



2023

# TRUCKEE DONNER LAND TRUST

PROTECT *AND* ENJOY



# Dear Supporter of the Truckee Donner Land Trust,



*A rainbow over Schallenberger Ridge. Photo by Michaela Webb*

Looking back at 2022, we are amazed at both the variety and volume of work we accomplished together.

Because of your support, the Land Trust, now in its fourth decade has grown and evolved so much – tackling everything from free snow play areas near Donner Summit in the winter to streambank stabilization projects in the Truckee River Canyon, all without losing sight of our core mission – to Protect and Enjoy open space for nature, for people, forever.

One can find the Land Trust and our partners taking on numerous unique projects making tangible positive impacts on our region. While Waddle Ranch isn't a new Land Trust project, we're still working with our partners to build new trails and improve visitors' experiences – growing our total trails across Land Trust lands to 50 miles. We tackled hundreds of forest health projects to improve habitat and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. And we teamed up to restore meadows for watershed health.

And all of those projects started with protecting the land. We now cohesively manage with our neighbors for landscape-scale improvements. Lands on which watershed restoration projects can improve water quality and wildlife habitat. Lands we can connect with trails for more people to get out and enjoy.

We are proud of what we've accomplished together, and have the same enthusiasm for the next tens of thousands of acres of conservation we can achieve in the coming years.

Sincerely,  
*Sidney Scott and John Svahn*  
 2023 Board President and Executive Director

*Cover photo: Truckee Donner Land Trust's latest project, Pole Creek.*



*Looking down on Carpenter Valley from the Sierra Crest.*



**40,000**  
acres  
protected

**25,000**  
acres  
stewarded

**50**  
miles of trails

**1,700**  
acres of forest  
restoration

*A mom and cub black bear at Pole Creek, photo by Geoff Griffin.*

*Stewardship staff clearing a down tree near Frog Lake.*

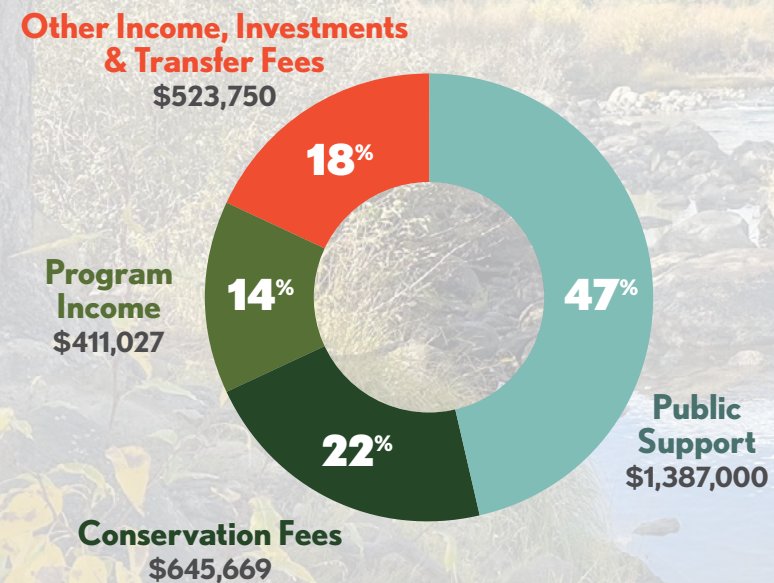
Twenty twenty-two saw successes big and small, from the protection of the last inholding of private property in Lower Carpenter Valley, to behind-the-scenes work that came to fruition in 2023. For those who have hiked Lower Carpenter Valley, you may have noticed a stretch where the trail rejoined the road through private property – but with the acquisition of those last **80 acres** – that will no longer be the case (more under stewardship). Elsewhere in 2022, we began work on acquiring **Pole Creek, a 61-acre parcel** just north of Olympic Valley that protects the last remaining private property in the Pole Creek drainage. And working with our partners, the Land Trust secured funding to transfer **multiple properties totaling 3,460 acres** to the Forest Service along the western slope.

