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Brown drake mayflies fill the air above Silver Creek. The famous hatch lasts about a week or two and attracts fly fishermen from around the world.

HAMILTON WALLACE

FROM THE DIRECTOR



We envision a future with clean water for people and nature: a future in which **collaboration** leads to meaningful conservation.

Dawn sun strikes the mountains above Red Fish Lake and the Salmon River near the town of Stanley, Idaho.

BRIDGET BESAW



This year was filled with many outstanding experiences, but three stick in my mind when I reflect upon what they mean for conservation in Idaho. First, I will not soon forget the day I realized we would be moving forward with our most ambitious restoration project ever for Silver Creek, after years of hard work and planning. The next big moment hit as a group of us walked onto the Hall Forest property, recognizing that bears had just moved through the very place we were standing. And finally, I am continually refreshed by the energy and enthusiasm that our amazing interns demonstrate every day.

JOLENE GRIZZLE

Together these three things, all of which you can read about in this report, exemplify the successes of this year as well as the direction we're headed. We envision a future with clean water for people and nature: a future in which collaboration leads to meaningful conservation.

This year we articulated our chapter's vision in a three-year strategic plan. Every staff and trustee participated in crafting that vision, and I am proud to say it sets ambitious goals for conservation here at home. It also recognizes that what we do in Idaho reaches far beyond our borders, through groundbreaking science, demonstration projects and personal connections.

As you read about our projects this past year, I hope you feel pride in all that

we've accomplished together. We could not do it without you. I hope you feel inspired by the many ways in which our work in Idaho informs and supports the Conservancy's global initiatives of protecting critical lands, securing freshwater and reducing the impacts of climate change.

As a supporter of The Nature Conservancy, you are investing in conservation that matters locally and globally. We are ever grateful for your partnership and support as we work together to accomplish conservation, both in Idaho and around the world.

Your friend in conservation,

Toni Hardesty



water

every drop counts

Just about a year ago, I navigated a long, dusty road to tour one of the Conservancy’s projects on the Pahsimeroi River. In such a dry landscape, I immediately grasped why water here is “precious as gold.” And in this region, where every drop counts, I understood the challenges we face in seeking compromises to use water in ways that benefit people and nature.



WILLIAM H. MULLINS

ABOVE: A golden eagle soars above the South Fork of the Snake River.
LEFT: Standing at a dry outcrop in the Lemhi Valley.

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KEN MIRACLE

Fast-forward to this year—that project on the Pahsimeroi River is complete. The updated, restored water systems help Chinook, while also sustaining working farms and ranches. In ways that always amaze and inspire me, our team at the Conservancy managed to strike a balance in accomplishing our mission of “protecting and preserving the lands and waters on which all life depends.”

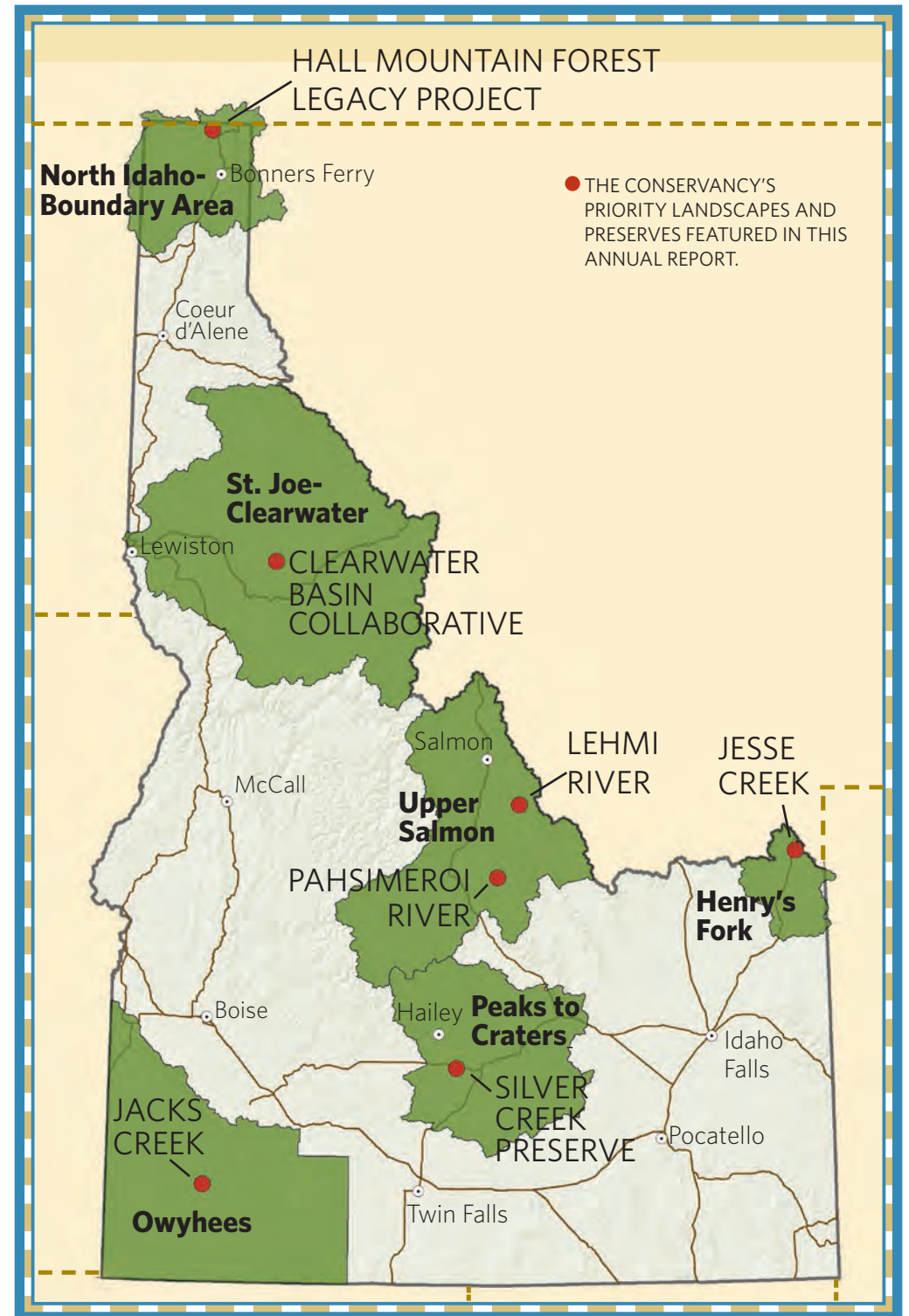
Of course, here in Idaho, finding balanced ways to use water is something the Conservancy has worked at for a long time. We established ourselves in the state by stewarding the Silver Creek Preserve, a unique spring creek system. Some years later water brought us to the Upper Henry’s Fork of the Snake River, where we joined conservation efforts in the Greater Yellowstone region.

