

THE FACES OF FTR

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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OUR STAFF has a passion for their work, whether in the office or out in the field, in every season. Our dedicated employees are the heart of the organization.

We are proud to have knowledgeable communityminded individuals on our



Sarah Lien
Water Resources Director
11 years



Mike Lien Restoration & Research Director 19 years



Dawn Felchle Operations Manager 4 years



Anna Lindstedt
Grants & Communications Director
17 years



Max Lewis
Fisheries & Monitoring Technician
2 years

New Staff: 2021

FTR welcomed three new staff members in the past year. A philanthropy director position was added in the spring of 2021, along with two new employees taking the reigns in community education and the Farms & Fish Program.



Hannah Orcutt Mook Philanthropy Director



Will Stubblefield
Community Education Director



Daniel Wilcox
Farms & Fish Coordinator
(FTR-Henry's Fork Foundation shared staff)

Friends of the Teton River FY 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



Amy Verbeten Executive Director 14 years

"On the other side of a storm is the strength that comes from having navigated through it. Raise your sail and begin."

- Gregory S. Williams

Testing Our Mettle

If 2021 were to be assigned a "word of the year," my vote would go to the word resilience.

Resilience can have a variety of meanings. Friends of the Teton River has long focused on resilience in its ecological context, in which we consider the ability of the Teton Watershed to adapt to environmental stressors such as drought, extreme temperatures, non-native fish introductions, development pressure, and the like.

During the past two years of global uncertainty, it has been FTR's ability to tap into our social resilience ("the capacity to tolerate, cope with, and adjust to change") that has allowed us to remain nimble and adaptive. We recognize that resilient, healthy communities and ecosystems are those that are intricately connected and support one another. To FTR, this means building relationships and trust and working together to find solutions that make all of us and our water resources more resilient.

2021 has provided plentiful opportunities (often overwhelmingly so) to build our adaptability and capacity for responding to change and adversity. Whether we are working together as



a community to address the growing pressure of recreation on the Teton River, working with our farming and ranching partners to cope with extended drought, or working with our staff and board of directors to adjust to the many challenges posed to organizational function by COVID-19, Friends of the Teton River is actively working to build our community's ability and capacity for responding to these changes.

While there are a multitude of factors that provide greater resilience (e.g., flexibility and experience), one key factor is having access to a diversity of financial, technical, and human resources—a.k.a. a support network. Thanks to you, our donors, members, and partners, we feel that our organization has a solid foundation that will continue to provide us strength and adaptability. Thank YOU for ensuring that the Teton River Watershed is stronger and more resilient as we move into a dynamic future.

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Executive Director

KEY PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS July 2020-June 2021:





Farms & Fish Initiative

In the third year of the Aquifer Recharge pilot program, FTR worked with irrigators to recharge 10,000 acre-feet of groundwater (the equivalent of 5,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools)! This program added water to the Teton River in the late summer, when fish, wildlife, and irrigators need it most. Participants were featured in the film "Lifeblood: From Farms to Fish," as well as in an art show at the Teton Geo Center Gallery last year featuring photography by Camrin Dengel.

FTR assisted seven agricultural partners implementing conservation farming and ranching techniques on nearly 600 acres in Teton Valley. Practices included cover crop application, no-till farming techniques, and adaptive grazing management, all of which improve soil health and address water quality and quantity concerns. FTR was recently awarded grants from the National Resources Conservation Service's Conservation Innovation Grant and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Conservation Partners Program to advance these Farms & Fish initiatives over the next three years.

Monitoring & Research

In the summer of 2020, FTR completed the fourth Tributary Trout Assessment, our comprehensive study of native and non-native trout populations throughout the entire watershed every five years. Our fisheries crew and volunteers visited fifty-six established sites, focusing efforts on tributaries flowing out of the Tetons. Yellowstone Cutthroat populations remain consistent, especially where FTR has targeted restoration projects, and non-native trout remains an issue in many of our tributaries. Ongoing monitoring, intensive stream surveys, and modeling on the upper Teton River and in the Canyon Creek drainage informed the design of upcoming restoration projects.

FTR offered our cost-share well water testing program for a second year through a Community Foundation of Teton Valley grant. Participants received convenient and affordable well water testing and contributed to monitoring possible contaminants in our underground aquifer, where many residents get their drinking water. Test results are shared with FTR, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and Teton Conservation District.

FTR assisted Teton County with updating river user counts and developing a public survey questions for upcoming Teton River recreation management planning in Winter 2022.





Community Engagement

Although in-person events were limited due to the ongoing pandemic, FTR was able to provide more education programs and field opportunities than ever. We hosted a virtual presentation and Q&A to share results of our Tributary Trout Assessment and resulting conservation priorities.

Students throughout Teton Valley participated in Trout-in-the-Classroom and raised trout from the eyed egg to fry stage, while learning about the trout life cycle, habitat requirements, and trout anatomy. Thanks to Idaho Fish and Game and Teton Valley Trout Unlimited for helping make this program possible each year!

