



WALLOWA RESOURCES 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

A Message From Our Director

Wallowa Resources remains committed to fostering stewardship economies that sustain working lands, create jobs and demonstrate the value of rural landscapes to the country at large. 2018 was an important year for the organization as we seek to sustain the capacity, systems, and program services needed to broaden and deepen our impact, both within our community and across the rural West. As we've grown, the needs of the organization have grown, too. To meet the need, we are investing in stronger planning and management systems as well as communications, story-telling, policy and development. In doing so, we're balancing these needs with what has always been our top priority: getting things done on the ground for the people in our communities.

I'm excited by the scope of work completed this past year, and by the expanding partnerships aligned to achieve impact at a larger scale – benefitting more people, and larger landscapes. We look forward to working with you to empower place-based action to strengthen community, stewardship and education and forge a new trajectory for rural America.



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A Year of Organizational Growth

Thanks to a Ford Family Foundation Special Opportunity Grant, 2018 was a year of organizational growth for Wallowa Resources, bringing on and integrating three new staff positions that have improved management capacity in three key areas: program design and management, development and communications.

These investments responded to a strategic goal first established in 2012 by Wallowa Resources' Board of Directors; the importance of which has risen as our programs and services have expanded in scope and scale. The integration of new staff was achieved without compromise to our program impact. Across nearly every program, we have met or exceeded our goals, and helped initiate new opportunities in surrounding communities. Donor giving substantially increased in 2018 from the previous year, and we exceeded our individual donor development goal by over \$100,000.

Wallowa Resources continues to receive new requests for direct staff and institutional capacity to support local initiatives. Of particular importance to northeastern Oregon, a group of landowners and natural resource partners from Baker County approached us in early 2018. They were interested in building community capacity and leadership for natural resource stewardship, economic development and career-connected learning. The goal was to create a community based organization like Wallowa Resources, but in Baker County. We contributed support and advice to the original leadership group, and sent seven staff to Baker City to facilitate the first broad stakeholder workshop to test and refine ideas, and generate focus on community priorities. Since this initial meeting, they have convened a local steering committee, and have begun exploring creation of their own non-profit.

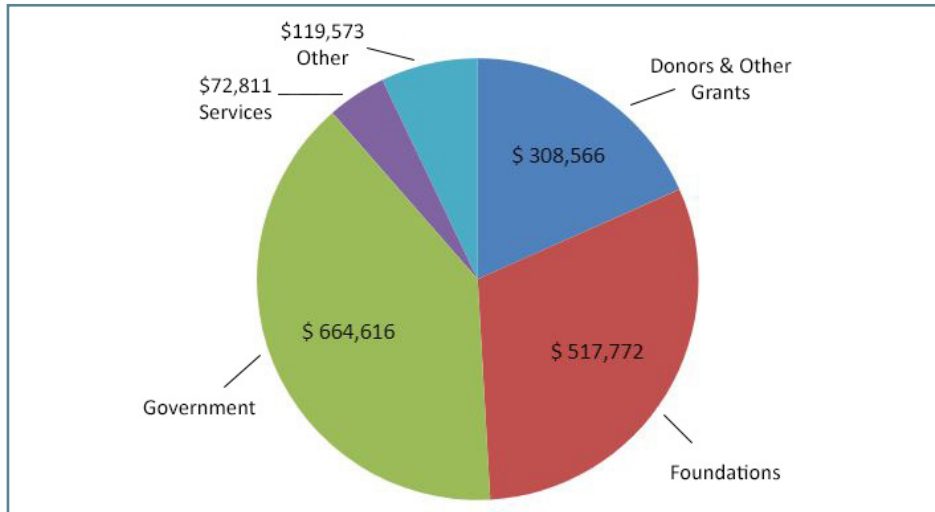
Through our coordination and management of the Forest Collaboratives serving both the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests, and of the My Blue Mountains Woodland Partnership, we have expanded our work across public and private forest lands in four counties (Baker, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa). Local landowners, county government, state and federal agencies, and other local and regional organizations actively participate in these all-lands shared stewardship efforts. The Collaboratives are actively engaged in projects covering 150,000 acres of priority forest and watershed restoration work. The 29,000 acre "Looking Glass Project", on the Umatilla National Forest, has moved through the scoping stage of the NEPA process. The project calls for commercial harvest, riparian restoration work, and non-commercial thinning under stewardship contracts. Similar work is under way on the "Sheep Project" (36,000 acres) on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest through the Wallowa-Whitman Forest Collaborative.

