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From the Board

In 1995 this country experienced an onslaught of reactionary, anti-environmental politics exemplified by the "Contract on America." Its force took much of the environmental movement by surprise and effectively paralyzed groups that rely on having influence in Washington. Forces in the U.S. Congress launched an all-out attack on the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Forest Management Act and other crucial environmental laws. This year most of the actions were to suspend or defund enforcement and regulatory programs, but attempts to gut the acts themselves are the next step. Along with the impact of NAFTA and GATT, undermining these laws would be a major blow to prospects for meaningful environmental protection. The best hope we see for countering this assault is to provide the strongest grassroots environmental advocates with adequate resources to meet the challenge.

In a major policy reversal, the President signed a bill containing the infamous "salvage" rider, which suspends all environmental laws on our National Forests and forces increased logging beyond the already excessive volume of timber cut on public land. Across the U.S., National Forest planners are aggressively renaming "green" timber sales as "salvage" in order to skirt environmental laws that could otherwise protect the forests. They are also using the salvage rider as a mechanism for evading public opposition and legal challenges to destruction of roadless areas (often the last intact wildlife habitat left outside of limited designated wilderness). Besides destroying forests and habitat, the salvage rider is a direct assault on the principles of public accountability and is costing the taxpayers \$1 billion (according to U.S. General Accounting Office estimates) in what are effectively subsidies to huge timber corporations. It will require a major groundswell of public education and organizing to turn

around this and the many other local and national attacks on the environment.

The Fund believes that there must be a return to the powerful public leadership of citizens and activists in their local communities, in their bioregions. While the work of major environmental groups has yielded important victories over the decades, they are now overly centralized and unable to address the scores of local and regional issues cropping up each year around the country. More importantly, their voices have become increasingly ineffective. Extreme compromise has weakened these groups, fostered public complacency, minimized the dire nature of many environmental threats, and left people unprepared for the escalation in anti-environmental attacks.



The Fund for Wild Nature continues to support small, biocentric, progressive groups which are on the cutting edge of environmental thought and action. These groups often form ad hoc around an important issue and work on that issue almost exclusively. They network with other local or regional groups who have faced similar challenges, and share strategies and information. The Fund supports these important networking efforts, since they bolster the strength of all involved.

The Fund's grantmaking is rooted in the action-oriented philosophies of Deep Ecology. We believe that the human experience is increasingly filled with stress, agitation, and despair because society has wrongly striven, thanks to the intoxicating power of industry and technology, to disconnect itself from nature and to harness and control natural systems for short-sighted ends. We may enjoy the comfort and convenience, but our quality of life is degraded by the junk heap we have made of the planet. In the same way, we inflict

immeasurable suffering on the countless other life forms co-inhabiting Earth. When we strive, instead, to realize our kinship with these life forms, we may re-discover our natural, wilder selves and learn to work more effectively to maintain the fragile ecosystems that form an interdependent web over the globe. We must reconstruct our lives by renouncing both unlimited growth and domination of nature, and also shed the apathy that is so often induced by corporate dominated culture. This inner and outer work will ultimately bring us more satisfaction than any techno-fixes and luxuries, because it is grounded in social and emotional needs that are part of our primal make-up.

The Fund for Wild Nature is so-named because we believe in saving relatively intact ecosystems not subordinated to economic endeavors. These constitute the main reservoir of biodiversity and provide points of reference for understanding all life, including human life. Experiencing the flow of life as governed by natural processes is an enduring source of spiritual insight that sustains and guides us in becoming compatible once again with the planet's cycle of birth, life, death, and decay.

Earth is under siege. Toxic dumping in the world's oceans and rivers is rampant. Overfishing in many areas, has created the unbelievable near-emptying of whole sections of ocean and eliminated thousands of jobs. Evidence of human-induced global warming has become almost undeniable, and ozone layer depletion continues. Rainforests are still being cut at the rate of a football field a minute, virgin forests around the world are being massacred by logging companies, the circle of agricultural toxins still goes viciously round, cattle continue to degrade millions of acres of U.S. public lands, and, shockingly, the majority of society seems to believe that technological progress and development will somehow solve the problems they have helped to create.

Technology and development will not solve our problems. Only a revolution within the hearts of citizens, sparked and led by grassroots environmentalists and illuminated by awareness of the consequences of our actions, will work. The Fund has helped ignite that transformation by supporting hundreds of forward-thinking groups and individuals, but there's obviously a long way to go before lasting, comprehensive change is realized. We thank all of our supporters for continuing to help us make this change possible.

