In 2023, several such hard-fought wins occurred that secured protections for some of our country’s most beloved hunting and fishing grounds. The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota, a treasured haven of outdoor adventure for millions of Americans, was spared from the threat of devastating pollution after the Department of the Interior withdrew thousands of acres of surrounding public lands from federal mineral leasing.

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After months of coordination, keystone agreements have been penned with many of our conservation partners so that conservation and restoration work can finally be put on the ground as the result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

As much of a relief as these achievements are, we cannot rest on our laurels. A new challenge arose in 2023, with another iconic landscape coming under threat of development. A proposal to build an industrial corridor looms over Alaska’s Brooks Range and its caribou, Dall sheep, and Dolly Varden. TRCP and over 40 hunting and fishing partner organizations have joined together to stand up for fish and wildlife once again. And while a recent action from the Bureau of Land Management indicates their intent to deny the permit for construction of the road, we will remain diligent until that decision is made final.

You can learn more about our new Hunters & Anglers for the Brooks Range campaign in the pages ahead, as well as read updates on other important conservation legislation TRCP is working on including the Farm Bill, the MAPWaters and MAPOceans Acts, and more.

The challenges to conservation, habitat, and access will continue, and we thank you for your unwavering support. Alongside our nonprofit and corporate partners, your engagement, advocacy, and donations help TRCP continue to pull the hunting and fishing community together to fight the good fight, for as long as it takes.
Conserving Special Places

There are some landscapes in America that are so valuable to fish and wildlife species, they simply should be left untouched. Industrial development can have significant, long-term effects on habitat that can be complicated to manage or reverse. TRCP, our partners, and the hunting and fishing community have been advocating for two such special places for decades. Thanks to our collective voices, protections were finally granted for both.

Pivotal safeguards were issued for the headwaters of Bristol Bay, Alaska—home of the largest sockeye salmon run on the planet. Under the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency restricted and prohibited the discharge of mine waste into rivers, streams, and wetlands in the region.

Historic safeguards were issued for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness—a 1.8 million-acre wilderness area—just upstream of the historic and beloved wilderness destination—from federal mineral leasing for the next 20 years.

Greatest Gulf Menhaden Conservation Outcome to Date

Louisiana’s Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a Notice of Intent for a half-mile coastwide buffer prohibiting industrial menhaden purse seiners from netting close to shore and increased fish spill penalties. The new regulations should reduce net spill incidents and protect sensitive, shallow-water habitats used by redfish, speckled trout, and many other sportfish, birds, and dolphins for feeding and spawning.

Record-setting Annual Fundraising Gala

The 15th annual Capital Conservation Awards Dinner, co-hosted by MeatEater founder Steve Rinella, was another record-breaking year in both funds raised as well as in-person attendance. TRCP honored conservation achievement awards to Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Representative Blake Moore (R-UT-01), and lifetime achievement awards to Becky Humphries (CEO of National Wild Turkey Federation, retired) and Howard Vincent (CEO of Pheasants Forever, retired).

Partnering to Pass the Farm Bill

The Farm Bill is the largest investment in conservation the federal government makes yearly. In 2023, TRCP gathered our partners in calling upon Congress to double investments to the conservation programs that hunters and anglers care about. This has included:

- Leading a Farm Bill platform supported by 27 partners
- Hunter-angler education campaign promoted by 7 partners
- 11,000+ letters sent to USDA and Congress
- 50+ meetings with key members of Congress and the USDA
- National media coverage in publications that reach the hunter-angler community at large and inside the Beltway

TRCP BY THE NUMBERS

BUSINESS SECTOR PARTNERS REPRESENTED ON THE CORPORATE COUNCIL

29

NGO PARTNERS ON THE POLICY COUNCIL

63

INVESTMENT: $561 Million

BENEFITTING: 21 Landscapes in 11 Western States

This huge win for public land conservation has TRCP field staff from Alaska to Colorado eager to see habitat improvements in their states.
S BLESSED AS AMERICAN HUNTERS, ANGLERS, AND OTHER FORMS OF RECREATIONISTS are with incredible public land and water resources, we are not free from difficulties and confusion when it comes to public access. That’s why TRCP is working to solve the most pressing public land and water access challenges.

To fulfill our mission of guaranteeing all American public lands and waters, as unreachable. The problem America’s public lands and waters represent an invaluable treasure to the American hunter, the angler, and other recreationists who enjoy offshore waters. To address this challenge, TRCP teamed up with onX Maps to digitize water and road and trail information, and records. This includes parcel information for property near private or public lands and waters, as unreachable. TRCP has long been committed to digitize navigation and recreation information on public lands. The MAPWaters Act will increase the power of GPS mapping apps commonly found on smartphones. This information must be implemented before public users will benefit.