In 2018, WR's My Blue Mountains Woodland Network secured a substantial Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant that provides landowner cost-share to improve forest health and decrease the risk of wildfire on 4,200 acres of private land and 2,400 acres of national forest. The grant is worth \$2.3 million with \$4.4 million of in-kind support. Beyond the benefit to forest health and wildfire risk reduction, this program supports dozens of small local forest contracting businesses.

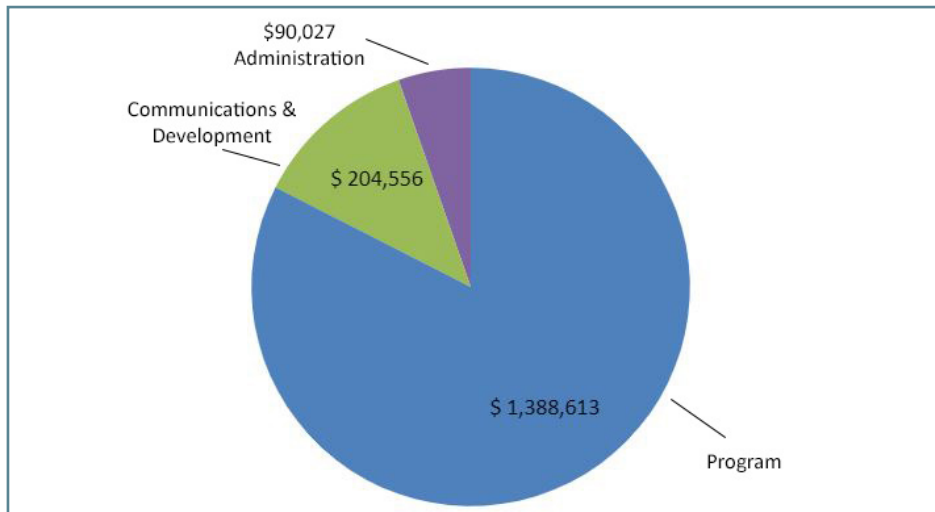


2018 Financials

2018 REVENUE



2018 EXPENSES



ANNUAL COMMUNITY IMPACT

56 

JOBS SUPPORTED
BY THE WORK WE
DO

\$2.3 
MIL

DOLLARS
REINVESTED INTO
THE COMMUNITY

\$1.3 
MIL

DOLLARS SAVED
IN RENEWABLE
ENERGY

653 

ATTENDEES OF 31
UNIQUE YOUTH
PROGRAMS

2018 In Facts and Numbers

K-12

GRADE LEVELS OF STUDENTS
ATTENDING OUR PROGRAMS

309

INDIVIDUAL DONORS ACROSS 14 STATES

4

SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATING
IN OUTDOOR
SCHOOL

LANDOWNERS
REDUCING
WILDFIRE RISK
AND IMPROVING
FOREST HEALTH
ON 2,270 ACRES

71

1,500 ACRES
RECEIVING TREATMENT
FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS



104
USFS CAMPGROUNDS
MANAGED

110

PARTNERS AND
SUPPORTERS



3.7 MILLION ACRES
SUPPORTED BY THE
WALLOWA WHITMAN
& UMATILLA FOREST
COLLABORATIVES

8

FREE COMMUNITY
OUTREACH EVENTS

\$334,400

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS RECEIVED TO SUPPORT OUR WORK

17

LANDOWNERS
BENEFITTING
FROM
RENEWABLE
ENERGY
PROJECTS

111

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