As you will see in this year’s report, your support enabled us to accomplish much in protecting this most priceless resource. Our projects around the state secured water, restored water systems and found ways to use water efficiently. All of this work was made possible through science and collaboration—two tools that will continue to guide us in the face of a changing climate and a growing demand on our resources.

—Lisa Eller



MARY AUSTIN CROFTS



Making water systems work for people & nature

Photos by William H. Mullins



“Patience and perseverance finally accomplished our L-52 project.

With high-desert country, water is literally more precious than gold. Drought seems to be the norm. Yet, with this project completed, it gave the fish habitat 9 cubic feet per second more water for at least 7 miles in the Lemhi River. For us, as a family ranch, this project has helped to increase production of hay with less water. We feel The Nature Conservancy made this project possible and is doing much good in the Lemhi Valley.”

—BLAIR KAUER,
McFARLAND LIVESTOCK

Chinook salmon spawn in slow but steady currents, in winding, medium to large streams—the kind of streams found in wide valleys. These features draw salmon to the farthest reach of their oceangoing journey—the remote Pahsimeroi and Lemhi river valleys of the Upper Salmon in Idaho. Here they find the largest undammed basin system in the lower 48 states.

In these valleys, lack of streamflow hampers salmon recovery, based on research by state and federal fish biologists. The findings have guided The Nature Conservancy’s work in the Upper Salmon for several years.

Through collaboration and creative solutions, the Conservancy has improved streamflow in many areas, partnering with local ranchers and groups such as the Idaho Governor’s Office of Species Conservation.

L-52 Project Participating Lemhi Landowners

- » **McFarland Livestock**
- » **Beyeler Ranches**
- » **Bob Ammonson**
- » **Shiner Ranches**
- » **Bureau of Land Management**
- » **Far Niente Ranch**
- » **Rand Robison**
- » **Karl and Mae Belle Snyder Family Trust**



LEFT PAGE: Rancher Merrill Beyeler and Conservancy field representative, Ron Troy, discuss water in the Lemhi Valley. ABOVE: A channel of the Pahsimeroi River near Sulphur Creek. PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION: Curtis Beyeler, Merrill Beyeler, and Carl Ellsworth. RIGHT: The Conservancy's work in the Upper Salmon protects spawning grounds in areas such as Sulphur Creek (pictured here).

In the Lemhi Valley, the Conservancy and its partners made strides toward fish recovery in a cooperative agreement with eight landowners.

Five years of negotiation culminated this year in the completion of the L52 Ditch Consolidation project—a project that significantly changed the area's water flow and connectivity for salmon and steelhead.

The Conservancy and its many conservation partners have long recognized the need to upgrade irrigation systems to allow for fish migration and spawning in the valley.

