



Letter from the Chair and President



Phillip Wallin



Cleve Pinnix

report in your hands because you care about rivers. As you read about the accomplishments of Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC) on rivers like Washington's Hoh, California's Smith and Oregon's Illinois, we think you will see that supporting WRC is one very powerful way to conserve the great rivers of the western United States.

News of climate change is all around us. It casts new light on WRC's mission to preserve the best rivers we have left. Refuges on top-quality rivers like the Hoh, the Smith and the Illinois will be an "insurance policy" for biological diversity, ensuring that native life forms will survive climate change.

How do we decide which rivers are the most outstanding, most deserving of our conservation efforts? To answer this question, in 2006 we hired Tim Palmer, truly an expert on western rivers, to work with people throughout the West to catalog the "Great Rivers of the West." We believe that the resulting document will be a blueprint for our long-term efforts to protect the best remaining streams.

In FY2006, Western Rivers Conservancy racked up some impressive results:

- We turned over 1,050 acres of land on Washington's Hoh River to our partner, the Hoh River Trust.
- We bought 5,100 acres along Goose Creek, the principal tributary to the Smith River on California's north coast.
- We bought the Deer Creek Ranch in the Illinois River Valley of southern Oregon and worked with our partners to create a regional center for environmental education and ecological research.
- We signed a contract to buy Riverside Ranch on the estuary of the Salt and Eel Rivers in northern California.
- We bought three more properties on Oregon's Sandy River.
- We signed contracts to buy critical habitat lands on the Winchuck River on Oregon's south coast and the South Fork Trinity River in northern California.

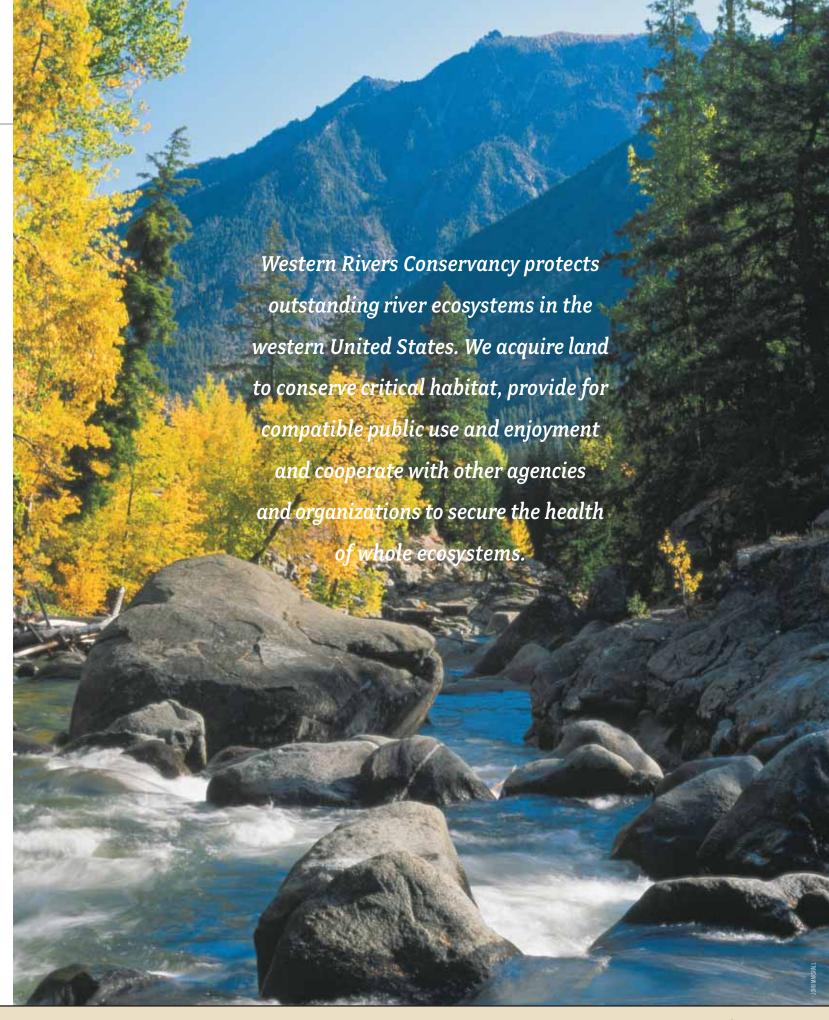
We also strengthened our organization by bringing three dynamic people onto our Board of Directors.

