

WALLOWA RESOURCES 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



A Message From Our Director

For 24 years, Wallowa Resources has worked with our communities in northeast Oregon to enhance economic opportunities on our forests and rangelands, while investing in the restoration and stewardship of our land and water for future generations.

Thanks to the Lora & Martin Kelley Family Foundation and others, 2019 was a year of organizational growth for WR. Across nearly every program, WR has met or exceeded its goals, and helped initiate new opportunities in surrounding communities.

Of particular importance to northeast Oregon, WR provided support to Eastern Oregon University for a new regional services institute focused on workforce development and training, and worked successfully with our partners on the East Moraine Campaign, raising over \$6 million towards this community forest acquisition which will close in January 2020.

Our community and funders have recognized the importance of creative experimentation for rural community revitalization, and their support of our efforts has been critical to our success. Other rural communities have now recognized the value of our approach and are using the model in their own areas. The vital work of supporting other communities has resulted in capacity challenges for WR. At the same time, our reach has grown with new projects and focus areas. Organizational capacity growth is a priority to build on the success to-date, and expand the local and regional benefits from this model.

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2019 Highlights

Firewise Community Coordination

Wallowa Resources facilitated the development of the first Firewise Community in Northeast Oregon - the Lostine Canyon Firewise Community. A firewise community is a neighborhood of landowners managing their collective properties and forests to reduce wildfire risk, prepare for a fire, and restore forest health. The 110 properties with 120 structures make up about 9,600 acres south of Lostine, a community of about 200 people in the valley between the towns of Wallowa and Enterprise, the county seat. The Lostine wildland-urban interface area has long been identified as a priority for restoration and defensible space work in the Wallowa County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Following the success of the Lostine Firewise Community - six other communities across Northeast Oregon have started the process of becoming Firewise Communities.



Forest Management Plan Training Program

Through the My Blue Mountains Woodland Partnership, Wallowa Resources launched a pilot training program to expand the technical assistance available to private landowners to develop forest management plans. The program responded to new federal requirements that all private landowners have a forest management plan to qualify for NRCS forest cost share dollars. This requirement highlighted the lack of consulting forester capacity in Northeast Oregon. The program included both a formalized training and mentorship from experienced local forestry consultants on how to write forest management plans. All plans were completed in the Partnership's priority cross-boundary project areas. Program outcomes included: (1) a forest management plan template; (2) 5 forestry technicians/interns trained (4 local; 5 women; 1 veteran); (3) 15 forest management plans completed; (4) 4 forest consultants working as mentors to the technicians and; (5) 1 new data collection/GIS system created for forest plan data.



Small Diameter Forest Products R&D: Infrastructure improvements

Wallowa Resources' Community Solutions, Inc. (WRCSI) continues to assist Integrated Biomass Resources LLC (IBR) with market and product development, and long-term viability. WRCSI and IBR were both awarded \$250K in Wood Innovation Grants through the USFS. The grants funds supported two significant wood



processing improvements and created new product lines that increase utilization of small-diameter material from forest restoration. A new boiler will utilize mill residuals as fuel to produce thermal energy, which will power a new kiln, and produce biochar, which will then be used as an ingredient in a new soil amendment product line. The new kiln also doubles the mill's bundled firewood production capacity. The second improvement is to the post and pole manufacturing equipment. The mill now has the manufacturing capacity for a new product line - barrier wrapped posts, which use an HDPE barrier wrap to greatly increase the life of poles in agricultural settings by limiting ground rot. Rotbloc, based in Bend, manufactures the barrier wrap from recycled drip irrigation tubing.