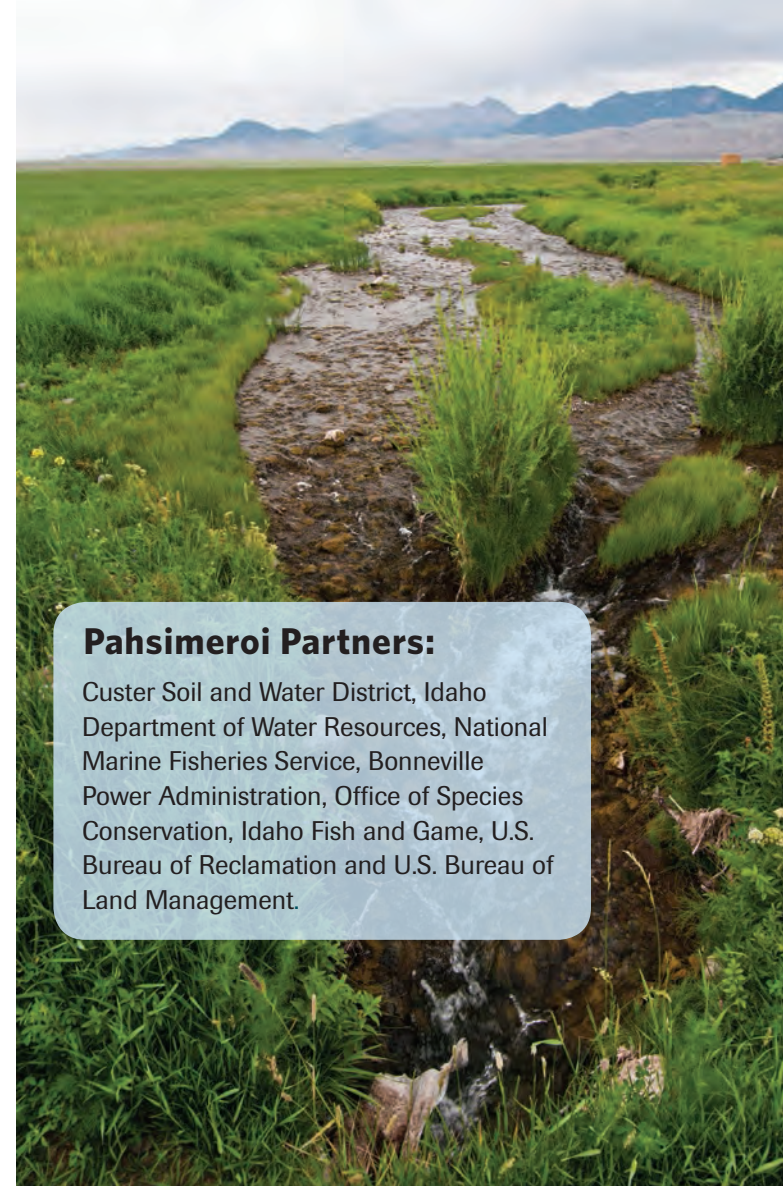
The project featured upgrades such as consolidating irrigation ditches, removing unneeded dams, replacing archaic dams with “fish-passable” diversion structures, and converting flood-irrigation practices to modern sprinkler systems.

“It is very satisfying work when you are able to coordinate a project that employs so many community members to build streams and irrigation infrastructure, simultaneously improving fish habitat and a rancher's agricultural yield,” says Ron Troy, the Conservancy's Central Idaho field representative.

In order to succeed, the project required the cooperation of eight upper Lemhi Basin landowners. At times, the Conservancy assisted landowners with incentives such as access to higher grade and more efficient power supply and other irrigation improvements, creating a win-win situation for conservation and rural agriculture.

The changes agreed upon by all landowners restored portions of ephemeral and perennial streams along 7 miles of the upper Lemhi River, including the Lemhi River itself.

In the Pahsimeroi Valley, the Conservancy signed conservation easements this year covering 2,200 acres and reducing the number of irrigation diversions to enhance fish passage. Agreements with the Hoffman and Page families permanently protect the spawning grounds of Chinook in 2 miles of Sulphur Creek and a half mile of the Pahsimeroi River. ■



Pahsimeroi Partners:

Custer Soil and Water District, Idaho Department of Water Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, Bonneville Power Administration, Office of Species Conservation, Idaho Fish and Game, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

What are conservation easements?

Conservation easements are voluntary and legally binding agreements that compensate landowners for limiting certain uses or developments on their properties. Easements are tailored to fit each specific property and each landowner's differing needs and goals, while also conserving habitat for fish and wildlife.

Collaboration benefits people, forests & wildlife through landmark agreement



After five years of trust-building, in-depth debate and painstaking work, members of the Clearwater Basin Collaborative unanimously approved and signed an agreement this year that strikes a balance for people, forests, fish and wildlife.

The forests and rivers of the basin in north-central Idaho provide essential wildlife and fish habitat, spanning an area larger than the state of Connecticut. The wildlands also serve as the lifeblood of the tight-knit communities sprinkled throughout the basin, whether through timber jobs or recreational opportunities.

But this vast landscape has also led to grounds for fervent conflict and gridlock over natural resource management. Forests are now at risk of catastrophic wildfire, rivers are in need of restoration, more than half of the mills have closed and counties are struggling to fund roads and schools.

