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2015 Annual Report

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Our Mission:

The Fund for Wild Nature invests in bold grassroots organizations and innovative conservation efforts that meet emerging needs for protecting biodiversity and wilderness. The Fund for Wild Nature is supported entirely by donations from individuals like you. We have no endowment – our ability to make grants depends upon the continuing generosity of our contributors. We invite you to join our many donors whose contributions are making a tremendous difference for wild nature. All donations to the Fund are tax-deductible and may be made on our website.

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FROM THE BOARD

Endless pressure, endlessly applied. Endless pressure, endlessly applied. - Brock Evans, President, Endangered Species Coalition

The answer to the question, "How do you prevail in the struggle to protect ecosystems and biodiversity when the opposition is so formidable and well-funded?" is indelibly etched in my brain since the day Brock Evans whispered it in a speech nearly two decades ago. That's because, as it turns out, he was right.

Year after year Fund for Wild Nature grantees, most of them volunteer-driven with shoestring budgets, go up against extraordinary odds to right legal wrongs, change public policy, and mobilize communities in the name of protecting wild nature. For most, the victories do not occur in a single grant cycle or even two. They take years, sometimes decades of relentless work by passionate people who know the fight is long but worth the prize. Along the way, progress is made and the wins add up to biodiversity protection.

This annual report is filled with inspiring organizations all over the country that are in it to win it for biodiversity. They are courageous, creative, and vigilant - and that makes them effective. These organizations are able to apply endless pressure to defend and protect wild nature because of your loyal financial support. Thanks for being as vigilant as our grantees in the fight to protect wild nature. We appreciate that you have stayed with the fight over the years, right along with the groups on the front line.

At the Fund for Wild Nature, we believe in the power of people to affect positive social change in the face of overwhelming adversity, and we believe that our team effort will continue to protect wild places and wild things so that this incredibly rich life on earth can continue. But remember, it takes endless pressure, endlessly applied, so stay with us!

Tracy Davids
Fund for Wild Nature Board of Directors

Grassroots Activist of the Year: Camilla Fox



environments.

This year the Fund for Wild Nature honors the courageous and innovative work in defense of wild predators by Camilla Fox. Camilla directs Project Coyote, the national grassroots organization based in the Bay Area that has fought relentlessly on behalf of coyotes, foxes, cougars, bears, bobcats and wolves in wild, rural and urban

Under Fox's creative leadership, Project Coyote has played a lead role in exposing and challenging the lethal and ethically degraded killing sprees of Wildlife Services, a vicious branch of the US Department of Agriculture which traps, poisons and shoots millions of animals every year, a killing program that Wildlife Services officials chillingly refer to as "mowing the grass." Operating a lean budget and largely volunteer network of activists, Project Coyote has challenged the scientific rationale behind these predator killing regimes across the country.

Fox has a particular fondness for coyotes, which she calls the "most maligned and misunderstood animal in America." Coyotes the most ubiquitous and adaptable predator on the continent have been subjected to sadistic treatment by ranchers and government killing agents. They have been trapped, poisoned, bombed and burnt alive in their dens. Fox's organization has successfully targeted coyote killing contests in California and Oregon. She has also worked to change public attitudes toward

coyotes and other predators. In Calabasas, California, Project Coyote convinced City officials to re-allocate \$30,000 a year from a trapping scheme to the humane management of coyotes, a program which relies largely on public education and improved waste management. In San Francisco, Fox and her allies convinced city managers to close off portions of city parks to protect denning coyotes.

Among Fox's more notable achievements: a lawsuit challenging trapping in Maine, where threatened lynx were being killed; successfully closing loopholes in California's wildlife rules that permitted wildlife killing contests; offering compelling testimony at hearings which secured California Endangered Species Act protections for the gray wolf; and leading a successful campaign to ban trapping of bobcats in California.

For her zealous work and unrivaled dedication to wild predators, the Fund for Wild Nature is proud to honor Camilla with a \$1000 check and a golden badger statue in recognition of her selection as our Grassroots Activist of the Year.



2015 Grantees

New grantees are underlined

Arizona Mining Coalition: (AZ) \$3,000

Continued support to protect the greater Oak Flat watershed from Rick Tintos's proposed destructive mining project.

Balloons Blow: (FL) \$1,500

Funding to provide free educational materials to schools and community groups on the destructive effects of balloon releases on wildlife and to promote an ecologically conscious lifestyle.

Battle Creek Alliance: (CA) \$3,000

Provides support to raise awareness about the impacts of clearcutting salvage logging, and subsequent herbicide usage on the public trust resources of water, air, soil, climate, and wildlife.

Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project: (OR) \$3,000

Continued support for field-surveying timber sales, BLM livestock and USFS allotments; potential litigation on 3 timber sales; public outreach and organizing a network for public lands protection.

Center for Environmental Equity: (OR) \$1,200

Support for public intervention to stop or limit the proliferation of mines using chemical extraction of minerals from public lands.

Chattooga Conservancy, Inc.: (GA) \$2,000

Funding for protection of two roadless wildlands – the Overflow Wilderness Study Area and the Terrapin Mountain Area in the Chattooga watershed – from road construction and logging threats.



Citizens for LA Wildlife: (CA) \$2,000

Support for a Barn Owl Nesting Program to promote owls as an alternative to rodenticide and move toward eliminating the use of rodent poison in Los Angeles.

