



FY 2017 Annual Report

Cultivating Success for Teton Watershed Conservation

Growing Support

Welcome Message

Dear Friends,

We are increasingly realizing that our most important focus—even before fish, water, and floodplains—needs to be the people who make this watershed their home. It's not always easy to figure out how we can meet the needs of our diverse community, while also sustaining fish, wildlife, stream corridors, and clean drinking water. In the past few years, Friends of the Teton River has made a concerted effort to reach out to community members and organizations that we may not have worked with in the past, but who play a key role in successful watershed conservation.

FTR is nationally recognized as a leader in watershed research, restoration, and innovation, but our most successful work always starts at the community level—with people like you. By actively listening, asking questions, and finding common ground with a variety of stakeholders, we've been able to redefine what it means to truly work together for win-win solutions in a way that directly supports the livelihoods and natural resources we all depend on.

Watersheds encompass complex landscapes that face a wide range of equally complex issues. We will continue working collaboratively for our mission to protect and improve clean water, healthy streams, and a vibrant trout fishery. Our partners have also helped to reframe what that means. Successful watershed

OUR MISSION is to work collaboratively for clean water, healthy streams, and a thriving wild fishery in the Teton Watershed. We implement on-the-ground projects, partnerships, and programs that restore stream health and function, improve water quality and quantity, and connect people of all ages with water resources.

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conservation doesn't only depend on sound science and "connecting the dots," it depends on the interconnection of people, place, and best practices. In the pages of this *Annual Report*, we hope you'll connect with the programs and projects we're doing that positively affect farming and fly-fishing, ranching and aquifer recharge, and healthy water and soils.

During 2017, FTR raised \$700,000 for stream corridor restoration, agricultural best-management practices, clean water initiatives, and community education programs (pages 8-9), which would not have been possible without our partners. The contributions of our incredibly generous donors and community members continue to humble and amaze us—and have enabled us to leverage more grant funding for on-the-ground work than ever before (pages 11-13). Thanks to your investment, we are gaining momentum and recognition for innovative programs like Farms & Fish and our Septic Incentive Program, both of which received resounding support in their first year. In 2018, our fundraising initiatives and community events will seek to build upon this success by continuing to connect people with the river we love (see our Current Campaigns and Save the Dates, pages 14-16).

In many ways, our approach to watershed conservation is like an old-fashioned barn raising. Not one individual (or organization) could lift those heavy beams, but by working together we are able to accomplish what none of us could do alone. Thank you for supporting a model of collaboration, participation, and fundraising that helps keep us growing in our ability to do great work with our community.



Amy Verbeten
Executive Director
(2012-present)

A handwritten signature of Amy Verbeten in black ink.



Anna Lindstedt
Development Director
(2007-present)

A handwritten signature of Anna Lindstedt in black ink.

2017 Key Accomplishments



In collaboration with Teton Arts, more than 75 students explored the need for clean drinking water through an artistic lens, creating a mural that will be permanently displayed at the Driggs Fifth Street Skatepark.

Education/Drinking Water Protection:

While helping to develop a drinking water protection plan for Teton County, we heard concerns about the threats unmaintained septic systems and household hazardous waste could pose to Teton Valley's drinking water supply. In response, FTR created a Septic Incentive Program, providing homeowner education and a reimbursement to encourage residents to have their septic tank inspected and properly maintained. FTR also funded a number of community projects—through grants to partners such as Teton Valley Health Care, Teton Valley Community Recycling, and Teton High School—that were aimed at protecting water quality by reducing waste and educating valley residents. FTR is seeking funding to continue these well-received programs.

The FTR Education Program continues to inspire kids valley-wide, in grades K-12. Thanks to the Teton Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, our Trout in the Classroom program has aquariums in all of the public schools in the district this year. Other programs for school-aged youth included field trips about geology, stream studies, snow science, and wetlands. In the first year of a two-year EPA Environmental Education grant, FTR launched a Teton County WaterWise Initiative, focused on youth and adult education opportunities for drinking water protection, including topics on soil health, floodplains, well-water testing, and household hazardous waste. As a part of this grant, FTR was awarded \$20,000 to fund classrooms and community organizations that have projects related to improving drinking water.