In 2008, Senator Mike Crapo convened the CBC to help bring together diverse interests and find solutions to enhance and protect the ecological and economic

health of the forests, rivers and communities within the Clearwater Basin. Essentially, the CBC was charged with breaking the gridlock.

The comprehensive agreement commits to several action items as an entire package. The CBC commits to moving the package

forward as a whole, with the intent of balancing every member's needs:

- » Bolster rural timber economies and improve wildlife habitat with a vigorous, science-based forest restoration program
- » Seek permanent and equitable solutions to support local counties
- » Protect 326,000 acres of backcountry as nationally designated Wilderness and more than 170 miles of waterways as Wild and Scenic rivers

- » Honor sacred places for the Nez Perce Tribe
- » Develop recreational opportunities

In an entrenched world where one side's wins are another side's losses, the CBC has broken through the gridlock and is working together to find real solutions for all. As CBC member Bill Higgins reminds us, "The stakes are too high; failure is not an option."

— Robyn Miller, director of conservation programs



ABOVE: Idaho teachers learn about sustainable forestry, by Kennon McClintock/TNC
RIGHT: A moose cow and her calf dash through the forest.



ROBYN MILLER/TNC

Landowners come together to conserve migration route

Nestled along the border of Idaho and Canada, a large area of working farms and forests collectively connects millions of acres of public lands. Without protection, this region soon faces further development while fish and wildlife face decline. The Nature Conservancy in Idaho is working closely with longtime residents and landowners to keep the area intact and productive for many decades to come.

Once complete, the Hall Mountain Forest Legacy Project will conserve 2,885 acres of forestlands owned by six local families and the Conservancy, and two properties managed by Hancock Timber Resource Group. State and federal partners, private donors and participating landowners contributing in-kind donations will help make this project a reality.

The project is unique given its strategic location, high timber productivity, critical habitat and connectivity for fish and wildlife, and scenic values.

Benefits:

» Protects a key east-west wildlife linkage area between the Selkirk and Purcell mountains, stitching together over a million acres of public lands. Grizzly bears, Canada lynx and woodland caribou are among the wildlife seen on or close to the property. DNA of wolverines and fisher have been detected nearby. Several Idaho “Species of Greatest Conservation Need” use the area, including mountain goat, marten, northern goshawk, amphibians and bats.



» Safeguards a unique 100-acre hardwood wetland forest, as well as more than a mile of Miller Creek and West-slope cutthroat trout populations.

» Includes 9.9 million board feet of standing timber, which will continue to supply logs to mills, jobs to communities and millions of dollars to the local economy.

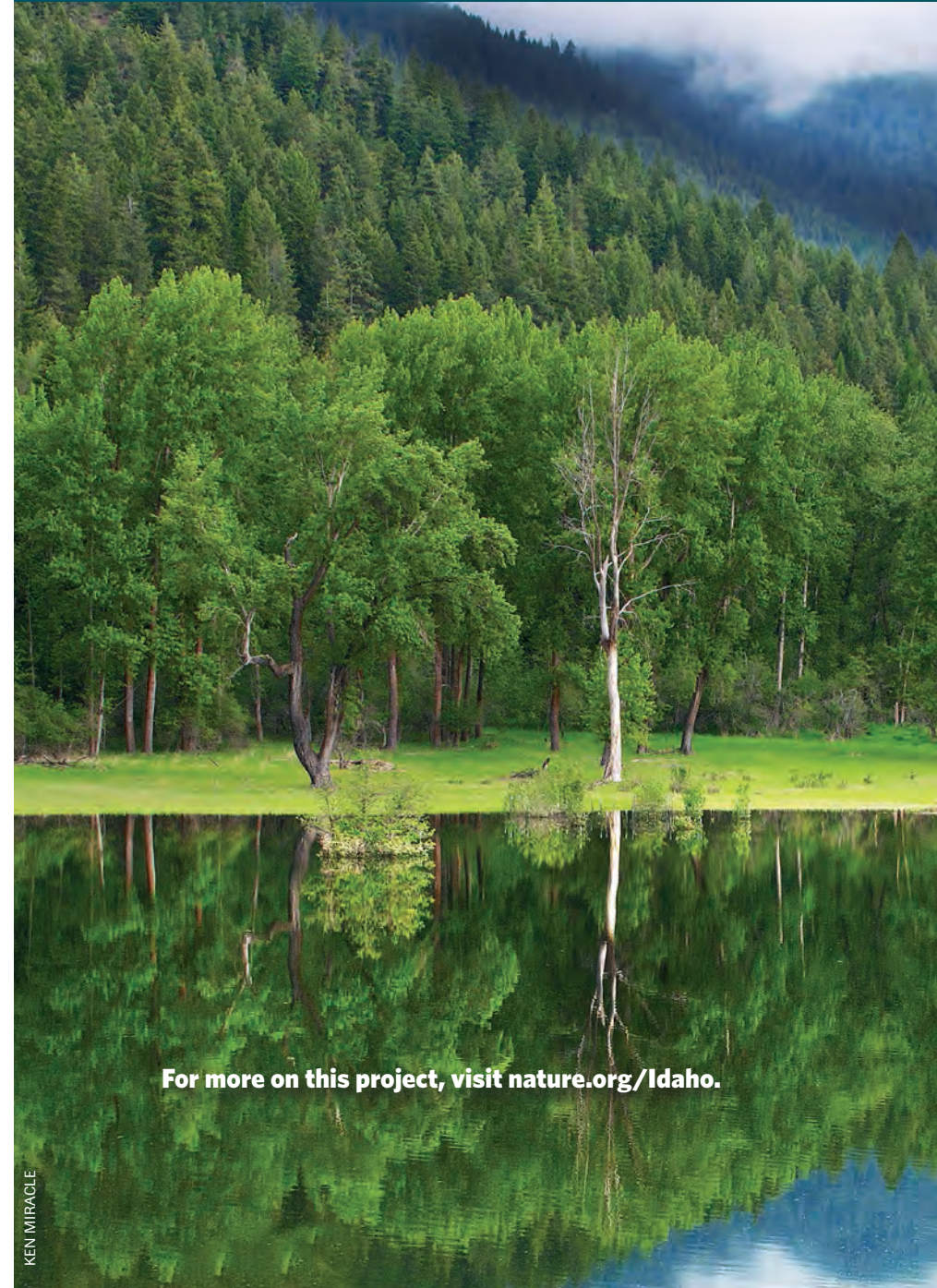
» Promotes clean water by conserving the primary watershed and springs that provide domestic water for Hall Mountain residents.

