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We thus take a moment to express our gratitude to you. And to share with you the success that, together, we've achieved.

We of course find ourselves nearing the final year of the Trump administration's term in office. Though the waters we navigate remain dark and uncharted, there's also a bright glow on the horizon. And so even as we celebrate the hard-fought gains of the past year, we also recommit ourselves, here, on these pages, to our mission and work in defense of the iconic West that we so dearly love and defend.

For the West,

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FIGHTING FOR OUR CLIMATE

MONUMENTAL WESTWIDE CLIMATE VICTORY

This year, our cutting-edge legal work led to a breakthrough court decision benefiting the climate, public health, and public lands. The victory impacts more than 450,000 acres in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah directly. For the first time, the government must account for the full scope of greenhouse gas emissions from oil, gas, and fracking development on public lands at a regional and national scale.

Where the case becomes monumental, however, is in its ripple effect. This new legal precedent has strong potential to transform the entire U.S. oil and gas leasing program for public lands. WELC pioneered this legal theory, and we intend to build on this huge win in the coming years.

OIL AND GAS DRILLING

We stopped an expansion of 8,000 new gas wells in New Mexico, defeating an industry-written rule change the former governor rush-approved in one of her final actions in office. The rule would have doubled the density of drilling in the Greater Chaco region. When a new administration took over, we seized the opportunity to ensure a public process that rightfully included Native voices. In Colorado, we defeated the approval of hundreds of fracking wells in the fertile North Fork Valley, holding the federal government accountable for its failure to analyze climate emissions and cumulative effects on mule deer, elk, and their habitat.



FIGHTING METHANE WASTE AND POLLUTION



Methane is a greenhouse gas 87 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Reducing its climate impact is a WELC priority and key first step in a broader campaign to transition away from fossil fuels. We helped lead coalition efforts to secure federal rules targeting oil and gas industry emissions of this climate super-pollutant. Later, we defeated several illegal Trump administration attempts to gut these rules. We're also advocating for strong methane policy in oil-rich New Mexico. WELC wrote detailed guidance on how the state should write new oil and gas pollution controls, earning endorsements from 20 state groups. Our staff also serves on the state's Methane Advisory Panel to maximize the climate impact of these rules.

TRANSITIONING FROM COAL POWER

We scored a victory against an expansion at the monstrous Spring Creek Mine, one of the largest strip mines in the United States and the world. The court ruled the Department of Interior, which issues such permits, failed to acknowledge that burning 84 million tons of coal from the mine expansion would cause billions of dollars of harm to the public.

In New Mexico, we are helping ensure the retirement of the massively polluting, coal-fired San Juan Generating Station. We're ensuring a new state law, the Energy Transition Act, is applied to the closure, providing maximum just transition funding for the community and workers. Closing the plant is a major victory for public health and the environment.



SPOTLIGHT: DEFENDING GREATER CHACO

Northwest New Mexico's Greater Chaco region is many things: the ancestral home to some of New Mexico's earliest Native peoples, sacred to the Hopi and Navajo, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is also home to living Navajo and other Native communities.

And it is one of the most heavily industrialized landscapes in the U.S. for oil and gas drilling, with over 40,000 historic wells. Oil and gas development in this area requires more water, releases more pollution, and comes with more intensive environmental impacts than traditional extraction.

Unmoved, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has for years facilitated a frantic Greater Chaco oil and gas rush, despite acknowledging the analysis it uses to justify drilling is flawed and outdated.

BLM's ongoing approval of leases in Greater Chaco relies on a 16-year-old management plan that explicitly omits analysis of horizontal drilling and multi-stage fracking as "economically infeasible."

These practices are now the industry standard, and more than 90 percent of the Greater Chaco region's public land is now leased for oil and gas extraction.

That means the agency has never studied the cumulative toll these new fracking techniques have on the region and the people who live there.

