Here is your country.
Cherish these natural wonders,
cherish the natural resources,
cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage,
for your children and your children’s children.

Do not let selfish men or greedy interests
skin your country of its beauty,
its riches or its romance.

Theodore Roosevelt

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Given the history of conservation in the United States, 10 years is not a long time. Theodore Roosevelt established the modern conservation movement more than 100 years ago. Ducks Unlimited recently celebrated its 75th anniversary, and the Izaak Walton League will mark its centennial in 2022.

In 2002 – just over a decade ago – the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership was formed with a clear and uncompromising vision: to unite and amplify the voices of hunters and anglers around the biggest federal conservation issues facing the sporting community.

Our accomplishments over 10 short years testify to a significant and growing record of achievement on behalf of fish and wildlife, hunters and anglers. These successes are incredibly inspiring – particularly given that we still are in what many would term our infancy – and they motivate us as we work toward realizing the vision that guides our organization.

In part, this vision arose in response to the successes, shortcomings and changing nature of our community. National groups with broad conservation missions, such as the Wildlife Management Institute, the Boone and Crockett Club and the Izaak Walton League, helped implement Roosevelt’s vision by passing bedrock conservation laws and creating the funding mechanisms that today make the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation the envy of conservationists around the world.

As a result, other organizations sprang up, putting to use these tools to restore degraded habitats and recover individual species – sometimes from the brink of extinction. The National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, Trout Unlimited and the Mule Deer Foundation – these groups and their brethren have taken enormous strides toward achieving Roosevelt’s vision. Today almost every game species has a group fighting for it. It is hard for many sportsmen to imagine that some, like white-tailed deer and wild turkey, almost vanished from our fields and forests in the not too distant past.

However, the evolution and diversification of the sporting conservation community came at a price. Without constant vigilance in Washington, D.C., anti-conservation forces became emboldened, using clever slogans like “wise use” to undermine a century of good work by sportsmen. An increasingly urban Congress, with fewer hunters and anglers in its ranks, often failed to understand the nuanced arguments about conservation versus preservation.

And the rise of the modern environmental movement, while effecting many positive results, shifted the focus of conservation away from hunters and anglers and staked out positions that alienated many, both in the sportsmen’s community and more broadly.

The TRCP was created to reclaim the sportsmen’s voice in Washington, D.C. A decade after our group’s formation, we can reflect with pride in what we have achieved. This annual report takes a very special look back at the TRCP’s history. While chronicling 10 TRCP successes over the past year, it also considers the TRCP’s decade-long engagement in key issues, from enhancing sportsmen’s access and safeguarding backcountry public lands to fighting for the conservation funding that forms the foundation of the North American model.

The TRCP’s co-founder, the late Jim Range, was fond of saying, “We’re not going to settle for crumbs any longer.” Thanks to our remarkable coalition of partners and supporters, the TRCP is making sure that sportsmen and –women once again are making our voices heard – in Washington, D.C., and across the country. Together, we’re speaking out in support of sportsmen’s values and our nation’s unique outdoor heritage, and together we’re uniting to guarantee that all Americans will have quality places to hunt and fish … now and forever.
Sportsmen need two things to be able to hunt and fish: access and opportunity.

Since the TRCP’s inception in 2002, we have advanced policies that conserve large blocks of intact habitat, called roadless areas, on national forests to maximize hunting and fishing opportunities. Roadless area conservation was the TRCP’s founding issue, and between 2002 and 2012, the TRCP helped successfully conserve 58.5 million acres of public lands habitat in 38 states.

In October 2012, the Supreme Court rejected a challenge to the 2001 rule, concluding a nearly decade-long legal battle over the management of roadless areas. The TRCP’s efforts will help fish and wildlife managers maximize public hunting and fishing opportunities into the foreseeable future—and ensure that millions of American sportsmen have quality places to hunt and fish.

I have been running a guide service out of Delta, Colo., for 33 years. My clients pursue elk, deer and bear on the south side of the Grand Mesa in the Currant Creek Roadless Area. This area offers some of the finest big game hunting in North America.

The Currant Creek area was originally proposed in the Colorado roadless rule as a coal mining exception, subject to power lines and roads. I and other Colorado sportsmen contacted the governor’s office and U.S. Forest Service and successfully kept the area out of the development exceptions. As a result, world-class hunting will continue here in the future.”

- Jim Bryce, Hunting Guide and Outfitter, Delta, Colo.
The mule deer population in Wyoming’s Pinedale Anticline, an area that has experienced extensive development, has declined by 30% since 2001.