Purpose of the Fund

The Fund for Wild Nature supports an uncompromising defense of wilderness, biodiversity, and the integrity of natural ecosystems, including the preservation of wild characteristics wherever they exist. With so little wilderness remaining and so much fragmentation and human encroachment, each remaining area is significant in our attempts to understand and relearn the ways of harmony with nature and to reclaim our vanishing future.

The Fund grants monetary awards, generated from donations and grants to the Fund, to innovative, grassroots projects, including those urgently requiring seed money in response to fast-changing situations. We specialize in identifying projects with visionary ambitions and broad aspirations, yet whose ideas and initial activities are fundamentally realistic and achievable. We see a pressing need to support small grassroots groups that may not be able to get funding from other more mainstream foundations. Because the Board responds quickly to funding requests, a Fund grant usually arrives when public interest on an issue is at its peak. As a result, such grants often draw additional funding from other sources, and enable highly effective projects.

All contributions to the Fund are tax-deductible. The Board of Directors is completely voluntary, and administration

costs are kept to a minimum, with one part-time Administrator and a shared office. We are in close contact with grantees, offering assistance with proposals and requiring project reports and full accounting of granted funds. This accountability helps ensure that funds are used in accordance with the proposals approved by the Board.

Funding Guidelines

In addition to specific defense of wild nature, we see a pressing need for better understanding and greater unity among people working for both ecosystems defense and for satisfying, sustainable human lives. Therefore, we seek projects that foster connections among diverse groups — particularly those outside the traditional conservation community — and those that provide wider accessibility to the insights of Deep Ecology. We look for projects that go beyond just awakening interest through education. Activating people to become involved is both a step toward further understanding and an antidote to the despair that can come from awareness without action.

General areas for which we give support are:

- Wilderness defense, especially in support of the integrity of remaining wild areas.
- Promotion of biodiversity and ecosystem integrity.
- Educational efforts to teach the concepts and action-based ethics of Deep Ecology and biocentrism.
- Programs aimed at decreasing human population growth, especially among high consumption groups.
- Cultural arts that help transform awareness and encourage action.
- Programs opposing and exposing the anti-ecological, anti-wilderness “wise use” agenda.
- Indigenous peoples’ activism.

In addition to supporting projects by providing direct financial aid, the Fund can also act as a fiscal sponsor for approved projects that could benefit from 501c3 non-profit status.



Grant Application Procedure

The Fund for Wild Nature, as a nonprofit, tax exempt foundation, is allowed to fund charitable, scientific, educational, research and artistic projects. Proposals should be 2-4 pages long. Submit your staple-free proposal to our main office at P.O. Box 1657, Corvallis, OR. Our staff person will act as liaison between you and the Board. Your proposal will be discussed and voted on at the next quarterly Board meeting.

The following information is necessary for evaluating requests:

1. Proposal name.
2. Name, address, phone and fax number (if applicable) of organization.
3. Name, phone and fax number (if applicable) of contact person.
4. A succinct problem statement.
5. A realistic, detailed workplan.
6. Expected outcome and plans to measure results.
7. Brief background on the organization and a list of board and staff members.
8. An itemized budget for the project, including a list of other potential funding sources.

Grant requests will not be considered from organizations and individuals that have failed to honor reporting requirements or other conditions from a previous grant.

Grants will not be given for salaries or any other professional fees.

1995 Grants List

Alliance for the Wild Rockies **\$1,500**

To track implementation of the salvage rider and gather information about the abuses occurring on public lands in the Northern Rockies. Serving as a clearinghouse for information regarding the impacts of the salvage rider.

Ancient Forest Bus Brigade/ Cove MallardCoalition **\$2,760**

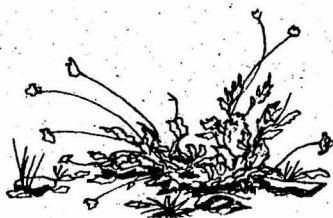
Earmarked funds for a Summer Base Camp for the education of activists and the general public regarding the Salmon-Selway ecosystem and its roadless areas.

Atmosphere Alliance **\$1,000**

For the publication, The Atmosphere Alliance 1996 Handbook: A Citizen's Guide to Solving the Atmospheric Crisis, which will contain easy to understand information from the nation's top scientists about atmospheric ozone depletion and the greenhouse effect.

