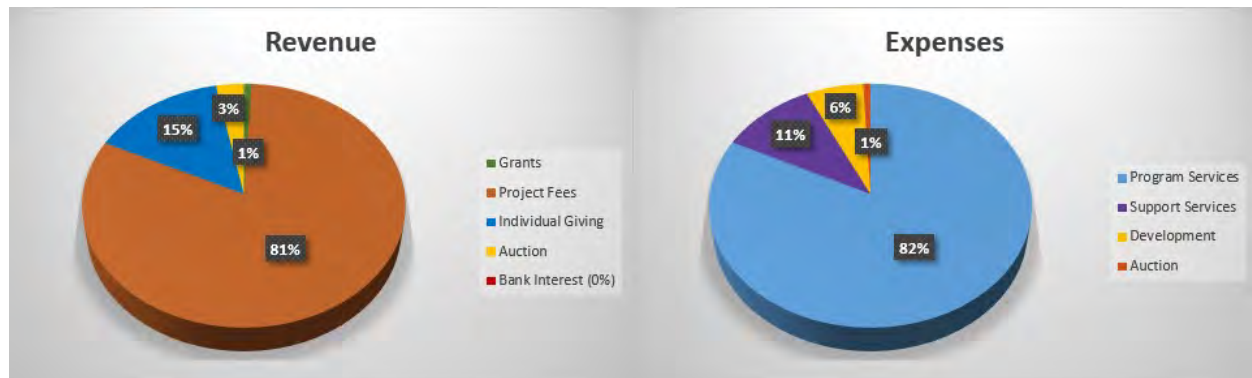
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## 2016 Fiscal Summary

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	\$ 1,338
Project Fees	\$134,503
Individual Giving	\$ 24,250
Auction	\$ 5,065
Bank Interest	\$ 1

Net Operating Revenue \$165,157

#### Expenses

Program Services	\$162,384
Support Services	\$ 20,816
Development	\$ 12,396
Auction	\$ 1,576

Total Expenses \$195,595

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets \$ -30,438

### Statement of Position

Current Assets \$ 28,624

Long term investments \$323,321

Total Assets \$351,945

Liabilities \$ 3,020

Net Assets (unrestricted) \$ 348,925

*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](mailto:info@wildernessvolunteers.org).*

The work of Wilderness Volunteers in 2016 was made possible by generous financial support from:





## 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.

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## 2016 Photo Contest

Many thanks to all who entered the 2016 Photo Contest! With more than 100 entries, picking winners was extremely difficult. Thank you also to our generous sponsors:

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**Outside**



## Best Photo:

The grand prize winner for best photo is Brandon Jett.

Brandon took this photo on the Dark Canyon service project in the Manti La Sal National Forest.



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**Landscape:**

The Landscape photo winner is Kelly Randall.

Kelly took this photo on the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness service project in the White River National Forest.

**Wildlife:**

The Wildlife photo winner is Randy Kahn.

Randy took this photo on the Trinity Alps Wilderness service project in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.







#### **Hard At Work:**

The Hard at Work photo winner is Amy Schwake.

Amy took this photo of Randy Meier on the Indian Peaks Wilderness service project in the Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest.

#### **On The Trail:**

The On The Trail photo winner is Amy Schwake.

Amy took this photo on the Indian Peaks Wilderness service project in the Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest.



#### **Nineteen 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 across the United States, including the US Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Over the course of our 19 years we've contributed more than 289,000 total hours of volunteer labor on more than 800 service projects; providing labor worth more than \$6.5 million to our public lands.





## Some of Our Fantastic Volunteers











### **Comments From the Field**

"I get only two weeks of vacation a year. After my experience at Glacier NP this September, I plan on making a trip with Wilderness Volunteers a yearly endeavor! First of all, my leaders were amazing. Truly respectable people who embodied the principles that WV stands for. The location of our trip was beautiful beyond words. I never wanted to leave! Trust me, I was bawling like a baby driving out of those mountains!! The food was delicious and clean up was organized and efficient. I feel like I developed a lifelong respect and comradery with my fellow participants. I will never forget this experience for as long as I live. I would highly recommend attending a WV trip. What a rewarding way to spend a vacation!"

-Leah Taylor, Glacier National Park, MT (Sep 11th - Sep 17th 2016)

"This was the first WV project I have ever been a part of and it was one of the best experiences of my life. I would recommend it to anyone who loves the outdoors and wants to give something back to others who also love the outdoors. The work was physically demanding and required a good deal of strenuous effort but I was happy to discover it was not a "fluff" project and it was worth every drop of sweat lost and every breath gasped. Our leaders and the Forest Service employees were very knowledgeable and experienced. They worked hard alongside the seven volunteers on our team, improving trail conditions in some areas and re-routing it in others. This WV project was, for me, very satisfying and personally rewarding. Thank you so much for the opportunity. I am certain I will be signing up for more of these projects in the future. "

-Bradley Smail, Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness, White River National Forest, CO (Jul 24th - Jul 30th 2016)

"This was one of the best "vacations" I have taken. While the work was challenging (in a good way) it was very well organized, the trip leader was fantastic and the group worked well together to accomplish great things. I highly recommend a WV trip for someone who is interested in doing something different, seeing awesome places while at the same time, giving something back. You won't regret it."

-Marc Talluto, Bighorn Crags, Frank Church RONR Wilderness, Salmon-Challis NF, ID (Jul 24th - Jul 30th 2016)

"I went to a place that I've never been to before and I met a terrific group of people and had a great week in the woods. I did something good for the Pacific Northwest and America's public lands while having a lot of fun!"

-Max Gordon, Eagle Cap Wilderness, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, OR (Aug 21st - Aug 27th 2016)