



## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Wilderness Volunteers Supporters,

2017 was another successful year for Wilderness Volunteers as we continued our work in public lands across the country. Thanks to our hard-working & adventurous volunteer participants and leaders, we were able to complete 44 service projects across the country! This work delivered tens of thousands of dollars of volunteer labor to land management agencies. 2017 was also a great year for Wilderness Volunteers development and expansion; we had our first WV intern and started the Victor Nathan Siwa Memorial Scholarship allowing us to promote youth involvement in conservation efforts across the country. This was also a monumental year for Wilderness Volunteers as we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. Wilderness Volunteers began in 1997 and has completed an incredible amount of work between then and now, building a strong foundation to continue our work for many years to come.

The necessity of volunteer work is just as important today as when we began 20 years ago. As public land visitation continues to skyrocket, more and more conservation work falls through the cracks due to shrinking budgets, staff cuts, and staff shortages. By getting volunteers in the field to complete these essential conservation efforts, Wilderness Volunteers facilitates the accessibility for outdoor 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 could not do this without the amazing individuals who volunteer their time to protect the lands they love. A huge thank you goes out to all Wilderness Volunteers participants and leaders! You all are what make this work possible. An equal contributor to our successful year is the amazingly generous donors - individual, foundation, and corporate – who allow us to continue doing what we do best: volunteer!

Wilderness Volunteers remains dedicated to our mission of stewardship of America's wild lands through organizing and promoting volunteer service in cooperation with public land agencies. We look forward to the next 20 years of service in public lands!

**Taryn Schreiner**  
Program Manager  
Wilderness Volunteers



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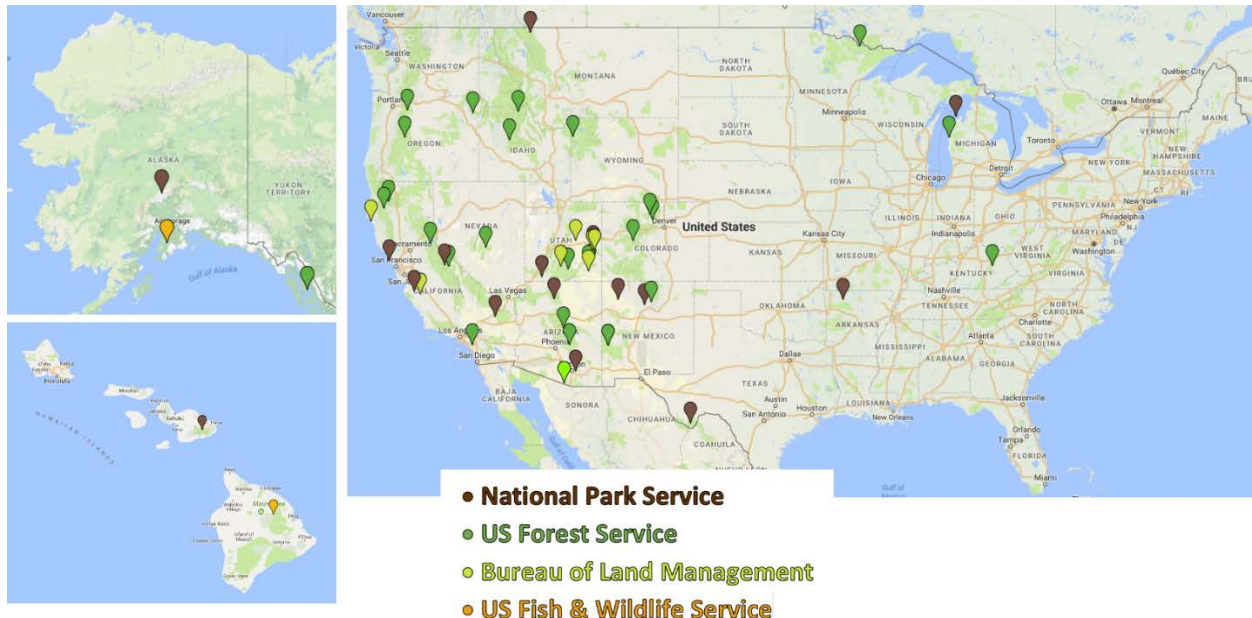
Don Meaders, Albuquerque, NM

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## 2017 Projects

- 44 weeklong service projects completed
- Over 14,000 hours of volunteer service on protected lands
- Over \$338,000 in volunteer labor donated to public land agencies
- Projects in 16 states across the country





### Some Impressive Statistics...

- 57.2 miles of trail maintained/repaired
- 7 miles of new trail built
- 3.5 miles of trail removed/rehabilitated
- 252 erosion controls built
- 304 erosion controls maintained
- 386 trees removed from trails
- Moved over 66 tons of rock
- 4 campsites maintained
- 70 campsites removed/rehabilitated
- 94 fire rings removed/rehabilitated
- 34,762 invasive plants removed
- 2,342 native plants planted
- 4 miles surveyed for weeds
- 0.12 miles archeological survey







These collected stats for 2017 only begin to tell the story.

