



Wildlands Restoration Volunteers ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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Leader Leverage

Your support helps keep leadership development affordable for volunteers who lead the stewardship of places they care about. Because of you, and due to the generosity of these leaders serving without pay, WRV is able to restore over 100 locations and welcome 2,238 active volunteers each year, no prior experience required, with a staff of 18.

Here, mother-daughter team Jane Gouveia-Simpson (right) and Helen Simpson (left) pose while volunteering together—both as trained Crew Leaders—to restore a trail to Colorado's highest peak, Mount Elbert.

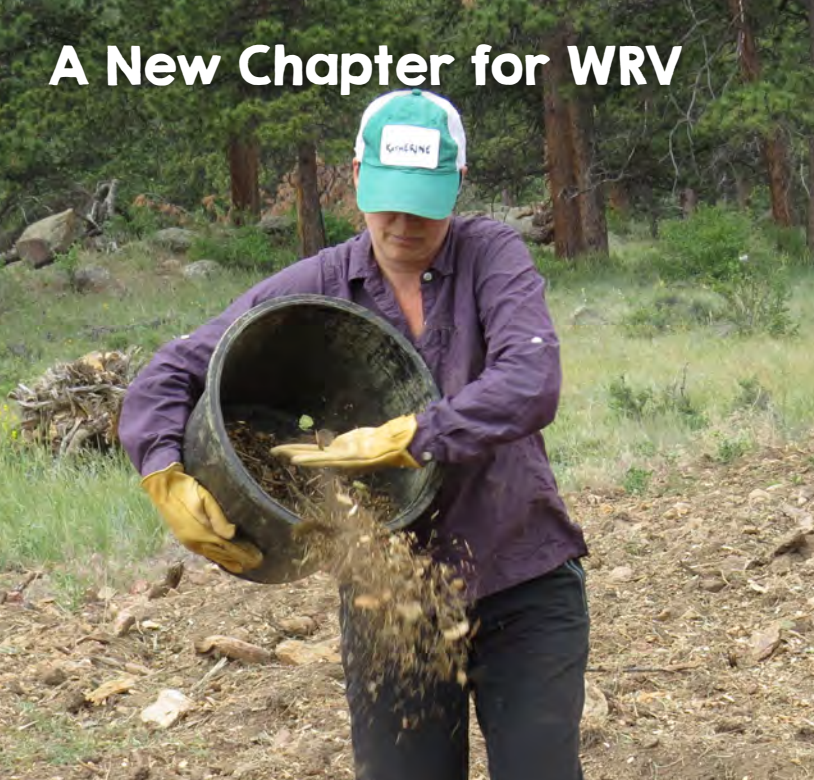


Watershed Restoration

A group of about ten volunteers, wearing orange safety vests and hard hats (yellow and blue), are working on a streambank restoration project. They are using tools like shovels and rakes to lay down a layer of straw or hay bales along the edge of a stream. The stream is on the left, and a rocky embankment is visible. In the background, there are mountains and a clear sky. A white car is parked on a road in the distance.

Your gift enabled volunteers to restore 24,503 feet of streambanks & shoreline in 2018, including a massive post-flood re-vegetation effort in Apple Valley, near Lyons, CO. Flooding in 2013 had devastated homes and farms along St. Vrain Creek, and emergency repair work had both damaged wildlife habitat and reduced the resilience of the creek to seasonal runoff. Your support enabled WRV to work with a diverse coalition of partners for the second year, applying cutting-edge river restoration techniques to benefit habitat for native species and protect the people who live in the valley from future flooding.

A New Chapter for WRV



Who is this spreader of mulch at Rocky Mountain National Park? It's none other than Katherine Thompson, formerly of the Wyoming and Hawaii offices of The Nature Conservancy, who brings more than a decade's leadership in collaborative community conservation to serve the mission of WRV! Thompson accepted the position of Executive Director and has led the team since Aug, 2018.



In the year of a founder's transition, many nonprofits anticipate a financial loss. WRV was no different. But thanks to sustained major efforts from board, staff, volunteers and donors throughout the year, the operating deficit was less than 1% of WRV's budget. And, thanks to the stock market bouncing back after year's end, what looks like a loss on paper has also turned around for our investments as of the date of this report. WRV is a resilient community that has come together to provide stability in a year of transition. **Thank you so much** for being a part of this strong community of support! It means everything for the future of our mission.

2018 Financial Statement

Gifts like yours are crucial to recruit volunteers, build partnerships, train leaders, and turn every \$1 donated by an individual into \$12.17 worth of restoration and community building. That's possible because WRV uses these funds to bring together volunteers, write grants, and solicit business sponsorships, in-kind donations, and government funds to make it happen. Thank you for making a **huge** difference by keeping WRV financially strong with unrestricted giving!

2018 Operating Expenses	Amount	Percent
Programs	\$1,184,791	81%
Fundraising	130,516	9%
Administrative	141,152	10%
Total Operating Expenses	1,456,459	100%

2018 Operating Revenue	Amount	Percent
Individual Contributions	\$191,629	13%
Foundations	125,602	9%
Government Grants & Contracts	306,919	21%
Government Fee for Service	523,750	36%
Training Revenue	4,481	0%
Misc. Revenue	7,741	1%
Corporations	124,097	9%
Community Partners	69,478	5%
Special Events	44,581	3%
Rental Income	28,560	2%
In-Kind	24,848	2%
Total Operating Revenue	1,451,686	100%

Temporarily Restricted Activity	Amount
Temp Restricted Revenue	4,700
Released Temp Restricted	(8,500)
Investments	(20,651)
Total Non Operating Income	(24,451)



Your Influence

In addition to the stories featured in this report,
your 2018 gift supported volunteers to:

- **plant >21,580 native plants, shrubs, and trees**, which rebuild soil, improve fish and wildlife habitat, reverse the establishment of noxious weeds, prevent erosion, and absorb carbon.
- **re-route, maintain or repair 6 miles of trail** across a variety of landscapes, from Colorado's highest peak to trails near Frisco, Golden, Fort Collins & Boulder. Notably, you helped WRV on a five-year project to re-open the beloved Young Gulch Trail near Fort Collins, which was closed due to fire in 2011 and flooding in 2013.
- **restore 31 acres of forest health.**
Decades of unnatural fire suppression in Colorado have degraded habitat for wildlife from birds to butterflies, and a warming climate has led to hotter, more intense fires that scorch the soil. Through selective forest thinning and removal of invasive tree species, you reduced the risk of wildfire in the wildland-urban interface, and helped native species return.
- **spend 1,506 hours collecting native seeds** to be grown-out and multiplied for use restoring denuded habitat in the future. Locally-collected seed is uniquely adapted to conditions in our area, and far likelier to survive than commercially available seed.
- **remove noxious weeds from 332 acres** so that native species can return. Your help was used in efforts focused on ridding Colorado of A-listed weeds, which have been legally mandated for eradication due to the damage they cause.
- **engage over 800 diverse youth** in science-based restoration service learning, and **so much more!**

We are grateful for your support!



Thank you to our Sponsors, Partners, and Donors of 2018!

Your generosity allows us to build community and heal the land!

We are deeply grateful to all our supporters - you are vital to our success! We pore over these details to get everything right, but if you notice an error, please let us know by calling 303-543-1411.

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