HILE RECENT YEARS have been marked by political uncertainty and struggle, it’s undeniable that we have been living through an exciting time for conservation. After decades of incremental declines in federal funding for the priorities of hunters and anglers, we’ve seen massive new commitments to habitat, access, conservation, and outdoor recreation over the last few years.

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But these things didn’t happen overnight or by accident. Public lands went from being a political scapegoat—with decision-makers pointing to Americans’ dissatisfaction with public land management to justify the transfer of these lands to the states—to something that Democrats and Republicans now rally around. The TRCP played a key role in this shift by educating sportsmen and sportswomen in the earliest days of the “Keep It Public” movement and opposing, at every level, the disposal of America’s public lands. Later, we did more than just watch the clock as LWCF authorization ran out: We defined the scope of the landlocked public lands problem (more than 16 million acres of public lands are inaccessible to the public) to give decision-makers a tangible reason to champion the fund.

We have also made the case for years that funding conservation creates jobs and highlighted the need for investments in natural infrastructure—natural systems that use the power of habitat to protect, enhance, or even replace traditional infrastructure. This finally came to fruition in the bipartisan infrastructure law enacted in late 2021. To succeed at conservation is to play the long game, as we well know after almost two decades of advocating for federal conservation policy solutions. When we look back on the TRCP’s many achievements in celebration of our 20th anniversary this July, we’ll be particularly proud of how far we’ve come in this most recent chapter. Please enjoy this annual report highlighting our work in 2021 and TRCP’s priorities for the future.

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CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS

THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT PASSES

A portion of the $1.2 trillion package will help build more wildlife crossings, invest in stream connectivity and culvert replacements, and restore forests, coastlines, and estuaries. Provisions include:

- **$250 MILLION FOR THE LEGACY ROADS AND TRAILS REMEDIATION PROGRAM**
- **$1.4 BILLION for natural infrastructure solutions**
- **$350 MILLION FOR A NEW WILDLIFE CROSSINGS GRANT PROGRAM**
- **$1 BILLION FOR A NEW CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**
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- **REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SPORT FISH RESTORATION AND BOATING TRUST FUND**
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Migration Corridors Get Some Needed Attention

Throughout the year, new commitments were made by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, as well as governors of New Mexico, Nevada, and Colorado to conserve and enhance wildlife migration corridors—a signature TRCP issue.

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**MIGRATION CORRIDORS GET SOME NEEDED ATTENTION**

- Help slow the spread of CWD, which has reached 30 states.
PARTNERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT WENT HYBRID, HIT RECORD NUMBERS

REPORT: HUNTERS AND ANGLERS UNVEIL VISION FOR WILDLIFE Refuges

TRCP partnered with 32 conservation organizations and businesses to release a report outlining twelve key principles that should guide the expansion of the National Wildlife Refuge System, which would serve to provide all Americans with increased access to nature, regardless of their income or background, while conserving biodiversity and sustaining fish and wildlife habitat connectivity.

“This report provides constructive guideposts for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enhance the Refuge System for future generations”

Corey Fisher, public lands policy director with Trout Unlimited

Co-hosted by Meateater crew member Steve Rinella, the annual Capital Conservation Awards Dinner bestowed conservation achievement awards to Senators John Boozman (R-Ark.) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and business leader Kim Jordan, founder of New Belgium Brewing Company.
Our nation’s grasslands are disappearing. The passage of the North American Grasslands Conservation Act would provide funding for projects that are targeted and strategic, driven by science, and sustainable for the long-term.

Efforts to address our changing climate continue to become less polarizing in Congress. There is significant interest among lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in prioritizing carbon sequestration and nature-based solutions that mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events on vulnerable rural communities. Whether in future climate legislation, or the 2023 Farm Bill, the conservation community will have an active voice in the discussion.

Boasting wildlife species, habitat restoration, jobs, and the economy

Passage of the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act would provide an additional $1.4 billion per year in dedicated funding for habitat restoration and proactive wildlife conservation at the state level, all while creating over 33,000 jobs and having an estimated $3.36 billion economic impact. This bill has strong bipartisan support in Congress, and the TRCP is urging lawmakers to pass it without delay.

