

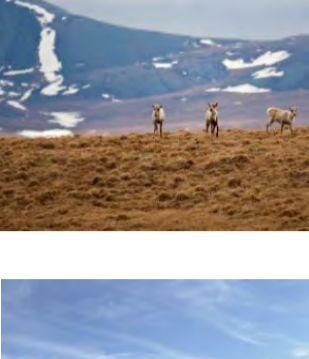


Grantee Update October 2011

In October 2010, The Conservation Alliance invested \$500,000 in grassroots conservation organizations. Each grant went to a project working to secure permanent protection for a specific threatened wild place. We direct organizations to use our funding over the course of a 12-month period. At the end of the grant period, we ask each group for a 12-month final report. These reports play a key role in helping us determine the return on our investment.

On October 1, we received 17 final reports. Following is a summary of the progress our grantees have made with our funding. At the end of this summary are several exciting updates on work we funded in April 2011. We will share final reports on all of our April 2011 grants in April 2012.

Final Reports from October 2010 Grantees



Alaska Wilderness League: We supported Alaska Wilderness League's *Arctic National Wildlife Refuge National Monument Campaign* to encourage President Obama to designate the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge a National Monument. Though Obama did not make a monument designation, AWL secured a Presidential Proclamation on the 50th anniversary of the Refuge that spoke to the importance of the area in our natural heritage, and affirmed the need to keep the Refuge protected into the future. AWL will leverage this support from the President as his Administration develops new management plans for the refuge.



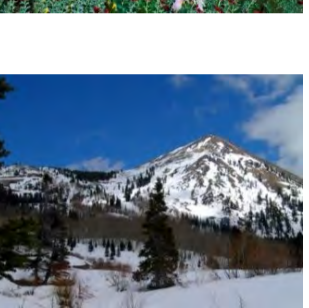
American Rivers: Our funding supported American Rivers' *North Cascades Wild Rivers Campaign* to secure Wild and Scenic River designations for more than 150 miles of river in Washington State's North Cascades. AR reports that members of Washington's Congressional delegation have introduced bills in both the House and the Senate that would protect 50 miles of the Pratt River, Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, and Illabot Creek. The bills have had hearings in both chambers, but are bogged down in DC politics unrelated to the merits of the legislation. The group also continues to build local support for protecting 100 miles of the Upper Nooksack River, for which legislation has not yet been introduced.



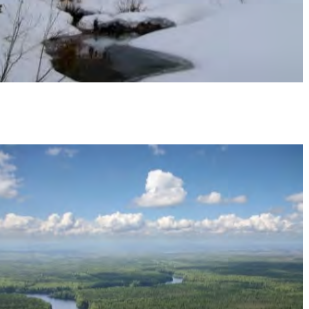
American Whitewater: We supported AW's *Wild Olympics Campaign* to protect two dozen Wild and Scenic rivers representing more than 450 river miles, new Wilderness areas that protect key watersheds, and additions to Olympic National Park that enhance watershed protection. AW has been working closely with Washington's Congressional delegation toward introduction of legislation to secure these protections. The effort has faced some delays due largely to a limited bandwidth among key Congressional leaders from Washington State who are focused on budget reduction efforts.



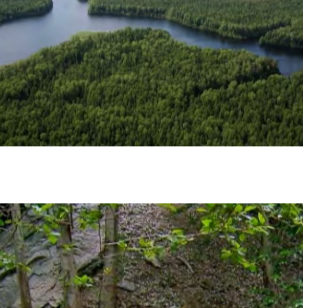
Colorado Environmental Coalition: We funded CEC's *Hidden Gems Wilderness Campaign* to permanently protect up to 500,000 acres of wilderness-quality public land in Colorado's White River National Forest and adjacent BLM areas. CEC reports that in April, Congressman Jared Polis introduced legislation to protect 166,000 acres in his district, including 81,790 acres as designated Wilderness and 84,130 acres as special management areas. The legislation must now work through the challenges of a Congress that is reluctant to pass any Wilderness legislation. CEC will continue to work to build local support for these protections.