Our volunteers hiked, backpacked and paddled for miles to get to and from work sites. They carried packs, food, tools, equipment and canoes, moved tons of materials, cleaned countless rocks & 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 2017, 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.



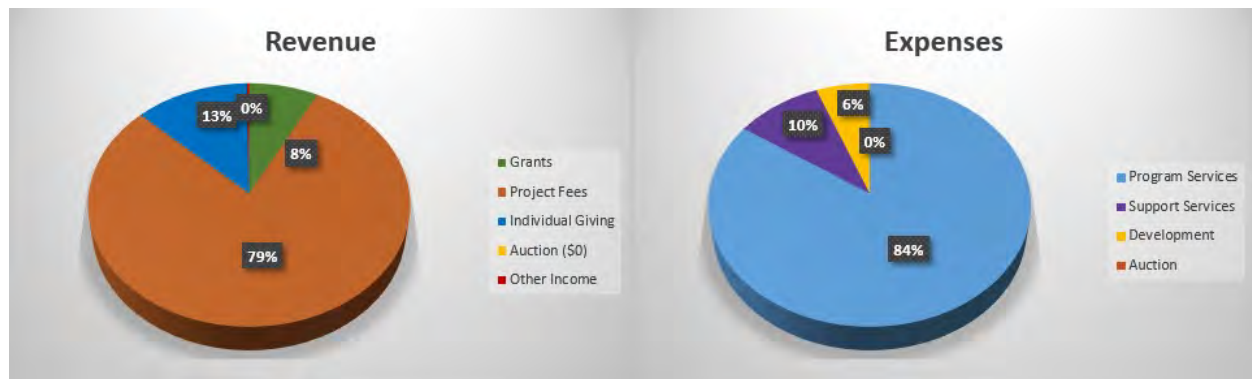
## 2017 Project Leaders

Carter Bland	Misha Kokotovic	Ruth Rosenstein
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Lee Cooper	Walter Mah	Bill Sheppard
Steve Dorsett	Reed McDowell	Zig Sondelski
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Peyton Hutton	Gerald Norton	Jeff Wright
Benjamin Johnson	Mary Powell	Kathryne Zaborowski
Tom Kasper	Zoe Purtzer	Linda Zeismer
Maidie Kenney	Chris Riccardo	Karen Zietlow
Andrew Kerr	Chris Roberts	Tony Zimmer



## 2017 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	\$ 11,950
Project Fees	\$124,525
Individual Giving	\$ 19,681
Auction	\$ 0
Other Income	\$ 401

Net Operating Revenue \$156,557

#### Expenses

Program Services	\$172,633
Support Services	\$ 19,552
Development	\$ 11,902
Auction	\$ 126

Total Expenses \$204,213

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets \$ -47,656

### Statement of Position

Current Assets \$ 23,567

Long term investments \$322,197

Total Assets \$349,854

Liabilities \$ 6,363

Net Assets (unrestricted) \$ 343,490

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).



### Comments From the Field

*"Projects like this one are what sets Wilderness Volunteers apart from similar organizations. The focus on bringing like-minded outdoor enthusiasts together to work on improving a recreational area is a core proposition. This organization knows where the needs are, what needs to be done and how to go about tackling the job. Projects I've been involved in offer great value."*

-Thomas Leach, Wild and Scenic Salmon River, Salmon-Challis National Forest, ID  
(May 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

*"The remoteness and beauty of this rugged area was a real pleasure. There were many small moments in nature to appreciate, and the other Volunteers were wonderful to get to know."*

-Kyson Jacobson, Table Mountain Wilderness, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, NV  
(Jun 25<sup>th</sup> - Jul 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017)



*"The passion and dedication for the preservation of our national treasures, from leaders/rangers and participants alike, was inspiring. Every single one of the people I met was a pleasure to meet and work with."*

-Heiko Greb, Desolation Wilderness, Eldorado National Forest, CA (Aug 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017)

*"These trips are one of the best things I've ever done in my life. I've met amazing people, been able to give back by participating in work that I feel good about, and was able to experience beautiful country all tied up into one epic experience! I can't recommend Wilderness Volunteers enough!"*

-Sara Baugh, Grand Gulch-Cedar Mesa Plateau, UT (Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017)





## Partners

The work of Wilderness Volunteers in 2017 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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## 2017 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:



### Best Photo:

The grand prize winner for best photo is Eric Mak.

Eric took this epic photo of Denali on the Denali National Park service project in Alaska.



### Landscape:

The Landscape photo winner is Randy Meier.

Randy took this photo of the Minarets on the Purple Lakes service project in the John Muir Wilderness, Inyo National Forest, California.



