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for the **WEST**

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



*Winning for the West's
natural treasures and wildlife.*

Dear Friends,

2017 was a challenging year, no question. The Trump Administration and new Republican control of Congress threaten our public lands, clean water and wildlife. Denying climate change, revoking National Monuments, savaging the EPA, opening public lands to oil and gas drilling are a few of the assaults we are resisting.

Fortunately, the rule of law is strong in the United States and our nation's bedrock environmental laws remain intact. **Advocates for the West's** attorneys are experts in enforcing law and science through the courts. We applied those skills to the best of our abilities in 2017, as highlighted on our Milestones page.

And we are only getting started. **Advocates for the West** is hiring more lawyers, expanding our capabilities, and continuing to strengthen our partnerships in the conservation community. Last year was our strongest year, and we continue to grow at a steady and sustainable pace.

2017 marked our 15th year of fighting – and winning – for the West. We are fired up to continue our work for another 15 years, and beyond. Without you, our work is not possible. Thank you for your continued support!



Laird J. Lucas
Executive Director



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2017 Milestones



PROTECTING FISH AND WILDLIFE

Bighorn Sheep

In our latest **win for Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep**, the U.S. District Court for Idaho issued an emergency injunction prohibiting the Caribou-Targhee National Forest from allowing turn-out of two large bands of domestic sheep from winter grazing on the Snakey & Kelly Canyon allotments near the Centennial Mountains, to prevent transmission of fatal disease to resident bighorn sheep.

Coyotes & Wolves

Our latest **suit against Wildlife Services** alleges the secretive federal agency has been operating in Idaho for decades without fulfilling its legal obligation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessing the impacts of its inhumane wildlife-killing activities. In 2017, Wildlife Services killed 3,495 coyotes in Idaho alone.

We filed **suit against Wildlife Services** for its failure to adequately respond to two Freedom of Information Act requests seeking information concerning the agency's killing of wolves, coyotes and other predators in Idaho.

Greater Sage-Grouse

We are **challenging BLM's auctioning of nearly 15,000 acres** in central Utah for oil and gas development. The auctioned parcels are home to the imperiled Sheeprocks population of greater sage-grouse, which saw its male numbers drop from 190 in 2006 to 23 in 2015.

Salmon & Steelhead

We filed the **first lawsuit in the nation against EPA Administrator Pruitt** for failing to follow the Clean Water Act in developing a plan to protect imperiled salmon and steelhead from lethal water temperatures in the lower Snake and Columbia Rivers, caused by dams and climate change.

We sent notice to the **Army Corps of Engineers that it is violating the Endangered Species Act** in managing thirteen dams in Oregon's Upper Willamette River Basin that harm Chinook salmon and steelhead. In 2017, only 5,000 salmon and 822 steelhead returned to their Upper Willamette spawning grounds – 99% less than historical numbers. The dams are a major contributor to the fish's precipitous decline.

We **negotiated with the Forest Service to protect migrating salmon and steelhead** from outdated irrigation diversion dams in the Upper Salmon River basin, which contains some of the most important remaining habitat in the US. The dams diminish water flows, and can block fish from passing or suck them into ditches.



DEFENDING SPECIAL PLACES

National Conservation Areas

We **won the dismissal of an appeal by energy developers** seeking to punch a new highway and utility lines through the Red Cliffs and Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Areas in southern Utah.

National Monuments

We are **partnering with Conservation Lands Foundation and their grassroots network to fight President Trump and Secretary Zinke's assault on our National Monuments**. Trump withdrew protections for nearly 2 million acres of National Monument lands in the West, shrinking Bears Ears by nearly 90% and carving about 50% from Grand Staircase-Escalante.

We filed **suit against Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the Department of Justice** for unlawfully withholding documents demonstrating that President Trump and Secretary Zinke lack legal authority to vacate or shrink National Monuments.

Point Reyes National Seashore

We **won a settlement with the National Park Service and local ranchers to improve management** of this unique and beloved national treasure. The agency will study impacts of ranching on the Seashore, and determine whether (and to what extent) beef and dairy operations will be allowed there in the future.

Winter Habitat & Backcountry Recreation

In response to our lawsuit, the Boise, Payette, and Bridger-Teton National Forests **withdrew outdated winter motorized travel maps** allowing excessive over-snow motorized vehicle use in sensitive areas, while they consider stronger protections for wildlife and quiet winter recreationists.



SAFEGUARDING WATER

Boise River

We **won a ruling holding Atlanta Gold Corp. in contempt of court** for continuing to illegally discharge arsenic and lead from an adit near the Middle Fork of the Boise River. Atlanta Gold violated the Clean Water Act 567 times in the past 5 years, and was ordered to clean up its facility and pay a \$502,000 penalty.

Salmon River

In a settlement of our 2016 lawsuit, the **Forest Service agreed to close for 2 years the Upper and Lower East Fork**

allotments on the East Fork Salmon River – totaling about 100,000 acres – in order to assess livestock impacts to threatened and endangered fish habitat. Later, the Sawtooth National Forest permanently closed the 45,000-acre Upper East Fork allotment through a willing buyer/willing seller retirement of the grazing permit under the Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness Act.