We hope you enjoy reading about these initiatives. If you are inspired, we hope you will join with Western Rivers
Conservancy in our efforts to conserve the Great Rivers of the West.

Sincerely,

Phillip Wallin, President

Cleve Pinnix, Chair, FY2006



Our Mission in a Changing Climate

Climate change has begun to place unprecedented stress on river ecosystems. Scientists predict unsettling extremes: more rainfall but drier summers: more severe storms and flooding but less snowpack and retreating glaciers. Wild fish and other species already on the edge of survival will find their habitat changing radically. In this situation, the mission of WRC is to conserve the best river ecosystems in the West where aquatic species have the greatest chance to survive and adapt to changing conditions. These rivers will be, in the words of biologist Peter Moyle, a genetic "insurance policy" that can help ensure that biological diversity survives climate change. The populations that survive in these rivers can be used to restore populations that disappear from less healthy rivers.

Priority River Clusters

Even better then a single, healthy river is a cluster of healthy rivers, where the odds for species survival are much greater in the face of a catastrophic event. With that in mind, Western Rivers Conservancy currently works in the following regions that have a high density of rivers with healthy headwaters and largely natural riparian corridors:



Washington's Olympic Peninsula, where an array of exceptional salmon streams flow out of protected headwaters in the Olympic National Park. The Hoh River has one of the finest assemblages of wild salmon species in the Lower Forty-Eight states.



Mt. Hood's Glacial Streams, where dam removals on the Sandy and Hood Rivers will create free-flowing streams for wild salmon and steelhead in the strained lower Columbia River system.



The Central Oregon Coast, which once was a tremendous producer of salmon and steelhead, but has been stressed by the loss of habitat to dairy farming and logging.

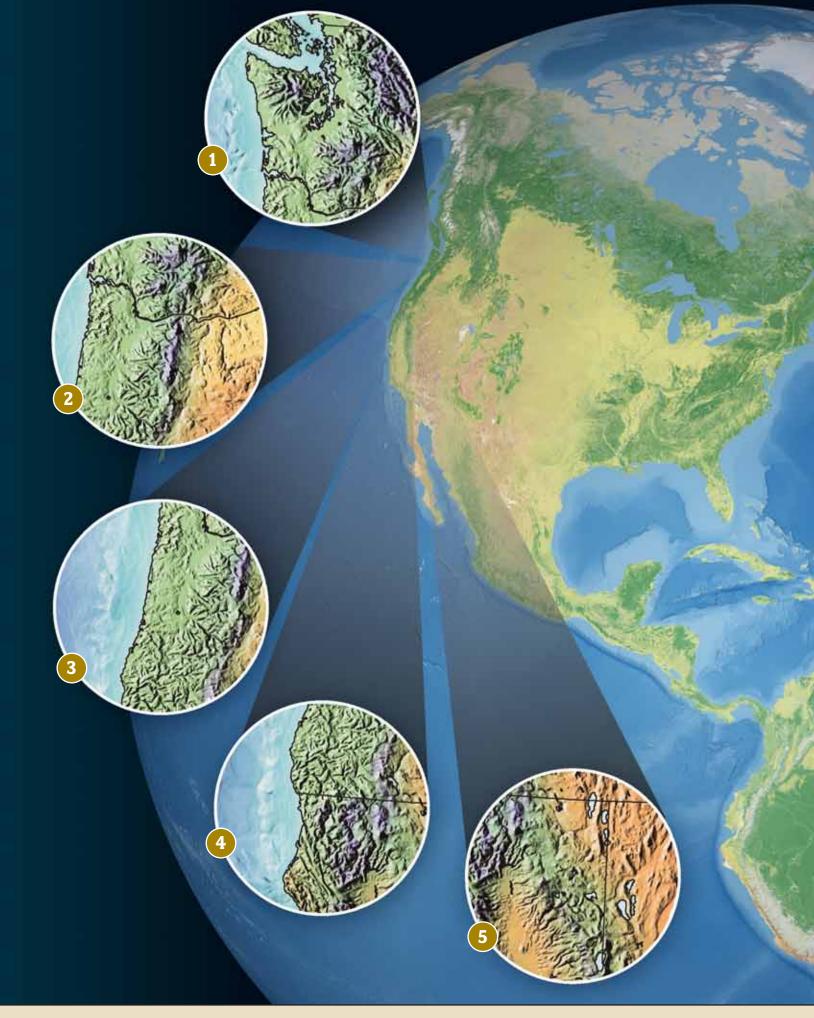


The Klamath-Siskiyou Region of southern Oregon and northern California, which will be an anchor of genetic diversity in the current age of global warming, just as it was during the last ice age. From the Sixes River south to the Eel River are numerous wild rivers and coldwater tributaries that are essential to the long-term survival of northwest salmonids.