Energy development, fish and wildlife, and other resource values can coexist. That’s the philosophy underlying the TRCP’s FACTS for Fish and Wildlife – our prescription for responsible energy development. It’s also the goal of a unique partnership between the TRCP and western Colorado’s High Lonesome Ranch. By demonstrating energy development that is balanced with other resource values, we can help improve federal energy policy and provide a model for other private landowners as well.

In short, seeing is believing.

Energy projects often fail to address the needs of fish, wildlife, hunters and anglers. A landscape-level approach is critical to abating negative impacts that are all too common – such as mule deer populations in Wyoming’s Pinedale Anticline that have declined precipitously since extensive development began in the late 1990s.

We will persevere in our efforts to advance policy addressing outdated and unbalanced federal leasing and development practices. But we’ll also continue to work with the HLR to develop an on-the-ground example for a landscape-level energy model that can be exported to other areas.

Our energy program at the High Lonesome Ranch has the opportunity to leave behind a legacy and a landscape that demonstrates how multiple uses can be managed and sustained for future generations.”

- Scott Stewart, General Manager, The High Lonesome Ranch
Hunters and anglers long have followed Theodore Roosevelt’s advice: “Get action. Seize the moment. Man was never intended to become an oyster.”

Sportsmen are driven and take action when an opportunity arises – be it in the field, on the water or in the halls of Congress. Thanks in part to the TRCP, never before has speaking up for the outdoor traditions we cherish been so simple, entertaining and effective.

With the click of a button, sportsmen are charting the course of conservation in America. From videos to online action alerts, the TRCP provides countless opportunities to engage in conservation policy online. And our successes in this area in 2012 are significant:

Launched in July 2012, the TRCP Blog features thought-provoking commentary, interactive video updates, interviews with key players and more. The TRCP Blog (blog.trcp.org) and website (trcp.org) saw nearly **150,000 visits** in 2012.

Capturing the spirit of the conservation community through video, photography, contests, trivia and more, the TRCP Facebook page reached **2.9 million people** in 2012.

Using the TRCP’s one-click advocacy alerts, sportsmen spoke up on conservation policy issues, sending more than **26,000 letters** to Congress, the administration and decision-makers in 2012.

Launched in 2012 and providing weekly dispatches “from the front lines of conservation,” the TRCP’s weekly newsletter, “The Roosevelt Report,” saw more than **100,000 views** in 2012.

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We love the TRCP because they wage a nonstop battle for conservation, day in and day out. What’s more, they’re not afraid to take a stance when they know it’s the right thing to do for hunters and anglers. The ‘TRCP’s Conservation Field Notes’ alert you about specific issues that pose imminent threats to our hunting and fishing lands and tell you how to join in the battle. So please, get your little butts over to trcp.org/meateater. You owe it to yourself and to your kids.”

- Steven Rinella, Host of TV Show “Meateater”
The Bristol Bay region in southwest Alaska provides unsurpassed opportunities for hunters and anglers and irreplaceable economic benefits from its fish and wildlife resources.

The Bristol Bay sportfishing industry supports approximately 29,000 sportfishing trips, generates approximately $60 million per year, and directly employs more than 800 full- and part-time workers. Sport hunting – mostly of caribou, moose and brown bear – generates more than $8 million per year and employs more than 100 full- and part-time workers. The ecological resources of the Bristol Bay watershed generate an annual $480 million.

Yet Bristol Bay is threatened by an enormous copper, gold and molybdenum mine proposed at the headwaters of the Kvichak and Nushagak rivers. The proposed Pebble Mine site lies on a major fault line: An earthquake could destroy both the mine and the water quality that supports the region’s unique fish and wildlife habitat. The risks posed by the mine to Alaska’s fish and wildlife, economy and human health are unacceptably high.

Sportsmen and native Alaskans are joining forces to oppose Pebble Mine. In 2012, the TRCP worked with allies such as Sportsman’s Alliance for Alaska and Trout Unlimited via letters, advertisements and personal meetings to urge the administration to take action to protect this pristine region. Likewise, TRCP partners including TU, American Sportfishing Association and the Izaak Walton League of America have mobilized to support conservation of Bristol Bay’s invaluable natural resources.

Bristol Bay salmon have supported our shareholders for thousands of years. While we support responsible development in the region, the proposed Pebble Mine threatens our salmon and way of life, and we will not stand for it.”

- Jason Metrokin, President and CEO, Bristol Bay Native Corporation
Over its 46-year history, the LWCF has protected land in every state and supported more than 41,000 state and local park projects. The program enjoys strong bipartisan and popular support. Recent polling found that 86% of Americans are supportive of reinvesting funds from offshore drilling fees into land and water protection and more than 77% support funding the LWCF at its authorized level of $900 million per year.

