

2024 TO 2025
ANNUAL
REPORT



Aerial photo of the Siuslaw National Forest. Photo by David Herasimtschuk.

A photograph of a lush, old-growth forest. Tall, slender trees with textured bark and moss are visible. The ground is covered in dense green ferns. The atmosphere is misty and ethereal.

OUR MISSION

**Cascadia Wildlands defends
and restores Cascadia's wild
ecosystems in the forests, in
the courts, and in the streets.**

Old-growth area deep within the Siuslaw National Forest. Photo by David Herasimtschuk.

At Cascadia Wildlands, Still We Fight. Still We Win.

The past year has been chaotic to say the least. The Trump Administration has waged an aggressive assault on our planet, on our democracy, and on the most vulnerable members of our community. It is natural to feel overwhelmed by the daily barrage of bad news and by the sheer scale of the problems we face.

But there is reason to be hopeful. Cascadia Wildlands and numerous other hardworking organizations are continuing to make real and meaningful progress. Every victory, no matter how small or how local, pushes our lines forward and demonstrates the value of our efforts. Our opponents are not nearly as invincible as they would like us to think.

Earlier this year, in the span of just one month, Cascadia Wildlands won back-to-back-to-back legal victories against three massive illegal logging operations. In the face of the President's call to ramp up timber production on public lands, these precedent-setting cases halted the federal government's reckless logging practices and saved tens of thousands of acres of mature and old-growth forests from being cut down.

At the same time, wolves continue to make a historic comeback in our region. Oregon's population now stands at over 200 confirmed wolves in 25 documented packs, the highest numbers in modern history and a 15 percent increase from last year. Some of our most iconic rivers, choked for decades by dams, are now running free for the first time in our lifetimes.

Even in Washington DC, there are unmistakable signs that grassroots organizing and public pressure can have a real impact on those who are in power. The so-called "big beautiful bill" was set to privatize millions of acres of public lands across the western United States, but a last-ditch outpouring of public opposition forced Congress and the Trump Administration to abandon this particularly awful part of the legislation.

There is no denying that threats are everywhere, and that more are coming. But there is also no denying that these threats can be defeated, and that there is enormous value in our trying. So in the face of all this chaos, Cascadia Wildlands will continue to do what it does best. We will fight for the places we love. We will stand for the people and communities that call Cascadia home. We will keep it wild, finding joy in every act of resistance and inspiration in every victory. We are thrilled to have you with us.

Wildly,



Dan Kruse
Board President



WildCAT standing near an old-growth cedar tree at the Blue and Gold timber sale outside of Roseburg, OR.

Forest & Watershed Protection

Cascadia Wildlands challenges destructive logging projects targeting mature and old-growth forests in western Oregon. We review proposals, conduct field checks, file objections, and take legal action when needed. Under this new administration, we are dealing with unprecedented attacks on our public lands. Together with our allies, we've successfully defended beloved watersheds and continue to push for forest policies that protect these ecosystems with a long-term vision of conservation.

Highlights over the past year include:

- Stopping a suite of mature and old-growth forest timber sales on federal public land in western Oregon through grassroots organizing and litigation
- Bringing together conservation and Tribal communities to make long needed improvements to the Northwest Forest Plan. Note: no final decisions yet, but important relationships were created that will lead to forest health improvement in the long-term
- Legal victories stopping irreparable damage to public forests on the N126, Siuslaw Harvest Land Base, and IVM timber sales across the state of Oregon
- Successfully urging the State Land Board to approve a forest management plan for the Elliott State Research Forest
- Launched a slate of new challenges including the Blue and Gold and Last Chance timber sales. These challenges are informed by extensive field checking thanks to our amazing team of WildCATS



Beavers feasting on fennel. Photo by Cheryl Renolds.

Cascadia Wildlife

The Pacific Northwest's iconic species — including the marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, and multiple salmon populations — continue to face threats from habitat degradation and other human-caused pressures. Through strong partnerships and coalition work, Cascadia Wildlands is helping shift the momentum, and we're excited to share some key victories from the past year.

Highlights over the past year include:

- Seeing an encouraging 15% increase in the Oregon gray wolf population after years of advocacy
- Working closely with allies via the Pacific Wolf Coalition and Oregon Wildlife Coalition
- Advocated for and achieved the passage of key legislation with the beaver and water quality state bill (HB 3932). This bill will protect beavers and waterways by prohibiting trapping and hunting on impaired water bodies on public lands in Oregon
- Launched a lawsuit against Eugene's Water and Electric Board (EWEB) for ongoing violations of the Endangered Species Act for failure to provide effective fish passage for bull trout and Chinook salmon
- Launched a lawsuit with allies against the US Fish and Wildlife Service for failure to list the Northern Coast population of the red tree vole as a protected species under the Endangered Species Act



*Cascadia Wildlands Field & Organizing Manager
at a rally to protect public lands.*

Climate Defense

Scientific consensus tells us that halting runaway climate change is essential for the survival of both land and water species. Cascadia Wildlands is actively working to stop the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in our region and to protect the vast carbon reserves held within our remaining mature and old-growth forests.

