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From the Director

Diane Garcia, Executive Director



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In many ways, our new tag line embodies our mission more than any other words: to serve not only the plants and animals on the lands we share, but to ensure that the people who support us connect to those lands in meaningful ways.

No year has exemplified these values more than 2016. The Heart of the Rogue campaign was the culmination of 38 years of passion, work, commitment and leadership. Our staff, board, trustees, landowners, members, friends and funders made the year one that will go down in our history.

Thanks to you, there will be a place—the Rogue River Preserve—that connects all of us... forever.

For the Land,

Diane



“Whether it’s knocking out a wall of scotch broom or clearing English ivy from a forest, our youth wrap up their days dirty, tired, and affirmed, having performed a service for the environment and completed a task with their team.” ~ Abby Nichols, Youth Crew Leader Specialist at WorkSource

Land Conservation and Young Adults: A Powerful Partnership



Conserved lands give back in so many ways. Forests, farms and grasslands all offer solitude, wildlife habitat, and a means to generate income. Conserved lands that Southern Oregon Land Conservancy steward provide opportunities for people at every stage in life. Our conserved lands offer hands-on stewardship partnerships to local and national organizations, including the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) and WorkSource Rogue Valley.

We were fortunate to be granted a team of 10 NCCC members fresh out of school and ready to work in the community. For three weeks last year, these young adults worked on properties from the Siskiyou Crest to the Rogue River to the Illinois Valley, helping enhance habitat as well as assisting other younger volunteers to do the same.

WorkSource Oregon is another great organization that provides support and work experience for out-of-school youth and young adults ages 16–24 years old through public and private partnerships. Throughout the year, WorkSource brings clients to SOLC work parties. These young people help restore habitat, pull invasive weeds, and plant seedlings.

We’re so grateful to all these young workers who contribute to restoring conserved lands in Southern Oregon and bring fresh, enthusiastic energy to our work.





“We are so grateful to SOLC for giving us the opportunity to help conserve this unique property. While there has been ranching and recreation here, we see conservation as the absolute best use of this land. By partnering with SOLC we are thrilled to have made a lasting contribution to conservation in the Rogue Valley.”



Landowners Maria, Alicia and John MacArthur

~ Maria MacArthur

The focus of 2016 was our first land acquisition through the Heart of the Rogue campaign. Our intention was to raise enough money to purchase and permanently care for what would become the Rogue River Preserve-352 acres along the Rogue River 15 miles north of Medford. We had an ambitious goal: \$3.5 million. Thanks to the support of the community, members, grantors, Carlyn and Patrick Duffy, and our state and federal partners, we exceeded that goal by the end of the year. In total, we raised over \$3,580,000! In 2017, the Rogue River Preserve will become a reality.

Our plans for the Preserve are simple. Conservation is our number one goal. We will carefully manage the diverse habitats on the preserve to improve conditions for plants, wildlife, and the river. Hikes and outings will continue to be offered so we can share this magnificent land with you. And, once again, our member picnic will be at the Preserve. Scientific research will continue and expand, so we can learn and share the discoveries about this special place with others.

In the first year of our ownership, we plan to make a limited number of property improvements such as a parking area, restroom, fencing and signage. Longer-term goals include building trails and educational areas and the eventual remodel of the summer cabin by the river. A management plan is in the works and will include these uses and others as permitted by our funding agreements. SOLC will own the property for a long, long time. With careful consideration and community input, we'll ensure that the Rogue River Preserve is a place that meets the needs of both people and nature!

