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
Expenses
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.

FSEEE is a member of EarthShare Oregon and National. At both levels, EarthShare is a diverse federation of conservation groups that represents us in workplace donation campaigns. EarthShare promotes FSEEE and manages the administration of payroll contributions that allow individuals to have money deducted from their paycheck to support FSEEE’s work. We use this money to safeguard our national forests in the most effective and efficient way possible. Federal employees giving through the Combined Federal Campaign can also designate their donations directly to FSEEE.

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