» Protects scenic value of the International Selkirk Loop Scenic Byway, which was voted “best scenic drive in the West” by *Sunset Magazine*.

» Increases protection of culturally significant features for the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho while allowing for non-motorized public access on 1,280 acres.

Cool cloudy morning in the Kootenai River Valley.

This project leverages Hall Creek Forest, a property acquired by the Conservancy in 2012, to make a greater impact for conservation in Idaho.



For more on this project, visit [nature.org/Idaho](https://www.nature.org/Idaho).

SILVER CREEK:

A Connection to the Landscape

Reflections from the next generation

Potatoes and Sun Valley. This was my only knowledge of Idaho when I moved here in January.

I grew up in coastal Massachusetts, attended the University of Vermont and began pursuing a career in marine conservation. In one of those rare occasions where everything lines up perfectly, I finished an internship with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in December and moved to

Ketchum to finish ski season. Although I intended to move to the West Coast come spring, I began to feel a connection with the landscape here. After learning that Idaho has the most public land in the Lower 48, I knew I'd found a pretty unique

place. By March I was ready to continue developing my knowledge of conservation and natural-resource management, and decided I wanted to do that in the Wood River Valley.

I feel fortunate to have been Silver Creek Preserve's conservation technician this summer and fall. I worked under outstanding management who recognized my desire to understand the natural, political and social aspects of conservation in this region. I helped gather baseline data throughout the summer for monitoring the Kilpatrick Pond project. I also learned new field methods like electroshocking fish for population counts and

using the Hester-Dendy sampler to collect and assess the aquatic insects that inhabit a certain stretch of creek. This fall I was able to attend a workshop on conservation easements, and then track a few easements on my own. The opportunity helped me gain a better understanding of how conservation easements work on the ground, as well as the level of community support for conservation in this valley.

The integrity and effectiveness The Nature Conservancy shows in its work to conserve natural resources is incomparable. My experiences with the organization this summer were enough to change the goals I have for my career. Wherever I live, whether it's on the



KEN MIRACLE

coast, in a valley characterized as a sagebrush steppe ecotype, or somewhere I haven't heard of yet, I will work to protect and restore the ecosystems that surround me, of which I'm a part.

—Rydell Welch

The Nature Conservancy would like to thank John and Elaine French, Conservancy trustees and donors, for generously hosting Silver Creek's summer interns at their home in Picabo, Idaho.



HAMILTON WALLACE

RIGHT: Conservancy intern Rydell Welch lands a big one at Silver Creek Preserve. UPPER RIGHT: Bees and other pollinators have important roles in our conservation work. The Conservancy's focus on sustainable agriculture and protecting working farms helps to conserve pollinator habitat.

A visual guide to the restoration of Kilpatrick Pond at Silver Creek Preserve

Why are we restoring Kilpatrick Pond?

The Nature Conservancy launched the Kilpatrick Pond project at Silver Creek Preserve this year to return the pond to a more natural stream channel. The project marks the largest enhancement effort ever undertaken at the preserve. Major long-term threats to Silver Creek's health include increasing water temperature and associated low dissolved oxygen levels, which scientific studies have identified for decades. Kilpatrick Pond contributes a significant amount of warm water into the system because of its large surface area, impacting more than 15 miles of creek downstream. The restoration project features a comprehensive plan, with multiple elements to benefit the preserve's fishery, wildlife, plant life and visitors. The adjacent guide summarizes each element and its functions.