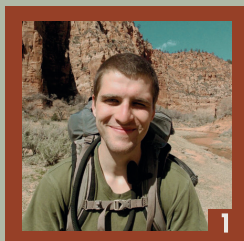
Highlights over the past year include:

- Advancing strategies to aid the just transition off fossil fuels in buildings in Eugene via our leadership role in the Fossil Free Eugene coalition
- Co-hosting weatherization workshops attended by renters and low-income residents in the Eugene/Springfield area as part of our work with Fossil Free Eugene
- Launching Fossil Free Eugene paid youth internships to continue to create mentorship opportunities and elevate youth voices in the climate defense movement
- Continuing to place organizational focus on proactive climate defense, increasing community power and resilience by including climate science in all of our forest defense work

IT'S
TIME FOR A
FOSSIL FREE EUGENE

Cultivating the Next Generation of Public Interest Environmental Attorneys

With the generous support of the Evergreen Hill Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, our legal team is mentoring a trio of outstanding summer law clerks with the goal of helping cultivate the next generation of public interest environmental attorneys in Cascadia.



1 Danny Billick (he/him)
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW

2 Dara Evans (she/her)
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW

3 Nicole Morshead (she/her)
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW

Return of the Hoedown

In April, in collaboration with the Mud City Old-Time Society, Cascadia Wildlands brought back our beloved Hoedown with generous support from the City of Eugene. Held at the vibrant Farmers Market Pavilion, the event buzzed with energy as the Humbug Mountain String Band kept feet stomping and spirits high. Attendees enjoyed local libations from Gratitude Brewing and Opine Cellars, and those looking for a break from the dance floor joined in sack races, garden games, a seed swap, and stocked up on plant starts for the season. With food from Sammitch food truck and activities for all ages, the Hoedown was a joyful celebration of community and Cascadian culture. Mark your calendars for Spring 2026 because we're already looking forward to next year's gathering and you do not want to miss it!

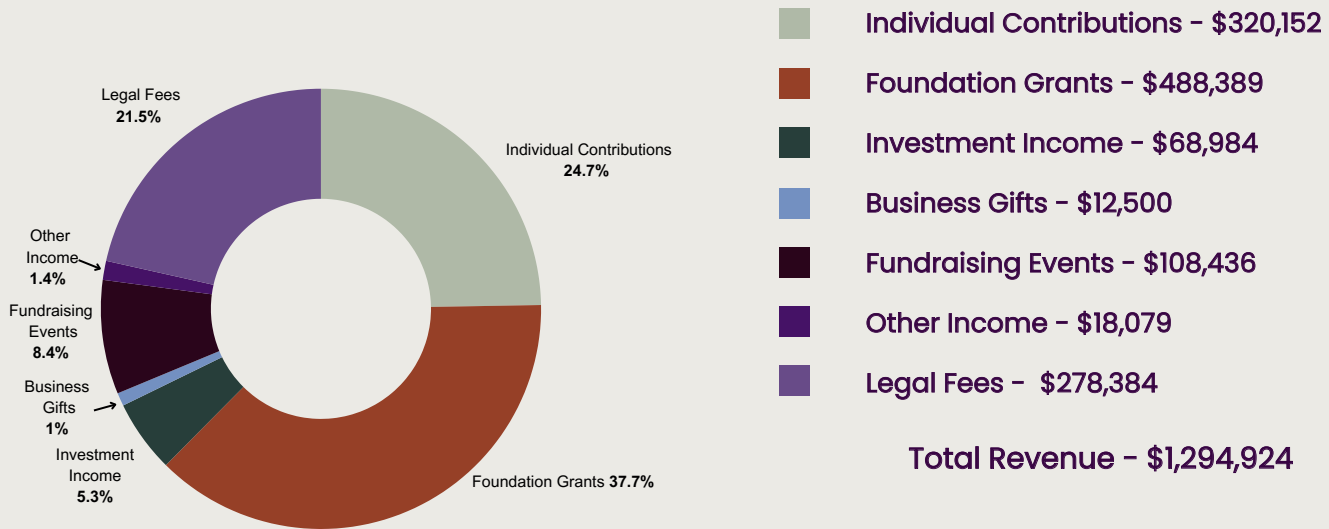


Hoedown Guests trotting around the dance hall to the sound of Humbug Mountain String Band.

