

2016 Annual Report

Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics



Safeguarding Our Forests

Our 2016 program highlights included:

- **Reining in the Wildfire Wars.** FSEEE filed a lawsuit to require environmental review of standard wildland firefighting tactics.
- **Keeping Helicopters Out of Wilderness.** The U.S. Army abandoned plans to land training helicopters in a designated wilderness area in Washington state.
- **Defeating dangerous legislation.** The “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015” would have caused immeasurable harm to our public lands.
- **Stopping the Lochsa Land Swap.** The exchange would have traded 39,000 acres of clearcuts for healthy public forests.



Educating the Public

Our staff responded to public inquiries from around the nation providing guidance and advice on **whistleblowing, citizen activism and on-the-ground public lands management.** We published three editions of FSEEE’s educational newsletter, *Forest News*, which were distributed through both print and electronic means to over 25,000 recipients. FSEEE staff also participated in a variety of public education events like the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference and **forest education days** for youth. Staff engaged with the public on hikes and at Forest Service events and worked with citizens around the country to combat problematic projects.



Advocating Ethics

FSEEE’s membership in 2016 included more than 6,000 active members. We issued several **action alerts** asking our members and the public to fight proposals that would have harmed our forests. Our emails of Forest Service news along with periodic FSEEE updates and newsletters kept our members and the public informed about our work and public lands issues. We sent informative email updates to more than 15,000 Forest Service employees. Staff also attended a number of Forest Service events where they provided advice regarding specific projects. And FSEEE worked with our conservation partners to grow the environmental community.

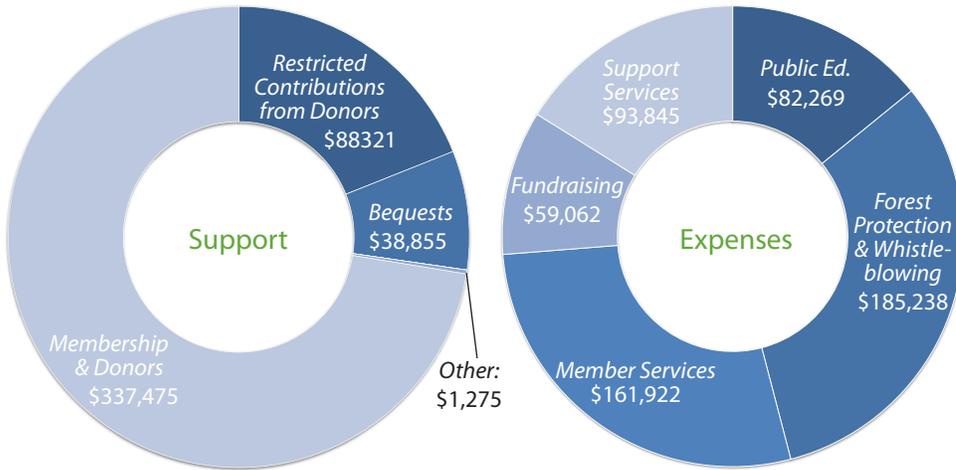
In 2016, an epic political battle was brewing that held public lands in the balance. The standoff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon moved public ownership of our federal lands to center stage and compelled many Western states to lay the groundwork to rescind federal ownership of our forests and other public spaces. In Congress, legislation to limit the power of our bedrock environmental laws and close the courthouse doors to citizen activists would have had a chilling effect on responsible forest management across the country. And at the local level, logging projects masquerading as “restoration” treatment eroded the environmental integrity of our National Forests.

FSEEE spent the election year educating the American people about these threats and fighting the individual projects, policies and plans that endangered the health and integrity of our public estate.

While there is considerable uncertainty as to what the coming years may have in store for our public lands, FSEEE stands ready to protect both our National Forests and the courageous men and women in the Forest Service who care for America’s public lands and serve the American people.—Andy Stahl, Executive Director



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Financial Highlights: Net Assets Beginning: \$566,470 Net Assets Ending: \$450,060

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We would like to recognize the generous bequests received in 2016 from Robin Lode-wick, Doris Still and Winifred Caldwell .



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