Snake River

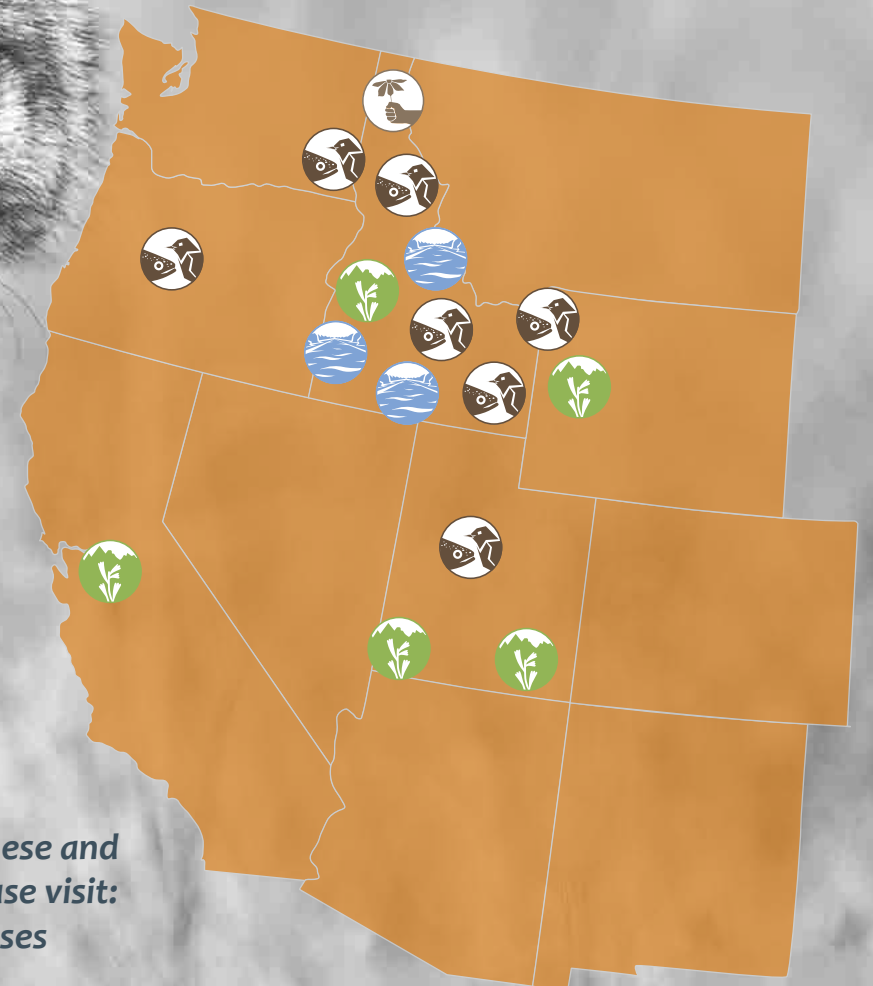
We **filed suit against the EPA and Administrator Scott Pruitt for failing to address nutrient pollution** caused by excessive discharges of phosphorous in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River. The reach consists of three reservoirs created by Idaho Power dams – Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon.



PROMOTING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Motor Waste Wells

Our federal lawsuit **forced the Idaho Transportation Department to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act** and close down illegal motor-waste disposal wells, which deposit harmful waste directly into the ground and can leach into the water table. Motor-waste wells pose a high groundwater contamination risk, which supplies Idahoans with the majority of their drinking water.



For more information on these and other important cases, please visit:
AdvocatesWest.org/Cases

Dear Friends,

As our nation struggles through the darkness of one party government with an Interior Secretary hell bent on destroying National Monuments and a President and EPA chief who think climate change is a hoax, supporting smart lawyers who defend wild places, clean air and free flowing rivers is the most effective way to preserve our planet.



No organization has been more successful in pursuing thoughtful environmental litigation the past 15 years than *Advocates for the West*. Supporting its talented attorneys and committed staff is the most cost effective investment concerned Americans can make to protect the West – now and for future generations.

It is a genuine privilege to join this effort as the newest member of *Advocates for the West's* Board of Directors. I look forward to the work ahead.

Walt Minnick

Walt Minnick
Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
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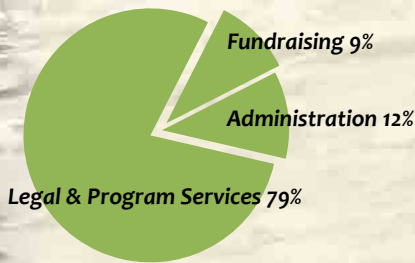
Advocates for the West is celebrating 15 years of successfully protecting the West's natural treasures and wildlife.

We are partnering with 35 conservation groups on 15 critical causes.

We need your help to raise \$15,000 for each cause to keep winning for the West.

Join our fight today, and your gift will have 15x the impact!

Paintings by Rachel Teannalach. To learn more and to view all 15 causes, visit: www.AdvocatesWest.org/15-West



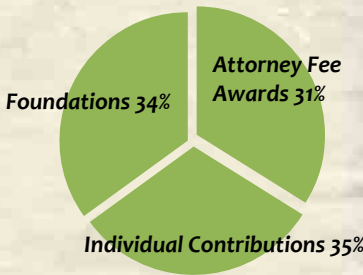
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Income

Attorney Fee Awards	\$ 426,685
Individual Contributions	\$ 476,273
Foundations	\$ 460,500
Total Income*	\$1,363,458

Expense

Legal & Program Services	\$ 939,289
Fundraising	\$ 107,008
Administration	\$ 142,676
Total Expense*	\$1,188,973



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- *Hold government accountable for its mandated duties to protect and preserve our environment.*
- *Take on the toughest environmental issues, and never back down. It's how the West is won.*

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Your donations make it possible for *Advocates for the West* to keep winning for the West.