Friends of the Columbia Gorge

July 2016 – June 2017 | Annual Report
Dear Friends,

Last November, three days after the 2016 presidential election, our organization posted a letter online titled “We’ve Been Here Before.” It outlined the genesis of Friends of the Columbia Gorge in 1980 and described the original vision of creating a national park, working alongside a friendly Carter administration that included a Secretary of Interior born in the Hood River Valley.

That vision came crashing down within months of the organization’s launch, as Jimmy Carter was defeated by Ronald Reagan, and James Watt, an opponent of public lands, became Secretary of Interior. It would have been easy for Friends to fold up the tent and go home. Obviously, we didn’t. We regrouped, developed new strategies, and within six years convinced President Reagan to sign the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act.

Nine months after last November’s election, we’re happy to report that the 2017 version of Friends of the Columbia Gorge is just as resilient as that scrappy upstart in 1980. While chaos dominates Washington, D.C., our work continues. Despite the Trump administration’s call for more fossil fuel production, the coal and oil terminal proposals affecting the Columbia Gorge are no closer to approval than they were a year ago. Our land trust purchased four Preserve the Wonder properties, bringing the total to six properties secured, with just one remaining. Our Gorge Towns to Trails vision gained critical local and statewide support. And our outreach efforts took thousands of hikers and hundreds of school kids into places of wonder and awe.

For thirty-seven years, this organization has been incredibly effective amidst setbacks, drama, and outright hostility. Which makes sense, considering that we protect a place that has withstood epic floods, massive landslides, and gale-force winds. Adversity defines who we are and this place we protect. The challenges make us stronger every year.

Kevin Gorman, Executive Director
Friends of the Columbia Gorge and Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust

John Nelson, President
Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust

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Cover: Spring on Dalles Mountain. Photo: Debbie Asakawa
A Year in Review: One Big Thing

Friends had a busy year, but what is the biggest, most impactful work we accomplished? What is the one big thing? The accomplishment can be summed up in three words: Preserve the Wonder.

This spring, Friends publicly launched its Preserve the Wonder campaign to conserve 420 acres of land along the Washington side of the Gorge. For over a decade, we’ve worked with landowners and partner agencies to identify lands with the most valuable assets for the public. Now we have the opportunity to take the next leap in Gorge conservation.

Preserve the Wonder builds on the work of our land trust and our Gorge Town to Trails initiative by purchasing lands that help protect the scenic beauty, preserve natural areas for wildlife, and create a sustainable future for Gorge recreation. By enlarging and enhancing vital areas such as the Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Cape Horn Trail, and the Lyle Cherry Orchard, we are ensuring the Gorge will remain a treasured place for decades to come.

Over the past year, Friends held a number of special fundraising events, community talks, and public hikes to build support for the Preserve the Wonder campaign’s ambitious $5.5 million goal. To date, Friends has raised nearly $3.9 million from these collective efforts, bringing this conservation step very close to a reality.
Coal and Oil Advocacy and Legal Efforts Pay Off

Friends of the Columbia Gorge and our coalition partners with Power Past Coal and Stand Up to Oil continued to defeat and delay attempts to convert the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area into a conduit for coal and oil exports. This, in combination with Friends’ ongoing legal work, resulted in a number of significant victories this past year:

Millennium Coal Export Terminal Lease Denied

In January 2017, the Washington Commissioner of Public Lands denied a sublease for the proposed Millennium coal export terminal on the banks of the Columbia River in Longview, Washington. The project cannot proceed without this lease. Millennium has appealed this decision and is seeking to obtain additional permits for this project. If allowed to proceed, the terminal would transport 44 to 60 million tons of coal per year, or an average of eight trains per day, through the Gorge, spewing coal dust and debris from open-topped coal cars.

Stopping Coal Train Pollution

Four years ago, Friends and several other groups sued BNSF Railway Co. for repeatedly violating the Clean Water Act by polluting the Columbia River and other rivers in Washington with coal from uncovered coal cars. In November 2016, the case went to trial in federal court. Working in concert with our partners, Friends’ legal team presented a mountain of evidence to the federal judge showing incontrovertible proof of BNSF’s discharges of coal pollution into waterways. Fearing an adverse ruling, BNSF conceded to a court-supervised consent decree requiring cleanup of coal pollution in the Columbia River Gorge, funding for environmental programs, and a court-supervised study of covering coal cars. BNSF also agreed to pay the plaintiffs’ attorney fees.

Northwest Communities Unite Against Oil Terminals

Friends and our allies in the Stand Up to Oil coalition continued to build opposition to new crude-by-rail terminals in the Northwest, particularly the Tesoro-Savage Vancouver Energy project on the banks of the Columbia River. This spring, Friends and our allies delivered 1.3 million petition signatures to Washington Governor Jay Inslee opposing new crude oil terminals. Since the formation of the coalition, not a single new oil terminal has been built in the Northwest and several projects have been withdrawn or denied.