In 2015, we challenged oil and gas permits in Greater Chaco based on BLM's flawed analysis. We were crushed when we lost an early motion seeking to halt drilling. Nevertheless, we persisted. This spring we won our appeal, vindicating the hard work of our attorneys and excellent partners.

In an unusual move, however, the appeals court applied our victory only to parcels explicitly called out as examples in court documents. Never ones to accept partial justice, especially on something so important, we're rolling up our sleeves and heading back to federal court.



We are fully dedicated to protecting Greater Chaco's living communities and cultural resources from fossil fuel exploitation. We won't stop until we win permanent protections for this irreplaceable part of Native history and for the people who live there today.

This summer, we filed a new case targeting more than 270 additional oil and gas wells approved by BLM's Farmington Field Office. Many wells are within 10 miles of Chaco Culture National Historical Park and in close proximity to Navajo residents.

As we embark on phase two of this case, our efforts are helping fuel a wave of advocacy to protect the Greater Chaco region and its communities from fossil fuel exploitation.

This year, New Mexico's congressional delegation introduced a federal bill to prevent oil and gas leasing within 10 miles of Chaco Culture National Historical Park. In addition, the New Mexico Land Commissioner halted further leasing on state trust lands near the park. After a site visit to Chaco, even Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, a former oil and gas lobbyist and Trump appointee, promised to defer oil and gas leasing for one year within the 10-mile buffer around the park.

While these are all positive steps, Greater Chaco and its people have been unjustly overexploited for far too long. We will continue fighting for the strongest possible, permanent protections for Chaco, and a just transition for people and the community.



DEFENDING WILDLIFE

VICTORY PROTECTING LYNX FROM TRAPPING

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers an animal fur export program that facilitates widespread animal trapping. Despite a huge on-the-ground impact to animals—in 2014 alone the Service authorized the export of nearly 60,000 bobcat pelts—the program has had very little oversight. Traps are inherently indiscriminate, and threatened Canada lynx are often caught and killed in traps set for bobcats—a clear violation of the Endangered Species Act.

We took the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to court over this issue, and won. Now the Service must review its policies to better prevent Canada lynx from being wrongfully killed in traps set for bobcats.





ENDING BEAR BAITING IN GRIZZLY COUNTRY

Hundreds of pounds of human foods, such as doughnuts and bread, do not belong in the wild. But some hunters use these foods to attract and shoot black bears in a practice known as bear baiting. Not only does the practice violate “fair chase” hunting ethics, black bear baiting can attract grizzly bears and cause unwanted interactions with people.

New science reveals black bear baiting poses a serious threat to grizzly bears, threatening their recovery. Many grizzly bears have been killed at black bear baiting stations in national forests in Idaho and Wyoming, including the first grizzly seen in Idaho’s Bitterroot region since 1946. Just this September, a hunter killed a grizzly bear in northern Idaho, mistaking it for a black bear. We’re fighting to end these unnecessary grizzly bear deaths once and for all.

SAFEGUARDING THE SONORAN DESERT TORTOISE

The Sonoran desert tortoise is threatened with extinction and we are using the full power of the law to ensure this imperiled reptile receives full protection under the Endangered Species Act. With this protection, this tortoise will have a chance at survival.

Sonoran desert tortoises are found in desert scrub habitats in Arizona and Mexico, east and south of the Colorado River. They are struggling to survive due to climate change, habitat damage from livestock, invasive plants, urbanization, and other factors. We filed a lawsuit challenging the government’s denial of endangered species protections for the Sonoran desert tortoise. We want the government to take a closer look at the science and give this tortoise the federal protection it deserves before it is too late.





DEFENDING GRAY WOLVES

Gray wolves were nearly eradicated by the time the federal government granted them endangered species protections in 1975. Although reintroduction efforts have helped restore wolves in some places, wolf recovery is an ongoing process, and not yet complete. Indeed, gray wolves are found in only a fraction of their historic range and are not nearly recovered across the West Coast and southern Rocky Mountains. The science tells us that wolf recovery is being impeded by aggressive wolf hunting and lethal removal policies in states where wolf protections have already been removed.