The Northern Sierra Nevada Foothills of California, with streams from Battle Creek south to Butte Creek that hold the potential for restoring the Sacramento River's depleted runs of salmon and steelhead.

We are conducting an Inventory of Outstanding Western Rivers to identify other priority clusters elsewhere in the West.



ONE OF THE NATION'S GREATEST RIVERS:

The Hoh River



The Hoh River is born at an icy 8,000 feet from the glaciers of Mt. Olympus, the highest point on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.

> From here, the Hoh River flows fifty miles to the Pacific Ocean, a journey through one of

the last intact temperate rainforests on Earth. With its headwaters pristine within Olympic National Park, the Hoh has one of the finest assemblages of wild salmon runs in the Lower Forty-Eight states. Below the park, most of the lower river is

consolidated in just two private ownerships. Western Rivers Conservancy has been working with partners to purchase these lands, as many as 7,500 acres, to

create a Recreation and Conservation Area along the lower 30 miles of the Hoh. The result will be landscape-level

> protection for this renowned salmon river.

> > years, WRC has purchased all of the land owned by Rayonier, Inc. -4,500acres – and conveyed these lands to the Hoh River

conservation stewardship. The last 1,050 acres of this land were conveyed to the Trust in spring 2006, including the





biologically rich Hoh Oxbows and the confluence of the Hoh and its South Fork, an important spawning area. The Hoh River Trust, formed in 2004 by WRC and the Wild Salmon Center, owns and manages the Hoh River lands for public recreational access and long-term ecological preservation.

WRC's partners in this project include the Hoh River Trust, the Wild Salmon Center, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our champions for this effort, which was spearheaded by Congressman Norm Dicks, include Senator Patty Murray and the rest of the Washington Congressional Delegation and Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands.

The long-term vision for the Hoh River is an exciting one. Towering forests of sitka spruce, red alder and black cottonwood will once again broadly parallel the lower river, shading side channels and providing abundant woody debris. Marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl will nest in mature forest stands. A diversity of salmon and char species will thrive in a healthy lower floodplain, and public access will allow people to experience the beauty of the Hoh for years to come. ■

2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Conveyed 1,050 acres to the Hoh River Trust. This land includes a rich floodplain called the "Hoh Oxbows," an important boater put-in site and a critical bull trout spawning reach at the confluence of the South Fork Hoh River.



The Hoh River supports an unusually high diversity of salmon, trout and char species.

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California's Healthiest Salmon Stream:

The Smith River



The Smith River is a prized gem of California secluded in the state's northwest corner.

Alone among California's major rivers, the Smith remains entirely undammed.

Together with its tributaries, it encompasses some 3.100

encompasses some 3,100 miles of clean, free-flowing water. Wild salmon and steelhead are abundant and diverse, making the Smith a critical resource to sustain struggling populations of salmon in more damaged rivers nearby.

Of the Smith's tributaries, Goose Creek is the largest and most dependable supplier of

cold water, even through drought seasons.