Building climate resilience

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Boosting menhaden management in the Gulf

Often called “the most important fish in the sea,” menhaden are not only forage for many of the sportfish we care about, they also filter excess nutrients that can fuel harmful algal blooms. Building on our work in the Atlantic, the TRCP is pushing for lawmakers to establish enforceable catch limits in the Gulf of Mexico to ensure the vitality of this small but mighty bait fish.

Conversing America’s prairies

Wildfires and drought have put the Colorado River and Rio Grande watersheds severely at risk, and federal investment is needed to ensure suitable in-stream flows remain for fish and outdoor recreation. The TRCP is keeping an eye on efforts like the WaterSMART program, the Water for Conservation and Farming Act, and the STREAM Act, which can improve water delivery, efficiency, and reliability to help sustain healthy habitat for both fish and wildlife.

Maximizing conservation benefits from infrastructure funding

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Equitable access to hunting and fishing is as integral to the TRCP’s mission as habitat improvement. We believe everyone should have a seat at the table in the decision-making process of fish and wildlife management. Here’s the work we did with partners to highlight equity issues and elevate and welcome underrepresented communities into hunting and fishing in 2021.

REPORT: A TOOLKIT FOR ENGAGING DIVERSE HUNTERS

As part of our strategic partnership work, the TRCP engaged with community stakeholders to produce a toolkit on how to increase Latino engagement in hunting and conservation. Funded by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Multistate Conservation Grant, the report findings have been presented at industry conferences and provided to state fish and wildlife agencies to assist with programs that recruit new hunters.

COLLABORATION AND MENTORSHIP

The TRCP and our partners hosted a retreat to learn about the challenges and opportunities facing hunting and fishing organizations that serve underrepresented communities. Joining us were leaders from the Hispanic Access Foundation, Hunters of Color, Minority Outdoor Alliance, Outdoor Afro, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, Ruffed Grouse Society, and a representative of the Native American outdoor recreation community. As a result:

— Rue Mapp, founder and CEO of Outdoor Afro, joined TRCP’s board of directors
— Minority Outdoor Alliance, founded by Durrell and Ashley Smith, became the 61st partner, and the TRCP sponsored the first annual MOA Fest
— Jared Romero, the TRCP’s director of strategic partnerships, joined the Minority Outdoor Alliance’s board of directors

85% Spent on conservation services

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that takes great pride in its financial accuracy, transparency, and accountability. The TRCP uses every dollar as efficiently as possible to honor the generosity of our donors. In 2021, the TRCP spent 85 percent of all contributions directly advancing conservation, keeping our overhead at a minimum.

As a testament to the integrity of TRCP’s work, we have received the highest possible rating from Charity Navigator for six years in a row, a Platinum Seal from GuideStar, and the top-tier rating from the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended December 31, 2021

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilities $239,276
Accrued Salaries and Related Benefits $285,669
Economic Injury Disaster Loan $151,866
Deferred Revenue $726,334
Deferred Rent $154,802
TOTAL LIABILITIES                           $1,561,947

ASSETS

Cash  $4,757,853
Accounts Receivable $1,666,616
Prepaid Expenses $593,403
Total Fixed Assets $83,304
Security Deposit $45,209
TOTAL ASSETS              $6,861,385

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS               $6,861,386

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions (Undesignated)            $1,296,001
Jim Range Conservation Fund                              $1,624,965
With Donor Restrictions $2,378,474
TOTAL NET ASSETS                    $5,299,440

REVENUE

Total Grant Revenue $5,295,359
Event Sponsorships $387,698
Individual Contributions $1,825,783
Jim Range Conservation Fund $1,156
Non-Profit and Associations $25,000
Other Revenue $152,781
TOTAL REVENUE $6,252,246

EXPENSES

Program Services $5,286,165
Management $734,161
Funding $40,703
TOTAL EXPENSES $5,283,189

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $999,046

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