Consequently, in 2012 we engaged with grassroots sportsmen to retain funding for the “Open Fields” access initiative in the Farm Bill. We rallied our organizational partners to advance the Making Public Lands Public legislation introduced in the Senate. And we zeroed in media attention on the need to fully fund the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

With the support of our partners, the TRCP has pioneered a holistic approach to sustaining and improving sportsmen’s access, building on our efforts not only to conserve critical habitat but to maintain hunters’ and anglers’ ability to access that habitat.

At one time, you could knock on a farmer’s door and reliably expect to find a place to hunt or fish – or cross private lands in order to access public lands without being locked out or harassed by landowners.

Things have changed. Now, hunters can count on seeing “no trespassing” signs on private lands, gated and locked roads, and public hunting grounds that for all intents and purposes are off limits.

True to our mission, however, the TRCP has always strived to enable – and increase – access by hunters and anglers to the lands and waters where we pursue our passions. The core of this work involves incentivizing private landowners to expand access for sportsmen and other users.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund improves access for sportsmen and recreationists on federal, state, local and private lands and waters by investing a small portion of federal offshore drilling fees toward protecting important land, water and recreation areas for all Americans.

My family has hunted pronghorn on the prairie grasslands of eastern Montana for many years. We hunt publicly owned lands, but accessing these areas can be tough. Many public lands in eastern Montana are inaccessible to the average hunter because there are no public access points to those lands, and access is controlled by private landowners.

I support federal legislation called Making Public Lands Public and the Hunt Act that would help fund cooperative agreements with landowners and make landlocked public lands accessible to all hunters and anglers.”

- Pelah Hoyt, Missoula, Mont.
Money talks. No one knows this better than the TRCP’s newest partner organization, the Outdoor Industry Association, a trade association for companies in the active outdoor recreation business.

By forging an unprecedented union between sportsmen and the outdoor recreation industry, the TRCP helped promote numbers released by the OIA revealing that the nation’s outdoor-based economy accounts for $646 billion in consumer spending and supports nearly 6.1 million jobs.

Amid the frenzy of budget cuts and deficit-focused politics that consumed Washington, D.C., in 2012, the TRCP, OIA and our other partners leveraged these findings to fight disproportionate and indiscriminate cuts to valuable conservation programs. Together we educated lawmakers on the importance – to fish and wildlife as well as sportsmen – of programs like the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

By diversifying our community’s voice, we were able to better emphasize how these programs benefit our national economy and advocate for their continued funding.

There are 37 million sportsmen and -women over the age of 16 in America, the same as the population of the state of California, and the $90 billion they spent in 2011 is the same as the global sales of Apple’s iPad and iPhone in the same year.

Where others see differences, we see common ground. By working together, OIA and TRCP are driving attention to the economic and community benefits of providing access to quality places to hunt, fish and recreate.”

- I Ling Thompson, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Outdoor Industry Association
The Chesapeake Bay, the nation’s largest estuary, is valued by sportsmen and recreationists of all stripes and drives an outdoors-based economy valued at close to $4 billion.

Hunters and anglers in the region, however, had not succeeded in making their voices heard and clearly communicating the direct link between the healthy natural resources of the region and a vibrant economy. Every day, decisions that impact habitat were made at all levels of government without input from this important stakeholder group.

In September 2012, the TRCP — formerly a virtually unknown entity in the region — gathered the leaders of Chesapeake Bay sportsmen’s groups on the banks of the Wye River on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. The meeting gave rise to a productive dialogue, and the Chesapeake Bay Working Group was born.

Through the working group, sportsmen are uniting to share ideas, gather information and craft recommendations for management of the bay and its diverse recreational offerings. Speaking with a unified voice and with the support of the TRCP, Chesapeake sportsmen are beginning to influence the policies that impact their way of life.

“As a lifelong sportsman and a habitat ecologist, I’ve long admired and followed the TRCP’s work in the American West. I’m heartened to see the TRCP take on challenges in the historic Chesapeake Bay, where sportsmen’s notable legislative and on-the-ground achievements have been met by incrementally larger and often unforeseen challenges to our collective dedication. The TRCP has a plan to coordinate leadership among the sportsmen’s community, and they’ve arrived at a critical time to help lead our community’s men and women toward a productive, sustainable future that celebrates our American sporting heritage.”

- Kirk Mantay, Habitat Restoration Manager
With great trepidation, South Dakota conservationists watch acre after acre of prime fish and wildlife habitat converted into cropland.