Goose Creek is a National Wild and Scenic

River and one of the last stretches

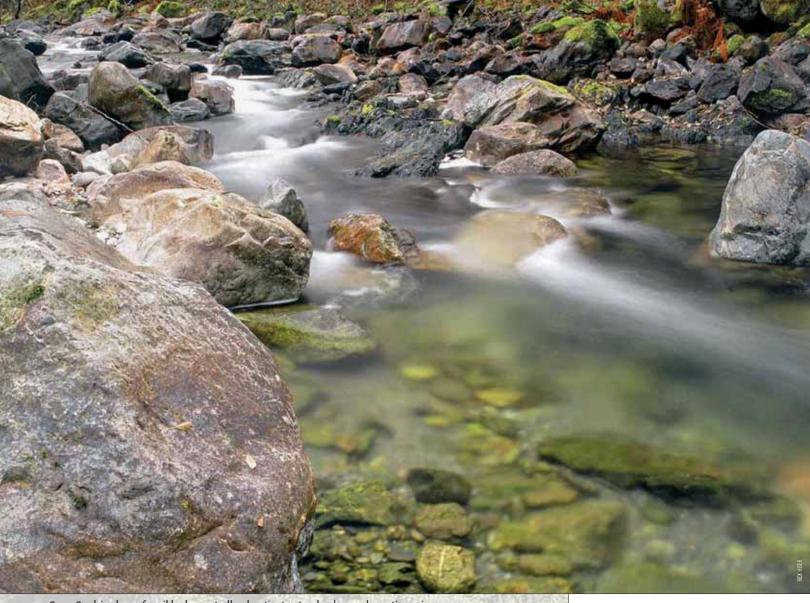
of the Smith River system
still in private ownership.
Western Rivers
Conservancy has been
working for several
years to protect the
Goose Creek watershed
by purchasing 9,500
acres owned by Green
Diamond Resource Company
along thirteen miles of Goose Creek.

The land is being incorporated into the Smith

River National Recreation Area.



Sea-run cutthroat trout in the Smith River.



Goose Creek is a haven for wild salmon, steelhead, native trout and endangered aquatic species.

In FY2006, Western Rivers Conservancy purchased 5,100 acres, more than half of the project area. In the second quarter, WRC conveyed 4,389 acres, land purchased in 2005, to the National Recreation Area.

Working with California Trout and the Smith River Alliance, we have secured \$3.1 million in federal funding for Goose Creek. California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Representative Mike Thompson have provided essential support in Congress. We now seek the remaining \$3 million needed to conserve the rest of the

Goose Creek lands. Completing this project will help ensure cold, clean flows and a healthy future for the Smith River's outstanding native fishery.

2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Protected 4,389 acres of the Goose Creek watershed, conveying the lands to the Smith River National Recreation Area.
- Purchased an additional 5,100 acres, which WRC will hold until public funding is available to complete the project.
- Made a cash payment to Del Norte County to make up for tax revenue lost when the U.S. Forest Service purchases the land.

A CENTER FOR BIODIVERSITY AND EDUCATION: Deer Creek



Spared from glaciation during the last ice age, the Klamath-Siskiyou region is a treasure trove of botanical diversity and home to a cluster of healthy rivers.

RESTORING AN IMPORTANT CALIFORNIA ESTUARY: The Salt River

The Eel River and Salt River meet the Pacific Ocean in a mosaic of islands, sloughs, salt marshes and seasonal wetlands, one of the most significant estuaries on California's coast.



2006 **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Purchased the 870-acre Deer Creek Ranch in January 2006.
- Partnered with the Siskiyou Field Institute and Southern Oregon University to establish the Deer Creek Center for education, restoration and research.

Among the healthiest Klamath-Siskiyou streams is the Wild and Scenic Illinois River, which carves a remote canyon

through lush, forested mountains in southern Oregon. With the decline of logging and mining in this area, ecotourism is emerging as an alternative source of income that capitalizes on the region's rich natural resources.

At this timely juncture, Western Rivers Conservancy has joined with partners to establish an environmental headquarters at the gateway to the Illinois River Valley. Here, an important salmon-bearing tributary called Deer Creek flows past the Eight Dollar Mountain Botanical Area. When the 870-acre Deer Creek Ranch came on the market in 2005, WRC

> began negotiations to buy it. We joined forces with the Siskiyou Field Institute and Southern Oregon University, who wanted to establish a center for environmental programs. After an arduous process, WRC acted quickly when the land was put up for sale at a foreclosure

auction. In January 2006, WRC President Phil Wallin stood on the courthouse steps in Grants Pass, Oregon, and successfully bid on the property. WRC took title to the land shortly thereafter thanks to a generous gift to the project from the Kendeda Fund. We will convey the land in 2007 to the Deer Creek Center, a consortium led by the Siskiyou Field Institute and Southern Oregon University.

A former ranch house on the property has become the new home for the Siskiyou Field Institute. After much hard work, the region finally has an environmental headquarters where the public can explore and protect the mysteries of this spectacular landscape.

The Salt River is the site of a new restoration partnership to which Western Rivers Conservancy is lending its landbuying expertise.