Gorge activists rally along the rail tracks in Mosier, to protect their communities from oil train hazards. RALLY PHOTOS: KYLE RAMEY / STAND UP TO OIL

1.3 million people signed petitions opposing Tesoro-Savage terminal.
Legal Watchdogs Vital to Preventing Unnecessary and Harmful Development

Friends also had a number key wins this past year in our efforts to protect the Gorge from overdevelopment and unnecessary energy projects.

Gorge Commission and Courts Stop UP Railroad Expansion
Friends and our partners scored a major legal victory in June 2017 when the Columbia River Gorge Commission denied Union Pacific Railroad’s proposed five-mile rail expansion project through Mosier, Oregon. Among other impacts, the project would remove more than 1,400 trees, blast through a rock mesa, take land from Memaloose State Park, and substantially increase train traffic in the Gorge. In cooperation with several Treaty Indian Tribes and other allies, Friends has repeatedly prevailed against this project in multiple venues, including the federal District Court of Oregon, Wasco County, the Columbia River Gorge Commission, the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals, and in procedural skirmishes at the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Smart Zoning Moves Ahead in Skamania County
Nearly 14,000 acres of privately owned land in Skamania County—much of it adjacent to the National Scenic Area—has never been zoned. Any type of use can take place on these lands, no matter how harmful to neighbors or surrounding resources. For years, Friends has pushed Skamania County to complete the zoning of these lands, including successful litigation all the way to the Washington Supreme Court. Friends recently convinced the Skamania Planning Commission to formally endorse completing the zoning of these lands, and then the County Commissioners agreed to review the lands for potential zoning over the next two years.

Protecting Farmlands and Scenic Landscapes
Friends filed three new land use appeals in Clark and Skamania Counties in order to protect prime farmlands and scenic landscapes and stop residential sprawl. In the Skamania appeal, Friends prevailed when the applicant voluntarily withdrew the application. Litigation in the two Clark County appeals continues.

Opposing Unnecessary and Harmful Energy Projects

Power Plant Expansion Shelved
In August 2016, only two months after commencing operations at its new 450-megawatt natural gas power plant near Boardman, Oregon, PGE proposed to triple the plant’s size. After Friends raised concerns about the potential air pollution impacts to the National Scenic Area of such a massive expansion, PGE indefinitely shelved its plans. Friends will monitor this proposal and push for its formal cancellation.

Whistling Ridge Energy Project
Friends continues to closely scrutinize industrial wind energy proposals and oppose projects that would harm Gorge scenery, wildlife, and communities. Friends is currently challenging the Whistling Ridge Energy Project in a federal court appeal, arguing that the environmental analysis for the project failed to consider alternatives and failed to analyze the project’s impacts to migratory birds and other wildlife. Oral argument in the case will likely occur in 2018.
**Volunteers Make An Impact**

This year 289 individuals gave their time and talents to help with Friends work in different ways. Volunteer contributions came from technology consultants, calligraphers, trailhead ambassadors, office project volunteers, land stewards, adopt-a-highway litter-pickup crews, event volunteers, activists, hike leaders and shepherds, and many others. Their passion and dedication is vital to ensuring the Gorge remains a treasured landscape for all to enjoy.

**Stewardship volunteers install boot brushes at trailheads to protect against spread of invasive species.** PHOTO: STAN HALL

**Friends’ “trailhead ambassadors” provide trail information and local updates at Dog Mountain trailhead.** PHOTO: MITCH HAMMONTREE

**THIS YEAR:**
- **289 volunteers contributed**
- **1,734 hours**
- **$41,859 Labor value donated:**

**Volunteer Contributions**

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**Thank you to these volunteers!**
Gorge Towns to Trails: Making the Connection

Gorge Towns to Trails is a vision for a trail system encircling the Gorge, linking communities to the natural wonders and incomparable beauty of this world-class landscape.

Narrowing the Gaps

Creating a loop around the Gorge is a big vision so we began with three smaller campaign areas, which include Washougal to Stevenson to Cascade Locks, Hood River to Mosier to The Dalles and the Lyle Cherry Orchard. With the acquisition of four Preserve the Wonder properties we are closer than ever to seeing this trail come to life. Now we are only one mile away from a fully connected trail corridor.

Widening Our Base

Support for Gorge Towns to Trails has grown from a Friends-led vision to a statewide priority for Oregon. This year Gorge Towns to Trails was selected as one of the state’s signature trails, prioritized for completion in Travel Oregon’s Outdoor Recreation Initiative. In efforts to broaden Gorge Towns to Trails’ appeal, a five-minute video highlighting this vision was created with the support of Travel Oregon and attracted media attention.

Gorge Towns to Trails Now

Businesses and visitors are now getting a taste of Gorge Towns to Trails through our Play & Stay program. Play & Stay is an opportunity to step beyond day hikes and gain a deeper appreciation of all the Gorge has to offer and support local businesses. In Play & Stay’s fifth year, a record number of attendees enjoyed two weekend getaways in Dufur, Oregon, and Washougal, Washington.

