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THE COLORADO WILDLIFE
HERITAGE FOUNDATION

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

A Note from the Executive Director; Bill Daley

The Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation is a 501.c.3 non-profit which offers individuals and organizations of all types a means by which to support wildlife. We emphasize critical habitat preservation and restoration; species recovery; and wildlife education, research, recreation and emergency response. We seek funding for these projects and form partnerships with organizations, foundations, corporations 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. At the same time, they recognized that wilderness habitats face the greatest threats from development and 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 collecting 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 and individuals in order to fill the funding gap for Colorado's wildlife.

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 and individuals in order to fill the funding gap for Colorado's wildlife by offering 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 necessary resources 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, the people and the 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.



The Foundation Begins Funding CDOW's Lynx Restoration Project

2007 saw the Foundation reach beyond the three-quarter mark in their campaign goal to raise \$600,000. Over \$470,000 in donations and pledges continue to flow in since the August, 2004 kick off.

Since 1999, the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) has released 218 lynx as part of the reintroduction efforts in Colorado. In November, 2006 the Foundation granted the Division of Wildlife \$250,000 for the Lynx Reintroduction. The Division has decided to use these funds for additional research.

Post Doctoral Research Scientist Appointed.

In the summer of 2007, Dr. Olivier Deveneau was hired to analyze lynx data. Dr. Deveneau will work closely with Dr. Tanya Shenk, DOW Project Leader and Dr. Paul Doherty of CSU on this project. The Division of Wildlife has documented survival, movement patterns, reproduction, and habitat use through ground, aerial, and satellite tracking beginning in 1999 and these efforts continue. The project will work on estimating demographic rates, movement rates, and habitat use to address hypotheses of interest to the DOW. Dr. Deveneau will be encouraged to initiate his own additional analysis of these data in collaboration with DOW and CSU researchers. In addition Dr. Deveneau will collaborate to organize findings into agency reports and manuscripts for publication in peer-review journals; attend scientific meetings and deliver papers on results. The project is scheduled for two years.

Foundation adds Roots Reservoir Conservation Easements.

In December, the Foundation closed on three Conservation Easements that collectively constitute the Roots Reservoir parcel in Mesa County. Land Owners Greg Hoskins, Allen Reid and Robert Wilson donated approximately 165 acres with a permanent reservoir, three ethereal ponds on the property. A portion of Mack Wash also runs through the property. The total complex provides a wetland complex that is used by a large number of migratory waterfowl and other bird species. The project was endorsed by the Division of Wildlife.

These easements bring the total number of acres conserved through easements to 65,150 acres.

Bill Daley accepts Executive Director Position

Karin Ballard left the Foundation to spend more time with her new son Reid and to pursue other opportunities in June. Board President Bill Daley stepped down from the Board to assume the Executive Director position in July. "I am very excited by the opportunity to further assist Colorado's wildlife by becoming more involved in the day-to-day operations of the Foundation and to further the mission of the Foundation" said Bill Daley.

Foundation Continues Duck Stamp and Habitat Stamp Programs

The foundation continued its efforts to promote wetlands and habitat protection by producing and selling the 2007 Duck and Habitat Stamps / Prints.



Programs Supported:

Lynx Reintroduction Project - \$8,080 was used to purchase a snowmobile and trailer.

Kizer Memorial Fund - Awarded \$5,645 this year to stock fish for kid's angler education. In addition \$10,000 was awarded to restock Antero Reservoir after its reclamation. This amounts to just over \$31,000 awarded in the last three years.

Colorado School Yard Habitat Grants – Nine grants were awarded, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 each, for a total of \$5,700 in 2007. Over \$115K has been raised and awarded since 1990 for this project.

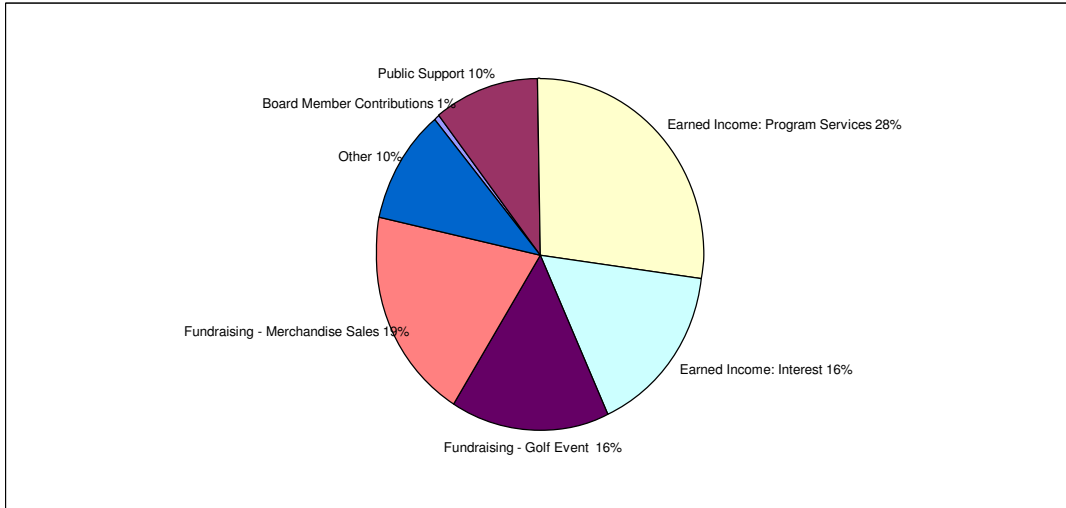
Love Ranch Operations - \$1,394 was provided to the operations of Love Meadows State Wildlife Area. The Foundation owns this property.

