



FY 2018 Annual Report

Growing capacity for
watershed conservation



Sharing Resources

Welcome Message

Dear Friends,

As our community continues to grow, so does the impact we collectively have on the Teton River Watershed. With this growth, Friends of the Teton River's focus continues to shift from "How can we do everything ourselves?" to "How can we all share in the conservation and stewardship of our community's water resources?" This collaborative approach recognizes, supports, and grows our entire community's capacity to problem-solve and plan for a future that addresses diverse needs for water and diverse approaches to watershed conservation.

An important part of this shift is to make intentional efforts to actively listen to and learn from our community, so that we can continue to connect best practices with the best available science. Community partners who work in a truly collaborative way can identify common priorities, leverage more funding, share lessons learned, and spread the work-load in a way that makes for greater efficiency and effectiveness. It is also important to recognize that "sharing" (funding, ideas, or even the credit) isn't always easy, and we don't always manage to do it perfectly. We believe it is vitally important, however, to continue doing this hard work, especially with the increasing pressures placed on our watershed and our community by climate change, a growing population, and continued land use change.

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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Friends of the Teton River 2018 Annual Report



Amy Verbeten,
Executive Director (since 2012)



Anna Lindstedt,
Development Director (since 2007)

In this **Annual Report**, we share what we've been able to accomplish in the past year with your support, input, and engagement. In 2018, homeowners and residents took part in clean water initiatives and incentive programs, made possible by community and funding partnerships. FTR and the Henry's Fork Foundation now share a new staff position focused on a regional Farms & Fish Initiative, and are working together to gather public input about the future of river recreation and use. FTR and the Teton Regional Land Trust shared fundraising responsibility, as well as staff and financial resources, to restore the stream channel, floodplain, and riparian forest on an easement in the Teton Creek Corridor. Local farmers and ranchers shared agricultural innovations and grazing management success stories with donors during the Farms & Fish Benefit and with the public on the first-ever Teton Valley Farm & Ranch Tour (*pages 4-5*). FTR worked together with local, regional, and national funding partners to raise \$817,514 for these and other projects, programs, and shared community efforts (*page 11*).

We have had tremendous success in eighteen years, implementing programs and projects that have made a big difference in a relatively short time. Our organization truly believes that this is just the beginning of what can be accomplished as we continue to work together (*pages 12-13*).

In 2019, we will continue to lead watershed conservation efforts by actively sharing resources and the responsibility for water stewardship with our community. Thank you for generously supporting this organization through your contributions and participation, and for sharing our passion for conservation.

Sincerely,

Amy Verbeten *Anna Lindstedt*

2018 Key Accomplishments



Farms & Fish

In August, Teton Valley farmers and ranchers shared the success of the Farms & Fish Initiative with more than one hundred community members during the Teton Valley Farm & Ranch Tour. In two short years, you have helped us raise \$60,000 in matching funds that have made FTR and the local agricultural community eligible to receive more than \$700,000 in state, federal, and foundation grants. Grant funds make it possible for local farmers and ranchers to experiment with no-till and cover crop techniques on more than 500 acres in Teton Valley. These grants also incentivize canal companies to participate in an aquifer recharge project that aims to add 10,000 acre feet of water to our local aquifer and support a multi-year staff position shared with the Henry's Fork Foundation to expand and monitor these projects throughout the watershed.



In collaboration with FTR, Teton County, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Teton Regional Land Trust, local artist Helen Seay designed and painted mural artwork for two new vault toilets at access points on the Teton River.

Community Outreach

Whether it's through watershed education programs for adults and school-aged children, public access improvements, cleaner drinking water, restored stream corridors, or a great fishing experience, our community shares in our success. In 2018, fifty homeowners and residents benefitted from our septic pumping incentive program, a free well-water testing day was hosted at the high school, and FTR organized Teton County's first household hazardous waste collection day, co-sponsored by the Teton County transfer station. These programs provide our community with tangible ways to protect, steward, and enjoy the water resources we all share.

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 and local knowledge into practice and actively grows our community's capacity to participate in watershed conservation. By sharing resources and stewardship with our community, we are implementing projects and programs that support our economy, values, and quality of life.



Teton Creek Restoration & Reforestation

FTR has invested more than \$3.6 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. In 2018, FTR and the Teton Regional Land Trust worked together—sharing \$320,000 in grant funding, as well as staff time and expertise—to restore 1,000 linear feet of Teton Creek stream channel; remove half a mile of degraded road, building foundations, and an old septic tank from the floodplain; and restore thirty-one acres of riparian habitat within a conservation easement property held by TRLT. By sharing our expertise and resources, this project gave both organizations the unique opportunity to restore a previously developed floodplain back to a natural, functioning condition that provides flood protection and other ecosystem services to the entire community.



