

# WILDERNESS PROTECTED

Designation as wilderness extends the highest level of protection to public land. In **2009-2010**, Wilderness Land Trust purchased 3,682 acres for the Wilderness System in these designated and proposed wilderness areas:

## Arizona

Swansea  
Wabayuma Peak

Sheephole Valley  
South Warner  
Wilderness Study Area  
Trinity Alps  
Yolla Bolly

## California

Bristol Mountains  
Cache Creek  
Cady Mountains (proposed)  
Chuckwalla Mountains  
Dead Mountains  
Death Valley Wilderness  
Study Area (proposed)  
Domeland  
El Paso  
Grass Valley  
Jacumba  
Kingston Range  
Little Chuckwalla Mountains  
Milpitas Wash Area  
Mokelumne  
Old Woman Mountains  
Palen McCoy  
Piute  
Rice Valley

## Colorado

James Peak

## Idaho

Work has begun on several acquisitions

## Oregon

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## New Mexico

Transferred 320 acres in El Mapais

## Washington

Pursuing additional acquisitions

“*My family loves to hike and camp in the wilderness. It’s a win-win for me to work protecting the mountains, rivers and deserts we love, and to be able to help remove threats to their ongoing naturalness, quiet and remote beauty.*”

– David Kirk, WLT Senior Lands Specialist



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## Completing the Owyhee Wilderness

In the southwest corner of Idaho, the Owyhee high desert is one of the largest roadless areas in the Continental U.S. Private ranches blocked access into its hidden river canyons, hot springs and rare sage grouse habitat. The Wilderness Land Trust has begun work with ranchers in the Owyhee wilderness areas to help complete the wilderness that was designated in March 2009.

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► Protecting land at the base of Colorado’s James Peak

In May 2010, the Wilderness Land Trust acquired 320 private acres adjacent to Colorado’s James Peak Wilderness. The prior owner had owned the land with thoughts of creating a reservoir but decided to sell it instead. The Trust is going to add it to the Wilderness.

Because of the Trust’s efforts, hikers and horseback riders will have legal access to the Wilderness via the eastern boundary. They will be able to connect to the Continental Divide Scenic Trail and take in its commanding views.

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▼ Gem of the Northwest: Wilderness Created

The Wild Sky Wilderness is the newest addition to a 2.6 million-acre wilderness complex that straddles the rugged North Cascade Range from Canada to Snoqualmie Pass in Washington. The southwestern portion of the wilderness is only 25 miles from Puget Sound.

Our purchases of three private properties helped clear the way for

designation as federal wilderness in 2008. We are currently transferring these key parcels to the U.S. Forest Service for permanent public ownership, and we are working to secure more.



▼ Death Valley Wilderness Study Area Secured

The Trust uses very creative tools to purchase wilderness inholdings! In this case, the owners of 2,412 acres in Death Valley wanted to sell their land, but only if they could do it by selling their Avawatz Salt and Gypsum Co., which owned the property. We formed a corporation that merged with Avawatz and gained control of the land to add it to the Death Valley Wilderness Study Area. The area can now be included in an upcoming wilderness designation bill.



► Yolla Bolly Critical Habitat Protected

WLT worked for seven years to secure a 640-acre ranch within California’s vast Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness, the headwaters of the Wild and Scenic Middle Eel River. Purchasing the land prevents motorized access to 6 miles of road in the wilderness that threatened sensitive salmon and steelhead habitat, and completes the preservation of the newly added panoramic trail system.



Keeping Wilderness Wild

In 1964, Congress enacted the Wilderness Preservation Act, the first law of its kind in the world. It set aside for present and future generations some of America’s most spectacular and unique wild places, to remain just as they are forevermore.

**But the job of protecting wilderness isn’t finished!** Some 400,000 acres within wilderness boundaries are privately owned and could face development, mining and logging. The Wilderness Land Trust buys these unprotected private properties, returning them to public ownership for future generations to enjoy. America’s wilderness belongs to all of us. Our goal is to make sure it remains forever wild.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<b>FY 2010</b>
<b>Beginning Net Assets</b>	<b>\$907,044</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	<b>\$463,596</b>
Other income	<b>\$216,534</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$680,130</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program	<b>\$1,018,013</b>
Fundraising	<b>\$93,386</b>
Administrative	<b>\$101,224</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,212,623</b>
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$374,551</b>

*Audited financial statements available upon request. The Wilderness Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. For more information: wildernesslandtrust.org*