Environmental Learning for Kids / Angler Education – The foundation awarded approximately \$500 for these efforts.

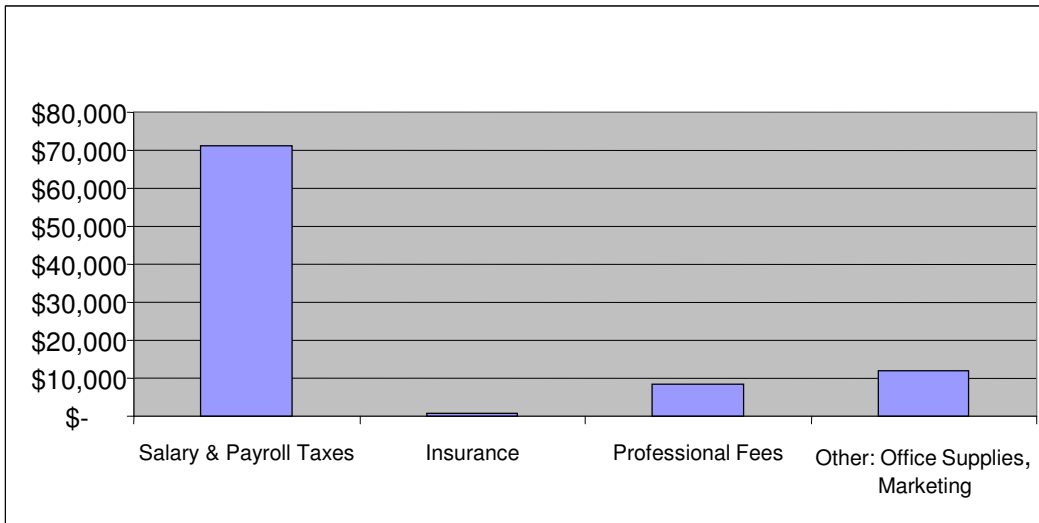
Birds of Prey Foundation - \$50 was awarded to support their efforts to care for sick and injured raptors.

Emergency Feeding– The Foundation raised \$ 1,675 to support DOW's emergency feeding in SE Colorado.

Revenue



Expenditures



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

2007 Financials:

Public Support and Revenues:	2007 Totals	2006 Totals
Contributions	22,919	210,432
Grant Revenue	3,195	2,600
Special Events	28,172	20,680
Merchandise Programs	49,869	64,626
Service Revenue	46,081	44,746
In-kind Contributions	12,000	12,000
Misc Income	1,007	17,045
Interest Income	21,002	13,164
Total Revenue:	184,245	385,293
Expenses:		
Wildlife Projects:	85,612	86,614
General Administration	33,044	46,373
Fundraising	82,898	72,283
In-Kind Expenses	12,000	12,000
Total Expenses:	213,554	217,270
Net Results:		
Revenue over Expenses	(29,289)	162,203
Assets:		
Total Current Assets	1,306,280	1,239,335
Conservation Lands	152,086	152,086
Property and Equipment	5,068	5,068
Software	15,000	15,000
Accumulated Depreciation	(14,068)	(11,068)
Net Property and Equipment	158,086	161,086
Endowment Funds	2,808	2,808
Total Assets	1,467,174	1,403,229
Liabilities and Net Assets:		
Total Current Liabilities	932,147	877,096
Unrestricted Assets	85,044	65,124
Unrestricted, designated for stewardship	5,000	10,000
Unrestricted, designated for habitat	15,448	12,205
<i>Wildlife Legacy/ Preservation</i>	3,711	3,711
<i>Species Recovery</i>	222,970	235,564
<i>Fish Stocking</i>	6,539	22,183
<i>Education</i>	9,552	9,132
<i>Habitat preservation and maintenance</i>	14,869	13,320
<i>Conservation Easement Stewardship</i>	17,000	
Total Temporarily Restricted	274,641	283,910
Permanently Restricted	154,894	154,894
Total Net Assets	535,027	526,133
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	1,467,174	1,403,229



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Roots Reservoir September, 2007.

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