Any day now we expect the Trump administration to announce its plans to strip gray wolves of endangered species protections nationwide. Premature delisting will only further impede wolf recovery efforts. As we have done for wolverine, Yellowstone's grizzly bears, and other wildlife, we are preparing a legal case to block any decisions for wolves that are based on politics rather than science.

VICTORY FOR SIERRA NEVADA FROGS AND TOADS

We defended the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's designation of 1.8 million acres of California's Sierra Nevada as critical habitat for the Yosemite toad and Sierra mountain yellow-legged frog. These special amphibians live in high elevation meadows and streams and they are threatened with extinction.

The Cattlemen's Association had challenged the critical habitat designation as it did not want these areas protected from adverse grazing impacts, but in the end conservation and science ruled the day. Thanks to our specialized legal skills we successfully defended the Service's designation, keeping all 1.8 million acres protected for these threatened amphibians.

PROTECTING BEAVERS AND THEIR ROLE IN THE WEST

In 2017, Wildlife Services killed more than 1.3 million non-invasive animals nationwide, including 956 beavers in California alone. We want to put an end to its rampant beaver killing. Wildlife Services' actions not only harm beavers, they interrupt the positive effects beavers have in restoring watersheds, including making watersheds healthier for wild salmon.

We pressured Wildlife Services in Oregon and California, and in response, the agency agreed to report on how its programs in both states affect aquatic wildlife in that area, rethink its lethal beaver management, and cease killing beavers in Oregon in the interim. We will continue to hold Wildlife Services accountable to the law.

VICTORY FOR RARE OREGON COASTAL SEABIRD

The best available science tells us without immediate action, the marbled murrelet, a small seabird that relies on old-growth and mature forests, will go extinct in the near future. Oregon listed the bird as threatened under state law in 1995. However, Oregon has allowed intensive clearcut logging to continue in marbled murrelet habitat on lands owned by the state.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to increase protections for the marbled murrelet, but later reversed that decision without explanation after a change in its membership. We sued and won, forcing the commission to either grant the murrelet needed protections, or rationally explain why the murrelet is not at risk of extinction.

SAFEGUARDING NATIVE SALMON AND TROUT

WELC is hard at work to restore salmon and steelhead access to nearly 200 miles of viable habitat in the Columbia River basin, on the Similkameen River in Washington. Access to that important habitat is blocked by Enloe Dam. After years of litigation over the impacts of an ill-conceived project to build a new hydropower facility at the long-dormant dam, we are encouraged that over the last year the dam owner has realized what we have known for nearly two decades: The proposed project makes no sense. Now, federal, state, and local decisionmakers have the opportunity to set the Similkameen river free. We will keep the pressure on to remove the dam and provide salmon and steelhead access to the excellent upstream habitat.

EXTINCTION'S OPPOSING COUNSEL

PROFILE OF WELC ATTORNEY MATT
BISHOP BY LAURA KING



Wildlife attorney Matt Bishop's office is covered in pictures, with almost no white space in between. Redolent with incense and anchored by several Buddhas, his office feels like a kind of temple, if temples chugged with funky, soft music and had elderly canine rugs that lifted their heads for occasional pets. It's a Friday afternoon, and Matt has agreed to sit down with me for an interview in the Helena, Montana office of the Western Environmental Law Center, where we both work. As he finishes tapping arguments into his computer ("may delist only if the best available science shows," "must provide a reasoned explanation for disregarding facts"), I check out his cheering section: posters of Ed Abbey, whose gaze insists courage needs no apology; Bob Dylan, eyes lowered as if sighting down the barrel of truth; John Muir, hands clasped behind his back, at home in Yosemite's vast rightness; and wolverines and lynx, caught by remote camera, but ready to stride out of obscurity on the path of Matt's typed page.