Partnerships, trust, and effective collaboration have been fundamental to our success as an organization. Our vision is to be a model for watershed conservation that puts science into practice, celebrates a diverse culture of stewardship, and implements locally based solutions that support our economy, community, and values.



Farms & Fish:

We have spent a great deal of time developing strategies with our agricultural partners who are concerned about changing land use, water management, and hydrologic conditions in our valley. We have actively formed partnerships with agricultural producers, the Teton Soil Conservation District, and the Farm Bureau to develop locally based solutions for maintaining the health of our working lands, open spaces, and stream corridors, while improving water resources and family farms and ranches. Thanks to resounding community support for our Farms & Fish Initiative, FTR has received \$765,000 in federal grant funding over the next three years to assist agricultural producers with no-till farming, cover crop seed, irrigation infrastructure, land protection, and water quality and soil health improvements.



Teton Creek Restoration:

FTR has invested more than \$3.3 million to research, restore, protect, and improve fish habitat, stream flows, water quality, and riparian health in the Teton Creek Corridor over the past dozen years. FTR invested \$300,000 on Teton Creek in 2017, restoring 480 feet of stream channel, and stabilizing and revegetating 1,165 feet of stream bank, and two acres of floodplain. A total of 2,770 willow poles were cut, prepared, and planted at project sites. Earlier in the year, FTR and Biota Research & Consulting completed an assessment of the existing conditions to identify which sections of Teton Creek are healthy and which are most at-risk to flooding, habitat loss, and damage. The report findings give FTR, stream restoration experts, local residents, and decision-makers a science-based tool to make informed decisions and develop long-term restoration solutions that make sense for our community. FTR will continue to assist the community with this process and initiate next steps.

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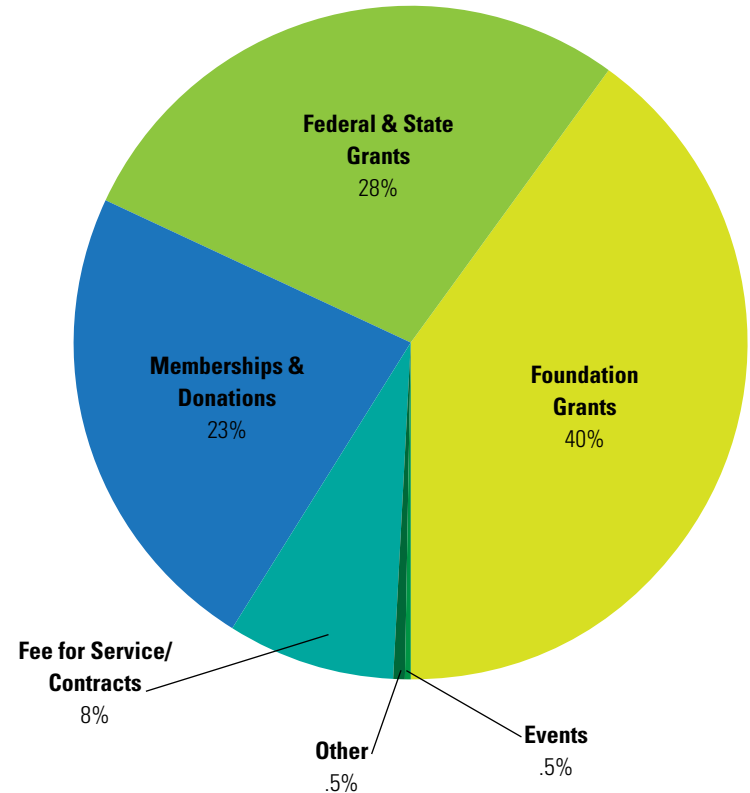
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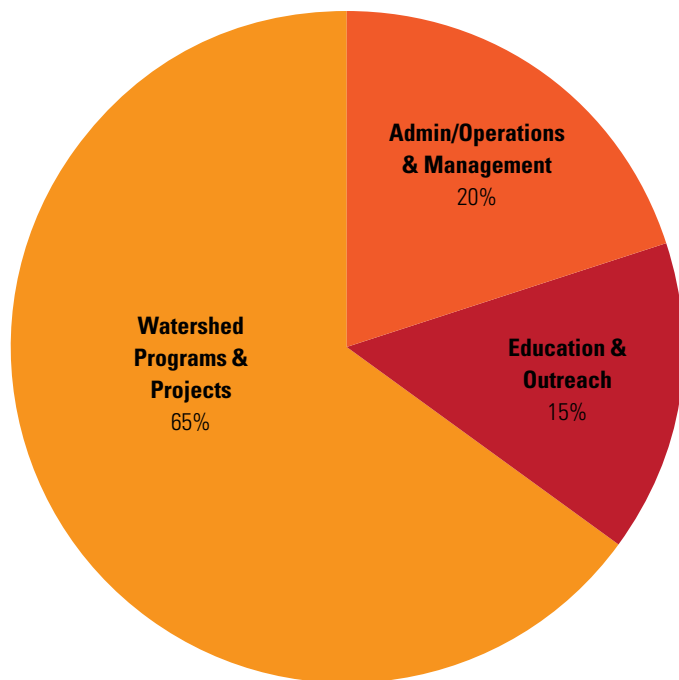
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:

Federal & State Grants Assistance	\$ 194,897
Membership and Donations	\$ 161,247
Foundation Grants	\$ 281,751
Fee for Service (Contracts)	\$ 57,895
Special Events (Net of expense)	\$ 3,450
Other (Merchandise, Interest)	\$ 3,392
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Total Revenue and Support	\$ 702,632



Friends of the Teton River raised \$702,632 in total revenue and support in 2017, with the majority of funds (80 percent) going to on-the-ground projects and programs, including stream restoration, stream flow restoration, water quality and fisheries monitoring, and watershed education and outreach. Revenues were derived from individual donors and donor events, federal and state grants, foundation support, and fee-for-service contracts.

2017 EXPENSES - \$594,328



EXPENSES:

Watershed Projects & Programs	\$ 384,507
Education & Outreach	\$ 86,241
Operations & Program Management	\$ 123,580

Total Expenses	\$ 594,328
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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
2016 Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 107,262	\$ 85,048	\$ 192,310
Change in Net Assets	\$ 20,515	\$ 87,789	\$ 108,304
2017 Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 127,777	\$ 172,837*	\$ 300,614

*Restricted Net Assets held at the end of FY 2017 will be spent in FY 2018 on programs and projects, for which they have been designated by the individual or grantor.

Friends of the Teton River strongly believes in fiscal responsibility and accountability to its membership, project partners, and the general public. This report illustrates FTR's financial position as of December 31, 2017. Please contact us if you would like a copy of our 990 tax form, on file with the IRS.

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FTR would like to extend our gratitude to the donors who collectively gave over \$37,000 to our 2017 Farms & Fish Campaign. Individual giving is the most important source of funds that FTR leverages to match with federal, state, and foundation grants. Thanks for investing in this “home grown” effort!



2017 Grant Funding for Programs & Projects

\$5K

Bates Public Access

Community Foundation of Teton Valley
Western Native Trout Initiative

\$13K

Fisheries Monitoring

Anonymous Donor
Arthur Simonetti & Patricia Andrews
Short Family Foundation

\$25K

Water Quality/Stream Monitoring

Idaho Department of Water Resources
Teton Conservation District (Wyoming)
Teton Springs Foundation

\$53K

Capacity Grants

Biota Research & Consulting
Bonneville Environmental Foundation
LOR Foundation

\$60K

Stream Flow Program

Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program
Idaho Department of Water Resources
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**These are grants that were received or awarded in FY 2017. Note that grant periods do not always correspond with FTR's fiscal year, and vary in length where noted.*

\$70K

Community Education

Department of Energy (2017/18)*
EPA Environmental Education Grant
Silverstar Communications

\$375K

Teton Creek Restoration/ Teton Creek Collaborative

Creskide Homeowners Association
Cushman Family Foundation
Donald C. Brace Foundation*
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Idaho Department of Lands (2016-2019)*
Jackson Hole One Fly Foundation
LOR Foundation
Teton Creek Flood Control District
Trout Unlimited
Western Native Trout Initiative & US Fish and Wildlife Service (National Fish Habitat Partnership)

\$780K

Farms & Fish

Natural Resources Conservation Service (2017-2021)*
Patagonia Environmental Grant

FTR works hard to bring grant dollars into our community, where we put them to work on-the-ground, investing them in our watershed with local contractors, businesses, organizations, and community members. We believe healthy ecosystems and economies thrive together.

