

# ANNUAL REPORT 2006



THE COLORADO WILDLIFE  
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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Colorado today and tomorrow  
by securing and managing funds  
for wildlife projects.

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PRESERVING AND RESTORING CRITICAL HABITAT • FACILITATING SPECIES RECOVERY  
SUPPORTING WILDLIFE EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND RECREATION

## *A Note from the Executive Director—Karin Ballard:*

The Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation is a 501.c.3 non-profit which offers individuals, and organizations of all types, a way to support Colorado wildlife. We emphasize critical habitat preservation and restoration; species recovery; and wildlife education, research and recreation. We seek funding for these projects, and form partnerships with, organizations, foundations, businesses and individuals with similar goals. Although one of our main partners is the Colorado Division of Wildlife—it endorses the projects we support—we are an independent public charity and not a branch of state government. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of trustees that is committed to the presence of wildlife in Colorado today and for future generations.

## *Our Mission:*

To ensure a wildlife legacy for Colorado today and tomorrow through securing and managing funds for wildlife projects.

## *Our Goals:*

- Preserving and restoring critical habitat
- Facilitating species recovery
- Supporting wildlife education, research, and recreation

## *Why We Were Formed:*

In 1986, a group of concerned citizens, convened by then Governor Richard Lamm, recognized that Colorado's abundant and diverse wildlife makes an immense contribution to the quality of life we enjoy in the state, and to its economy. They recognized that wilderness habitats face great threats from development at a time that state funds for preserving wildlife, which have historically come from hunting and fishing license fees, have declined. Recognizing that future public funding would probably be insufficient to sustain and manage the state's wildlife, the group made a series of recommendations aimed at preserving wildlife across the state into the 21st century and beyond. Among those suggestions was the creation of a foundation whose purpose would be raising and disbursing funds to benefit wildlife. Thus, in 1989 the Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation came into existence to help solve a long-term problem; we were formed to work in cooperation with state and federal agencies, other non-profit organizations, businesses and individuals, to fill the gap between available funds and Colorado's wildlife needs.

## *Our Uniqueness:*

- We are not a typical foundation, as we do not have a "pot of money" from which to designate funds; we act as a resource for those in search of funds for their wildlife benefiting projects, or for those who wish to donate to one.
- We emphasize projects that help all 960 wildlife species and the habitats they need to survive in Colorado.
- We work in cooperation with state and federal agencies, other non-profit organizations, businesses and individuals in order to fill the funding gap for Colorado's wildlife. We offer individuals and organizations of all types a means to join forces to support wildlife.
- Through our many partnerships, we have the ability to leverage the resources necessary to make a difference for wildlife.
- Our continued belief is that we must protect our unique wildlife heritage through a balanced approach; keeping in mind the needs of the wildlife, and the people and businesses of Colorado, to ensure a rich wildlife legacy and strong economy for those who call Colorado home now, and for the generations to come.

## Review of the Year...



### **The Foundation Launches Fundraising Campaign for CDOW's Lynx Restoration Project**

2006 saw the Foundation reach beyond the three-quarter mark in their campaign goal to raise \$600,000. Over \$430,000 in donations and pledges continue to flow in since the August, 2004 kick off. These donations will be used to fund the Colorado Division of Wildlife's (CDOW) ongoing lynx reintroduction effort.

Since 1999, the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) has released 218 lynx. During May-June 2006, CDOW found 1/3 less mating dens and documented a lag in kittens which needs to be studied further. On a positive note, CDOW was able to document reproduction and recruitment of a Colorado-born lynx into the Colorado breeding population.

### **The Board Responds and releases funds collected to date in fundraising campaign; DOW's Lynx Program Receives \$250,000 Boost from the Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation**

The Colorado Wildlife Commission received \$250,000 from the Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation at the November Commission meeting in Colorado Springs.

"This generous donation will go a long way to ensuring the ongoing success of one of the most popular and important programs the Colorado Division of Wildlife has implemented," said Bruce McCloskey, Director of the DOW. "This demonstrates the foundation's continued commitment to the lynx program in a very real and significant way. I am very pleased with their monetary assistance in helping the DOW accomplish our objectives."