For more than a century, human activities have impeded the natural tidal processes of the Salt River estuary. Levees were constructed, tide gates erected and wetlands drained for agriculture. Despite ensuing habitat loss, the sheltered waters of the Salt River estuary are still a haven for juvenile salmon and steelhead before they venture to the ocean. A phenomenal array of migratory waterfowl and shorebirds also reside here.

In July 2006, WRC committed to purchase Riverside Ranch, a 400-acre dairy farm at the mouth of the Salt River. Once the land is purchased, Riverside Ranch will be restored as a salt marsh. Simple adjustments to levees and tide gates will rejuvenate freshwater wetland and salt marsh habitat. Upland portions of the property will continue to accommodate agricultural activities that are compatible with the restoration strategy. WRC will likely transfer the land to the California Department of Fish and Game as a permanent conservation steward.

This project enjoys the support and involvement of a broad partnership including the Department of Fish and Game, the California Coastal Conservancy,



Salmon fry need the Salt River estuary as a safe haven from predators and a place to feed, rear and grow before they venture into the ocean as adults.

the California Wildlife Conservation Board. the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Humboldt Resource Conservation District.

This project will restore rearing and nursery habitats for coho and Chinook salmon, cutthroat trout and the endangered tidewater goby. Migrant and resident waterfowl and shorebirds, including the Aleutian cackling goose and marbled godwit, will benefit from reestablished feeding and nesting sites. Moreover, this acquisition will spur other projects in a basin-wide effort to restore the Eel's

status as a great

2006 **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Signed contract to purchase the 400-acre Riverside Ranch, a top priority for estuary health in California.
- Joined a broad partnership working to restore the lower Salt River.



Salmon spawning gravels on Deer Creek.

California salmon river.

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A WILD RIVER ON PORTLAND'S EASTERN EDGE:

The Sandy River

A COLUMBIA SALMON STRONGHOLD:

The Hood River



As we count down the months to the removal of Marmot Dam on the Sandy River, Western Rivers Conservancy continues to buy land to create a 5,000-acre protected wild river corridor in the Sandy River basin.

Rising from Mt. Hood's glaciers in three forks, the Hood River is an important salmon and steelhead stronghold for the strained lower Columbia system.



2006 **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Conserved a 47-acre old-growth forest, a parcel donated by PGE.
- Protected an 80-acre property owned by Weyerhauser, linking habitat between existing wilderness to the north and south.
- Purchased 332 acres in the headwaters of the Little Sandy River from Longview Fibre Company, including 70 acres of mature forest and a wetland.

The Sandy River is a glacial stream whose wild, natural quality belies its proximity to metropolitan Portland, Oregon.

Because of its location and scenic beauty, it is one of the most important rivers to preserve for Oregonians who love to fish, boat and play in its waters. As a sanctuary for wildlife, the Sandy basin harbors a diversity of species including Roosevelt elk, otter, bear, osprey and the endemic Oregon slender salamander. Threatened coho and Chinook salmon migrate from the Pacific Ocean to spawn in the Sandy's waters, as do steelhead, chum and coastal cutthroat trout. In FY2006, Western Rivers Conservancy
purchased 459 acres in three properties to
bring the total lands conserved to

2,711 acres. This land includes locally rare old-growth forests, mountain headwaters, sidechannel habitat and wildlife migratory corridors.

Our partner in the Sandy basin, Portland General Electric (PGE), will remove

Marmot Dam in fall 2007, making the Sandy River free-flowing for the first time in nearly a hundred years. The Little Sandy Dam and diversion will be removed in 2008, restoring water to the Little Sandy and helping it join the main-stem river as one of Oregon's top producers of winter and summer steelhead. PGE is donating 1,500 acres to the project, and WRC is acquiring an additional 3,500 acres of intervening private lands to create a seventeen-mile stretch of protected salmon habitat and publicly accessible riverlands.

Most of the land WRC purchases is being conveyed to the Bureau of Land Management, which will manage the corridors for ecological protection and compatible recreational use. In 2010, PacifiCorp will remove the only dam on the main-stem Hood River, Powerdale Dam, a move that is spurring efforts to restore the greater basin. Along with the dam removal, PacifiCorp will donate to conservation 600 acres along the lower river.