Civil Liberties Defense Center: (OR) \$3,000

Funding to support, empower, and educate climate justice groups, including Tar Sands Blockade, Great Plains Tar Sands Resistance, Peaceful Uprising, and Rising Tide North America.

Conservation Congress: (MT) \$3,000

Supports comment, objection, and litigation of timber sales that violate federal environmental laws in northern California, especially Endangered Species Act enforcement for the Northern Spotted Owl.

**Friends of Clearwater: (ID) \$2,500**

Support for a project to monitor timber sales and influence plan revision to prevent increased logging in the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests.

Eco Advocates: (OR) \$2,500

Funding for the Senator Wyden Accountability Project that includes Portland radio ads and an Interstate 5 billboard to expose his attacks on the Clean Water Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

Friends of Knowland Park: (CA) \$2,000

Funding for legal counsel and public relations to preserve, protect, and promote Knowland Park against a misguided Zoo expansion into the biodiverse public park.

Friends of the Sea Otter: (CA) \$1,500

Funding for a new strategy to achieve recovery and re-establish sea otters in critical ecosystems.

**GOAL: (MT) \$3,000**

Support for a Tribal Coalition to keep grizzly bears on the Endangered Species list, prevent hunting and trapping, protect habitat, and define grizzly bear recovery.

Kentucky Heartwood: (KY) \$3,000

Supports the Forest Watch program of project reviews, monitoring advocacy, and public education to protect the Daniel Boone National Forest and Land Between the Lakes against harmful management practices.

Klamath Forest Alliance: (CA) \$2,500

Funding for documenting impacts of grazing on water quality with a focus on two wilderness allotments in the Klamath Mountains with the goal to eliminate grazing.

NEST: (OR) \$3,000

Support for surveys and legal action to halt logging on ancient and native forests and to create a culture that encourages preservation of the wild.

Patagonia Area Resource Alliance: (AZ) \$3,000

Funding for monitoring, outreach, and litigation to protect the critically threatened Patagonia Mountains from mining exploration and mineral drilling.

RATS: (CA) \$3,000

Continued support of the O.W.L. program to persuade businesses, municipalities, pest control companies, and consumers to use rodent control that is safe for wildlife.

RESTORE: THE NORTH WOODS: (ME) \$2,000

Ongoing funds for preventing rollbacks of existing protection laws, opposing destructive industrial activities, and building public support for a Maine Woods National Park.

Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative: (CO) \$3,000

Support for organizing citizen responses to five BLM travel plans covering four million acres with the goal of closing roadless areas to ORVs and restoring fragmented landscapes.

San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council: (CO) \$2,800

Support for litigation and a buy-out strategy to stop the destructive Village at Wolf Creek and protect important lynx and wildlife corridor habitat.

Snake River Waterkeeper: (ID) \$500

Funding to protect, restore, and sustain waters of the Snake River Basin through monitoring and Clean Water Enforcement.

Southern Plains Land Trust: (CO) \$3,000

Continued support for protecting native species and ecosystems on public lands in the Southern Plains and helping prairie dogs survive and thrive.

Swan View Coalition: (MT) \$3,000

Support to enforce Flathead National Forest motorized road/trail closures and reclamation standards to protect wildlife, especially standards for bull trout and wolverine.

Upper Missouri Waterkeeper: (MT) \$500

Funding to invalidate a recently adopted variance on water quality standards in Montana that would exempt every nutrient discharger from complying with pollution controls under the Clean Water Act.

Utah Rivers: (UT) \$2,500

Support to fight a massive proposed diversion of Colorado River water with a Lake Powell Pipeline that would impact hundreds of species of fish and wildlife across the Southwest.

Western Lands Project: (WA) \$2,000

Support for the Quarterly Project Monitoring that protects and preserves public lands through monitoring federal land exchanges and sales.

Wild Equity: (CA) \$2,500

Funding for litigation against Sharp Park Golf Course to protect the San Francisco garter snake and Lange's metalmark butterfly at Antioch Dune National Wildlife Refuge.

Wildlands Defense: (ID) \$3,000

Support for protection of the Great Basin juniper and sagebrush vegetation and wildlife communities from destruction and fragmentation.

Wild West Institute: (MT) \$2,500

Ongoing support for the Public Lands Project to mobilize public and political support to protect the Northern Rockies Bioregion through watershed and wildland fire restoration.

Yellowstone to Uintas Connection: (ID) \$3,000

Continuing support for pressuring agencies to address habitat quality in relation to mining, timber, off-road vehicles, and livestock grazing in the Bear River Range portion of the Yellowstone to Uintas Corridor.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 2015 Financial Position

Assets	\$65,597
Liabilities	\$35,969
Net Assets	\$29,628

2015 Statement of Activities

<u>Support and Revenue</u>	
Contributions, unrestricted	\$142,359
Contributions, restricted (Wild Nature Institute)	\$1,579
Investment Income	\$55
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$143,993
<u>Expenses</u>	
Grants awarded	\$81,079
Administration and Fundraising	\$26,624
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$107,703
Change in Net Assets	\$36,290

December 31, 2015 Financial Position

Assets	\$80,736
Liabilities	\$14,817
Net Assets	\$65,918