"The generous donation will allow the DOW to pursue two endeavors very important to the long-term restoration of lynx in Colorado," said Jeff Ver Steeg, Assistant Director of Wildlife Programs for the DOW."

"We feel that the contribution that the foundation was able to make to the Lynx Reintroduction Program will help our mission in which furthering wildlife knowledge and research is a critical goal," said Bill Daley, Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation Board President. "The lynx reintroduction has not only added to the body of wildlife research and knowledge in Colorado, it has also proven itself to be an endeavor that Coloradans support. We are pleased to be able to contribute to it. To donate, go online at [www.cwhf.info](http://www.cwhf.info) or contact us directly at 303-291-7212."

**In partnership with The Nature Conservancy, The Foundation Protects another 20K acres in perpetuity. This brings the foundation's total land protected for wildlife to 64,888.**



**In partnership with CDOW, CWHF kicks off the commemorative habitat stamp and print program.**

The Heritage Foundation has developed many popular ways for people to contribute to Colorado's wildlife including the purchase of a Commemorative Habitat Stamp and prints. An art contest is held annually which in turn selects a winning piece to be produced into products to raise funds for habitat. Artist Jeffrey Klinefelter from Indiana wins year one with this beautifully painted mule deer shown above. The celebration, products and thank you kicked off in February with an exhibit and banquet of conservation groups around the State at The Wildlife Experience. In 2006, over \$12,000 was raised for habitat conservation through the sale of these commemorative habitat

products. To purchase, go online at [www.cwhf.info](http://www.cwhf.info)

### **Waste Management Foundation Awards \$10K Grant to CWHF**

–The grant, in partnership with The Colorado Division of Wildlife, will fund wildlife management and maintenance at Lake Lehow.

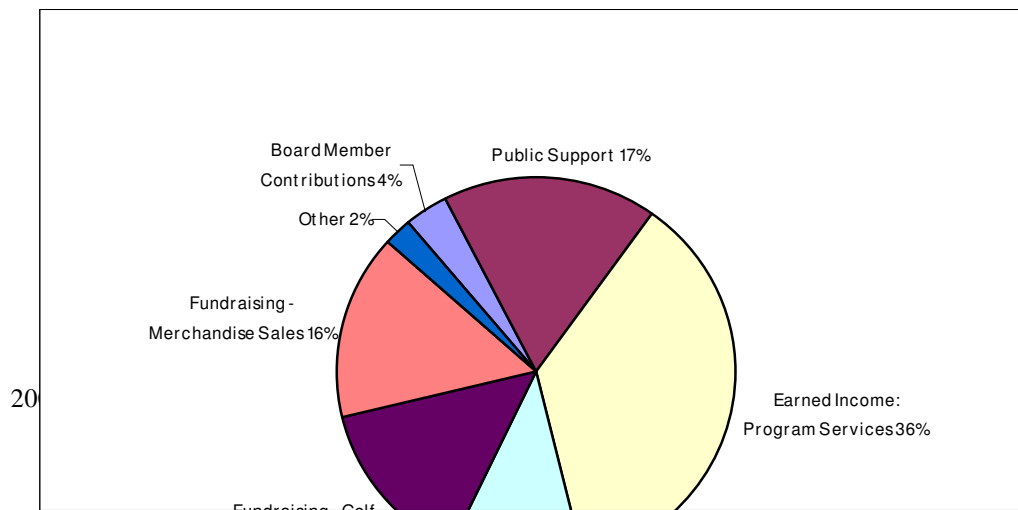
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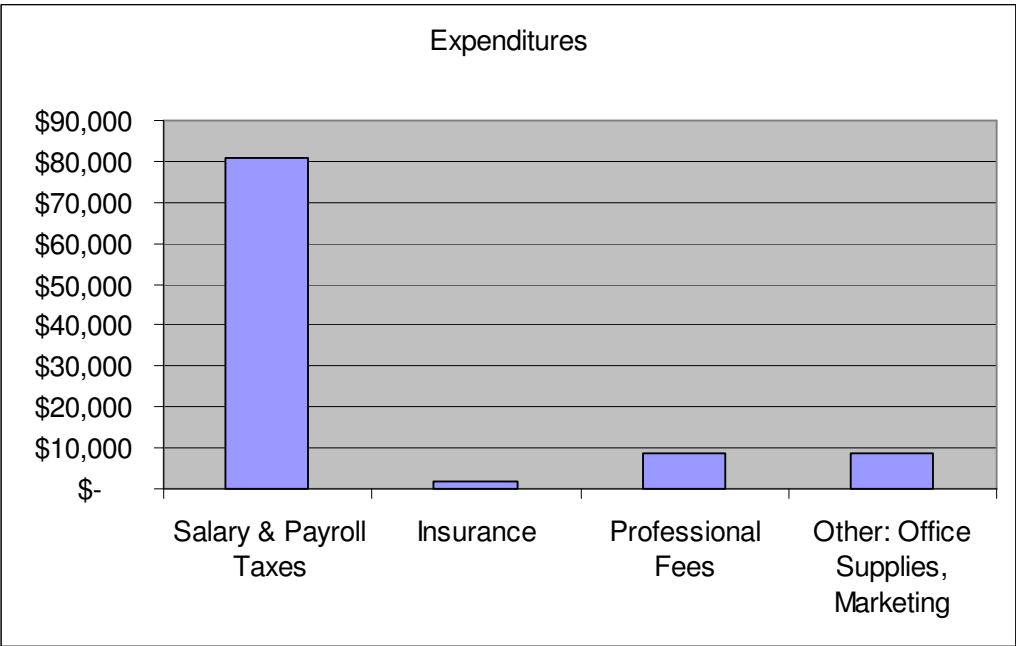
Awarded \$5000 this year to stock fish for kid’s angler education, equaling just over \$16,000 in the last two years.