### **Wildlife:**

The Wildlife photo winner is Dave Rice.

Dave took this photo of a Bald Eagle in the rain on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge service project in Alaska.



### **Hard At Work:**

The Hard at Work photo winner is Laurel Casjens.

Laurel took this photo of volunteers doing trail work on the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness service project in Colorado's White River National Forest.





### **On The Trail:**

The On The Trail photo winner is Danielle Alling.

Danielle took this photo of the hike in on the Escalante River service project in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Utah.



### **Wilderness Volunteers Intern**

In 2017 we brought our first summer intern on board! Kevin Graves had the opportunity to work on 3 volunteer projects to learn more about public land stewardship, non-profit work, and to connect with numerous public lands. Kevin completed a summer blog series about his adventures that was published on the WV website. Thank you Kevin!





### **Victor Nathan Siwa Memorial Scholarship**

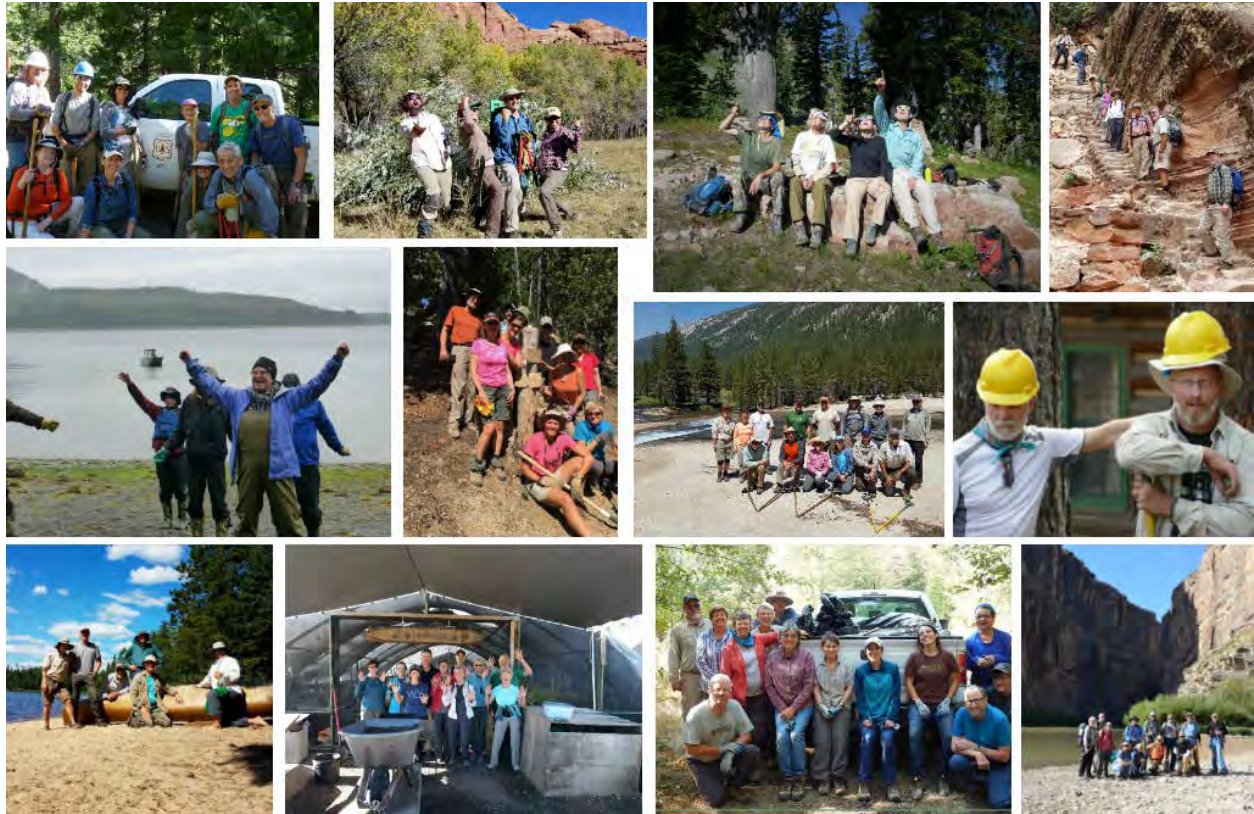
2017 marked our second year of an impactful scholarship fund to promote youth involvement in volunteer service. The Victor Nathan Siwa Memorial Scholarship helps young men and women get into the wilderness and give something back to our nation's public lands in memory of Victor Nathan Siwa.







## Some of Our Fantastic Volunteers



## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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 20 years we've contributed more than 303,000 total hours of volunteer labor on more than 850 service projects; providing labor worth more than \$7 million to our public lands.





## Our Public Lands







# WILDERNESS VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our amazing volunteers and supporters for a spectacular year of service!