Austin Earth First! **\$200**

Earmarked funds for the compilation that will be used to support the strengthening and reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act.



Biodiversity Legal Foundation**\$2,000**

In support of Atlantic coastal shark advocacy/preservation efforts. The program represents a proactive approach to preventing an increasing degree of imperilment or population collapse for sharks along the US Gulf and the Atlantic coasts.

British Columbia Northcoast Rainforest Project \$1,500

To develop an education project about the largest temperate rainforest remaining in the World. The project is designed to educate the public on the concepts of Deep Ecology and inspire them to take action in defense of this unique ecosystem.

Buckeye Forest Council**\$1,500**

In support of a road show to raise public awareness about the ecological impacts of strip-mining in Ohio and the Central Appalachians.

Carson Forest Watch**\$1,500**

Continuation of support in aiding efforts to protect the public lands of the Carson National Forest in New Mexico and connected ecosystems through monitoring and documentation of logging, grazing, and mining practices.

Cascadia Times**\$1,000**

To help underwrite the cost of educating the general public with alternative news and investigative journalism regarding the use and development of natural areas in the Pacific Northwest.

Center for Environmental Equity**\$1,736**

A grant and earmarked funds for the "March for Reform" project to revitalize grassroots environmental activism and to reform federal and state mining laws. The 1872 mile route from Salem, OR to Denver, CO was chosen to represent the 1872 mining law.

Center for Environmental Equity **\$1,500**

For the preparation of a Community Activist Survival Kit to assist rural activists in seeking information about a proposed project and in getting the public involved in local issues.

Cheetwood Wilderness Alliance **\$1,500**

To help with research, public education, and involvement in the public land use decision making process in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest of southwest Washington.

Coast Range Association **\$1,500**

To support the continuing grassroots Federal Projects Monitoring Group to monitor, document, and oppose destructive land practices in the Coast Range federal forests of Oregon.

Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers **\$1,000**

To help initiate an international road show to promote cooperation and joint efforts among activists defending wildlands, wildlife, and indigenous rights across the US/Canada border.

Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund **\$1,000**

A grant to conduct seminars for potential plaintiffs interested in participating in corporate charter revocation actions. The suits may have wide impacts because of certain corporations may have been guilty of misuse of using their corporate charter powers by violating environmental statutory law.

Corvallis Environmental Center **\$1,000**

Support for community education courses in Deep Ecology and Voluntary Simplicity designed to reach people of all backgrounds in the community of Corvallis, Oregon.

Cove /Mallard Coalition**\$1,000**

Funding for the summer base camp education program on environmental issues and background of the Cove Mallard and other roadless areas in the Salmon-Selway ecosystem of Idaho.

Cucamonga Reserve Educators for Wildlife**\$1,000**

For a newly formed coalition of educators and wildlife activists to introduce adults and children to this unique and imperiled ecosystem in southern California through the school system and nature walks.

Earth Environmental Group**\$400**

To help develop a curriculum for five intermediate schools in Harlem, New York to teach water understanding and to promote the involvement of the large urban population to work to preserve wild waters.

Ed Abbey Deep Ecology Award**\$1,000**

To Judi Bari for her vision and relentless activism and her dedication to the principles of Deep Ecology and human liberation.

Environmental/Animal Rights Education Project**\$1,000**

To develop a temperate rainforest multi-media education package for use in schools and by grassroots community groups to teach the public about the rainforest from a deep ecology/biocentric perspective.

ESA/HCP Network**\$5,220**

A grant and earmarked Funds for a newly evolved grassroots Endangered Species Act/Habitat Conservation Plans network to educate activists and to develop a united strategy to respond appropriately to policy changes.

Forest Action Network**\$2,000**

For organization of a base camp at the Great Coast Wild in British Columbia to promote the preservation of some of the last tracts of temperate rainforest left in North America through education of the public and the media.

Forest Guardians**\$1,500**

To conduct participatory workshops in Tarahumara and Tepehuan communities to gain support for protecting the remaining old growth forest in the Sierra Madre of Mexico.

Fossil Fuels Policy Action Institute**\$1,000**

For publication of Auto-Free Times about road fighting strategies and the relationship of road proliferation to over-population.

Friends of the Wolf, B.C.**\$1,500**

For production of a 20 minute video to educate the public about the wolf in hopes breaking traditional misconceptions, which has led to its' near extinction world wide. The video will be used for school presentations and road shows.

