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2005 *Friends of the Teton River* ANNUAL REPORT

Milestones ... from the board

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Milestones. That's a perfect word to describe the last year for Friends of the Teton River.

Due to the incredible support of our members and volunteers, we achieved tremendous milestones in the protection of the Teton Valley watershed.

In celebrating our fifth year as an organization, we knew we needed to take a look at our road map for the future. Our board and staff, with feedback from our members and key stakeholders, created a strong strategic plan to focus and guide our efforts over our next five years. Simply put, we work for clean water, healthy streams and abundant fisheries in Teton Valley. All our work is targeted to deliver that mission. And work we do!

We spent hours in the classroom, working with public and private schools to help children understand natural resource conservation and water education. Our hope is that this work will create a whole new generation of water stewards protecting the precious resource in their hometown. And this year marked the milestone of a curriculum created in water awareness for K-12 – and it was also translated into Spanish in a reflection of our growing community. In addition to work with children, our education efforts extend to adults. Hosting public forums, FTR is able to share information and hold dialogues with people in the community about programs underway as well as key water issues in Teton Valley.

This year saw FTR engage in new work. In a tremendous vote of confidence in our sound science approach to the work we do, the Idaho Department of Water Resources contracted FTR to conduct water measurements in Teton Valley. FTR's goal is to work

with IDWR to establish a rational system of water distribution measurement in Teton Valley.

Over the last year, we walked 300 miles of tributary streams in Teton Valley doing an assessment of trout. We also paddled all tributaries from the Forest Service boundaries to the Teton River assessing barriers to fish migrations. These efforts led to our focus on Open Channels, creating strong flows from the head waters to the river. With our Open Channels program, we are partnering with local landowners and irrigation companies to work with us on critical stream flow. In doing so, we are able to best maintain important levels of water to allow trout spawning and survival of the young. In addition, we are working with agencies to help create easier fish passage along some creek diversions. We're excited about the tremendous relationships formed and the support of our partners in helping deliver more water for longer periods of time in the valley.

Last year also saw the completion of our *E coli* study on Woods Creek, allowing us to conclude—through DNA bacterial source identification—that the bacteria was not a hazard to human health. That's just a great example of the cutting edge research and innovative science approach we believe is key to FTR.

There's so much to share with all the good work being done by FTR. Know this – with a strong board and a talented staff, FTR is committed to continue our work with sound science to be the best water stewards for Teton Valley. With continued support of the community, we will actively work for clean water, healthy streams and abundant fisheries here in this beautiful valley we call "home."



With your support, Friends of the Teton River (FTR) in its 5th year accomplished a year of growth in all aspects of our work, accelerated by a strategic planning process that refined our mission and sharpened our vision for the future. FTR lived out its Mission to work for clean water, healthy streams and abundant fisheries in Teton Valley.

Clean water. FTR, in cooperation with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, continued to monitor water quality at 12 sites in Teton Valley. We also conducted a bacteria sourcing project to identify the causes of high E. coli levels in Woods Creek.

Healthy streams. Our habitat restoration efforts along Teton River and tributary stream banks continued, resulting in decreased water temperatures, reduced silt in important spawning areas and increased fishery habitat. FTR also completed a study of all fish barriers on 15 tributaries of the Teton River, providing information never before compiled in the Teton Basin.

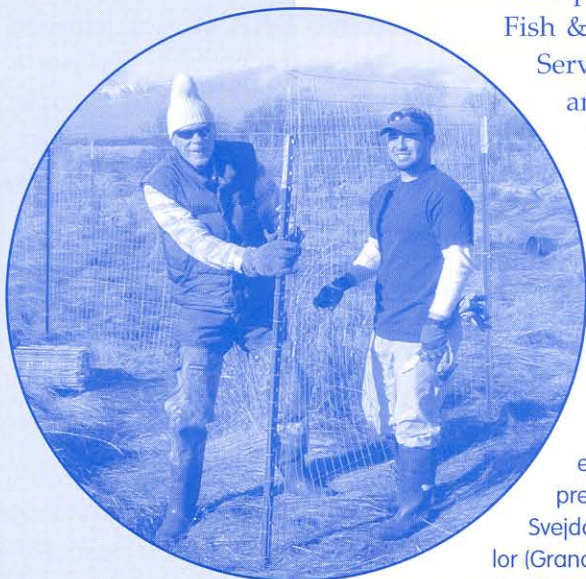
Abundant fisheries. FTR completed, with partners Idaho Department of Fish & Game, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service and many others, fish population studies in 15 tributaries of the Teton River from the U.S. Forest

Service boundary upstream to the extent of water. This massive, summer-long project covered over 300 miles of mountain tributaries and provided invaluable data on fish populations.

Several other areas of emphasis deserve mention:

Education and outreach. On October 5, 2005 FTR hosted a Research Committee meeting that included a veritable who's who in Upper Snake River Basin fishery experts. The group discussed FTR's recent research and focused on solutions for Teton Valley's native Yellowstone cutthroat trout, without sacrificing opportunities for anglers to enjoy Teton Valley's abundant number of non-native trout.

Education efforts continued strongly, with Water Awareness Week events, creation of a K-12 watershed education curriculum, classroom and field trip education of over 350 students and public forums for adults. We also organized two watershed hikes, a full moon float trip and a river party for FTR members and other interested



(Top): Ryan Colyer, crew leader for the tributary trout population assessment. (Center): "Was I supposed to keep my jacket clean, Mom?" Planting willows is pretty dirty work!. (Bottom): Volunteers Art Svejda (Snake River cutthroats) and Adam Taylor (Grand Targhee) help with fencing on Teton Creek restoration project.



