



ANNUAL REPORT 2022



15 ACTIVE RESTORATION PROJECTS

145 ACRES
REHABILITATED

340
PIECES
OF
LARGE
WOOD
PLACED

1.1 MILES
OF IMPROVED
STREAM ACCESS

\$2,333,452
GRANT
FUNDING
AWARDED

0.96 MILES OF
SIDE CHANNEL
RECONNECTED

11 PROPOSALS
FUNDED

156 DONORS

310 NEW
SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS

12 EVENTS

Resilience

Brian R. Barr, Executive Director

Resilience is a key word the Rogue River Watershed Council uses to describe our work. This past year, we shifted our mission statement to reflect its importance and to be clear about our approach to improving it:

Our mission is to enhance resilience in Rogue River watersheds through ecological restoration and engagement with community partners.

I doubt that any of us need a reminder about the importance of being able to “bounce back from difficulty,” but fires, persistent droughts, and chemical spills remind us that disturbances and difficulties come in all shapes and sizes and show up when you least expect them (or are least ready for them). You can’t game when to “peak” resilience when you need it most. When you need it, you need it.

We continue to develop, implement, and monitor ecological restoration projects in our focal watersheds. In 2022, we spent most of our time and energy implementing restoration in Elk, South Fork Little Butte, Salt, and Bear Creeks. We replaced gravel push-up dams with irrigation intake structures that don’t block fish movement. We installed large wood, reconnected seasonal side channels, and rehabilitated streamside forests to reduce unnatural erosion, slow the flow of water, saturate floodplains in the winter, and create a buffer of cool air along the stream during the hot and dry summers. And we planned similar projects in various places around the area in which we work.

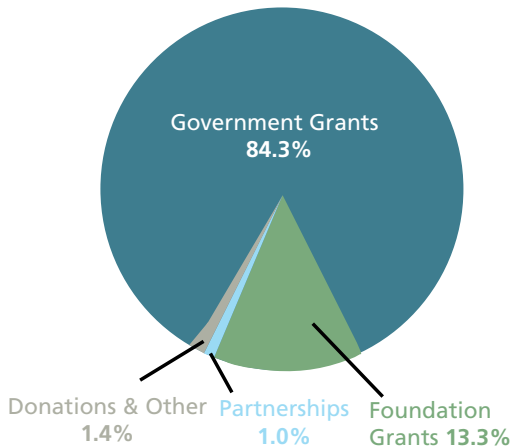
We are excited to share this work with you. Please sign up for our e-newsletter, follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or visit our website. We offer tours of our projects occasionally and will release the first-ever Rogue Basin Report Card in early 2023. We want to share with you how our ecological restoration creates resilience and why that resilience is so important. For all of us.

Thank you for your contributions. Every one of them is important for us to continue our quest to increase resilience—for cleaner water—for recreation and quality of life values—and for conservation.

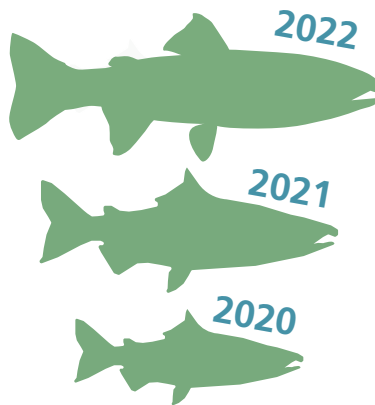
As always, we do this for you. And we couldn’t do it without your support.

2022 REVENUE

Total Revenue: \$1,595,318

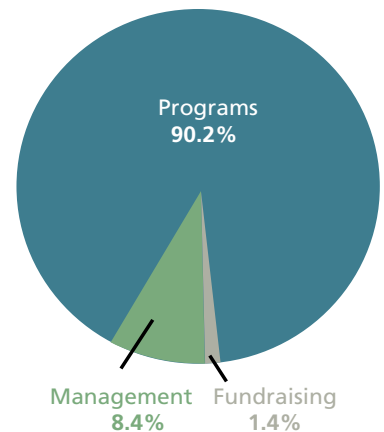


ENGAGEMENT GROWTH & DIVERSITY



2022 EXPENSES

Total Expenses: \$1,565,242



Restoration Biologist, Lance Wyss, directing large wood placement in Salt Creek.

