

Stewards of the
Deschutes & Ochoco National Forests and
Crooked River National Grassland



Dear Supporters,

Each year, over 3 million people visit the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests & Crooked River National Grassland: we want them to do more than just visit. In 2015 Discover Your Forest proudly expanded our efforts to connect people of all ages to their public lands and to share our mission of stewardship, education and volunteerism.

Our partners at the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests have enabled us to reach more than 100,000 visitors to our National Forests through publications, educational programs, volunteer projects and more.

We were humbled this year by the support we received from our partners, local businesses, and the Central Oregon community.

As we look back on 2015 as our biggest year yet, we also look forward to another year characterized by growth and expansion in our service to our partners and to visitors to public lands. Through your support, we believe that our National Forests can become places for learning, discovery and connection for all.

With Gratitude,

Rika Nelson, Executive Director Discover Your Forest





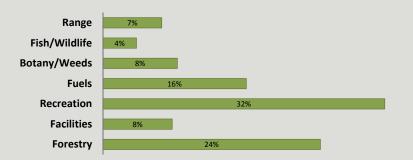
2,936
VOLUNTEERS

52,667
HOURS OF
SERVICE

\$1.2 MIL
DONATED
LABOR

### **VOLUNTEERS**

This was a record setting year for our volunteer programs. A diverse group of men and women made tremendous impact through their passionate interest in conservation education and public lands. Volunteers led school groups, hikes and tours, kept trails clean and safe, assisted campers, shared information at visitor centers, and educated the public on Leave No Trace ethics and how to be good stewards for public lands.



# **PUBLIC PROGRAMS & VISITOR SERVICES**

Happy Birthday Newberry National Volcanic Monument! A year-long celebration brought more visitors than ever to the Monument. We provided visitors with hosted presentations from world renowned geologists, and brought the debut of our Lava Butte shuttle service.

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PROGRAM ATTENDEES

2,500

JUNIOR RANGER BADGES ISSUED

2015 also saw the expansion of public programs at Mt. Bachelor. Summer hikes were added to our already extremely popular Ranger-led patio talks and snowshoe treks.





## **CAREER PATHWAYS**

Each year, we offer internships, mentoring, and more to those seeking to join the diverse and skilled workforce needed to protect and conserve our forests. In 2015, interns and career explorers assisted wildlife, public affairs, recreation, natural resources and many others.



150

**CAREER FAIR ATTENDEES** 

864

YOUNG WOMEN'S
NATURAL RESOURCE
CAREER CAMP HOURS

\$15K

**INTERN STIPENDS PAID** 

ecology programs in Spanish. Our Greenhouses to Greenscapes programs allowed Life Skills students to gain career training and access

**EDUCATION** 

Working with our Forest Service

partners we strive to create the

next generation of environmental

through our National Forest field

trips. We launched Citizen Science

Academy connecting students and

scientists through Central Oregon's

ity to reach under-served audiences

programs, including our first winter

through barrier-free and bilingual

diverse ecosystems. We are very proud to have expanded our capac-

stewards. In 2015, we hosted thou-

sands of students in Central Oregon

2,500

horticultural therapy.

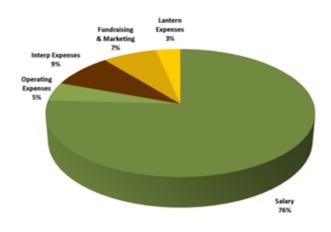
CITIZEN SCIENCE FIELD HOURS STUDENTS ON FIELD TRIPS

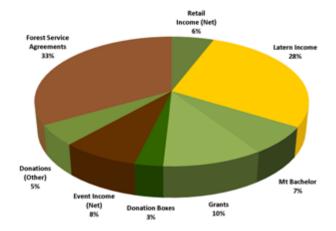
500 STUDENTS SERVED THROUGH INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS



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PARTNER OF THE USDA FOREST SERVICE

# **FINANCIALS**



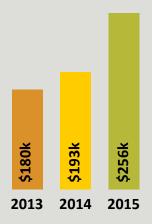


# **EXPENSE**

## INCOME

### RETAIL

With record numbers of visitors came record sales in our retail locations. Proceeds from these sales allowed us to fund education and interpretation throughout Central Oregon's National Forest. Our lantern rental operations were larger than ever and switching to LEDs helped us go green in 2015.





# **OUR DONORS**

#### \$5000+

Gray Family Foundation
Mt. Bachelor
Oregon Community
Foundation
REI
Whole Foods
Worthy Brewing

#### \$2500+

Cascades East Transit Deschutes Brewery Five Talent National Environmental Education Foundation Western Hummingbird Partnership

### \$1000+

Preston Callicot Sam Davis

#### \$500+

Annette Mastroleo Elk Lake Lodge

#### \$100+

Barbara Webb
Brett Ayotte
David Leath
Elk Lake Lodge
G5
Gladys Labsch
Heidi & Kevin Larkin
John & Julie Allen
Kristin & Scott McBride
McMenamin's
Rose City Mortgage
Signe Timm
Steven Strong
Travis Redman

### \$1+

Alan Moses

Bree Haub
Elizabeth Banderas
Gail Whelan
Ginny Gilbertson
Heather Roberts
Karen Gentry
Kassidy Kern
Kristin Combs
Rika Nelson
Rowan Reed
Sarah Coursey
Stacey Cochran
Whitney Hoisington

#### IN-KIND

Abney Solar
Anthony's at the
Old Mill
Big O Bagels
Bend Bulletin
Bend Parks &
Recreation District

Cascade Catering Cascade Fine Arts Workshop Cascade Lakes **Brewing Company** Cash and Carry Central Oregon **Flyfishers** Class Act Events Costco **Donner Florist Eastside Gardens** Enviroshuttle **Environmental Center** Hammer, Knife & Fork High Desert ESD High Desert Museum **KBND** Miller Lumber Lay it Out Events Nature's Grocer

New Hope Church Oregon Observatory at Sunriver Parr Lumber Peterson Machinery Pine Mountain Sports Red Feather Safeway Florist **SHARC** Strictly Organic Coffee Sun Country Tours **Sunriver Nature Center Sunriver Resort** Tom Iraci Trader Joes **Trout Unlimited** Unni Jenson West Coast Event Rentals **Worthy Brewing**