Growing Leverage Through Partnerships

Sowing the Seeds

In 2015-16, Friends of the Teton River and the Teton Soil Conservation District (TSCD) worked with a handful of “seed” funders to raise \$42,000 to purchase a no-till seed drill, which is now rented at very low cost to local farmers so they can experiment with conservation tillage techniques. This handshake deal allowed us to literally sow the seeds for the Farms & Fish Campaign.



\$42K

**FTR+Teton Soil
Conservation
District** to purchase
a no-till seed drill
2015/2016

Nurturing the Soil

A \$15,000 grant from the outdoor clothing company Patagonia helped to further nurture this campaign, providing funding for cover crop seeds and producer-to-producer education, as well as funding to help research the environmental benefits of cover crops and conservation tillage.



\$15K

Patagonia Grant
2016



\$37K

**Farms & Fish
Campaign**
individuals & donors
2017

Growing Support

In 2017, the Farms & Fish Campaign began in earnest. The campaign has brought together FTR members concerned about water quality and fisheries and the innovative producers voluntarily working to protect these valuable resources, while also improving the soil and productivity on their local family farms. FTR members provided \$37,000 in critical private matching funds needed to secure state and federal grants.



\$75K

**FTR + State Agency
Partnership**
2018/2019

Cultivating Success

As a direct result of the private and corporate capacity, seed, and equipment funds raised in the early stages of the campaign, FTR and our partners were able to apply for and successfully secure more than \$800,000 in state and federal grant funds to further this important work. A \$74,000 grant from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) will be used to demonstrate, evaluate, and verify that the agricultural best management practices of cover crop application and conservation tillage can be effectively used to improve water quality in the Teton River and its tributaries; protect community drinking water resources; and improve farm productivity, soil health, and soil moisture.

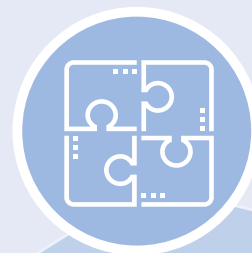


\$765K

**FTR + Teton Regional Land Trust +
federal agency + local ag producers**
2018-2021

Reaping the Fruits

A \$765,000 grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will fund the work of a diverse local partnership to collaboratively address soil health and erosion, water quality, wildlife habitat protection, and water supply issues on private lands in Teton County. Partners in this work have expanded to include not only FTR, TSCD, and our funding partners, but also the Teton County Farm Bureau, LegacyWorks Group, Teton Regional Land Trust, Henry's Fork Foundation, local government entities and canal companies, and numerous individual farmers, ranchers, and water right holders. The majority of the state and federal grant funds will go directly to landowners and producers to implement practices that protect natural resources.



Shared staff
FTR + Henry's Fork Foundation
(starting 2018)

Expanding the Field

In 2018, the incredibly successful partnerships established through and supported by the Farms & Fish Campaign continue to grow. Friends of the Teton River and the Henry's Fork Foundation recently hired a shared staff member (Landowner Outreach Coordinator) who will work full time with our agricultural partners to continue to cultivate and expand this important initiative.

CURRENT CAMPAIGNS

Farms & Fish 2018

The Farms & Fish Initiative kicked off last year as a joint-effort of FTR and the agricultural community to raise awareness and funding in support of soil and water management practices that will directly benefit local farms and our fishery. With your support, FTR was able to secure significant state, federal, and foundation grants to put this work on (or in) the ground beginning this year.