Funding and support

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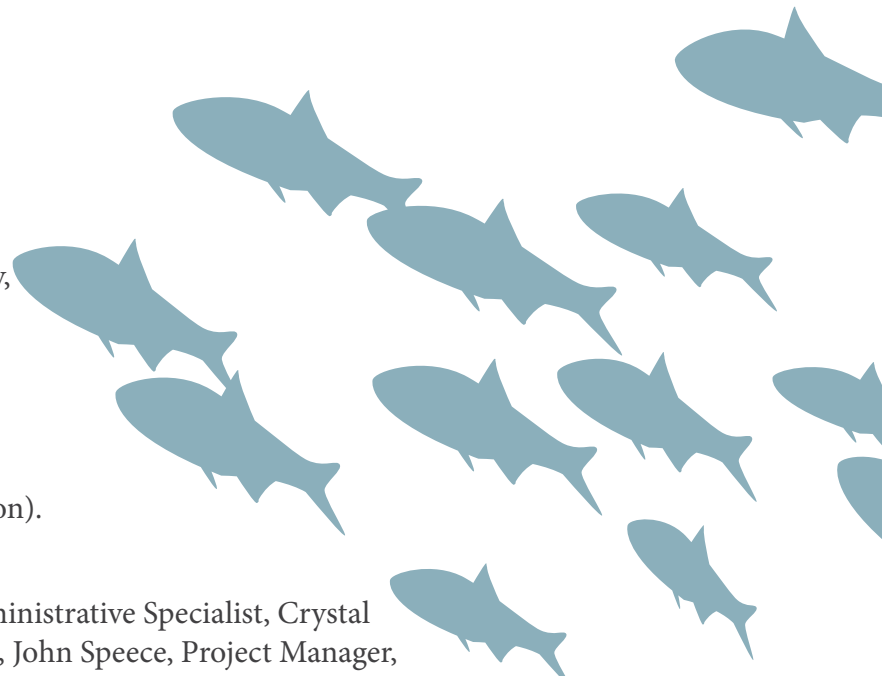
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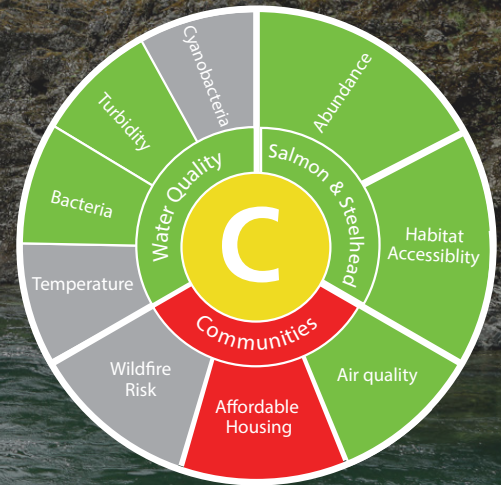


Project Highlight: Rogue River Basin Report Card

Over the last few years, RRWC has been championing a Rogue Basin-wide condition assessment and community engagement tool known as a report card. Report cards have been used to catalyze change all over the world and we are optimistic that the Rogue River Basin Report Card is going to have a similar effect in southern Oregon.

Ultimately, the report will be released in early 2023, revealing a moderate grade of a "C" based on eight environmental/ community indicators, or aspects, of Basin condition. RRWC and report card partners plan to use this first report card as springboard into identifying data gaps, expanding and streamlining monitoring efforts, and engaging the larger Rogue Basin community.

Learn more about the final grades based on 2021 data by exploring the [report card website](#).



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