Gray Wolf Committee**\$1,000**

To gather data on the present wolf populations in Idaho. If a pack can be found before reintroduction of trapped Canadian wolves, those wolves will remain under full protection of the Endangered Species Act.

Greater Gila Biodiversity Project**\$1,500**

To secure protection of the Northern Goshawk as an endangered species throughout the western United States and create a goshawk activist network, focused on public education.

Greater San Juan Partnership**\$520**

To develop an ecological database for conservation planning in the San Juan Mountain Region of Colorado and New Mexico which will be used in the long term strategic planning for this area.

Green Fire Productions**\$2,000**

Support for a video about salvage logging, forest health logging, and Option 9 logging which strives to educate the public about the destructive nature of these Federal projects.

Grizzly Project**\$1,500**

Production of a video about the grizzly's biology, behavior, and annual cycle, and a detailed discussion of each of the threats to the grizzly in North America, and how the public can be involved in promoting grizzly bear recovery.

Headwaters Forest Educational Project**\$8,000**

A grant and earmarked funds for education about the destruction of the ancient redwoods of California and their watersheds and to promote public participation in stopping the destruction through the court system.

KBOO Community Radio**\$1,000**

For a Rural Outreach program to provide a voice for rural citizens on environmental issues in their area which will then reach other rural communities in Oregon.

Life Net**\$2,500**

Funds for the Greater San Juan Partnership for People and the Land. The partnership's mission is to build a strong regional voice and action program for biological conservation and sustainable living in northern New Mexico and South Colorado.

Lorax and Associates**\$2,840**

Continuing support, through a grant and earmarked funds, for Suzanne Fouty's Grazing Stream Evaluation Project. This is the third year of a five year project to establish a data base on current stream conditions and trends.

Minnesota Ecosystems Recovery Project**\$1,000**

For their Forest Watch Program that monitors Forest Service activities on Minnesota's two national forests and challenges destructive projects through the appeal process.

Native American Youth Leadership Organization**\$2,000**

For a program that combines an extended outdoor experience with community service work to help participants develop deep environmental, cultural, and spiritual values linked with their work as developing community leaders.

Native Forest Network-Women's Edition**\$1,200**

Funding for a special women's edition of the ALARM to provide a forum for activist women to share their work and experiences as a way to empower and unite by promoting understanding and respect.

New West Research**\$1,500**

To support a new radio program, New West Network, for in depth media coverage of environmental issues in New Mexico and the West.

Northern Rockies Biodiversity**\$1,000**

For a media and public education campaign to complement ongoing administrative and legal actions to protect biological diversity in the Northern Rockies and throughout the North American Continent.

Northern Rockies Preservation Project**\$1,000**

For a grassroots educational outreach program and a forest watch program to influence the debate surrounding wildlands issues and the management of our national forests.

Oregon Clean Water Coalition**\$500**

To fund a public awareness campaign educating citizens about the proposed Kinross Copper Mine and to encourage public participation at hearings.

Oregon Natural Desert Association**\$1,000**

Funding for the 17th annual Desert Conference, "Breaking Barriers", specifically the political, institutional, educational, and ecological constraints that prevent activists from making progress in their preservation efforts.

ORLO**\$500**

To bring to life a cartoon character named Vinnie the Fire Boy to educate the public about fire's crucial role in healthy forests.

Pacific Crest Biodiversity Project**\$1,000**

A general support grant for protection of the creatures and ecosystems within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest of S.W. Washington through education, public participation, and coalition building with Indigenous Nations.

Pacific Mountain Alliance**\$1,300**

For production and distribution of a rural outreach newspaper throughout the Pacific Northwest rural areas to combat misinformation and to provide a forum for isolated rural residents.

Predator Defense Institute**\$2,000**

To produce and distribute educational materials promoting mountain lions as important and necessary members of a healthy, balanced ecosystems.

Preserve Appalachian Wilderness**\$1,000**

To help in the monitoring, protection, and preservation of the Central Appalachian ecosystem and development of a proactive strategy.

Preserve Appalachian Wilderness**\$500**

Support for the Central Appalachian Forest Activist Conference intended to organize a stronger network of grass-roots activists in the region.

Progressive Transportation Policy Group**\$500**

For a project to push the transportation debate beyond the acceptance of bicycle lanes as the end of transportation reform and toward implementation of direct government disincentives to car use in Corvallis, Oregon.

Ranching Task Force**\$2,000**

A general support grant for continuing public education about the environmental destruction caused by livestock grazing on public lands in the West.