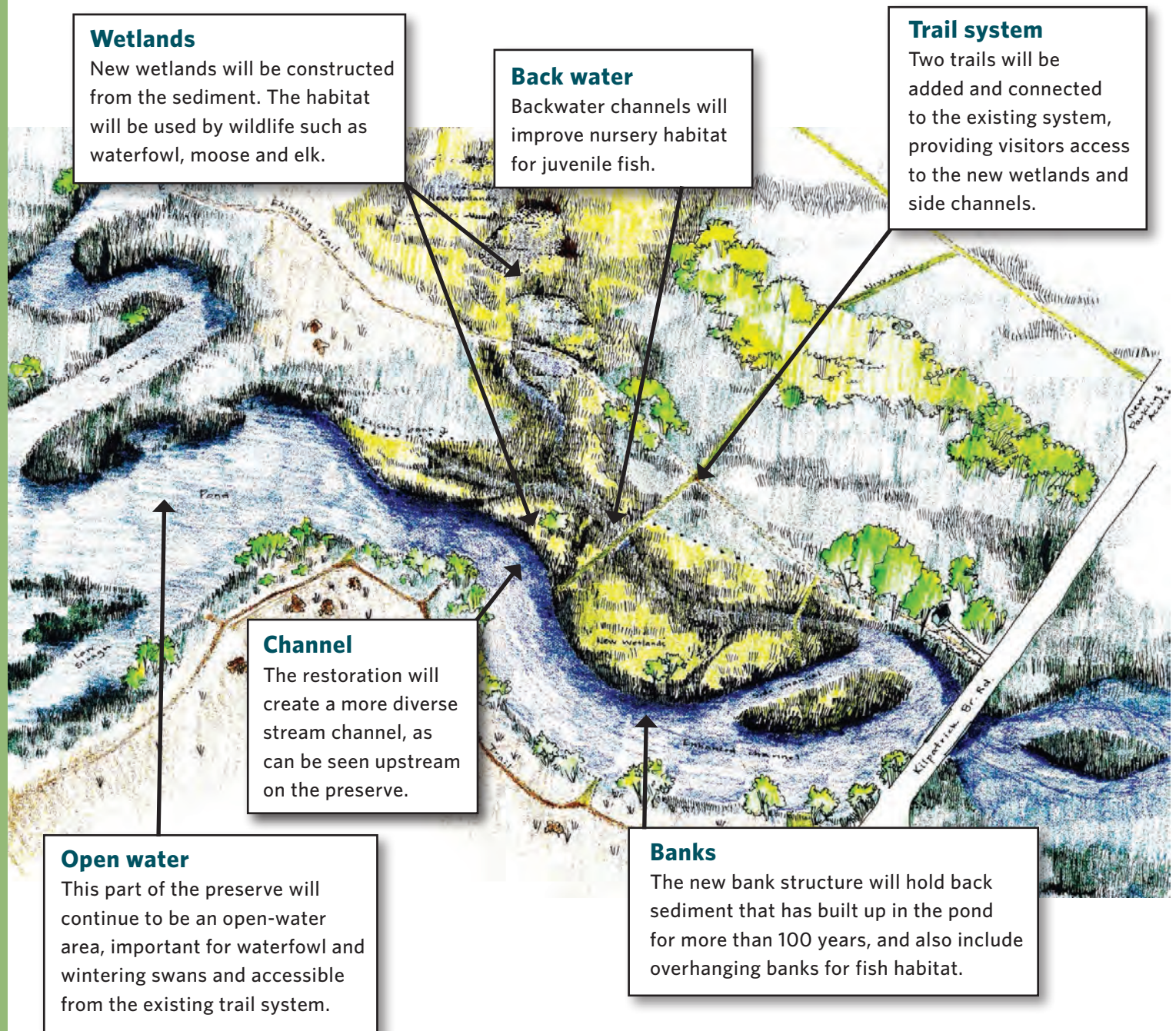
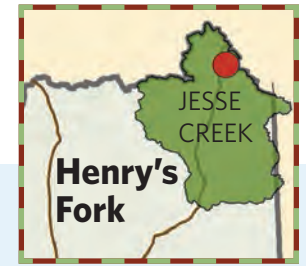




PHOTO OF FLAT RANCH PRESERVE BY KEN MIRACLE



YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT PHOTO BY CHRIS LITTLE



JESSE CREEK RESTORATION:

Creating cooler waters for fish and wildlife on the Henry's Fork

This year the Conservancy restored the lower end of Jesse Creek, a key cold-water tributary of the Henry's Fork, which flows through the Flat Ranch Preserve. The creek cools water temperatures, while its shaded banks provide refuge for fish and wildlife.

When water temperatures rise on the Henry's Fork, Yellowstone cutthroat trout and rainbow trout make their way to the creek mouth to find relief. But changes made to the creek prior to the Conservancy's ownership in 1994 gradually increased water temperatures, trapped sediment and spurred erosion, reducing the historical benefits of the creek for fish and other wildlife.

With support from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Idaho Fish and Game, the Conservancy restored Jesse Creek to its historic channel and planted willows and other native vegetation, effectively creating shade, lowering water temperatures, improving water quality and stabilizing banks.