Leaving his computer, Matt joins me in a pair of upholstered armchairs next to case files stacked some 5 feet high and 9 feet wide—a monument of hard work. He's tall, with a face that's seen weather and a beard just this side of scruffy. Setting his large hands on his long legs, he has the disarming air of a gentle giant. But like mild-mannered Clark Kent,

his secret is he's a force of nature. Since 1998, Matt has won almost all of the 50-some cases he has brought as lead counsel in federal (and occasionally state) court, saving lynx, wolverine, Sonoran desert tortoises, bull trout, and Mexican wolves from trophy hunting, trapping, and paltry protections, and saving special places from intrusions like logging and off-road vehicles. In one of his latest wins, he and his co-counsel reinstated Endangered Species Act protections for grizzly bears in the Yellowstone region.

When I ask about his vision for his work, Matt describes an ideal future where wild ecosystems are interwoven with human communities. "I'd love to see bears in Colorado and across the Sierras," he says, his hands marking the air with goalposts. Bears are on his mind today, with appeal briefs in the grizzly suit scheduled to arrive this afternoon, but they're just one example of the "teeth in the scenery" Matt would like to see—a phrase from Doug Chadwick's *Wolverine Way*. He quotes the full passage with near-perfect memory: "If the living systems we choose to protect aren't large and strong and interconnected, then we aren't really conserving them. Not for the long term. Not with some real teeth in the scenery. We're just talking about saving nature while we settle for something less wild."

Matt's respect for wild life has been with him all his life. He doesn't know quite where it comes from, but he remembers his tears as a small boy on fishing trips when a fish was caught and its head smashed, and his resonance with his family's agreement to let a snag hang over their house because it was good woodpecker habitat.

Despite growing up in Montana surrounded with hunting culture, Matt himself doesn't have the "hunter's gene" (or even the angler's gene). As a child, plucking the sleek feathers from the first pheasant he shot, he remembers thinking he would rather just know the bird was out in the wild, raising young. And yet, as a wildlife attorney, he has found some of his closest allies in hunters.

When Matt was hired as a volunteer lawyer in the Taos, New Mexico office of WELC in 1998, he lived out of his '87 pop-top Volkswagen. Mornings before coming into the office, he communed with the subject of his work by splashing his face with the water of the Rio Grande.

Matt founded our Montana office after 10 years in Taos. Housed in old gold miner's quarters, the office has no central heat or AC, yet Matt's space is always the coolest of our offices in summer and the coziest in winter. Although this could be just a bit of climatic good fortune, it's actually a product of good systems, I think—which is emblematic of Matt. Whether it's windows and fans or facts and the law, his magic is that he has identified what works and he uses it. His list of victories is long because his list of must-dos is short (not to say easy): spend lots of time with the facts, call on scientific experts, avoid hypertechnical gotchas, and tell a simple, compelling story.

One of Matt's first and favorite clients were two jewelry makers, a couple, who sold their wares on a bridge spanning the Rio Grande Gorge and complained of a sand and gravel mining operation that the government had approved on the rim of

the Gorge, marring the spectacular view in violation of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Matt remembers the couple's palpable relief and profusion of thanks when they learned he would take their case—for free. Matt concluded the case in a settlement requiring the removal of the mine operation and the re-seeding of the site. It's a case that stands out to him because it shows how U.S. law empowers anyone to "sue the king—and see some real results," he says, his voice tinged with the sense of agency that the law confers.

Real results include striking on-the-ground changes, like reclamation of the gravel mining operation, or "the grizzly bear situation," Matt reflects. "Maybe there were twenty-plus grizzly bears that weren't shot this year as trophies thanks to the injunction," he says, and then his voice softens with reverence: "You can't put a price on that."