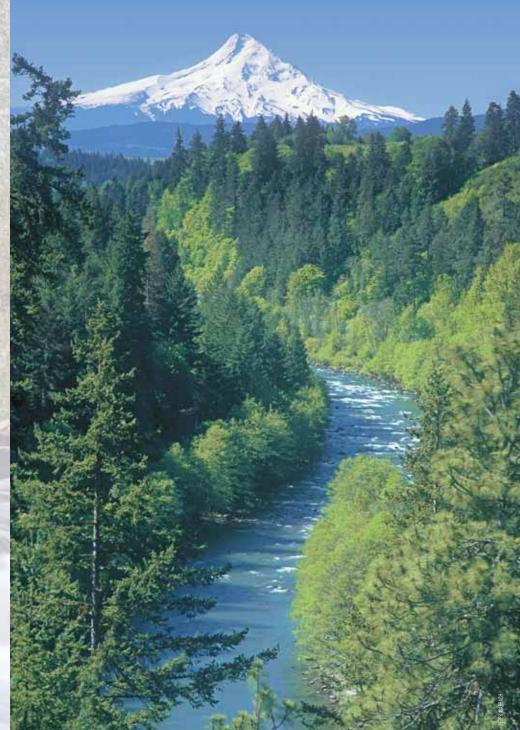
Upstream, Western Rivers Conservancy seeks to acquire approximately 3,000 acres of additional lands and conservation easements to establish sanctuaries on all three forks of the Hood River. Working with partners, WRC seeks to restore salmon, steelhead and wildlife habitat along nearly twenty miles of the Hood and key tributaries. This will involve determining the best long-term land manager and stewardship plan.

This initiative, combined with a host of other restoration efforts in the basin, can establish the Hood River as a premier refuge for endangered runs of Columbia River salmon. WRC envisions compatible new public access for anglers, boaters and hikers, revitalizing the Hood River as a resource for the community and greater region.

2006 **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

 Surveyed the Hood River basin to identify outstanding undeveloped habitat.

Dam removals on the Sandy and Hood Rivers will create free-flowing streams from Mount Hood's glaciers to the Columbia River Gorge.





Marmot Dam will be removed in 2007



A WILD AND SCENIC TREASURE: The South Fork Trinity River

2006 **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

• Signed an agreement to purchase 160 acres along a sensitive, half-mile spawning reach.



The South Fork Trinity River is a celebrated tributary to the Klamath River that once hosted one of the region's best runs of native steelhead and spring-run Chinook salmon. However, populations of anadromous fish in the South Fork Trinity have declined sharply since the 1960s due to harmful sediment loading caused by flooding, landslides, logging and road-building. Erosion is still a primary threat to the South Fork's runs of native spring Chinook - one of only two surviving runs remaining in the Klamath basin.

California's longest Wild and Scenic River, the South Fork Trinity is now the subject of increased restoration, particularly efforts to protect fish runs from harmful sediment loading. Western Rivers Conservancy began

working with a family that owned a 160-acre property within the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The land lies along one-half mile of the river in the heart of one of the most productive spawning reaches. The property's steep, unstable stream banks are vulnerable to slope failure.

The family sought a solution that would conserve their property for the long term and approached Western Rivers Conservancy. WRC will restore the land to a more natural state by removing several cabins and a road. We hope to convey the land to the Shasta Trinity National Forest, which shares our vision to promote a mature riparian forest and protect fish runs.



AN IMPORTANT KLAMATH-SISKIYOU STREAM: The Winchuck River

2006 **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

• Committed to purchase 43 acres on the upper Winchuck River, the only inholding within the Siskiyou National Forest.



The Winchuck River is an important fishery on Oregon's south coast, with healthy runs of steelhead, sea-run cutthroat trout, Chinook and coho salmon. The U.S. Forest Service asked Western Rivers Conservancy to buy and conserve the last private land on the upper Winchuck: a 43-acre inholding with an approved building permit.

This property is a beautiful example of an intact forest, with stands of coast redwood and Douglas fir, nesting sites for marbled murrelets and northern spotted owls, wetland habitat and a mile-long stretch of the Winchuck River favored by Chinook and steelhead for spawning. Also found on the property are northern river otter, osprey, bald eagle, Del Norte's salamander, yellowlegged frog and four sensitive bat species.

The historic Ludlum House is adjacent to the property, offering interpretive experiences and overnight stays. WRC will convey the land to the Siskiyou National Forest, which is committed to preserving this healthy forest and riparian corridor.