Every day, hunters and anglers see wetlands drained and trees bulldozed — and valuable acres once enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program plowed into corn fields. Guides cancel hunts with their clients because there are so few birds — and the habitat needed to support them is quickly disappearing. What’s happening in South Dakota is being repeated throughout the Plains states.

The TRCP and our partners are determined not to let recent history dictate the future of these irreplaceable prairies and wetlands. In September 2012, we hosted a meeting of sportsman-conservationist leaders in South Dakota — a gathering that crystallized how little organizing was being done to channel sportsmen’s frustrations about habitat loss into meaningful action.

The TRCP worked to mobilize these leaders, and a flood of activity resulted: a letter to the South Dakota congressional delegation that was signed by 30 of the state’s leading sportsman-conservation groups as well as by landowners, ads published in newspapers across the state, and an opinion column co-authored by the TRCP and the National Farmers Union. These actions resonated both in the halls of Congress and in the state capital.

Today sportsmen are driving the effort to get a full Farm Bill through Congress and ensure that the bill incentivizes conservation.

South Dakota has a long history of cooperation between sportsmen and natural resource agencies, but we saw the need for improvement on issues like the Farm Bill, wetlands and grasslands conservation, and fish and wildlife habitat. We needed better communications with our representatives in Washington, D.C., and better updates on Congress’s activity on conservation.

With the TRCP’s assistance, we formed the South Dakota Agriculture Conservation Coalition, comprised of every major conservation organization working in South Dakota plus interested businesses and individuals. We pooled our resources to quickly respond to federal, state and local policy makers on issues important to our state, and we offer the expertise to help legislators understand critical conservation policy.”

- John Cooper, South Dakota Sportsman and SDACC Member

The United States is losing more than 80,000 acres of wetlands annually, the equivalent of more than 60,000 football fields.

In 2012, there was a net loss of 2.5 million acres enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program in the U.S.

Farmers in the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska converted 1.3 million acres of grassland into soybean and corn production between 2006 and 2011, largely as a result of agricultural incentive programs.
A decade ago, TRCP co-founder and visionary Jim Range sought to better inform and engage media members in the conservation policy issues central to hunting and fishing. Members of the sporting press often overlooked these issues entirely — while mainstream writers failed to address sportsmen’s role in advancing conservation in America.

In 2003, the TRCP held the first of our annual “media summits,” bringing together the nation’s most influential voices in communications to discuss conservation policy — and do a little hunting and fishing.

A tradition was born.

Every year following the TRCP has convened writers, policy experts and others to promote media coverage of sportsmen’s priorities. In 2012, TRCP summits met at The High Lonesome Ranch in western Colorado and Mote Marine in Sarasota, Fla. Altogether, the events drew close to 100 participants and resulted in innumerable articles, columns and broadcasts spanning the breadth of the TRCP’s policy initiatives.

“I consider the TRCP summits ‘can’t miss’ for a simple reason: I’m a journalist writing about conservation, and no other events provide more story material and access to background information on the issues and people really shaping national conservation.”

“I found the summit to be tremendously valuable, both for the expertise of the presenters and for the variety of important topics that were covered. It was an eye-opening experience.”
- John Snow, Shooting Editor, Outdoor Life, circulation: 750,000

“I found the media summit to be a valuable opportunity to meet with newsmakers in government, industry and the scientific community to listen to various viewpoints and ask questions about conservation issues of the day.”
- Sue Cocking, Outdoors Writer, Miami Herald, circulation: 230,000 (Sunday)

“I’ve never come away from a conservation conference or media gathering with more solid story ideas than I did from attending both of the TRCP’s summits. As a journalist, it’s one thing to ‘keep up with the issues’ via the usual media outlets. But it’s quite another to have daily face-to-face access to the kind of top-level experts the TRCP invites. Not only their featured speakers, but also the quality of journalists in attendance — and indeed TRCP staff themselves — together create a robust, interactive, informative environment.”
- Tom Bie, Publisher/Editor, The Drake Magazine, circulation: 30,000
The BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico affected thousands of square miles of marine fisheries as well as the livelihoods and quality of life of millions of people.

In 2012, the TRCP joined hundreds of sportsman and conservation allies to support the RESTORE Act, which directs 80 percent of Clean Water Act penalties assessed to BP to habitat restoration and economic recovery. The combined effort of state officials, businesses, conservation groups and sportsmen resulted in the bill’s passage into law on July 6, 2012.

RESTORE established a federal council to review project ideas and decide how money will be spent. The TRCP, meanwhile, continued our work to engage the recreational saltwater angling community in the implementation and allocation process. This resulted in a TRCP campaign to educate and mobilize recreational saltwater anglers in Gulf conservation and identify specific projects focused on marine fisheries restoration. These efforts will drive our work in 2013.