The restoration makes life easier for imperiled species such as Yellowstone cutthroat trout as well as wildlife, including the beavers that inhabit the area where Jesse Creek joins the Henry's Fork. The willows and vegetation planted recently also provide essential coverage and forage for elk, deer and moose.

In its previous condition, the creek could not sustain a population of Yellowstone cutthroat trout beyond those that hover in the confluence between the creek and the Henry's Fork. But restoration projects like this one can significantly improve conditions over time, so that fish can ultimately migrate out of the Henry's Fork into the cooler waters of the creek.

In addition to this project the Conservancy and its partners have, in recent years:

- » Restored critical stream reaches on five Henry's Fork tributaries, reestablishing roughly 9 miles of Yellowstone cutthroat spawning habitat.
- » Restored more than 2 miles of the main stem of Henry's Fork on the Flat Ranch Preserve, enhancing habitat for fish and wildlife while creating a pristine, natural experience for anglers and other preserve visitors.

Reviving a wildlife oasis in the Owyhee Canyonlands

Shallow pools of water shimmer amidst a sea of sagebrush deep within the Owyhee Canyonlands, one of the largest intact desert ecosystems in the American West.

These life-sustaining pockets of water, or wet meadows, have become increasingly critical to sage grouse, mule deer, Brewer's sparrow and other wildlife. Here many species find food to survive in this increasingly dry and fire-ravaged area.

In cooperation with the local sage grouse working group, The Nature Conservancy in Idaho recently restored two critically located wet meadows in the Owyhees at Jacks Creek. The restoration project doubled the size of the meadows, which serve as the primary hydration source for wildlife within a 2,500-acre area.

"These wet meadows are very important in dry years, especially near fire areas," says Art Talsma, restoration manager with the Conservancy.

Both wet meadows border the site of a fire that burned 50,000 acres of sagebrush in 2012. The meadows are also located on private ranches, highlighting the importance of collaboration to accomplish conservation.

With the help of citizens, landowners and agency partners, the Conservancy enhanced and added measures to prevent soil loss, control weeds and direct water into the meadows. Exposed areas were seeded with native bunch grass, wetland plants and forbs native to the Owyhees. New fencing provides for proper cattle management and access to water for livestock and wildlife.

By next year, the area should see a positive shift in vegetation to more forbs, grasses and insects—just what wildlife need to survive and just what sage grouse need to brood and rear their young.

Project partners:

- » Owyhee County Sage Grouse Working Group
- » John Urquidi, private landowner
- » U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- » Coordinated Weed Management Area



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Though considered a shorebird, Killdeer often live far from water, in grassland habits such as meadows and pastures.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:

Making the Case for Conservation

The United States has led the world in conservation for more than a century.

With broad bipartisan support, Congress enacted laws protecting the quality of our land, air and water that became models for the world. But, the base of political support that sustained this extraordinary achievement is eroding—undermined by fiscal pressures, concerns about government regulation, and a deepening partisan divide on the environment.

Despite these challenges, the Conservancy and its allies continue to push for the renewal of critical legislation such as the farm bill's conservation title and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. With Congress considering unprecedented cuts to core conservation programs, environmental advocates must become even more effective in mobilizing support to protect the nation's natural heritage.

The Conservancy is honing its message that smart conservation benefits both people and nature—a

message that has broad appeal across the political spectrum. Here are the main points we are delivering to our elected leaders:

» **The public cares about nature.** A poll commissioned by the Conservancy last year showed that 82 percent indicated that conserving our country's natural resources—our land, air and water—is patriotic.

» **Conservation and a strong economy go hand in hand.** In the same poll, 79 percent believed that we can simultaneously protect land and water while supporting a strong economy and jobs, without having to choose one over the other.

» **Stewardship of natural resources is a good investment.** Healthy watersheds, rangelands and forests sustain wildlife but also pay dividends to nearby communities, making them more resilient to fire and floods.

» **Natural areas are a key factor driving economic growth in the West.** Higher wage services industries, such as high-tech and health care, are leading the West's job growth and diversifying its economy. Talented workers and business owners are choosing to work where they can enjoy outdoor recreation and natural landscapes. A recent study of the benefits of natural-area conservation revealed that the Boise Foothills



The Idaho state capitol in Boise.

generated \$11.9 million in ecosystem services, direct use and other values in 2011 alone.

» **The outdoor recreation industry matters.** Outdoor recreation is a \$646 billion industry in the United States—bigger than motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals or household utilities.

» **Sound conservation treats people as partners.** Rural landowners and communities hold direct stakes in the natural systems that sustain the productivity of lands and waters where they live and work. Voluntary incentives help ranchers, farmers and forest owners integrate conservation into what they do for a living.

You can help by speaking up for nature at this crucial time. To learn more, visit the Conservancy's Use Your Outside Voice site at voice.nature.org/actions.

—Will Whelan, director of government relations

Conservancy restoration manager Art Talsma leads a naturalist tour in the Boise Foothills.