In June 2021, we kicked off summer events and tours by partnering with the Teton Soil Conservation District to host a soil health workshop with Regenerative Agriculture specialist Ray Archuletta. Thirty producers and community members from Teton Valley came out to learn about managed grazing, no-till practices, cover crop benefits, and water conservation.

Partner Projects

The Buxton River Park Streambank Restoration started in October 2020 and was completed over the winter. Phase one of this project restored 610 linear feet of stream bank and habitat on the main stem of the Teton River, improving water quality and trout habitat, while also providing a safer landing for river users. FTR is currently working to plan and implement restoration on two more streambanks in this reach.

Over a decade of relationship building with irrigators on Canyon Creek and projects to improve fish passage, habitat, and stream function has led to the development of a long-term flow restoration strategy and infrastructure improvements that will be a win-win for farmers and native trout.

A new fully automated fish screen system on the Hog Canal was up and running this spring. The improvements allow irrigators to adjust the screen remotely to accommodate changing flow conditions, diverting water for irrigation, and keeping fish in South Leigh Creek.

The Teton Creek Corridor Pathway was completed and open to the public in June. This gravel pathway connects Stateline Road with the City of Driggs, allowing users to recreate, commute, and enjoy the riparian corridor along the restored sections of Teton Creek.

Federal & State Grants 28%

Memberships & Donations

24%

Fee for Service

(Contracts)

\$270,339 \$224,877
\$224,877
\$104,559
\$3,415
\$739

Friends of the Teton River raised \$949,066 in total revenue and support in FY 2021 to fund on-the-ground projects and programs, including stream restoration and habitat improvement projects (including aquifer recharge and soil health initiatives); fisheries, stream flow, soil health, and water quality monitoring and research; community education and outreach efforts; and FTR operations. Revenues were earned through private donations, federal and state grants, foundation support, and fee-for-service contracts.

2021 Grant Income by program



Stream Habitat & River Restoration

Cushman Family Foundation
Donald C. Brace Foundation
Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Jackson Hole One Fly Foundation
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Bring Back the Natives
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service—Partners Program



Stream Flow Restoration and Monitoring

Idaho Water Resource Board



Farms & Fish Initiative | Soil Health

Foundation

Grants 36%

Events & Other

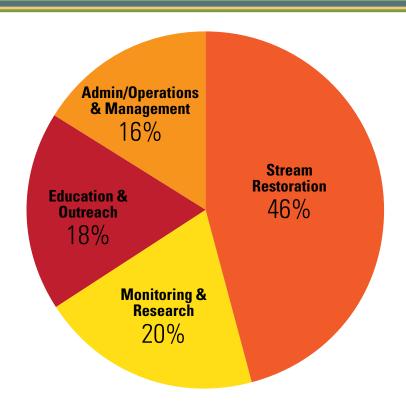
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program Putnam Family Foundation



Farms & Fish Initiative | Aquifer Recharge

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Conoco Phillips Spirit Award Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Innovation Grant The Nature Conservancy

2021 EXPENSES - \$769,722



Stream Restoration			\$353,643
Monitoring & Research			\$151,328
Education & Outreach			\$139,054
Operations & Program Managemen	nt		\$125,698
Total Expenses			\$769,722
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	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
FY 2020 Net Assets at End of Year	Unrestricted \$139,627	Restricted \$286,716	
·			Total

^{*} Restricted Net Assets held at the end of FY 2021 will be spent on programs and projects in FY 2022, for which they have been designated, by the individual or grant partner.

Friends of the Teton River strongly believes in fiscal responsibility and accountability to its membership, project partners, and the public. This report illustrates FTR's financial position as of June 30, 2021. A copy of our 990 tax form is available on our website tetonwater.org

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The FTR Board and staff are astounded and grateful to the record number of donors who supported us this past year. Due to the timing of our July 1-June 30 fiscal year, 2021 Tin Cup donors will be acknowledged in our FY 2022 Annual Report. In the meantime, find a full listing of donors on our website: tetonwater.org.

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July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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CURRENT CAMPAIGNS

Farms & Fish Campaign

FTR is launching a campaign to support Farms & Fish Initiative projects and continue building on impactful work with the farming and ranching community in the Teton Watershed. Collaborating with our agricultural partners on projects that address water availability and soil health are of the highest priority to sustain working lands and a wild Teton River fishery. Our goal over the next two years is to raise \$500,000 from individuals who believe in this highly impactful, collaborative work. Your gift will help secure more than \$4 million in federal funds to implement projects on the ground. Your contribution will help accomplish the following projects:

- Changing water management and rewatering Canyon Creek: Permanently re-opening the immense Canyon Creek drainage and 45 miles of historic spawning habitat to native cutthroat, while providing a sustainable source of water for Canyon Creek irrigators.
- Improving soil and water health: Providing direct incentives and technical support for generational farmers and ranchers who are leading the way in implementing best management practices that include planting cover crops, using conservation tillage methods, testing innovative grazing practices, and monitoring the effects on soil and water health.
- Expanding aquifer recharge: Partnering with Teton Valley farmers and irrigators to recharge the aquifer and increase late season flows to create more reliable water supply and resilient conditions for people and trout.
- Restoring rivers and ranches in the upper Teton River reaches: Completing a series of streambank and habitat restoration projects on currently or historically grazed properties in the Teton River headwaters, to create healthy and productive spawning and rearing areas for native cutthroat.
- Improving headgates and installing fish screens: Upgrading irrigation diversions on the highest priority native trout spawning tributaries, protecting fish from entrapment in canals, while improving water managers' ability to participate in aquifer recharge, and streamflow restoration programs.
- Water Rights & Flow Restoration: Negotiating voluntary, long-term conservation commitments of water rights to restore flow in high priority tributary streams during critical periods for trout, while also providing additional income for farms.



Teton River Recreation Management Campaign

Friends of the Teton River is raising \$30,000 to support the development of the Teton River Recreation Management plan, to engage the public in the recreation management planning process, and to provide education to river users that promotes responsible recreation and active stewardship of natural resource values and fish and wildlife. A portion of the funds will support a facilitator, hired by Teton County, Idaho, to manage the recreation management planning process. The remaining funds will support Friends of the Teton River staff's time to collect, analyze, and report on data, as well as prepare, produce, and distribute educational materials.

A Message from the Philanthropy Director

Dear Friends,

My first summer as Friends of the Teton River's Philanthropy Director has been filled with time spent learning about our work and meeting the partners and impactful supporters—all of you—who make this work possible. The 14th Annual Tin Cup Challenge was one of the most successful ever, exceeding our fundraising goals and engaging more than 315 donors. During our project tours and at smaller, donor-hosted events, I had the opportunity to meet many dedicated supporters—some brand new to the valley and some who are our longtime and founding donors. Through all of these conversations, one thing is evident: Our community truly cares about our watershed and our valley's water resources.

One of the first phone calls I received in my new role was regarding a generous and unexpected bequest gift to FTR. This transformative gift was a valuable reminder of the impact one donor can have on our work. Whether through a will or a trust, a planned gift leaves a legacy that will sustain the Teton River Watershed in perpetuity. Friends of the Teton River is honored to be a part of your planned giving and we are working with the Community Foundation of Teton Valley to develop and offer resources for supporters who want to learn more. In the meantime, especially if you are considering estate planning, please contact us to discuss options to help your family invest in the future of our watershed.

We have several exciting campaigns underway this year, including the Farms & Fish Campaign to support innovative, collaborative work with agricultural partners and the Teton River Recreation Management Campaign to support Teton County in the development of a plan to manage the river we love. Please consider supporting these projects or make an annual or recurring contribution to the Annual Fund to expand FTR's impact in the Teton Watershed.

Finally, I want to share my heartfelt thanks to the many Capacity Fund donors who created this new position. With your support, we are funding programs and raising matching funds. These funds are essential to securing grant dollars that go toward major projects focused on protecting and improving our vital water resources. On behalf of the organization, I am grateful for your warm welcome and continued support. And I look forward to building on the fundraising momentum FTR has been generating for years.

With gratitude,

Hannah Orcutt Mook



Hannah loves exploring the valley and floating the Teton with her husband, Will, and daughter, Abby.

Annual Fund & Year End Giving

Consider an Annual Fund gift at year-end or throughout the year to support ongoing projects in the Teton Watershed. For twenty years, FTR has worked with local partners on projects that have improved local water resources through practical, community-based solutions. Building on this legacy and expanding our positive impact takes commitment and focus, science, and creative thinking. It has also always taken committed and generous benefactors—like you—who share these values. Expand your impact with a gift to FTR this year. Your gift of any size makes a difference.

Making a Gift is Easy

Make a gift to FTR online at tetonwater.org. We accept gifts of appreciated securities, bequests, and qualified retirement plan distributions. If sending a donation by mail, please indicate in a note or comment if your gift supports the Annual Fund, Farms & Fish, or Recreation Management campaigns. Reach out to our Director of Philanthropy at hannah@tetonwater.org if you have any questions or want to discuss your donation to FTR.

Scan the code with your phone or tablet to give now.



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INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Aquifer Recharge & Flood Irrigation Practices

> Water rights holders applying water for flood irrigation in the spring are eligible for incentives in 2022 and 2023.

> Funded by USDA - NRCS
> Conservation Innovation Grant
> contact info@tetonwater.org



WORKSHOP

Biotic Farming Conference with Brendon Rockey

Learn about Rockey Farm's biotic approach and why it's founded on carbon cycling and diversity. Presentations include Biotic farming fundamentals, biotic farming applications, and a question and answer session.

Lunch provided!
Friday, January 28 ~ 9am-2pm
contact will@tetonwater.org for info

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Agricultural Best Management Practices

Regenerative agriculture practices including no-till, cover crops, rotational grazing, and other conservation farming methods are eligible for incentives in the 2022 growing season.

Funded by National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Conservation Partners Program and IDEQ contact info@tetonwater.org