Putting your investment to work

In partnership with the Henry's Fork Foundation and the Teton Water Users Association, FTR has hired a Landowner Outreach Coordinator who will work with agricultural producers and conservation stakeholders to voluntarily pilot a number of strategies in the next several years that will improve soil health, water quality, and river flows. From no-till farming to targeted groundwater recharge, these strategies seek to implement place-based solutions that are supported by science and the community. By reducing nitrogen inputs and erosion, improving soil structure, upgrading canals and irrigation systems, and recharging the aquifer, we are keeping working lands working for ecosystem health.

In the stream

Our fisheries research and restoration program is the longest-running program at FTR. It has had a visible and valuable impact on the watershed through fish habitat/passage improvements and stream channel restoration. This work is highly regarded by our colleagues, who consider our science-based approach to be a model for trout conservation in the West. Agency partners have credited our restoration efforts for rebounding cutthroat numbers in the Teton River—from fourteen cutthroat per mile in 2003 to seven hundred cutthroat per mile as of the 2015 trout population survey. These numbers are encouraging, but we know there is still a lot of work to do!

In the field

We are continuing to work closely with scientists and agencies from around the region to identify the most impactful projects for fisheries health, with a special focus on working with willing farmers and ranchers to implement best management practices on agricultural lands adjacent to the Teton River and key tributaries. These projects will focus on recharging the aquifer, reducing erosion, stabilizing riverbanks, and



Wilkes Short Family Foundation Makes \$10,000 Challenge Grant

improving livestock management and irrigation diversions. For landowners, this means getting assistance to restore and sustain the health of their water, land, and livelihood for the long-term. For our wild fishery, this means more water, cooler stream temperatures, improved water quality, and better habitat.

Help us grow support!

The goal for the second year of our Farms & Fish Campaign is to raise \$30,000 in private contributions. This will allow us to secure an additional \$240,000 in grant funds to restore fish habitat in partnership with farmers and ranchers on the Teton River. Your gift, of any amount, will help us continue to implement place-based solutions that benefit healthy farms, a healthy fishery, and a healthy watershed for all. Donors who make or pledge a contribution of \$250+ to this program will receive an invitation to be recognized at the Farms & Fish Benefit, an event hosted at the Teton Valley Lodge on August 22 (see announcement, back cover). Please mail your donation/pledge using the enclosed envelope, or make a contribution using your credit card online at www.tetonwater.org.

**The success of Farms & Fish relies on the
support of our community and donors like you!**

The Wilkes Short Family Foundation has made a \$10,000 Challenge Grant to FTR's Fisheries Program in honor of the late John Short and in recognition of the hard-working guide staff at the Teton Valley Lodge (TVL). John was passionate about fishing and the Teton River, and made a personal commitment to supporting our research efforts through significant contributions during his lifetime. In his spirit of conservation and stewardship, the foundation will match individual contributions up to \$10,000 in 2018 for the Fisheries Innovation Support fund (FINS). Friends and clients making gifts via this challenge can also nominate TVL guide-staff to be recognized for their outstanding stewardship, passion, or service to the watershed. Friends of the Teton River will honor these guides at the end of the 2018 season.

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Save the Dates!

Farms & Fish

August 1

Teton Valley Farm Tour

Hop on the tour bus and join FTR and the Farm Bureau to tour local agricultural operations and learn about how Teton Valley farmers are using innovative agricultural systems to support healthy ecosystems. This event is FREE and open to the public. Space will be limited; sign-up required. Details to come.

August 22 Farms & Fish Benefit hosted by the Teton Valley Lodge

Healthy Farms, Healthy Fishery Find out how we are restoring fish habitats, water quality, and ecosystem health in partnership with farmers and ranchers in Teton Valley. Donors and friends are invited to learn about our efforts with local agricultural producers through our Farms & Fish Program, give to the campaign, take a tour, and celebrate our successes during an outdoor reception on the banks of the beautiful Teton River.

Help us meet our \$30,000 goal by making a donation to this campaign. Your contributions will help us leverage \$250,000 for stream restoration projects in partnership with the local farming and ranching community. We will recognize lead donors (\$1,000+) and matching gifts over \$250 at this event. Look for a formal invitation and announcements early this summer, and reserve your spot at this RSVP-only benefit. For event details or to receive an invitation, email dawn@tetonwater.org