### **Other Notable Grants:**

- 13 Colorado School Habitat Grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 each for a total of \$8550. in 2006 - over \$110K since 1990 expended for this project.
- Awarded two \$400 grants to fund wonders in nature, wonders in neighborhood education workshop and to kid angling education program.
- Through annual event, grants over \$8,500 to Environmental Learning for Kids education programs.

## **2006 Operations Revenue:**





**Note:** These charts reflect CWHF operating revenue and expense. They do not reflect CWHF wildlife project revenues and expenses, (see next page).

# 2006 Financials:

<b>Public Support and Revenues:</b>	<b>2006 Totals</b>	<b>2005 Totals</b>
Contributions	210,432	93,922
Grant Revenue	2,600	75,825
Special Events	20,680	28,687
Merchandise Programs	64,626	20,365
Service Revenue	44,746	7,907
In-kind Contributions	12,000	12,000
Misc Income	17,045	
Interest Income	13,164	8,074
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>385,293</b>	<b>246,780</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>		
Wildlife Projects:	86,614	114,932
General Administration	46,373	50,491
Fundraising	72,283	62,151
In-Kind Expenses	12,000	12,000
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>217,270</b>	<b>239,574</b>

<b>Net Results:</b>		
Revenue over Expenses	162,203	7,206

<b>Assets:</b>		
Total Current Assets	1,239,335	11,018,887
Conservation Lands	152,086	152,086
Property and Equipment	5,068	5,068
Software	15,000	15,000
Accumulated Depreciation	(11,068)	-7,938
<b>Net Property and Equipment</b>	<b>161,086</b>	<b>164,216</b>
Endowment Funds	2,808	2,808
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,403,229</b>	<b>1,185,911</b>

<b>Liabilities and Net Assets:</b>		
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>877,096</b>	<b>821,801</b>
Unrestricted Assets	65,124	49,305
Unrestricted, designated for stewardship	10,000	5,000
Unrestricted, designated for habitat	12,205	
<i>Wildlife Legacy/ Preservation</i>	3,711	3,711
<i>Species Recovery</i>	235,564	81,658
<i>Fish Stocking</i>	22,183	32,828
<i>Education</i>	9,132	15,978
<i>Habitat preservation and maintenance</i>	13,320	20,736
<b>Total Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>283,910</b>	<b>154,911</b>
Permanently Restricted	154,894	154,894
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>526,133</b>	<b>364,110</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>1,403,229</b>	<b>1,185,911</b>



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