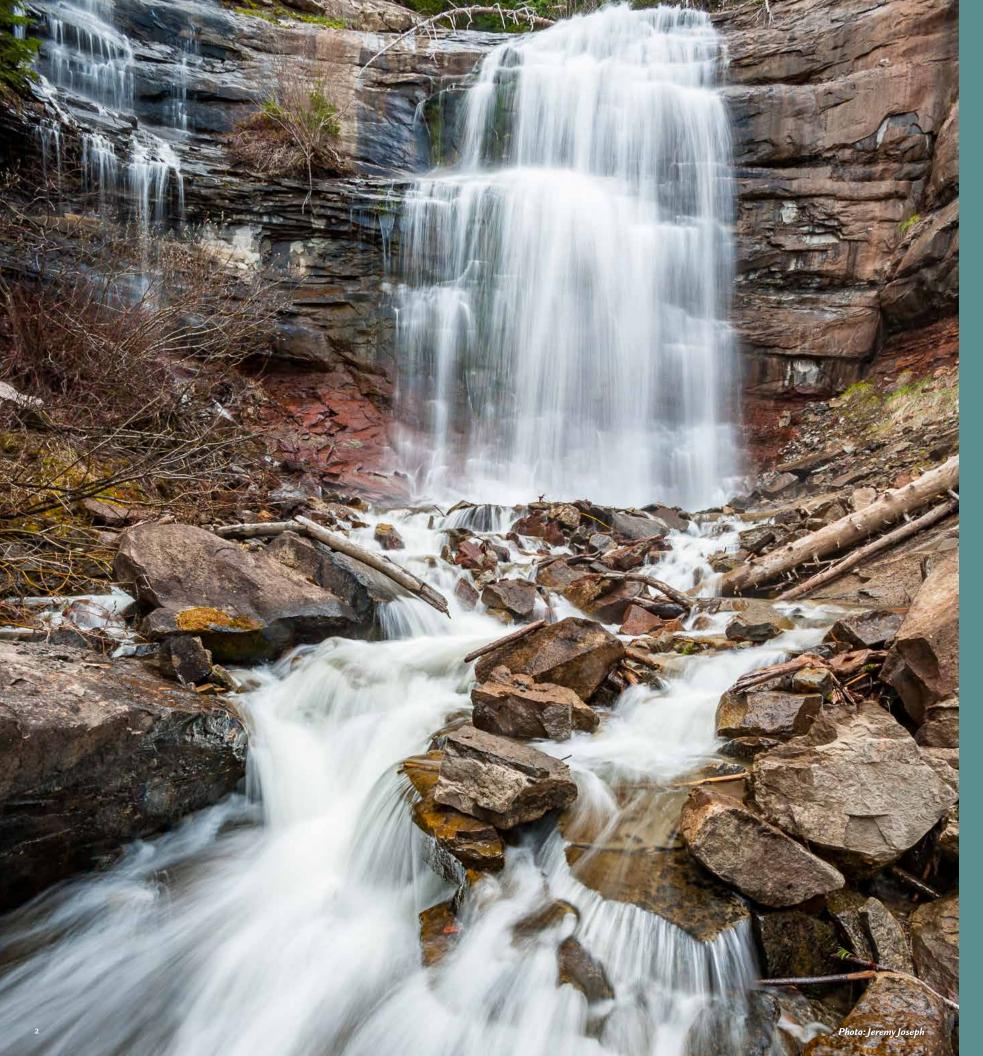


2024 Annual Report

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Message from Board President and Executive Director

"Raise your hand if you know what a watershed is!" leads off many of Roaring Fork Conservancy's (RFC) programs. The hands, of course, shoot up, until asked, "Who wants to tell us?" And the hands slowly slide down as participants glance nervously about. Undoubtably, many of you reading this have been part of this experience, and maybe you were the brave one who shared with the group that, "A watershed is an area of land where all the water drains to one place." Bonus points if you just did the associated hand motions as you read this!

When the one-armed John Wesley Powell led the first scientific expedition down the Colorado River in 1869, his intrepid journey created some of the most revolutionary observations about the American West, including the idea that the borders of future western states should follow the boundaries of watersheds. Recognizing 150 years ago that water would be what defines the arid west, Powell was indeed ahead of his time but unfortunately this idea was disregarded. When RFC was founded nearly 30 years ago, the word 'watershed' was still not regularly used in households even though the watershed defines the boundaries and the character of this organization. It roots us in the water, land, and people within its borders.

The over 2,000 watersheds across the country link together like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. One river drains to the next and the next until the water reaches the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean. Each watershed, or puzzle piece plays an integral role in completing the larger picture as well as linking one watershed to the next. Our watershed, though relatively small, is a key piece of the Colorado Basin's watershed puzzle, with clean water, innovation, and influence reaching over our bordering mountaintops and beyond the confluence of the Roaring Fork River.



Pat McMahon President, Board of Directors



Your home watershed is as important as your town or state in defining where you are from, especially here in Colorado. Proudly declaring your connection to the Roaring Fork Valley associates you with a beautiful landscape, recreation including skiing and fishing, and key location within the larger Colorado River Watershed.