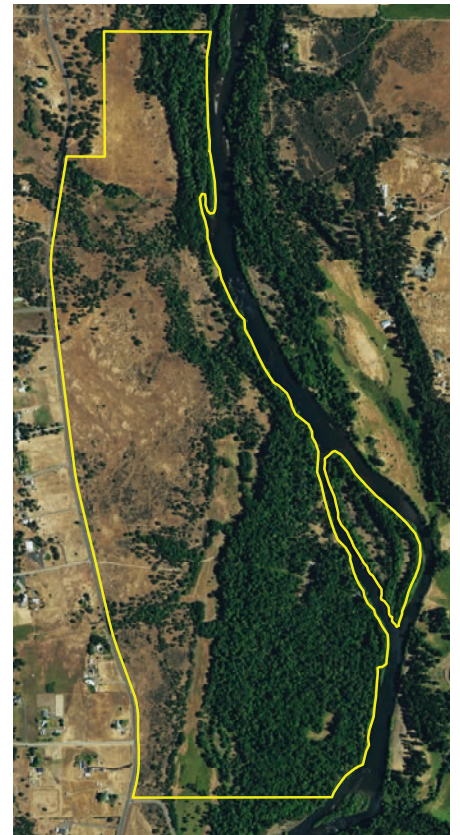
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Reaching Out to connect with and learn from the land and each other.



Students on the Land

Our Loving the Land program, now in its 12th year, has engaged over 3,000 students from the Ashland and Talent/Phoenix school districts in a hands-on exploratory day guided by passionate volunteers. We also hosted 70 students from the Oregon Episcopal School for a work party on the Siskiyou Summit and kept John Muir School students busy on restoration and trail building projects on conserved lands. These experiences connect youth to nature, teach them how to work together, and help them understand the important role they play in caring for our environment.



Diggin' In Work Parties

What better way to get the feel of land conservation than to volunteer, roll up your sleeves and dig in. From pulling English ivy in the Jacksonville Woodlands and scotch broom at Rogue River Preserve to planting trees at Williams Creek Reserve, there was always good, fun work to be done at the many work parties that were held in 2016. Oh, and by the way, snacks are always provided!

Hikes and other Explorations

Vernal pool fairy shrimp hunts at Rogue River Preserve. Bird outings at Oredson-Todd Woods. Wildflowers and butterflies on the Siskiyou Summit. We offered over 50 hikes, outings and community events last year, and over 1,000 enthusiastic people participated! What better way to learn about and enjoy conserved lands!



Conservation Group Partnerships

Our conservation work often involves working with other organizations to pool our resources and energies to accomplish our goals. Many thanks to the groups below and many others who helped us accomplish big things last year, including meeting our goal to acquire the Rogue River Preserve: The Nature Conservancy, Rogue Basin Partnership, The Native Plant Society, Siskiyou Field Institute, Rogue Valley Audubon Society, Rogue Flyfishers and the Willamette Partnership, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, Land Trust Alliance and the Pacific Crest Trail Association.