Hydropower at Wallowa Lake State Park

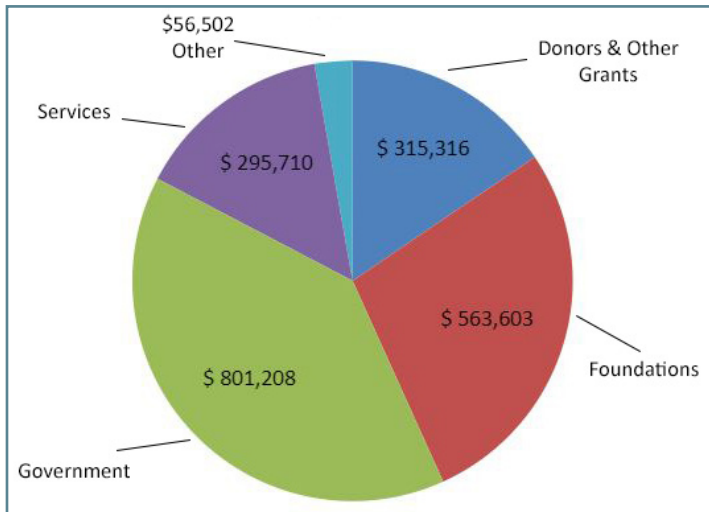
Wallowa Lake State Park is home to our region's newest hydroelectric project! This project utilizes existing municipal water supply infrastructure to harness the energy potential of the State Park's spring, which flows year-round and provides drinking water to approximately 160 homes, hotels, and tourist attractions at the head of Wallowa Lake. This hydro project will generate net metered electricity to offset all of the on-site power demand of the county's water pumping station as well as a portion of the power demand of a nearby county-owned sewer lift station.



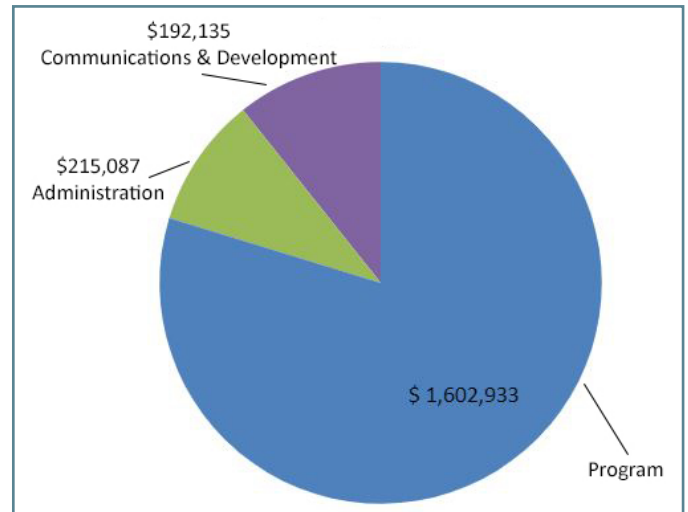
2019 Financials

In response to rapid organizational and program growth, we made a long overdue investment in building our finance, administration and grant management capacity to effectively support operations. This coincided with attainment of our first federally negotiated indirect cost rate.

2019 REVENUE



2019 EXPENSES



ANNUAL COMMUNITY IMPACT

109

JOBS SUPPORTED BY THE WORK WE DO*

\$2.7 MIL

DOLLARS REINVESTED INTO THE COMMUNITY

\$1.4 MIL

DOLLARS SAVED IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

562

ATTENDEES OF 27 UNIQUE YOUTH PROGRAMS

**In the past, we've only reported the direct jobs impact of our work. Since we prioritize reinvestment in our community, and creating local job opportunities, our impact is significantly greater. The vast majority of our spending is spent within the communities we serve. This creates additional job benefits. We've captured the added impact in our 2019 Annual Report using standard multipliers relevant to our sectors of work and expenditure.*

2019 In Facts and Numbers

496

LANDOWNERS
CARING FOR
164,000 ACRES
OF FOREST



6

FOREST
COLLABORATIVE
RESTORATION
PROJECTS



3,667 ACRES

RECEIVING TREATMENT
FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS

50,000

ACRES SURVEYED FOR NOXIOUS WEEDS

155

LANDOWNERS REDUCING
WILDFIRE RKS AND IMPROVING
FOREST HEALTH ON 4,200 ACRES



104

USFS CAMPGROUNDS
MANAGED

\$334,400

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS RECEIVED TO SUPPORT OUR WORK



17

LANDOWNERS
BENEFITTING
FROM
RENEWABLE
ENERGY
PROJECTS

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