Real results also include the checks and balances provided by environmental lawyers who incrementally improve government decisionmaking through steady pressure. Wildlife and wild places urgently need both: both on-the-ground rescue and the grace of more thoughtful, reasoned government decisions. According to an independent intergovernmental report released last month, "Around 1 million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history."

Along with the other vignettes from his childhood, Matt tells of the time when, on a family float trip, his mother dived off the raft to save a prairie dog that had fallen into the water. I think something in Matt went with her—is still going with her. Annie Dillard said "You have to fling yourself at what you're doing, you have to point yourself, forget yourself, aim, dive." As I work in my office next to his, sometimes I think I can sense the disturbance in the air as Matt dives, with the slow, sure speed of litigation, after another sputtering species that has lost its grip on the unforgiving rock face of our times.

PUBLIC LANDS AND WATER

DEFENDING NATIONAL MONUMENT EXPANSION

Northern California and southern Oregon's Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is our only public monument designated for its biodiversity. President Clinton first protected the area in 2000 and President Obama, on the recommendation of a coalition of scientists, expanded it in 2017. It is truly an exceptional ecological wonder.

Instead of seeing a special place worth preserving, timber companies have long viewed Cascade-Siskiyou with dollar signs in their eyes—they even brought three separate lawsuits against the government, attempting to open President Obama's expansion to logging. This year, we successfully defeated the first of those lawsuits and we are now defending the expansion in the remaining two. We are fiercely dedicated to the protection of these important public lands.





FIGHTING FOR CLEANER WATERWAYS IN WASHINGTON

We are in court to force the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the Washington Department of Ecology to develop cleanup plans for thousands of rivers, streams, and Puget Sound that have long been identified as having unsafe levels of pollution. Further, we are using the power of the law to force the EPA to fix this program that has seriously failed and harmed Washington's waterways, communities, and wildlife.

STOPPING THE JORDAN COVE LNG TERMINAL AND PIPELINE IN OREGON

For more than a decade, we have worked to stop the Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas terminal and its Pacific Connector Pipeline, located in Oregon, defeating it twice before. Last year, developers tried yet again. We resumed our fight against this climate-killing project, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality denied the project a required water pollution certification this year. We are actively engaged and monitoring this project, and we are prepared to go to court if needed.

ADVOCATING FOR CLEAN WATER IN LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO


Downstream from the developed areas in Los Alamos County, including the Los Alamos National Laboratory, stormwater runoff is pushing levels of PCBs, copper, zinc, nickel, and gross gamma radiation off the charts. Some pollutants are 10,000 times public safety limits. We are taking the Environmental Protection Agency to court to force action to protect public health and water for the communities in Los Alamos County.

DEFENDING SPOKANE RIVER FLOWS

The Washington Department of Ecology controls how much water can be diverted from rivers such as the Spokane and, in effect, the amount of water that flows downstream. When Ecology set the Spokane River's flow rates below needed levels for wildlife and recreational use, we took legal action. We won this case, with the court directing Ecology to consider recreational and aesthetic use, a benefit for people and wildlife.



In 2019, WELC Public Lands Director Susan Jane Brown received the Wilburforce Foundation's Conservation Leadership Award. This award honors her years of hard work protecting wildlife and wildlands in the western United States and recognizes her outstanding leadership in the conservation movement. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated advocate fighting to defend our environment.



BANISHING CYANIDE BOMBS FROM PUBLIC LANDS NATIONWIDE

M-44 cyanide bombs are dangerous, cruel, and lethal baited poison devices used by Wildlife Services and western states to kill “nuisance wildlife.” But cyanide bombs also kill many non-target animals, pets, and even people due to their indiscriminate nature.

This year, we appealed to the Environmental Protection Agency to ban the poison in cyanide bombs from public lands—it is just too dangerous. Yet the Trump administration recently reauthorized the use of these devices, without due regard for public health and safety. Our expert attorneys are using the full power of the law to stop the use of dangerous, indiscriminate, and lethal M-44 cyanide bombs on public lands nationwide.

