







A s you've no doubt heard by now, 2014 marks two historic milestones for Oregon conservationists – the 40th anniversary of Oregon Wild and the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act. These landmark anniversaries are an opportunity to celebrate Oregon's most spectacular places that we have collectively worked to permanently protect – places like Mount Hood, Three Sisters, Opal Creek, the Wild Rogue, and the North Fork John Day.

I'm happy to report that Oregon Wild is in strong financial shape and is primed to seize the opportunity presented by these important anniversaries.

In January 2013, we finalized a four-year strategic plan that charts the course for the organization as we enter our fifth decade in business. The plan has roots in our long time efforts to expand Wilderness protections in the state – most notably by launching our campaign to permanently protect over 500,000 acres in and around Crater Lake National Park. Additionally, the plan leaves us room to grow into areas of conservation advocacy that currently need more attention – specifically forest practices and wildlife management overseen by the state of Oregon.

Over the last year, Oregon Wild has continued to be a strong advocate for the wildlands, wildlife, and waters that make our state so unique. We achieved significant victories for Oregon's wildlands by advancing the Wild Rogue, Devil's Staircase, and Molalla River closer to permanent protection. We stood up for Oregon's fledgling gray wolf population by reaching an historic agreement that makes Oregon's wolf plan the most progressive in the country. And we fought to protect Oregon's waters, including culminating a decades-long effort to protect the solitude and tranquility of Waldo Lake.

These are but a few of the accomplishments we achieved with the generous support of Oregon Wild members, business partners, and foundations who know that a bright future for Oregon includes keeping it wild. Please see a more detailed list below of what we've achieved with your generous support.

This year, there will be plenty of chances to gather together, share our stories, and inspire each other to continue the fight. With that in mind, we invite you to join us on October 17th for our annual Call of Wild event in Portland. We'll reflect on all that we've accomplished, take stock of the opportunities ahead, and toast to making 2014 the *Year of Wilderness* in Oregon. I hope to see you there.

On behalf of the places and wildlife that cannot speak for themselves as well as the entire Oregon Wild staff whose work you make possible: Thank you for standing strong with us as we continue to defend Oregon's wildlands, wildlife, and waters as an enduring legacy for future generation.

For the wild,

Sean Stevens Executive Director



Wildlands

To capitalize on this year's historic milestones, we've launched our Crater Lake Wilderness campaign to permanently protect over 500,000 acres of wildlands. While most people expect that Crater Lake's national park status implies secure protections, several significant threats exist that jeopardize one of Oregon's most iconic places. By designating Crater Lake as Wilderness, we'll secure permanent protections for a 90-mile wildlife corridor and the headwaters for three of Oregon's most iconic rivers – the Umpqua, klamath, and Rogue.

Oregon Wild also:

Moved the Rogue River, Devil's Staircase Wilderness, and the Molalla River all closer to permanent protection by securing reintroduction in the Senate.

Generated public pressure to protect our Backyard O & C Forests by hosting a rally outside Senator Wyden's Portland office and raising the profile of the issue with our "Welcome to Oregon: Home of the Clearcut" and at the Portland airport,

Wildlife

Just this month, we received some great news. Oregon's most famous wolf, Journey (OR-7) has finally found his mate and may have pups! Journey's story continues to inspire us and puts so much of our work into context. He traveled thousands of miles along a route comprised of Wilderness and roadless areas — many of which Oregon Wild worked to protect during the last 40 years.

Last summer, after 18 months of grueling negotiations stemming from a legal challenge we filed against the state to prevent the killing of Oregon's wolves, we finalized an historic settlement agreement that makes Oregon's wolf plan the most progressive in the country. That victory gives this spring's pups a better chance to regain their rightful place on the Oregon landscape.

We also generated over 3,000 public comments opposing the Obama Administration's efforts to strip wolves of basic federal protections and we defeated anti-wildlife legislation in Salem (for the fourth straight year).

Oregon Wild also:

Submitted comments in support of federal protections for endangered wolverines.





Waters

Oregon Wild has drawn national attention to the plight of the Klamath National Wildlife Refuges. These wildlife refuges provide critical habitat for hundreds of migratory bird species and other wildlife each year. Unfortunately, 80% of the Basin's wetlands have been drained in the interest of commercial agriculture, making the refuges especially vulnerable during droughts. During last summer's punishing drought, we generated thousands of emails, phone calls, and letters demanding stronger conservation practices. And last month, we initiated a legal challenge to require the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to adopt

a long-overdue conservation plan for the Klamath National Wildlife Refuges.

Oregon Wild also:

Succeeded in protecting the purity and solitude of Waldo Lake. This success is the culmination of a decades-long campaign to protect this natural gem.

To respond to a growing threat to our rivers, clean water, and salmon, we helped pass a bill in the Oregon legislature reducing by two-thirds the number of suction dredge mining permits allowed.

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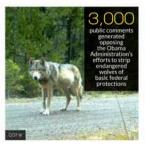
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ENDOWMENT

In 2014 Oregon Wild celebrates 40 years of protecting our special state - and we plan to be working to keep Oregon wild for at least another 40 years.

With that in mind, the Board of Directors created the Jim Baker Endowment Fund. Named after the longest serving board member in our history, the endowment provides an opportunity for Oregonians to show their commitment to Oregon's wild places in a truly lasting way. As our endowment grows through generous

bequests and contributions, we will have more resources to carry out our critical work.

Please consider pledging to make a legacy gift to protect Oregon into the future. To learn more please call Executive Director, Sean Stevens at 503-283-6343 ext 211 or email him at ss@oregonwild.org.

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Only 4% of Oregon has been permanently protected as Wilderness.

Each of our neighbors has more: Idaho [8%]: Washington [10%]: California [15%]. In 2014 and beyond, Oregon Wild is working to permanently protect over 500,000 acres in and around Crater Lake National Park to help correct our Wildermess deficit. Find out more at dregornal org. 

Part of the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984, this area includes the headwaters for one of eastern Oregon's most important salmon and steelhead rivers, the John Day.