River Recreation & Use

In addition to its importance to the livelihoods of fish, wildlife, and people, the Teton River is also an amazing recreational asset for residents and visitors alike. As river recreation and visitation to the Teton River have increased substantially, FTR has initiated efforts to improve existing amenities and gather input regarding public access and use so that we can help our community work together to conserve the river as a protected ecosystem and a recreational asset long into the future. During the summer of 2018, FTR worked with the Henry's Fork Foundation and other partners to conduct a survey to assess economic value and recreational use on the Teton and other regional rivers. FTR is also working with students and professors at the University of Montana's Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy to gather input to assess public perception of issues related to river recreation and determine whether there is a need and community interest in establishing a river recreation management plan for the Teton River. We will be sharing the results of these assessments with the community in 2019.

Thank You, Members!

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Thank You, Tin Cup Donors!

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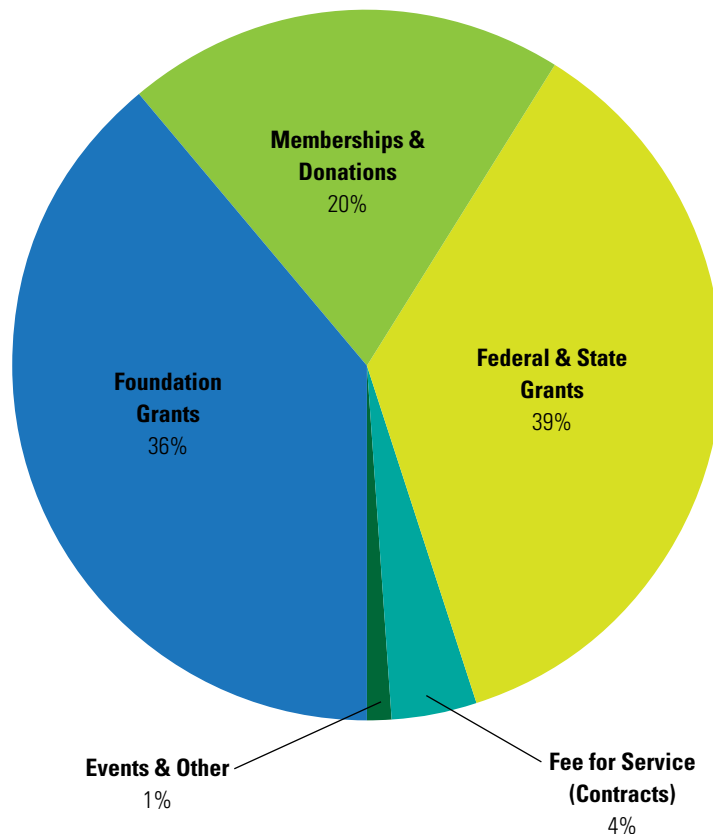
The 2019 Tin Cup Challenge giving period is Monday, June 3 – Friday, July 26, 2019 at 5pm; contributions are accepted online at cftetonvalley.org, via mail, and in person at the Community Foundation of Teton Valley.

FY 2018 Financials

2018 INCOME - \$817,514

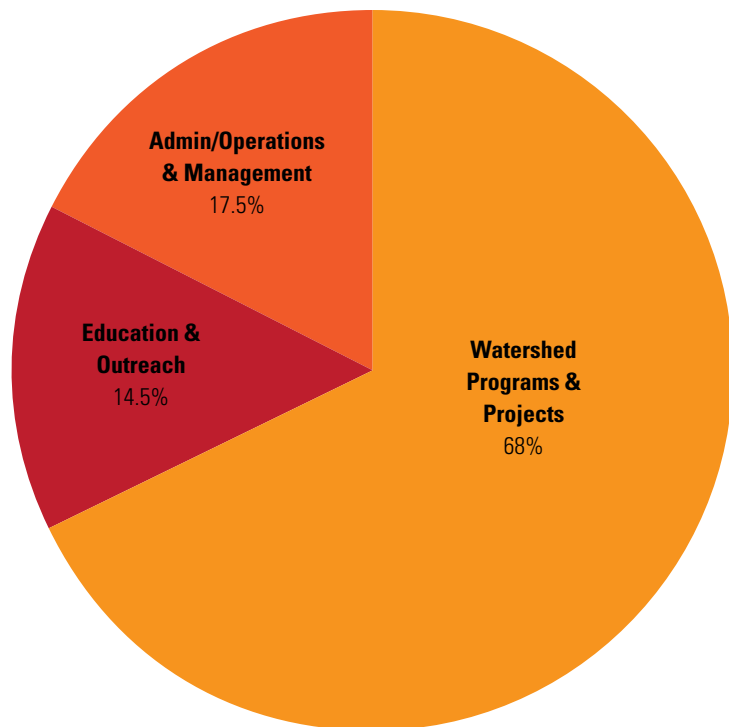
REVENUE AND SUPPORT:

Federal and State Grants Assistance	\$317,208
Membership and Donations	\$166,750
Foundation Grants	\$292,373
Fee for Service (Contracts)	\$34,970
Special Events (Net of expense)	\$5,142
Other (Bank interest)	\$1,071
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Total Revenue and Support	\$817,514



Friends of the Teton River raised \$817,514 in total revenue and support in 2018, with the majority of funds (83 percent) going to on-the-ground projects and programs, including stream restoration, soil health and water quality improvements, fisheries research, watershed monitoring, and community education and outreach. Revenues were derived from individual donors and events, federal and state grants, foundation support, and fee-for-service contracts.

2018 EXPENSES - \$729,176



EXPENSES:

Watershed Projects & Programs	\$497,628
Education & Outreach	\$104,726
Operations & Program Management	\$126,822

Total Expenses	\$729,176
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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
2017 Net Assets at End of Year	\$119,855	\$133,410	\$253,265
Change in Net Assets	\$10,483	\$77,855	\$88,338
2018 Net Assets at End of Year	\$130,338	\$211,265*	\$341,603

*Restricted Net Assets held at the end of FY 2018 will be spent on programs and projects in 2019-2020, 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, 2018. Please contact us if you would like a copy of our 990 tax form, on file with the IRS.

Thank You, Farms & Fish Initiative Donors!

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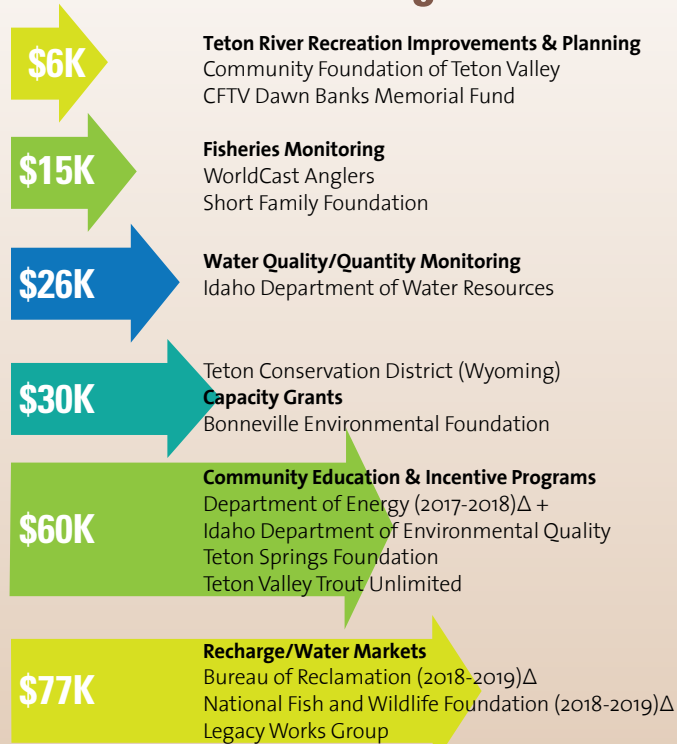
Anjali Tate & Greg Young



Zak Miller, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, introduces local producers on the Farm Tour.

Our community has shared their enthusiasm for the Farms & Fish Initiative through their interest and support, making it one of our most well-recognized and successful programs in only three short years. In 2018, donors helped us raise \$40,000, leveraging an additional \$506,000 in grant funding for no-till, cover crop, and other sustainable farming efforts.