Colorado Mountain Club: We supported CMC's *Campaign to Restore the Quiet Experience* to engage in two BLM and Forest Service recreation management plan processes with the goal of restricting snowmobile use to one loop route in the 10,000-acre Hans Peak planning area, and preserve nonmotorized use within the 100,000-acre Handies-Redcloud citizens Wilderness proposal. CMC reports that they successfully halted a proposed snowmobile parking lot on Hahn's Peak, which would have added infrastructure capacity for far more motorized winter recreation in the area, displacing muscle-powered winter users. The group also used our funding to lay the groundwork for comprehensive winter travel management planning on the Routt National Forest.



Forest Ethics: The Conservation Alliance supported Forest Ethics' *Canadian Boreal Forest Campaign* to establish permanent protection that will maintain ecological health, preserve critical habitat, and ensure the well-being of communities living across 175 million acres within Canada's Boreal Forest, the world's largest intact forest. Our funding has helped Forest Ethics act as a forceful stakeholder in a planning process that will determine the long-term management of the Boreal Forest, and ensure that millions of acres within the complex are protected. The planning process will conclude in 2013.



Friends of the River: Our grant supported FOR's *California Wild and Scenic Rivers Campaign* to pass legislation that will protect nearly 380 miles of rivers in California. The group reports that various members of California's Congressional delegation have introduced bills that will protect 136 miles of rivers. Additional bills will be introduced soon to protect another 100 river miles. These river segments are in the California desert, Northern San Diego County, the San Gabriel Mountains, and the Los Padres National Forest. Political dysfunction in Congress has slowed the progress of these bills, but FOR will continue to work to move them along.



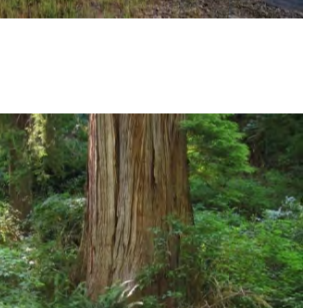
Los Padres Forest Watch: We supported LPFW's *Los Padres Wild Heritage Campaign* to protect more than 200,000 acres of Wilderness and 125 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers in California's Los Padres National Forest. Over the past year, the campaign has used our funding to build local support for these protections, with the goal of convincing Congressman Elton Gallegly to introduce legislation to designate the protected areas. LPFW has secured broad and deep support on the local level for the campaign and reports that they have made good progress with Congressman Gallegly. The group is cautiously optimistic that Gallegly will introduce legislation for the protections soon.



Oregon Natural Desert Association: We supported ONDA's *John Day Wilderness Campaign* to secure permanent Wilderness protection for more than 116,400 acres and Wild & Scenic designation for 30 miles of rivers in Oregon's John Day River Basin. ONDA reports that legislation to protect two key areas in the John Day totaling 18,000 acres, Cathedral Rock and Horse Heaven, has been re-introduced and had a Senate hearing in May. The group has made solid progress building support for Wilderness designations on 60,000 acres in the Sutton Mountain area and 40,000 acres in the Lower John Day basin. Finally, the BLM's John Day Resource Management Plan should be final by the end of the year. ONDA is optimistic that the plan will recommend Wild and Scenic protections for 37 miles of the North Fork John Day, and designate 20,000 acres as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.



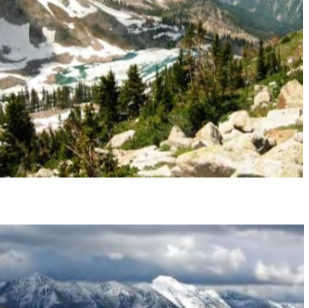
Oregon Wild: The Conservation Alliance funded Oregon Wild's *Oregon Wilderness and Rivers Campaign* to secure federal Wilderness and Wild & Scenic River designations for Oregon's Rogue River watershed, Devil's Staircase, Mount Hood, and Molalla River. The group reports that legislation has been introduced in both the House and Senate to protect the Molalla River as Wild and Scenic, and Devil's Staircase as Wilderness. Both bills had Senate hearings in May. Oregon Wild continues to build local support for the Rogue and Mt. Hood protections, but no legislation is imminent.