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Ishiyama Foundation: Saving an incredibly special place in the Greater Yellowstone

The very features that attract visitors to the Henry's Fork watershed—Yellowstone National Park, world-class fishing and wildlife viewing—make large-scale development one of its greatest threats. Recognizing this, the Ishiyama Foundation, a private nonprofit based in San Francisco, has joined with the Conservancy to support land-protection efforts in the popular watershed.

Foundation director Nelson Ishiyama first came to the Henry's Fork, on Idaho's side of the Greater Yellowstone region, in 1965 as an avid fly fisherman. "My college buddies said, 'If you are serious about fly fishing, you need to go out to West Yellowstone and the Henry's Fork,'" he recalls.

What Ishiyama found was a fly fisherman's ideal, a fabulous fly-fishing stream in a magnificent alpine setting. He loved it. And he soon discovered the area offered much more than fishing. The unique ecosystem supported an abundance of wildlife, including many rare species like the trumpeter swan.

Today the Henry's Fork remains largely undeveloped and open to migrating wildlife. The watershed recently ranked as the most irreplaceable and second-most vulnerable area in the entire

Greater Yellowstone region, based on a biological assessment by Conservation Sciences Inc.

Ishiyama came to realize the need to protect this susceptible landscape, and its environmental, aesthetic and social values when a major destination resort was proposed on an environmentally sensitive ranch. While the project never materialized, other proposals threatening to fragment the Henry's Fork area inspired him to advocate for a major land-protection initiative, beyond the scope of the river-preservation work he had pursued through the Henry's Fork Foundation.

The Ishiyama Foundation is now a strong supporter of the Conservancy and other groups working to protect the Greater Yellowstone. Because of its successful track record in Idaho and elsewhere, the Conservancy is a critical organization to support, Ishiyama says.

The Conservancy has become a key player in a developing coalition in the Greater Yellowstone, initiated and supported by the Ishiyama Foundation. With a focus on building strong relationships with landowners, the Conservancy is known for realizing tangible results and permanent, meaningful land protection.

Ishiyama says he hopes the collective efforts of this coalition of land-protection groups can prevent uncontrolled and unwise development of the area.

"The Henry's Fork is an incredibly special place, and it deserves all the protection it can get before it's too late," says Ishiyama. "We've been very fortunate that it's not too late."



PHOTO COURTESY OF NELSON ISHIYAMA

THANK YOU to our volunteers and interns!

Together they contributed countless hours and boundless talents to conservation in Idaho. Our work would not be possible without them.



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MARILYNNE MANGUBA/TNC

TOP LEFT: The University of Idaho Ecology Club volunteering at the Conservancy's Ball Creek Preserve. ABOVE: Volunteers building a fence around Boulder Springs at Garden Creek.

2013 Financial Summary

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	2013	2012
Dues and contributions	\$5,095,158	\$3,071,767
Grants and contracts	2,133,134	923,509
Gifts of conservation land	10,487,983	180,000
Investment income	1,053,777	401,541
Other income	253,803	(15,063)
Other internal support	(88,605)	(112,020)
<i>Support & revenue before sales of conservation lands</i>	<u>18,935,250</u>	<u>4,449,734</u>
Sales of land to government agencies and other conservation partners	-	-
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	<u>\$18,935,250</u>	<u>\$4,449,734</u>

EXPENSES

Conservation programs	\$3,581,255	\$2,395,131
General administrative, communications & fundraising	897,279	1,032,378
Cost of land sold or transferred to government agencies and conservation partners (Note 1)	(30,028)	-
Support for global priorities and other internal support	527,783	541,064
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$4,976,289</u>	<u>\$3,968,573</u>

NET RESULT, *Support and Revenue over Expenses* (Note 2)

\$13,958,961 **\$481,161**

ASSET, LIABILITY & NET ASSET SUMMARY

Cash in operating funds	\$382,383	\$464,244
Cash in land funds	4,148,133	5,020,364
Land preservation fund	10,373,913	10,373,892
Endowment investments	7,469,177	7,040,672
Book value of conservation land	71,846,788	57,876,838
Other assets	1,214,272	943,648
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$95,434,666</u>	<u>\$81,719,658</u>
Internal loans (Land Fund)	\$1,343,945	\$485,068
External notes & mortgages payable	10,000,000	10,000,000
Other liabilities	320	2,000,429
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$11,344,265</u>	<u>\$12,485,497</u>
Endowment funds	\$7,469,177	\$7,040,672
Land preservation funds	373,913	373,892
Land funds and reserves	75,767,219	61,332,074
Operating funds	480,092	487,523
NET ASSETS	<u>\$84,090,401</u>	<u>\$69,234,161</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$95,434,666</u>	<u>\$81,719,658</u>

NOTE 1: Includes final market adjustments for land transactions not previously recorded.

NOTE 2: The excess of "Support and Revenue over Expenses" provides the funds needed to purchase conservation land and to strengthen endowments and reserves that support long-term land stewardship and support operations.

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