2018 Grant Funding Sources



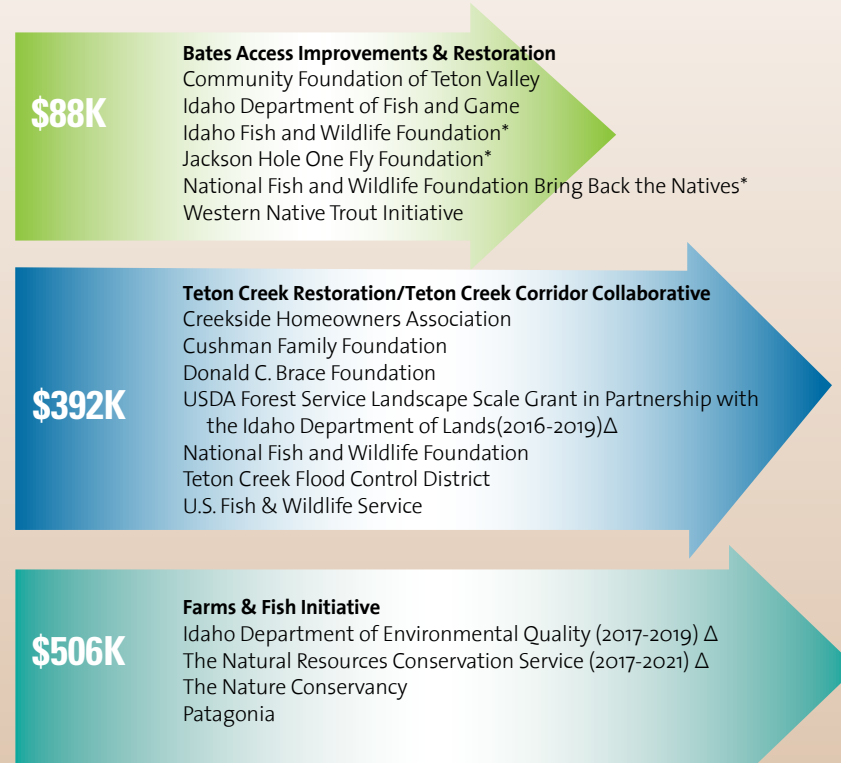
Please note that grant awards and periods do not always correspond with FTR's fiscal year.

Δ Represents a multi-year grant commitment, as indicated.

* Indicates those grants awarded in FY 2018, for upcoming implementation.

+ This grant was made in connection with settlement of an enforcement action by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for alleged violations of the Idaho Hazardous Waste Management Act.

Healthy ecosystems and economies thrive together! FTR works hard to bring grant dollars into our community. Of the grant funds listed here, 75 percent will be paid to local contractors, businesses, organizations, and individuals who are helping us implement on-the-ground watershed projects and programs.



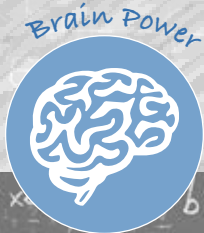
Sharing Resources: A

Expertise

We base our work on scientific research and monitoring.

FTR leads the field in cutting-edge watershed science and methods that have gained national attention and the recognition of our peers and funders. From stream restoration and aquifer recharge to the targeted conservation of Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, sound science is our guide.

Our ability to accomplish impactful projects is a direct result of sharing data and ideas with other experts and scientists, leaders in the fields of water and soil science, engineers, statisticians, floodplain managers, fisheries biologists, and you!



Local Knowledge & Input

We listen to our community!

Science paired with local knowledge helps to develop stakeholder-driven solutions that work in Teton Valley.

In recent years, we heard public concerns that led us to conduct surveys and interviews regarding Teton River recreation and use, and to seek ways to address water quality threats, such as aging or unmaintained septic systems.

Our initiatives, like Farms & Fish, depend on input, ideas, expertise, research, and feedback from local producers. Sharing lessons learned helps us refine and expand on-the-ground efforts to improve water quality, soil health, and agricultural returns.



Funding

We invest in our community.

In the past year alone, FTR has leveraged individual contributions to raise an additional \$1.2 million in state, federal, and private foundation grants. Of this funding, 75 percent (\$900,000) is designated for on-the-ground habitat restoration, infrastructure improvements, aquifer recharge, cost-share programs, and watershed research. We invest these financial resources back into our community, hiring and purchasing locally to support Teton Valley businesses.

we share the pie π



Formula for Conservation

Partnerships

By working together, we can do so much more!

We have leveraged joint funding on several projects, such as the new Bates Bridge Public Access and Teton Creek restoration, both of which would have been impossible without significant partnerships with Teton Regional Land Trust, Teton County, and numerous other partners.