Save Our Canyons: We supported Save Our Canyon's *Wasatch Wilderness Campaign* to permanently protect 26,000 acres in Utah's Wasatch Mountains, and save the area's primitive recreational opportunities, water quality, natural beauty, and quality of life. The group reports that Congressman Jim Matheson will likely re-introduce legislation soon. The campaign is working hard to resolve conflicts with several stakeholders, and to overcome challenging politics in the State of Utah.

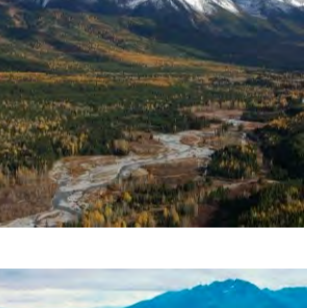


Sierra Club of BC: We funded Sierra Club of BC's *Flathead River Valley National Park Campaign* to designate a new National Park in the southeastern one-third of Canada's Flathead River Valley and create a Wildlife Management Area in the rest of the valley and adjoining habitat. The group reports that the BC government announced in February, 2011 its intention to legislate a ban on mining and energy development in the Flathead Valley. That legislation has not yet passed, but is in the works. Sierra Club will now focus its efforts on securing a new National Park covering the southeastern one-third of the valley, adjacent to the Waterton-Glacier World Heritage Site.



Trout Unlimited-Alaska: TU has used Conservation Alliance funding to support its *Stop Pebble Mine Campaign* to convince the EPA to take decisive action under the Clean Water Act to stop construction of the Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska. TU reports significant progress in the campaign, which now hinges largely on pressuring the EPA to reject the permit for Pebble Mine. In support of that effort, TU has won support from the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, the largest private landowner in the region, and representative of 80 percent of the region's residents. TU has also secured the support of the city of Dillingham, the largest community in the region. EPA announced in the Spring that it would conduct a watershed assessment to determine if Pebble Mine would pose significant likelihood of negative impacts to wetlands and waters. The group expects EPA to make a final decision in the Fall of 2012.

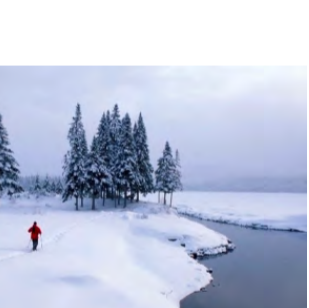
VICTORY: 2,341 Acres Protected
Trust for Public Land-New England: Our funding supported TPL's *Campaign to Conserve the Upper Connecticut River* to protect the Upper Connecticut River Watershed of Vermont and New Hampshire and preserve its forests, streams, and muscle-powered recreation opportunities. The campaign over the past 12 months focused on three separate conservation projects covering 2,341 acres: the Deerfield River, Brushwood Forest, and Gardner Mountain projects. The Deerfield River project is complete, protecting 680 acres of land and transferring it to the Green Mountain National Forest. The Brushwood Community Forest Expansion will be complete in November, adding 580 acres to an existing protected forest. Finally, TPL has secured a conservation easement on 1,081 acres of wildlife habitat on Gardner Mountain.



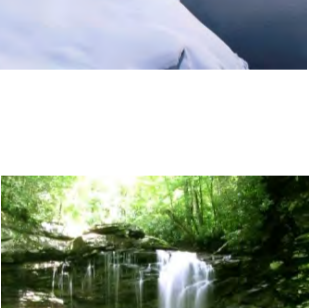
West Virginia Wilderness Coalition: We supported WVWC's *Cranberry National Recreation Area Campaign* to establish the nearly 80,000-acre Cranberry National Recreation Area, and permanently protect up to 25,000 acres of Wilderness in West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest. WVWC reports that their campaign is progressing well on the local level, but is struggling in Washington, DC. The group has secured the support of West Virginia's Congressional delegation, but the politics for securing a Cranberry National Monument. As a result, WVWC is shifting its campaign to focus on public lands conservation. The campaign, which simply requires that President Obama create the monument under the Antiquities Act.