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people.

In partnership with Eastern Idaho Technical College FTR conducted a five-week long "Understanding Water in Teton Valley, ID" series for the general public, with courses in general watershed principles, basic hydrology, water quality, fisheries management and water law.

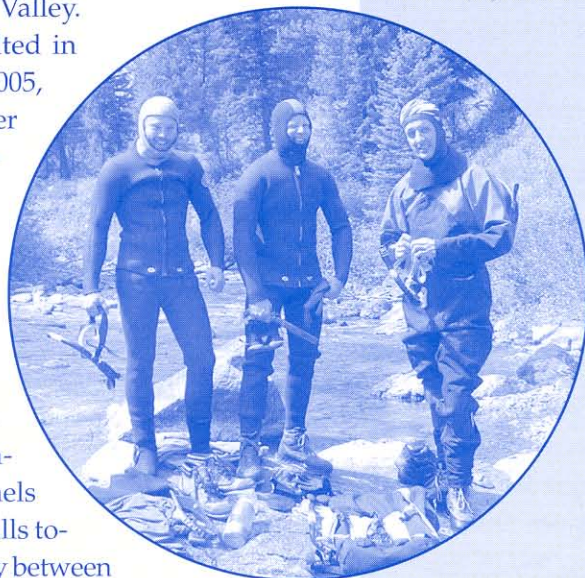
Strategic planning results for FTR in 2005 included new mission and vision statements and agreement on key strategies going forward. Our five point Vision for the future calls upon us to:

- ✓Lead efforts to provide clean water, healthy streams and abundant fisheries in Teton Valley.
- ✓Exhibit a bias for action, using science as our platform.
- ✓Be the voice for water in Teton Valley.
- ✓Become a model in the West for watershed research and management.
- ✓Deliver results through core staff excellence and project expansions in collaboration with key partners.

Human resources

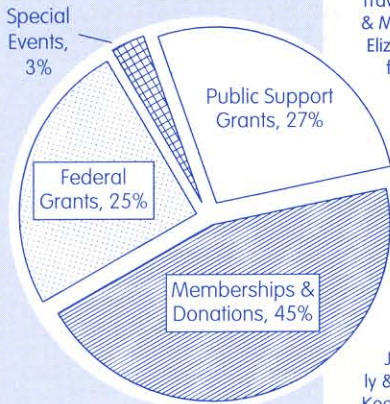
changes included: 1) solidifying a talented core staff and using contract workers and partners for project expansions; 2) recruiting new Board of Directors members and electing new Board officers; and 3) expansion of our talented and dedicated corps of volunteers. Our qualified team, plus the experience and knowledge gained over five years, perfectly positions FTR for the future in the rapidly changing Teton Valley.

Fundraising efforts resulted in revenue of over \$320,000 in 2005, including donations from over 500 members, Old Bill's contributions, and grants from over 20 private and governmental foundations. FTR is also off to a strong start in 2006 fundraising efforts with a new designated fund for education, a Board initiated Spring Challenge campaign and the Open Channels program. Open Channels pulls together improving connectivity between key tributary headwaters and the Teton River; restoring streambanks to increase habitat and reduce sedimentation; and rewatering tributaries during critical native trout reproductive periods.

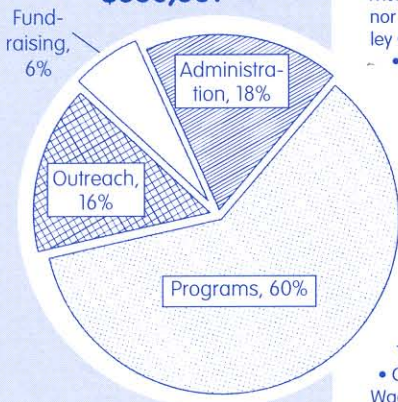


(Top): Water quality testing in the 6th grade classroom. (Center): Snorkeling survey on Bitch Creek as part of the tributary trout population assessment. (Bottom): A Yellowstone cutthroat trout from Badger Creek. (Left): Teton Valley Community School restoration crew on Teton Creek.

Total 2005 Revenue & Support, \$322,662



Total 2005 Expenses, \$330,381



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2005 Financial Report

Friends of the Teton River strongly believes in fiscal responsibility and accountability to the membership, partners, and general public. FTR devotes the majority of its funds to program work to promote clean water, healthy streams, and abundant fisheries. All of FTR's work is made possible through the generous donations of individuals, foundations, and governmental agencies. We sincerely thank our supporters.

At the end of 2005, FTR had a healthy balance of assets at \$107,950

with \$15,099 being temporarily restricted. 2005 revenues totaled \$322,622 with 52% coming from federal and private foundations and 48% received from individual donors. 2005 expenses totaled \$330,381 with 76% spent on programmatic work and outreach activities while 24% was spent for administration and fundraising.

The information presented here comes from a certified audit by Galusha, Higgings & Galusha, P.C. Copies are available by calling 354-3871.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended December 31, 2005

REVENUE & SUPPORT

Public support:	
Membership and donations	\$142,532
Public support grants	87,734
Special events, net \$9,404 expenses	9,368
Federal grants assistance	80,716
Program income, net \$1,309 expenses	540
Interest and dividend income	1,772
Total revenue and support	\$322,662

EXPENSES

Program	\$199,025
Outreach	51,606
Fundraising	21,234
Administration	58,426
Total expenses	\$330,381

Increase in net assets	(7,719)
Net assets at beginning of year	115,669
Net assets at end of year	\$107,950