



# WALLOWA RESOURCES 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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# 2020 Highlights

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### Wallowa Canyonlands Partnership

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### My Blue Mountains Woodlands

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### Northern Blues Forest Collaborative

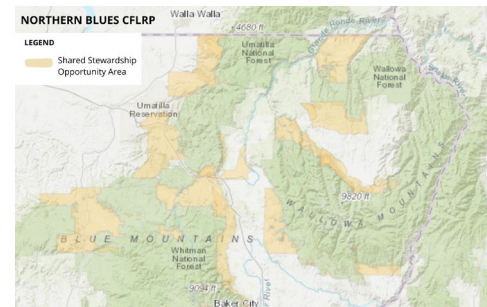
Jeff Costello

### Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition (RVCC)

Karen Hardigg  
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## Northern Blue Mountains Forest Restoration

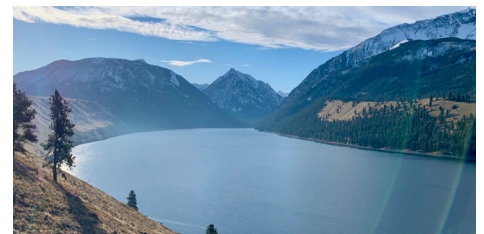
Building from our coordinating role for the public and private forestland partnerships in Northeast Oregon, Wallowa Resources played a central role in the successful design and development of a USDA [Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program \(CFLRP\)](#) proposal spanning 10 million acres of the northern Blue Mountains.



Our proposal was ranked #1 nationally, and was the only award made in FY 2020. The CFLRP alone will provide \$2.7 million in 2021, and up to \$40 million over the next ten years, for forest restoration work across the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. Our private forest landowner partnership has secured an additional \$15 million in Farm Bill funding to support complementary work on adjacent private and tribal land.

## East Moraine Campaign Success

Following over a decade of negotiations, the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership (comprised of Wallowa County, Wallowa Land Trust, Wallowa Resources, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department) successfully acquired 1,791 acres of the East Moraine, encompassing approximately 60 percent of this iconic ice-age landscape. The Partnership had one year to raise \$6.6 million. Now publicly-owned, this land will serve as a valuable example of community forestry and rangeland management, while protecting critical habitat and providing continued opportunities for community use and access.



## Launch of the Rural Engagement and Vitality (REV) Center

In the spring of 2020, Wallowa Resources launched the [Rural Engagement & Vitality \(REV\) Center](#) in partnership with Eastern Oregon University. Since its inception, the REV has employed a total of twelve interns, working across three counties. It is building more opportunities to create direct pathways for employment for students, training programs, and recruitment for local employers in our communities.



## Changing Times

2020 brought significant challenges, and we're grateful to our staff and community for their adaptability and resilience. In response to the emerging pandemic, Wallowa Resources:

- Adapted our Youth Stewardship Education Program (YSEP) classes into COVID-safe learning opportunities for local youth.
- Successfully converted the Annual Barn Dance Fundraiser into a virtual event, and made the Woodlands & Watersheds Festival a safe "to-go" experience for our community.



## They've always been there for us, and it was our turn to be there for them!

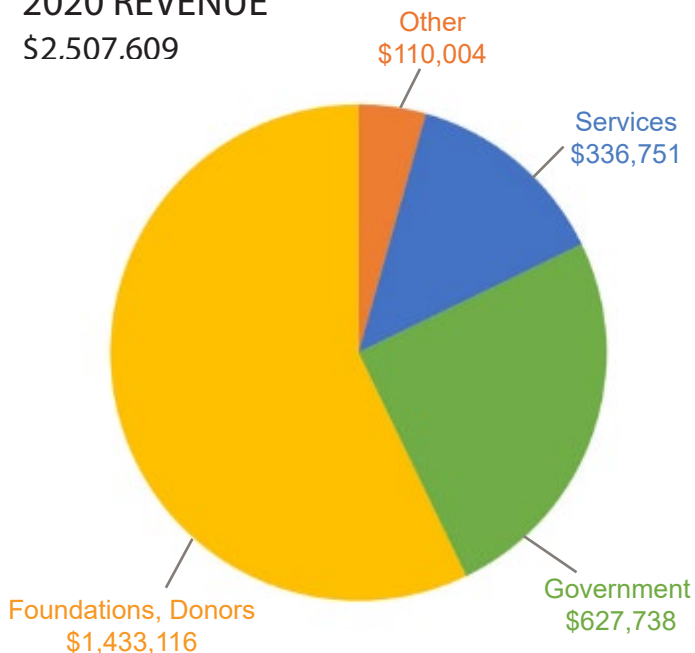
The country's response to the COVID-19 pandemic affected businesses' ability to conduct business as usual. In rapid response, Wallowa Resources created a dedicated Wallowa County Business Fund in partnership with Wallowa County Commissioners, Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, Wallowa County's chapters of Soroptimist's International and Rotary International, and the Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (NEOEDD) to provide micro-grants for local businesses. The fund raised just over \$45,000, which was distributed to 45 businesses in Wallowa County! Wallowa Resources administered and distributed the funds, and did not collect any administrative fees outside of online processing costs.



# 2020 Financials

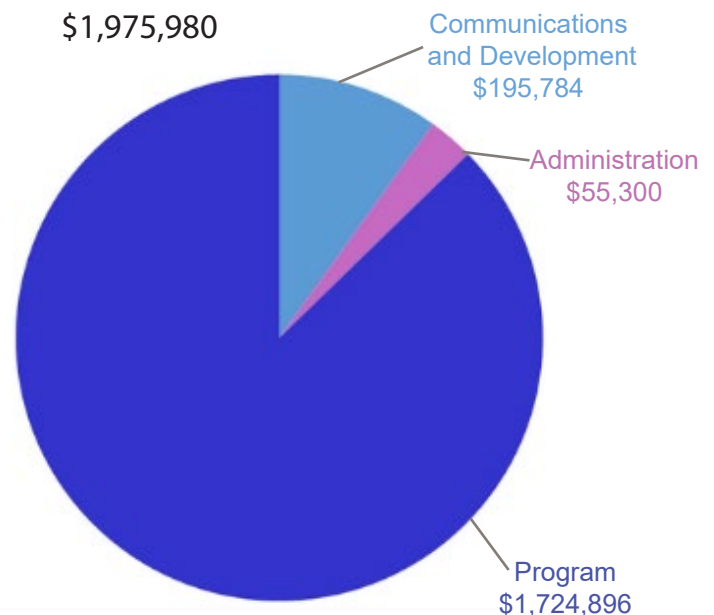
## 2020 REVENUE

\$2,507,609



## 2020 EXPENSES

\$1,975,980



# 2020 by the Numbers

**496** LANDOWNERS CARING FOR 164,000 ACRES OF FOREST



**3,490** ACRES RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS



**155** LANDOWNERS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK AND IMPROVING FOREST HEALTH ON 4,200 ACRES

**3,160** ACRES SURVEYED FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS



**104** USFS CAMPSITES MANAGED

**\$2.7 MIL** DOLLARS REINVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY



**27** COVID-SAFE LESSONS, ACTIVITIES AND HIKES



**100,000** KWH/YR SOLAR POWER GENERATED AT THE DOUG MCDANIEL STEWARDSHIP CENTER



## Grantors and Supporters

### Government & Foundation Contributors:

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