RESTORING A TRIBAL HOMELAND AND SALMON ECOSYSTEM: Blue Creek & the Lower Klamath River



The Klamath is a mighty salmon river beset on all sides by human activity. Upstream from the Klamath's mouth, one of the first major tributaries is Blue Creek, whose headwaters tumble cold and clear from the Siskiyou Wilderness. When Klamath River salmon are stressed by low flows and high temperatures, they take refuge in Blue Creek.

In FY2006, Western Rivers Conservancy entered into a partnership with the Yurok Tribe to conserve the greater part of the Blue Creek watershed and help re-create a homeland for the Yurok, who have sacred sites along Blue Creek.

Western Rivers Conservancy plans to purchase 47.000 acres on behalf of the Yurok from Green Diamond Resource Company, with which WRC has partnered in the past to conserve riverland corridors. Once the land is acquired, the Tribe will establish a 20.000 acre Yurok Tribal Park in the Blue Creek watershed as a sanctuary for fish and wildlife.

The Tribe will utilize the remaining 27,000 acres for sustainable forestry as an economic base. Upland meadows will support subsistence hunting and traditional cultural crafts such as basket-weaving.

Re-establishing the Yurok's



Blue Creek is a critical coldwater tributary to the lower Klamath

historic homeland will strengthen the Tribe as an advocate for dam removal and flow restoration in the Klamath

> basin. WRC is committed to working in partnership with Green Diamond and the Yurok Tribe to take advantage of this historic opportunity for the recovery of the Klamath River system.

2006 **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Began partnership with the Yurok Tribe to acquire 47,000 acres within their historic homeland on the lower Klamath River.
- · Working with Green Diamond Resource Company and the Yurok to create a salmon sanctuary along Blue Creek.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

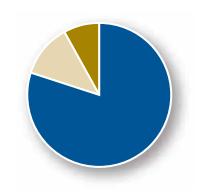
September 30, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,415,140	\$2,453,517
Contribution receivables	175,000	75,000
Interest receivable	24,475	16,150
Other receivables	37,888	47,098
Prepaid expenses	6,668	11,626
Investments	1,571,196	1,448,729
Land holdings, options and other real property	3,565,610	1,823,600
Office equipment	17,575	23,463
Total assets	\$7,813,552	\$5,899,183
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	22,281	15,459
Accrued payroll and related expenses	14,690	16,338
Interest payable	-	21,072
Grants payable	-	75,000
Funds held on behalf of others	399,950	389,279
Notes payable	-	869,000
Total liabilities	\$436,921	\$1,386,148
Net assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Available for programs and general operations	\$1,071,722	\$978,776
Board designated funds		
Reserve Fund	600,000	472,000
River Protection Fund	544,000	320,000
Net investment in land holdings, options, other real property and other capital assets	3,359,185	764,529
Total unrestricted	\$5,574,907	\$2,535,305
Temporarily restricted	1,620,888	1,796,894
Permanently restricted	180,836	180,836
Total net assets	\$7,376,631	\$4,513,035
Total liabilities and net assets	\$7,813,552	\$5,899,183

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total 2006	Tota 2005
Revenue:					
Contributions of land:					
Fair market value of land acquired	\$6,405,064	\$134,400	-	\$6,539,464	\$1,345,500
Less consideration paid	(5,625,097)	-	-	(5,625,097)	(1,294,500
Contributions of land, net	779,967	134,400	-	914,367	51,000
Other public support and revenues:					
Contributions and grants	227,428	2,697,646	-	2,925,074	1,098,33
In-kind contributions	59,903	-	-	59,903	35,600
Investment income	124,030	-	-	124,030	65,694
Gain on land transactions	527,396	-	-	527,396	872,350
Other revenue	203,665	-	-	203,665	271,391
Total public support and other revenues	1,142,422	2,697,646	-	3,840,068	2,343,37
Total public support and revenues	1,922,389	2,832,046	-	4,754,435	2,394,37
Net assets released from restriction	631,786	(631,786)	-	-	
Total revenues	2,554,175	2,200,260	-	4,754,435	2,394,37
Fair market value of land conveyed Less consideration received	5,445,850 (5,445,850)	-	-	5,445,850 (5,445,850)	7,352,10 (7,352,100
Less consideration received	(5,445,850)	-	-	(5,445,850)	(7,352,100
Donations of land to public agencies, net	-	-	-	-	
Program service expenses associated with land conservation	1,506,345	-	-	1,506,345	1,712,51
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EXPENSESYear Ended September 30, 2006





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WRC staff and friends float Drift Creek, Oregon.