Truckee Donner Land Trust’s team seems to set a faster and faster stewardship pace each year, performing a wide variety of tasks that help preserve the land and enhance opportunities for the public to enjoy. Forest health projects treated **199 acres** on properties including Royal Gorge, Pineforest, and Creekside Woods, building on past efforts to make landscape-level improvements to habitat and wildfire resiliency. **We added five miles of trails** at Waddle Ranch with our partners and maintained our previous 45 miles of trails with the help of **240 volunteers** who put in an incredible 902 hours of work. In addition, we made parking improvements for Johnson Canyon and Old Greenwood as free winter snow play areas. Our docent program also saw **245 hikers** led by 35 volunteer docents, getting more folks out on our lands and trails.

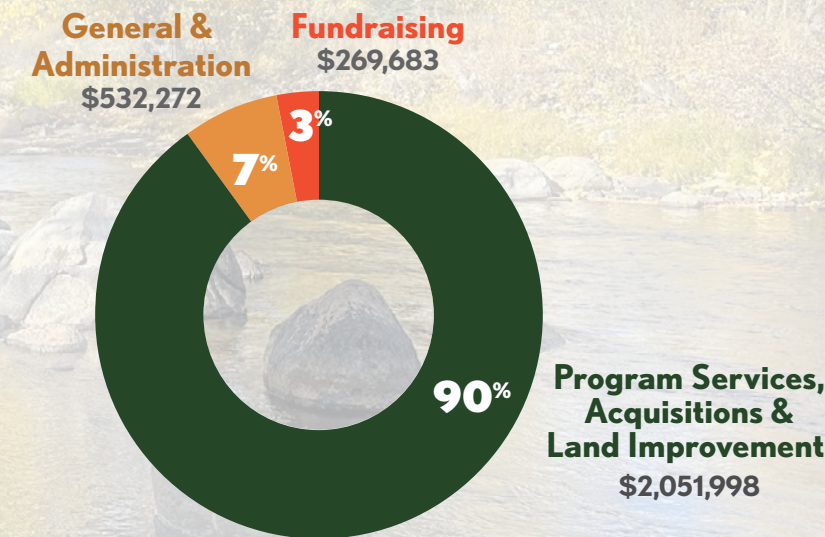


Friends enjoy the evening light at the Frog Lake Backcountry Huts. Photo by Helen Pelster.

SOURCES OF FUNDS  
**\$2,967,446**  
 TOTAL REVENUE



USE OF FUNDS\*  
**\$2,853,953**  
 TOTAL EXPENSES & CAPITAL COSTS



\*Use of Funds includes Land Acquisitions and Capital Expenditures.

Fall on the Truckee River at Truckee Springs.

Looking back on all that we've accomplished, you may be considering your legacy. Through your estate plan, you can provide for your family and still support the causes that matter most to you. **If you'd like to let us know that the Land Trust is in your estate plans, please fill out our new Estate Gift Intention Form (click or scan the link to the right) with any details you're comfortable sharing.** We would like to record your plans and thank you properly. Through your will, trust, charitable gift annuity, or any planned gift, you have made an investment in the future success of our mission. You will join like-minded supporters as part of our Forever Stewards Society, and help leverage even more support for open space in the future.



Find the Estate Gift Intention Form by pointing your smart phone camera here, or go to [truckeedonnerlandtrust.org/ways-to-give](https://truckeedonnerlandtrust.org/ways-to-give)

Truckee Donner Land Trust understands our supporters expect their contributions will be put to good use for conservation and recreation in the northern Sierra. The above charts provide a summary of the 2022 fiscal year in revenue and expenses. More information, including our IRS Form 990 and our audited financial statements, are available on our website, [truckeedonnerlandtrust.org](https://truckeedonnerlandtrust.org).



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