DEFENDING A BEDROCK ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

This year, the Trump administration's Forest Service attacked the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The proposed changes would dramatically curtail the role the public and science play in land management decisions on 193 million acres of national forest lands across the country.

The rollbacks would also create loopholes to increase the pace and scale of resource extraction, including logging and mining, all while limiting the scope of public awareness and input on proposed projects. The Forest Service would conduct project planning behind closed doors by cutting the public out of the decision-making process. We are fighting this proposal tooth and nail, with everything we've got.

FOREST COLLABORATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN OREGON

WELC is a committed participant in collaborative forest restoration, where diverse stakeholders work together to enhance forest ecosystem health, economic opportunities, and public safety. We belong to the Blue Mountains Forest Partners, the Deschutes Forest Collaborative, the Ochoco Collaborative, the Northern Blues Restoration Collaborative, and more.

In just one example of what collaborative forestry can accomplish, the Southern Blues Restoration Coalition project will create 154 new jobs and restore almost 272,000 acres of wildlife habitat. It isn't always easy to deliver the message of conservation in rural settings, but our work has already made an indelibly positive impact.

PROTECTING SONORAN DESERT NATIONAL MONUMENT

The Sonoran Desert National Monument in southwest Arizona is home to large saguaro cacti and three wilderness mountain ranges that provide excellent habitat for a range of wildlife including big horn sheep, pronghorn, and desert tortoise. The monument also contains significant archeological and historic sites.

But recreational target shooting is harming these wonderful Sonoran features. Currently, shooting is allowed in 90 percent of the monument despite an analysis by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) own scientists recommending prohibiting shooting within the monument entirely. We are now in court to force BLM to honor its analysis and to protect this delicate landscape.

STANDING UP FOR MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

The Flathead National Forest, bordering Glacier National Park, is a refuge for grizzlies, wolves, lynx, wolverine, bull trout, and other wildlife. We're challenging its revised forest plan, which controls logging, road building, and other activities, because it fails to protect these animals and their territory.

We're also challenging a 17,000-acre logging project in the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. More than 5,000 acres of logging is planned in two roadless areas near the Continental Divide that provide habitat for grizzlies, wolverine, and lynx. We are using the law to ensure protecting habitat for Montana's wildlife is a priority in forest management.





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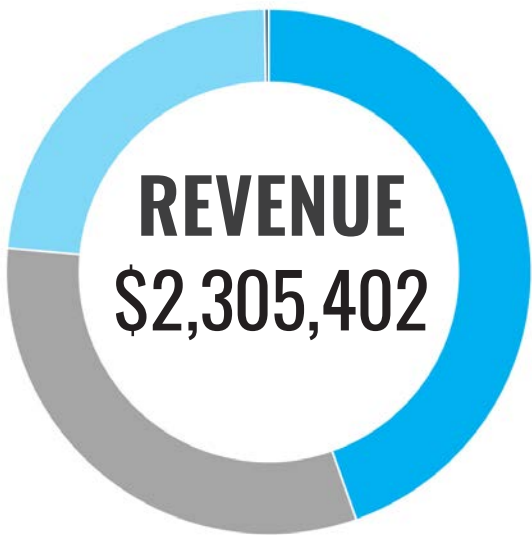
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Rocky Mountain Wild
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Rogue Flyfishers
Rogue Riverkeeper
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Western Watersheds Project
WildEarth Guardians
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Wilderness Workshop
Wildlands Network
Willamette Riverkeeper
Wolf Haven International
Wyoming Outdoor Council



FINANCIAL REPORT



Foundation Grants	\$1,028,000	45%
Contributions	\$734,603	32%
Program Services	\$536,894	23%
Investment & Other Income	\$5,905	< 1%



Program	\$1,838,120	83%
Administrative	\$224,413	10%
Fundraising	\$147,476	7%

Ending net assets: \$2,405,624.
Audited financials from 2018.



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