Phillip Wallin is the co-founder and President of Western Rivers Conservancy. Phil has 35 years of conservation landbuying experience, both as a founding staff member of the Trust for Public Land and later as founder of River Network.

Sue Doroff co-founded WRC and serves as Vice President. Sue is responsible for the long-term protection of more than 30,000 acres of riverlands in the Pacific Northwest, and has 20 years of experience in conservation and commercial real estate.

Jenny Andrews, Communications Manager, joined WRC in 2003 with a background in journalism and environmental science.

Hannah Davidson, Director of Finance and Administration, brings with her over twenty years of administration and management experience, primarily in nonprofit organizations.

Josh Kling, Project Manager, joined WRC in 1999. He previously specialized in ecological monitoring while working at the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

Mat Millenbach, Director of Special Projects, recently joined the WRC staff, where he is responsible for assessing the long-term results of land acquisition projects and for developing new conservation opportunities.

Russ Pinto, California Director, has two decades of experience in conservation land buying, most recently for the Oregon State Office of The Nature Conservancy. He joined WRC in 2004.

Anne Tattam joined Western Rivers Conservancy in 2006 as Administrative and Development Assistant. A University of Oregon graduate, Anne is an avid angler.

David Wilkins, Development Director, has a twelve-year history of fundraising for river and forest protection, previously working as Development Director for Oregon Wild.

Inventory of Outstanding Western Rivers



Western Rivers Conservancy in 2005 adopted a strategic plan to expand its program to eleven western states. To plot this ambitious future course, WRC

recognized the need to identify the highest quality rivers. To save the "Great Rivers of the West," we need to know which rivers these are.

To develop the survey, WRC hired Tim Palmer — a rivers enthusiast with 35 years of experience paddling in, writing about,

photographing and exploring the rivers of the West. A committee of scientists and other western river experts reviewed the survey as it was being developed. In FY2006, Tim completed his first year of research, covering Washington, Oregon and California. State by state, he is consulting with knowledgeable people to identify those rivers that are truly special in terms of fish and wildlife, botany, geology, recreation and other key factors.

The inventory includes Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico.

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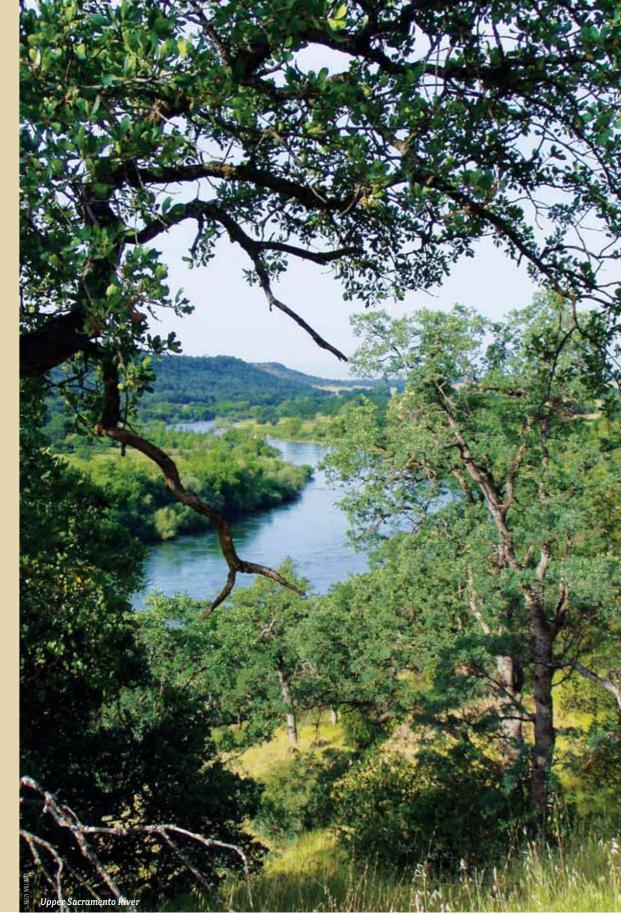
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