



# Annual Report 2016



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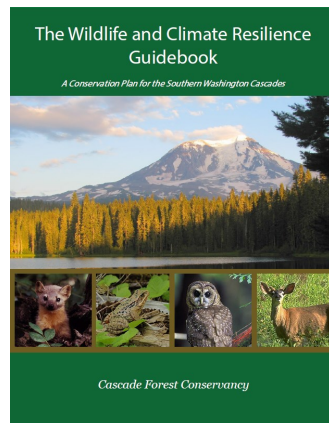
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# 2016 In Review



This past year was one of big transitions and exciting new programs at the Cascade Forest Conservancy. For starters, we launched a new name and brand for our organization in 2016. After a year of polling our friends and partners, we found new words and images to better describe our work and history. The [new name, Cascade Forest Conservancy](#), and our associated logo conjures up images of lush green mountain forests and clear, clean streams that we work so hard to protect. We also created new taglines that summarize our work including **Conserving the Wild Places of Washington's South Cascades** and **Connect – Conserve – Explore**. We celebrated some other big accomplishments in 2016:

CFC launched a major new initiative aimed at making our forests and wildlife more **resilient to the effects of climate change**. Using the latest science, we developed [The Wildlife and Climate Resilience Guidebook](#), outlining strategies to help our region adapt to climate change. In the upcoming years, we plan to implement these recommendations through restoration projects in the field and new policies at the Forest Service.



Through our work in collaborative groups, and our comments and negotiations with the Forest Service, we were able to make **positive changes to the [Swift Thin](#), a 3,600 acre logging project** near Siouxon Creek and Trapper Creek Wilderness. This included providing sufficient no-cut buffers along streams, reducing clearcutting, protecting an area adjacent to Wilderness, eliminating heavy thinning near spotted owl nest sites, and removing unnecessary roads and stream crossings.



The Forest Service also agreed with our proposed changes to the [Silver Creek Thin](#), a 3,300 acre logging project in the Cowlitz River watershed. We succeeded in removing an area proposed for regeneration harvest (clearcutting), eliminating nearly all mature forest and spotted owl and murrelet habitat from harvest, increasing no-cut buffers along streams, and removing harmful stream crossings and landings.

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We joined forces with our two U.S. Senators and the rock band Modest Mouse to argue strongly **against the Mount St. Helens mine proposal**. Through public comments and hearings, we outlined the destruction this project would inflict on our environment and our communities. The downstream community of Kelso, which gets its drinking water from the same watershed, passed a resolution against the mine and we [released a video](#) about the proposal that has been viewed over 60,000 times.



Recreation on Goat Mountain, site of the proposed industrial mining operation

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We also led **39 student and volunteer trips** to the forest in 2016, totaling over **1,400 hours of work** surveying roads and culverts, pulling invasives, monitoring wildlife populations and timber sales, and restoring our ecosystems.

We appreciate the dedication of these volunteers and other supporters, who made our year such a success. Thank you!



Students from West Linn High school

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Staff retreat at Quartz Creek

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## Message from the Executive Director

2016 was an interesting year in politics, leaving many of us to wonder what the elections will mean for our environment and our communities. Will climate change be taken seriously? Will our public lands remain public? Will our bedrock laws and policies like the Endangered Species Act and Northwest Forest Plan remain intact? These questions have brought the conservation community together like never before to unite behind common values that we believe are fundamental to a healthy, sustainable future.

Like our partners, CFC is retooling our work to be better able to respond quickly and effectively when new threats emerge. In 2016, we launched a new website and database and expanded our membership base to over 8,000 people. We increased our social media presence, canvass operations, and grassroots outreach efforts to more effectively engage these contacts and the general public. We hired talented new staff and developed new guidebooks, videos, and educational materials to support this work. With our new name and branding, we believe we can reach new audiences that will help us protect our forests and defend our special places.



Most importantly, we are local. Our programs are focused on the local needs in the forest, developed in partnership with the local community. We pursue on-the-ground, science-based solutions with volunteers and partners to improve the sustainability of our ecosystems. Because we work locally, our work is less affected by national politics.

We will remain vigilant for new threats to our natural resources, but we remain confident that we are pursuing the work necessary to maintain healthy, productive forests, wildlife, and communities. Thank you for your dedication and support as we continue this important work. We hope to see you soon at an event or restoration trip. Please continue to stay involved with us by following us online, taking action on important issues, and donating at [cascadeforest.org/donate](https://cascadeforest.org/donate).

Thank you!

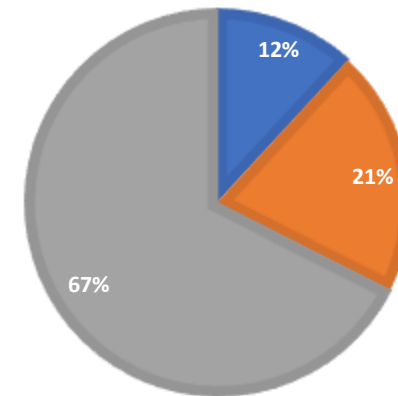
Matt Little, Executive Director

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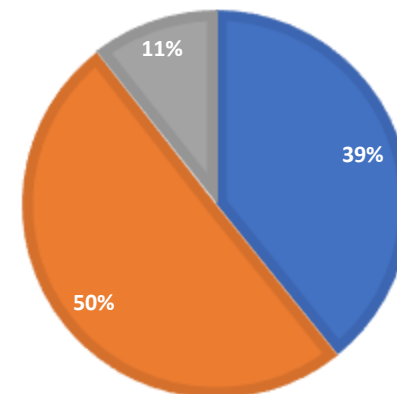
## 2016 EXPENSES = \$370,069

■ Fundraising ■ Admin/Operations ■ Programs



## 2016 REVENUE = \$397,679

■ Membership ■ Grants ■ Events and Other



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