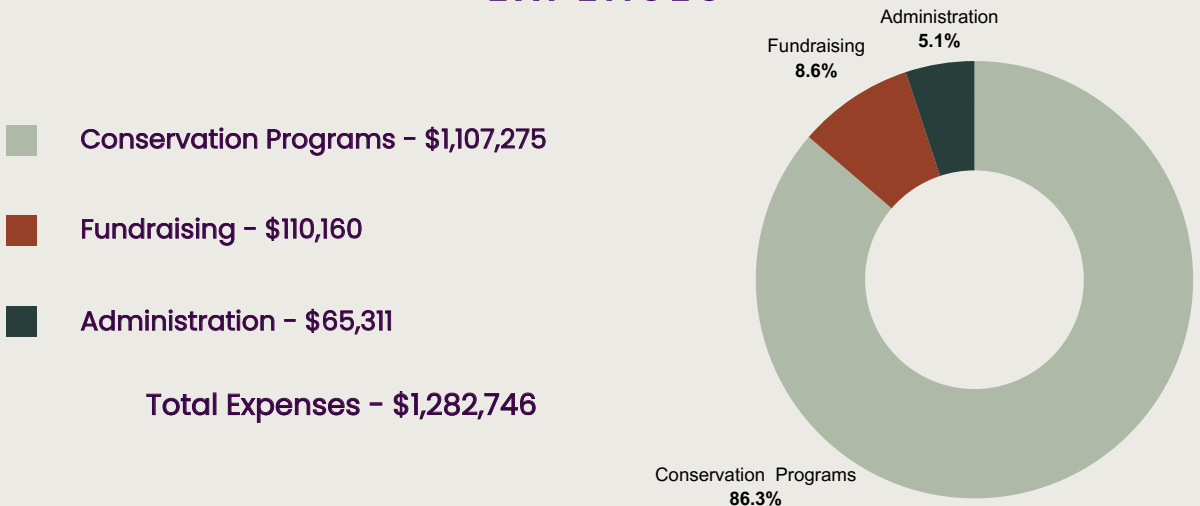
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BY THE NUMBERS

REVENUE



EXPENSES





"I'm so thrilled to play a part in Cascadia Wildlands through monthly giving. They have incredible knowledge and skills to effectively defend sacred old-growth forests and diverse lifeforms that make up our bioregion. It's a perilous time for Oregon ancient forests to continue their vital roles in our ecosystem, including mitigating climate change.

Cascadia Wildlands understands what's at stake and has the skills to address the challenges we're facing."

ANGELA VAN PATTEN
MONTHLY DONOR

"When our son passed away we found that our friends and family wanted a tangible way to remember him. Cascadia Wildlands provided us with an opportunity to commemorate our child's life and make meaningful contributions to the future.

Later we added Cascadia Wildlands to our estate planning to leave a legacy to support climate action, forest conservation, and fight to preserve the cool, clear waters of the PNW."

DONNA & JON SAVITZ
LEGACY GIVERS



"There was a tree-sitting forest defender from Trinity California named Madi Rae Roofl — she was my best friend, my confidant, made my heart a better place, and shaped me into who I am today. She passed away in 2021.

Now every time I volunteer with Cascadia Wildlands, I stand in solidarity with her work. Through actions big and small, I'm in it for the collective liberation of us all."

J. HEMLOCK
WILDCAT VOLUNTEER



Group of WildCATS appreciating an old-growth tree in the Blue and Gold timber sale near Roseburg, OR.

Thank You

We're profoundly thankful for your support. Your generosity directly fuels the protection of public lands, wildlife, and the Cascadia bioregion. In the face of climate chaos and corporate overreach, your donations help us defend mature and old-growth forests, protect imperiled species, and fight for a more stable climate. Your commitment drives our advocacy and powers our wins—thank you for standing with us.

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Together, we are able to work toward a more sustainable and equitable future with vast old-growth forests, rivers full of wild salmon, wolves howling in the backcountry, a stable climate, and vibrant community sustained by the unique landscapes of the Cascadia bioregion.

BUSINESSES

While we cannot name them all, we are indebted to many businesses for their reliable partnership:

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DONATE MONTHLY: Set up a direct account transfer (ACH) and become part of our Keystone Circle monthly donor program. This method is the most efficient way to give your support and ensures your entire gift goes to us.

GIVE THROUGH YOUR IRA: If you are at least 72 years old, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your IRA to Cascadia Wildlands. This avoids the tax consequences of the Required Minimum Distribution while supporting your favorite non-profit!

DONATE STOCK: Cascadia Wildlands works with Fidelity (DTC #: 0226) to facilitate stock donations. Our account number is: Z40191931.

MAKE A BEQUEST: Naming Cascadia Wildlands in your will as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan or life insurance plan will accomplish a charitable goal while realizing significant tax savings.

DONATE CRYPTOCURRENCY: You can help Cascadia Wildlands' mission by donating crypto. The process on our website is fast, secure, and donating crypto allows you to enjoy tax savings on the gains.

CONSIDER LIFE INCOME GIFTS: Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts are two options to facilitate income for the remainder of a donor's life or a specified number of years, while obtaining an income or estate tax benefit. At passing, remaining funds are gifted to Cascadia Wildlands.

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WildCATS field check the Blue and Gold timber sale outside of Roseburg, OR.