Developing car-free transportation to Gorge trailheads is a priority for the Gorge Towns to Trails vision. We are a supporting partner with West End Transit and Dog Mountain Shuttle in Washington, and the Columbia Gorge Express in Oregon, to reduce congestion at popular trailheads.
Preserving Special Places

Trail Connections, Fish Habitat, and Oak Woodland Protection

Over the past four years, Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust staff have been working diligently toward acquisition of four properties in Washington, and their efforts came to fruition this fiscal year. These four special landscapes are part of the Preserve the Wonder campaign.

Of the four properties, 160 acres in the western Gorge were secured for wildlife refuge enhancement, which will increase salmonid resting habitat by 17 percent along the Columbia River. The other western Gorge property encompasses 50 acres. This property will connect 11.5 miles of public land to an existing 9-mile expanse that is also publicly owned, setting the stage for 21 miles of continuous trails in the future.

In the eastern Gorge, the two properties we’ve acquired total 32.7 acres. Those properties provide the possibility of future trails and habitat protection for the Lewis’s woodpecker and the western gray squirrel, which is listed as threatened in Washington state.

Pairing Stewardship Work and Education

This fiscal year, the Land Trust focused on education, outreach, and training.

Forty-eight seventh and eighth grade students from the Mosier Charter School spent two days this spring at the Mosier Plateau learning about its natural history, plant identification, and data collection skills.

At our Second Annual Boot Brush Kickoff event over Earth Day weekend held at Mosier Plateau and Lyle Cherry Orchard, volunteers shared the importance of using boot brushes and preventing the spread of invasive weeds.

In partnerships with Skamania County and Klickitat County Weed Managers, two outdoor trainings on invasive species identification were held. Participants identified over 65 species and learned about the different classes of weeds, basic botany, and how weeds interrupt our native ecology, as well as how to report weeds using smart phone apps.

LAND TRUST FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

SINCE 2005:

242.7 acres conserved 26 sites conserved 1,476 acres protected

Boot Brush Pledgers

2016

2017

85

263

56 hours of invasive species training

Preserve the Wonder

STEIGERWALD SHORES 160 acres fish and bird habitat trail extension

DUNCAN CREEK 50 acres big game habitat trail connection

LYLE PEAK 25 acres oak habitat spring wildflowers trail connection

COYOTE MEADOW 7.7 acres oak habitat trail connection
The Norman Yeon Legacy Circle is a group of individuals who have made a lasting commitment to the Columbia Gorge through their estate planning. Thank you to the following members who have joined the Legacy Circle.

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We hold a special place in our hearts for our dedicated supporters who over the years have completed their legacy pledges to Friends upon their passing. This year, six esteemed donors joined this group whose realized gifts have already made an important difference in Gorge protection. Since 1993, 35 visionary donors have left meaningful estate gifts for Friends, their enduring legacy to protect the Columbia Gorge for future generations.

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*New Legacy Circle members

**Legacy Circle members who passed this year
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Coyote Meadow, one of our Preserve the Wonder properties. PHOTO: DEBBIE ASAKAWA
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Many thanks to all our members who made gifts this year to preserve the Gorge for future generations.

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**Duncan Creek, a Preserve the Wonder property. PHOTO: DEBBIE ASAKAWA**

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1,092  
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719  
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189  
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Friends of the Columbia Gorge and Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust's financial position remained strong this year, reflected by net assets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, rising to $20 million from $18.4 million. The acquisition of properties in our Preserve the Wonder campaign made up the largest portion of the increase.

Consolidated results in Fiscal Year 16-17 operating income increased to $1.39 million up from $1.38 million and operating expenses increased to $2.09 million up from $1.92 million the previous year. The planned shortfall between income and expenses was made up from a staged release of funds from an unrestricted bequest and an annual draw of no more than 5% from our endowments. In addition to our operating income, $872 thousand was raised for the Preserve the Wonder campaign, adding to the organizational income for the year of $2.39 million.

Although some lands owned by the land trust are eligible for property tax exemption, we paid nearly $50,000 in property taxes to support local communities and schools.

Our $4.75 million endowments include: the Marjorie Abramowitz Fund for land trust activities, the Vic Clausen Fund for outdoor youth, the Conservation Director Endowment, along with the Mary D. & Thomas W. Holman Fund, the Nancy Russell Fund, and the Barbara Pooley Wilson Fund for general operations. $1.05 million in pledged funds to the endowment are due in 2018. Endowment funds are managed by Ferguson Wellman Capital Management and monitored by the finance committee.

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In 2016-17, Friends of the Columbia Gorge celebrated the tenth anniversary of *Explore the Gorge*, an outdoor youth education program supported by the Vic Clausen Endowment Fund. More than 2,000 students have learned about the Gorge first hand since this program began.

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458 students participated in Friends’ 3 outdoor youth education programs, spending a total of 2,450 hours outside in partnership with Mosier Charter School, St. Andrew Nativity School, and the Washougal School District.