Saltwater recreational angling in the Gulf region supports close to 100,000 jobs and generates more than $10 billion annually.

Even more than three years after the Deepwater Horizon disaster, the Gulf states are cleaning up more than 200 miles of oiled shorelines. Many popular and productive areas remain off limits to recreational angling.
### Financial Statement

#### TRCP 2012 Total Expenses

![Circle diagram showing percentages of expenses: 80% Conservation, 14% Management & General, 6% Fundraising.]

#### Statement of Activities Year ended December 31, 2012

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| **NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR** | **541,575** | **1,779,150** | **2,320,725** |

#### Statement of Financial Position Year ended December 31, 2012

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| **Total Liabilities & Net Assets** | **2,479,995** | - | **2,479,995** |
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A Decade of Difference: 
TEN YEARS 
of Sportsman-Focused Conservation

2002
TRCP is incorporated as a new nonprofit organization based on a unique partnership model to strengthen the conservation voice of the entire sportsman community.

2003
Many of the nation’s most influential outdoors and natural resources journalists convene at the Flyway Ranch in Montana for the first TRCP Western Media Summit.

2003
The TRCP Policy Council, comprised of experts from partner organizations to offer advice on policy issues and strategies, is created.

2003
“Open Fields” is introduced in Congress for the first time. The new federal program would promote public access for hunting and fishing activities on private lands.

2004
TRCP and a coalition of sportsman groups meet with President Bush in Crawford, Texas, to discuss conservation, including the groups’ opposition to oil and gas drilling in Montana’s Rocky Mountain Front. Unified opposition from hunters and anglers led to the president’s decision not to pursue development in that region.

2005
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TRCP joins forces with AFL-CIO labor unions to engage affiliated sportsmen and -women, forming the Union Sportsmen’s Alliance.

2007
The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act is signed by President Bush. Thanks in part to the TRCP’s Angling 4 Oceans campaign, the act includes many of the saltwater recreational angling community’s top priorities.

2008
As a result of TRCP-led efforts, the 2008 Farm Bill includes Open Fields, the first federal program providing voluntary incentives for public access on private lands.
Back in 2002, the founders of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership had the great good fortune of drawing inspiration and wisdom day to day from Jim Range, our group’s first board chairman. Getting a nonprofit organization up on its feet and walking is a uniquely challenging proposition, but Jim possessed a deep reservoir of determination and optimism from which we all could draw. It was easy in those early days to get frustrated about briar patches we stumbled into – the kind of thorns that snare any kind of NGO start-up in D.C. Jim would not let us get our heads down. With a big grin on his face he'd snap things into focus for you with a bit of colorful language punctuated by a squeeze of your arm or a pinch of your cheek. When the briar patch was particularly thorny, he would sit you down, look you right in the eye, and remind you why we had created TRCP and the importance of our mission.

I remember walking into his office (something I did several times a day in the early years of TRCP) one day after we had taken a position on a certain policy issue that had prompted a flurry of angry emails and phone calls. We had managed to annoy interests on both the left and the right. I knew Jim had been talking with some angry people, just as I had, but that he’d been talking to much higher-ranking angry people. He just looked at my worried, pale face and said, “Boy, we must be doing something right!” The man was an honest-to-God force of nature, and while we might have gotten TRCP off of the ground with someone else at the helm, our group most certainly would not have hit its mission target so squarely or so quickly with any other captain.

- George Cooper, TRCP Board Member and Former President/CEO

2009
After three years of engagement in federal energy lease sales, TRCP helps conserve more than 2.5 million acres of public lands through administrative withdrawals, deferments and/or changes in lease terms.

2010
Based in large part on TRCP’s policy work and principles for energy development, the Department of the Interior announces significant reforms for oil and gas leasing on public lands.

2011
TRCP helps create and lead “America’s Voice for Conservation, Recreation and Preservation” (www.avcrp.org) to make the case for federal conservation funding. The coalition grows to more than 1,200 groups and helps restore more than $2 billion dollars to the FY12 federal conservation budget.

2012
“TRCP’s Conservation Field Notes” online video series sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and hosted by Steven Rinella launches on www.trcp.org.

2011
TRCP hosts first Saltwater Media Summit at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Fla., convening a diverse slate of both outdoors and mainstream journalists to learn about threats to marine fisheries conservation and recreational angling opportunities.

2012
The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is upheld and the Colorado Roadless Rule is finalized. Together with the Idaho Roadless Rule, they conserve backcountry public lands on 58.5 million acres of national forests and grasslands in 38 states.