Wild Salmon Center: The Conservation Alliance supported WSC's *Tillamook Forest Campaign* to protect 150,000 acres of rainforest in Oregon's North Coast Range, providing critical habitat for dozens of rare and threatened species as well as outdoor recreation opportunities for the region, including world-class fishing, hiking, camping and mountain biking. In the first year of a three-year effort, WSC reports the Oregon Board of Forestry rejected proposals for increased logging in the Tillamook State Forest, and included protected areas as part of the legal purpose of state forests. The group plans to leverage this mandate next year to work with the Board of Forestry on a specific process to identify areas for protection, and to develop administrative rules for protected areas.

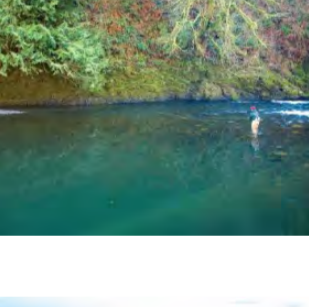


Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative: We funded Y2Y's *Campaign for the Peace River Valley* to prevent the approval of the proposed Site C Dam on the Peace River and to secure the ecological integrity of this treasured British Columbia waterway. Y2Y reports that, as a result of their efforts over the past year, there is now an effective, coordinated, broadly-based campaign that is working to counteract the forces that are working towards the Site C dam's approval, construction and operation. The proposed dam is now in the hands of provincial and federal agencies who will decide whether to approve the project. Moving forward, Y2Y will leverage its organized campaign to demonstrate that the impacts of the proposed dam would be devastating to the Peace River Valley.



Notable Updates from April 2011 Grantees

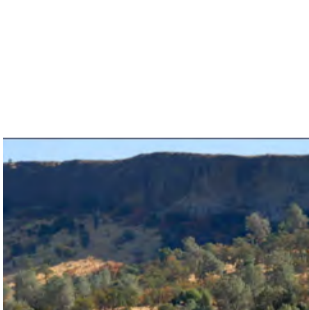
VICTORY: Climbing Area Acquired
Access Fund: We supported Access Fund's *Jailhouse Rock Acquisition Campaign* to secure permanent access to and long-term conservation of Jailhouse Rock, a popular climbing area near Sonora, California. AF reports that they have successfully protected the 75-acre area for conservation and public access; designated a new trailhead and access route for the crag; and secured stewardship funding in partnership with the local climbing community to ensure the long-term protection of Jailhouse Rock.



Conservation Resource Alliance: Our funding supported CRA's *Boardman River Dam Removal Campaign* to remove four dams and restore 20 miles of the Boardman River in Michigan. CRA reports that removal of the first two dams – Brown Bridge and Sabin – will begin in Spring 2012.



Our Ocean: We supported Our Ocean's *Oregon Marine Heritage Campaign* to designate and implement Oregon's first-ever, coast-wide network of at least six ecologically significant marine reserves and protected areas. The group secured two marine reserves last year at Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock. Over the past six months, they have built the public support necessary to designate three additional reserves at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, and Cape Perpetua. Final designation is likely in early 2012.



Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests: We supported the Forest Society's *Mt. Monadnock Royce Property Acquisition Campaign* to protect nearly 400 acres of land on the slopes of New Hampshire's Mt. Monadnock. The Society reports that they signed a purchase agreement in July, and plan to complete the acquisition in March, 2012.



The Wilderness Society-Idaho: We supported TWS-Idaho's *Clearwater Basin Collaborative Campaign* to protect up to 500,000 acres of lands in the Clearwater Basin through wilderness and other Congressional designations, and to protect up to 200 miles of rivers under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. TWS reports that they have secured a land protection agreement with stakeholders that would protect 485,000 acres of Wilderness and 180 miles of rivers. The campaign will continue by working with Idaho's Congressional delegation to introduce legislation to secure the protections.



VICTORY: 16,114 Acres Protected, One State Park established
Western Rivers Conservancy: The Conservation Alliance supported WRC's *John Day River Project* to permanently protect more than 19,000 acres along 18 miles of Oregon's John Day River. WRC purchased the property in 2008. Our funding supported their efforts to transfer the land to Oregon State Parks. WRC reports that they have now sold 3,860 acres to the parks department and the grand opening of the new Cottonwood Canyon State park is slated for 2013.

