

KEEP WYOMING WILD & WORKING



It's difficult to imagine that Wyoming could ever lose its bounty of natural beauty and resources. Yet, development, drought, fire, and invasive species increasingly threaten the health of our native habitats and the future of our iconic wildlife and way of life. Thankfully, there is time to push back against these threats. With our focus on resilient lands, healthy waters, securing the future of conservation, and organizational excellence, The Nature Conservancy has the people, tools, expertise, and



experience to meet our goals and achieve conservation success that stands the test of time. But we can't do it without you.

We are now in the final weeks of our \$50-million *Wyoming Wild & Working* fundraising initiative, and we hope that our work inspires you to make a gift to support it. Learn more at nature.org/wildwyoming.

Your new or increased gift by December 31, 2021 may qualify to be matched by the "Together for Wyoming Matching Fund." This \$1-million fund was created by 10 of our current and former trustees to incentivize new and increased unrestricted gifts to TNC in Wyoming and accelerate our pace of conservation.

TO LEARN MORE

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SAFER PASSAGE

The Nature Conservancy in Wyoming's Director of Science Dr. Corinna Riginos continues to be a leading force in scientific research and action to reduce collisions between wildlife and motor vehicles. These accidents result in millions of dollars in injuries and property damage annually, as well as a substantial loss of wildlife. Equally important, roads reduce habitat "connectivity," the natural links between the places wildlife must move to feed, breed, and rear their young. Places they need to survive and thrive in often-changing conditions.

Riginos is a trusted resource for public agencies and other organizations. For the past eight years, she has worked with partners, including Wyoming's Departments of Transportation and Game and Fish, to identify and prioritize planning around the state's busiest, and often deadliest, big-game road crossings. Her work is paying off by increasing visibility of the problem and new federal funding possibilities for solutions such as roadway over- and underpasses. This past spring, she took the lead in organizing the successful Wyoming Wildlife and Roadways Summit. Riginos is now preparing an updated package of numbers, maps, and other useful resources for land and transportation managers—since much of the information being used now is five years old.



THANK YOU!

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The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope this report finds you well and happy. Together, we have weathered yet another year of challenges, from the global pandemic, to a summer of heat and smoke, to a devastating drought. Given our changing climate, these challenges are likely to be increasingly common in the years to come. But at The Nature Conservancy in Wyoming, we are meeting the challenges head on with skill, innovation, science, and a passion for keeping Wyoming wild and working.



This report provides a quick snapshot of some of our efforts over the past year, all of which are thanks to you. In the coming months, we'll begin implementing a new strategic plan that will set the course for the next five years. As in the past, it is an ambitious plan, but with your continued support, I'm confident we will achieve our goals and more.

One way you can be part of our success is with a gift to our *Wyoming Wild & Working* fundraising initiative during its final weeks. Learn more in this report or at nature.org/wyomingwild.

I thank you all for your friendship and partnership in conservation and send best wishes for the coming year.

S. Hayley Mortimer

Hayley Mortimer, Wyoming State Director

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FACING A DRIER FUTURE

This summer's drought, record heat, and wildfires are graphic reminders of how our future is shaping up in the face of a changing climate. The persistence of intense drought in much of the West is taxing our water supplies more and more each year—especially in the overworked Colorado River system. There is an urgent need for conservation and restoration efforts, and everyone will need to pitch in to develop creative solutions.

TNC's Southwest Wyoming Program Director Jen Lamb was tapped by the Governor's office to serve on a working group assessing the challenges facing the Colorado



River and Wyoming's potential role in addressing them. One possible solution, known as "demand management," would compensate users for making temporary and voluntary reductions in their water consumption. To better understand this concept, TNC is teaming up with the University of Wyoming's Agricultural Economics Department to study the potential economic impacts of this approach if Wyoming adopted it.

In the meantime, our stewardship and science teams continue to help expand the use of nature-based restoration techniques, such as beaver dam analogs (which slow the flow of water and spread it across the landscape), to make the Wyoming headwaters of the Colorado River more resilient in the face of our changing climate.

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GREENING THE FLEET

After much anticipation, a beautiful, new, all-electric Rivian pickup has joined the fleet at our Tensleep Preserve. Through TNC's partnership with Rivian, Wyoming is one of four chapters to receive a truck for use at our preserves. Rivian vehicles are inherently quieter than conventional trucks, are equipped to handle the most challenging off-road conditions, and produce no tailpipe emissions, making them well suited as research vehicles in sensitive ecological areas. Wyoming is an ideal place to put the pickup through its paces, and we will share the data we collect to help Rivian enhance the performance of its off-the-beaten-path vehicles.



MORE SOLAR FOR TNC PROPERTIES

Building on our existing 53-panel solar array powering our Lander office, we've added another 48 panels—doubling our capacity to use this clean, renewable source of energy. The expanded rooftop array should allow us to fulfill 80 percent of our electrical energy needs at our headquarters. We are thankful for a generous grant from the Rocky Mountain Power Blue Sky renewable energy program and for private donations that helped make this project possible.

In addition, we started installation of a solar electric system at the Tensleep Preserve in October. The system will provide most of the preserve's power needs, including charging our new all-electric Rivian truck.

TAKE A LISTEN!

Folks looking for a fun outing close to Lander might want to enhance the experience with a new audio tour of The Nature Conservancy's Red Canyon Ranch Preserve. The TravelStorys audio tour includes 10 waypoints and takes about one hour to complete. The GPS-triggered stories play as you drive; in some places, the tour encourages you to briefly stop your car to listen and observe points of interest. You do need to download the free app and the tour before you are out of cell or wi-fi range, but once you've done that, you'll be ready to explore!



CONSERVATION CHATS

Keep up to date on our latest work and meet staff and partners during our regular Conservation Chats. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts and questions. Watch for upcoming Chats at nature.org/events!

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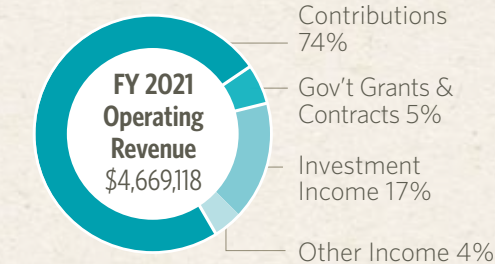
We carry out our work with a deep commitment to accountability and transparency. Our conservation accomplishments this year have been empowered by sustainable financial resources. We have built a strong and effective organization in keeping with our strategic plan.

TNC WY Statement of Financial Position - July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

	As of June 30, 2020	As of June 30, 2021
Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$3,621,596	\$8,331,544
Endowment Funds	\$17,740,508	\$21,436,355
Land Assets*	\$179,431,959	\$177,186,582
Other Assets	\$3,324,336	\$2,023,664
Total Assets	\$204,118,399	\$208,978,145
Liabilities		
	\$2,016	\$31,043
Net Assets	\$204,116,382	\$208,947,102
Total	\$204,118,399	\$208,978,145

*Includes our conservation easements. The value of these easements, which cannot be sold, make up the majority of the conservation lands on our balance sheets and reflect the generosity of Wyoming landowners who, to date, have granted 185 easements to The Nature Conservancy.

Revenue



Programmatic Efficiency