In 2019, FTR will share two staff members with the Henry's Fork Foundation. Bryce Contor, Landowner Outreach Manager, will continue to work on regional Farms & Fish Initiative goals. Beginning in 2019, Fisheries Technician Matt Hively will collect and analyze field data year-round for both organizations.



Community Decision-Making

A community of informed citizens can help plan for the future.

FTR works with our community partners to design stream restoration projects, manage water resources, and plan growth in a way that protects critical ecosystem functions and services.

We don't make decisions alone!

By working with community partners, we prioritize which projects we'll focus on next and what can be a win-win for both people and our water resources. We are doing this in our current work with the cities, county, landowners, local engineers, and FEMA to ensure that flood risk maps for the county reflect the best available science and that our community plans ahead to reduce costs and impacts when flooding occurs.



Stewardship

Teton Watershed conservation depends on *all of us*.

We are a community resource providing a wide variety of services for the public, ranging from water quality testing and a septic pumping incentive program to staff expertise and data regarding floodplain planning, riparian restoration, water rights information, and more.

Do you have a water-related question?

Give us a call or set up an appointment to visit with our staff. Call (208) 354-3871 or email info@tetonwater.org.



CURRENT CAMPAIGNS

Farms & Fish Program Update

The Farms & Fish Initiative kicked off in 2017 as a joint-effort between FTR and the farming and ranching community to raise awareness and funding in support of soil and water management practices that will directly benefit working lands and livelihoods, while improving water quality, soil health, and the Teton River fishery.

With your support, our Farms & Fish fundraising campaign has raised \$90,000 in two years (2017-2018), helping FTR secure a total of more than \$1 million in state, federal, and foundation grants to put this program to work. In 2018, Bryce Contor, Landowner Outreach Manager, worked with local agricultural producers to voluntarily pilot a number of strategies over the next several years that will improve soil health, water quality, and river flows. These strategies, from no-till farming to targeted groundwater recharge, 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.

Moo-ving Toward Conservation Practices for Cattle & Cutthroat

FTR has proven that our stream restoration efforts have led to 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. Cutthroat thrive in stretches of the river with gravel bottoms, willow-lined banks, and desirable holding water. These numbers are encouraging, but we know that there are places along the river in need of habitat improvement.

The Farms & Fish Initiative has given us a unique opportunity to work closely with our farming and ranching community to identify the most impactful projects for fisheries health, with a special focus on improving working lands adjacent to the Teton River and key tributaries. Built on the success of the no-till and conservation farming so far, we are expanding our efforts under Farms & Fish to work with ranchers who are leading the effort to implement best management practices on grazed lands along stream corridors. These projects will focus on reducing erosion, stabilizing riverbanks, and improving grazing management.



For ranchers, 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 cleaner water, cooler stream temperatures, and better habitat.

Support Rivers & Ranches

Friends of the Teton River needs your support for our Rivers & Ranches Campaign. Your donation will go toward our \$30,000 goal to support restoration of riparian buffer areas, off-stream watering systems, and hardened river crossings for cattle. By meeting our campaign goal, you will help us secure more than \$240,000 in grant funding to do this work on the Teton River.

Make a contribution, in any amount, using our donation envelope (enclosed) or your credit card using DonorBox on our website at www.tetonwater.org.

Campaign contributors will be invited to a donor tour and reception. Look for a formal invitation and announcements this summer, and reserve your spot early. For event details or to receive more information email, dawn@tetonwater.org.



Off-channel livestock watering options decrease soil erosion and help maintain stable stream banks.



A hardened stream crossing for cattle on Trail Creek limits erosion and provides a single place for cattle to cross the stream.

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Save the Dates!

Upcoming Events

July 12

Rivers & Ranches Reception

FTR will host a private tour, talk, and reception for Rivers & Ranches Campaign donors and those interested in supporting this work (*see page 15*). RSVP required. Details and invitation to follow.

August 3 Fins & Fiddles This second annual celebration is sure to delight music lovers and river folk of all ages! Join FTR and the Targhee Music Foundation for this family-friendly event at the Knotty Pine in Victor, ID. Raffle prizes, kid's activities, pay-per-plate BBQ and beverages, plus live music featuring: The Balsamroots, Thomas Sneed & folk songs for children, and Masontown, from 4-8 pm. Suggested donation of \$10.

Teton Valley Farm Tour date TBA If you missed it last year, or want to learn more about the innovative conservation practices Teton Valley farms and ranches are using to support healthy ecosystems, then "hop on the bus." FTR and the Farm Bureau will offer this FREE tour later in the summer. Space will be limited; sign-up required. Details to come.