Road-Rip**\$2,500**

For workshops to train activists to monitor and petition public land agencies and to provide legal and biological training to achieve road closures in wildland ecosystems and educate the public about the severe environmental damage done by road building in wild areas.

Road show for the Roadless**\$1,000**

A road show in the Northeast to spread the word about U.S. Forest Service planned destruction of Cove/Mallard, the largest roadless area in the lower 48 states.

Bill Rogers**\$350**

For production of a Deep Ecology and Forest Activism Reader designed for activists working on forest issues to strengthen skills, provide background information, and inspire both novice and longtime activists.

San Juan Foundation**\$96**

Earmarked funds for a publication about environmental issues in the Greater San Juan area of New Mexico.

Sea Defense Alliance**\$1,000**

For public education about marine conservation issues through slide show lectures and pamphlets that will stress the importance of biodiversity in the oceans.

Search for the Great Bear**\$806**

To prepare a species status review/conservation assessment on the grizzly bear and other species in the Greater Selway Ecosystem of Idaho. This will be used to educate and influence the federal agencies.

Sinapu**\$1,500**

To print and mail their educational newsletter, Colorado Wolf Tracks, dedicated to the recovery of the gray wolf in Colorado and to restoration of the wild habitat in which all species flourish.

Siskiyou Project**\$1,000**

For the organization of Oregon's Sugarloaf Earth Day Action Campaign including production and distribution of the Sugarloaf Action Kit to be used for public education.

Sky Island Alliance**\$2,500**

General support for education on the Arizona Sky Island issue encouraging public participation in volunteer projects that protect these unique ecosystems.

Sneaker Wave**\$500**

To develop a radio-theater play based on coastal environmental issues which will educate the public about shoreline biology as it relates to the health of Coast Range forests and estuaries in Oregon.

Soda Mountain Wilderness Council**\$1,000**

To develop public opposition to a ride for 150-250 motorcycles that would cause increased erosion and fire danger to fragile native plant communities in critical areas of southern Oregon.

Southern Rockies Ecosystem Project**\$1,000**

A grant for a coalition of grassroots groups who are mapping a reserve system designed to protect a full range of native species and ecosystems in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico using the concepts of conservation biology.

Spirit of the Sage Council**\$5,786**

A general support grant and earmarked funds, for projects addressing ecological concerns in five counties of southern California including participation in drafting legal agreements on how the Dan Bernardino Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan will be implemented.

Tonantzin Land Institute**\$1,500**

For publication of a Special Edition of 2001 Nations, dedicated to providing information about the Mayan people's right to autonomy, and education of environmental protection and sustainable use.

Wildlife Damage Review**\$1,000**

For a conference to plan specific strategies to educate the public about animal damage control (ADC) practices and work to end federal Animal Damage Control Program.



Financial Statement

Fund for Wild Nature Balance Sheet

	1995	1994
Total Assets	\$87,929	\$104,557
Total Liabilities	2,759	5,937
Total Fund Balance	<u>85,170</u>	<u>98,620</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$87,929	\$104,557

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	1995	1994
Contributions	\$111,945	\$157,767
Interest Income	<u>3,196</u>	<u>1,964</u>
Total Income	<u>115,141</u>	<u>159,731</u>
Grants Awarded	107,503	101,143
Expenditures	<u>21,088</u>	<u>45,452</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>128,591</u>	<u>146,595</u>
Excess (deficit) of Revenue over Expenses	(\$13,450)	\$13,136

Copies of complete financial statements audited by Addison, Roberts & Ludwig are available upon request.

(All totals from year ending December 31st)

Radical activists and deep ecologists have long been the leading force in the ecology movement, politically, philosophically, and scientifically. Yet most foundations and grantmakers do not reward this type of activism. In fact, they are often part of the problem, directing resources to those most willing to compromise or work ineffectively.

The Fund for Wild Nature is a welcome exception to this rule. They seek out and support people who are actively taking on the system to protect precious wilderness areas and promote the values of biocentrism. In today's reactionary political climate, with congress busily dismantling our most basic environmental laws, the importance of this type of grassroots activism cannot be overestimated.

Those of us who are willing to take the risks of the frontline defense of nature do so out of a deep love and appreciation of the value of all living things. Those values are shared and enhanced by the Fund for Wild Nature. I am honored to receive the Edward Abbey Deep Ecology Award for 1995.

Judi Bari,
*Winner of the 1995 Edward Abbey
Deep Ecology Award*