2016 financial snapshot

Revenue

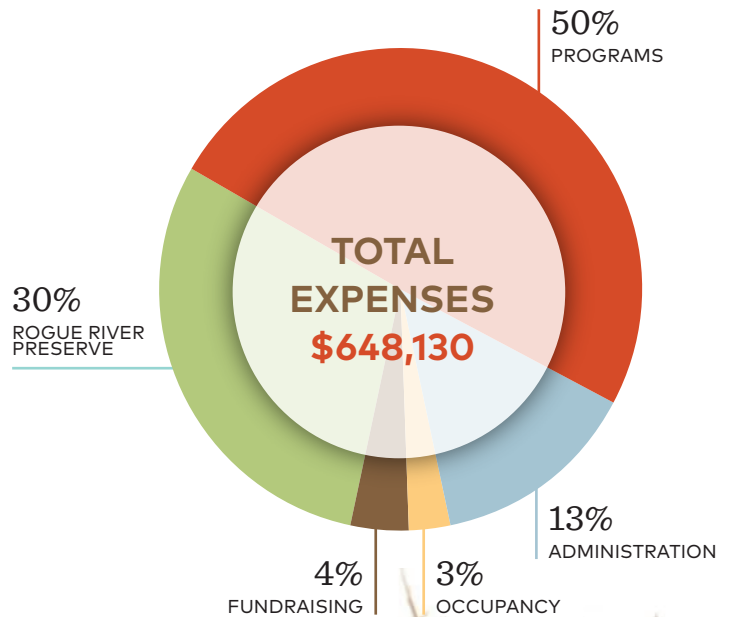
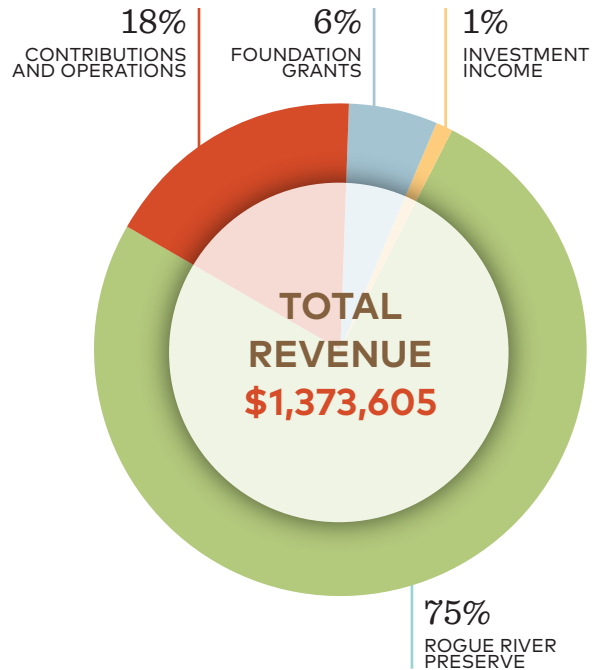
Contributions to operations	\$240,312
Foundation Grants	\$77,060
Investment Income	\$17,864
Rogue River Preserve	\$1,038,369
Total Revenue	\$1,373,605

Expenses

Programs	\$321,504
Administration	\$90,290
Occupancy	\$17,156
Fundraising	\$25,000
Rogue River Preserve Administration	\$61,500
Rogue River Preserve Programs	\$48,500
Rogue River Preserve Fundraising	\$84,180
Total Expenses	\$648,130

Fund Balances

Stewardship	\$444,908
Endowment	\$6,046
Mitigation Bank Endowment	\$73,510
General Fund (Reserve & Lands Projects)	\$180,090
Cash Accounts	\$22,924
Rogue River Preserve (Restricted)	\$741,361
Total Fund Balances & Cash Accounts	\$1,468,839



FINANCE



If you love numbers and money, this committee is for you. It meets quarterly and is responsible for managing the assets of SOLC, ensuring adequate resources are available and providing guidance to the budget process.

We're grateful to these volunteers:

Rick Barth	Paul Hill
Keith Emerson (Treasurer)	Julie Lockhart



Frank Lospalluto

Thanks to all the people who made 2016 a fantastic year!

Many talented and inspiring people come together each year to make Southern Oregon Land Conservancy a vibrant and successful organization. A big shout out to everyone!

Yay volunteers!

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who support our work and provide expertise, time, ideas and passion to further land conservation. We are grateful for every hour spent mowing, clearing trails, pulling weeds, surveying, leading hikes, sharing knowledge, attending meetings, and advocating for conservation.

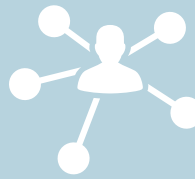


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Dan O'Connor	Bill Thorndike
Kara Olmo	Sam Whitford
Jud Parsons	

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Connections, connections, connections. This committee is charged with bringing strong and passionate leaders to the Board and Trustee Council and meet as needed throughout the year.

We're grateful to these volunteers:

Pat Acklin · Eric Poole · Kevin Talbert



Board Members: Front left: Barbara Allen, Pat Acklin, Molly Morison. Back left: Dan Kellogg, Julie Lockhart, Eric Poole, Keith Emerson, Jeff Beaupain and Kevin Talbert. Not pictured are Donald Rubenstein and Charles Bennett.

With gratitude to all of our members and supporters!

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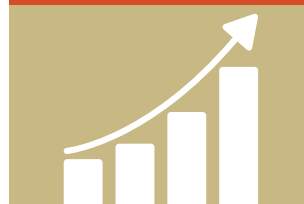
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