Moving Forward to Make Public Waters Accessible

The 2010s that the average American could navigate public lands and water parcels near private or public lands and waters, and the regulations that accompany them, has long been complicated. It wasn’t until 2018 that the team has started showing precise ownership boundaries in the 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

MOVING FORWARD TO MAKE PUBLIC WATERS ACCESSIBLE

Our Action

The MAPLand Act

In 2023, TRCP helped introduce the Modernizing Access to Our Public Lands Act, which expanded the reach of the MAPLand Act by directing federal agencies to digitize public and water access legislation. The MAPWaters Act was passed to help enhance access to our nation’s public lands, and fishing regulations such as vehicle, weapon, and fishing restrictions on those public lands and waters.

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Next Steps

American hunters, anglers, and other recreationists are still in the process of becoming law, and we ask you to sign up, urge lawmakers to pass this important access legislation. Stay informed with updates on these two important acts.

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TRCP Launches Campaign to Conserve Alaska’s Brooks Range

PRIVATE MINING ROAD POSES UNACCEPTABLE RISKS TO HABITAT

Alaska’s Brooks Range offers some of the finest remote hunting and fishing opportunities remaining in North America. Home to Alaska’s largest caribou herds, along with Dall sheep, moose, grizzly bear, sheefish, and Dolly Varden, the Brooks Range inspires countless Americans who dream of experiencing this big, wild country. Unfortunately, a proposed 211-mile industrial corridor threatens the very qualities that hunters and anglers value most about the Brooks Range. The Ambler Industrial Road—designed to disproportionately benefit foreign mining interests—would fragment important caribou habitat, cross nearly 3,000 rivers and streams, and permanently diminish the wild and remote character of this awe-inspiring place.

TRCP’s Alaska team studied this issue extensively and collaborated with local stakeholders before launching Hunters & Anglers for the Brooks Range in the fall of 2023. This collective of 40+ leading outdoor brands, small businesses, and conservation partners have mobilized approximately 10,000 individual advocates who have urged the Bureau of Land Management to deny the permits for this risky project. TRCP and the hunt-fish coalition will continue to deliver credible opposition to the BLM until a final permitting decision is made in 2024 and will work to ensure the durability of a favorable outcome.

The proposed Ambler Road would require the construction of nearly 3,000 culverts.

Simms is proud to be an early partner of Hunters & Anglers for the Brooks Range. Generations of future anglers should know the thrill of casting for trophy sheefish on a truly wild river like the Kobuk. With their deep issue knowledge and tailored communications resources, the TRCP made it easy for our team to engage our customers in this important conservation campaign.

— JOHN FRAZIER, Manager of PR, Content + Digital Marketing, Simms Fishing Products

The proposed Ambler Road

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
January 1, 2023 — December 31, 2023

REVENUE
Grant Revenue $9,071,446
Event Sponsorships $515,870
Individual Contributions $1,832,215
Corporal, Non-Profit, and Associations $773,056
Other Revenue $18,164
In-Kind Services $215,512
Interest Income $12,522
Investment Income $264,346

TOTAL REVENUE $9,703,131

EXPENSES
Program Services $6,071,446
Management $515,870
Fundraising $18,164

TOTAL EXPENSES $6,675,480

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $9,582,435

NET ASSETS
Without Donor Restrictions (Undesignated) $24,250
Jim Range Conservation Fund $2,365,967
With Donor Restrictions $2,057,499

TOTAL NET ASSETS $5,047,666

POLICY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Year ended December 31, 2023

ASSETS
Cash and Investments $16,107,971
Accounts Receivable, net $1,400,477
Prepaid Expenses $213,823
Total Prepaid Expenses $2,004,713
Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilities $220,535
Accrued Salaries and Related Benefits $383,397
Economic Injury Disaster Loan $157,372
Deferred Revenue $864,686
ROU Asset, net $1,704,551

TOTAL ASSETS $8,522,479

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Director of Foundation Relations

Staff member Dan Morgan showing off his son’s first ever self-caught trout. Way to go, little angler!

Jess Riggelman (center), winner of the 2023 Spring Sweepstakes, with TNC/TPF and event supporters, Jess Patela, Josh Walters, Steve Rinella, Mark Sledge, and Taylor Sledge.