While our headquarters is at The River Center in Basalt, our work spans the entire Roaring Fork Watershed, including the rivers and land. On any given day, our staff may be collecting water quality samples, measuring soil moisture and pasture grass quality, digging snow pits and calculating water content with middle schoolers, determining anchor and surface ice abundance, or planting native vegetation in a riparian area. Year after year, we strive to reach every corner of the watershed, focusing on the water and land that most needs our attention. Often, projects span multiple years to collect data, determine results, monitor progress, and study long-term impacts.

The Roaring Fork Valley Drought Resiliency Project has garnered the interest of many agricultural producers on the western slope and throughout the American West. Our leadership on the Lincoln Creek Working Group helped coordinate state and federal agencies to create and execute a novel sampling protocol. RFC's educators transcend the watershed boundary by going to Aurora to teach and connect students to our shared headwaters.

Though the watershed stays the same size, we continue to grow in ways we could have never imagined back in 1996! Each year we are excited to bring you back to the watershed through the stories and pictures of RFC's studies, adventures, programs, and successes made possible through your unwavering and generous support. Thank you for being part of our watershed - because it's only with the people and community of this watershed that we can continue to protect its water and land.



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Rick Lofaro **Executive Director**

A Once In A Lifetime Project

There are numerous places in the Roaring Fork Watershed where a project could restore and enhance a reach of river. However, bringing a project to fruition requires not only a place that needs the work, but also the alignment of ownership, stakeholders, fundraising, and perhaps a little bit of luck to bring it all together.

The Crystal River Restoration at Riverfront Park managed to bring all these factors together in what may prove to be a once in a lifetime project. The opportunity to provide instream and riparian benefits, while demonstrating functional headgate and instream diversion structure improvements all on publicly owned and accessible land, may never align like this again. After over 8 years of stakeholder engagement, site assessment and planning, fundraising, and implementation, seeing this project flourish on the ground is incredibly rewarding. Seeing the recommendations of the Crystal River Management Plan go from report to reality is an accomplishment RFC hopes to replicate and inspire others working on Stream Management Plans to do the same.

Partnerships with the Town of Carbondale and Pitkin County Healthy Rivers were invaluable to the project. Consultants River Restoration and DHM Designs, along with contractor Redoubt Restoration, not only performed work of the highest quality, but were flexible, professional, and enjoyable to work with.

We look forward to the opportunity to find our next "once in a lifetime" project, bringing people together, and creating resiliency in local rivers at the intersection of science, recreation, and community values.



Watershed Science & Policy

Fryingpan Winter Flow Enhancement:

RFC has worked for several years to increase winter flows in the Fryingpan River to mitigate the impacts of anchor ice. In previous years, when necessary, RFC staff worked with the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) and Colorado River Water Conservation District to fund and lease water for the purpose of raising minimum instream winter flows for ecological benefit. As the cost of this program became more burdensome for the CWCB, RFC decided to try an innovative idea - to raise water instead of money. Contracts in Ruedi Reservoir held by several local entities expressed interest in donating or leasing water for a reduced rate. RFC is working with former board president Ramsey Kropf, to connect with entities and work through the legal process of enhancing winter flows in the Fryingpan River. Due to the great cooperation with the aforementioned entities, along with the Bureau of Reclamation and Colorado Division of Water Resources, we are optimistic that the next time a dry year leaves the Fryingpan River flowing below desired environmental flows, we will have a lower-cost mechanism in place.



Instream Flow Accountability:

Instream flows were added to Colorado water rights in the 1970s as a way to preserve the natural environment. Several instream flow rights in the Roaring Fork Watershed exist. However, some are not monitored with Division of Water Resources approved gauging, which makes accountability challenging. RFC is working with the Capitol Creek Caucus and CWCB to model partnerships that monitor instream flows and work to find ways to create or increase accountability.



Drought Resiliency:

RFC and partner Lotic Hydrological worked with four local ranches this summer to collect data associated with the soil amendments applied to each field in the fall of 2023. Soil moisture, forage yield, plant coverage class, and soil health were all evaluated at specific intervals throughout the summer. Currently, data is being analyzed with results anticipated in early 2025. The study will continue through 2025 to better understand long-term impacts of the study parameters.

State Grants New Protections for

Local Streams

As a "headwaters" state, Colorado has thousands of small, high-elevation, streams which serve as the source for larger rivers throughout the state. These essential streams make up the vast majority of "stream miles" in Colorado, however they are not always given the credit, or protections, they deserve.

In 2022, RFC joined the Colorado River Basin Outstanding Waters Coalition to propose additional protections for stream reaches across western Colorado. What followed was an intensive two-year process including robust water quality monitoring, significant outreach to stakeholders at federal, state, and local levels, and a comprehensive proposal to the State Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC). RFC staff contributed significantly to this effort, lending water quality expertise, assisting with strategic planning and outreach, and as lead presenters at two of the state hearings.

In August 2024, the WQCC unanimously approved the designation of approximately 385 miles across 15 rivers and streams in the Colorado, Eagle, Yampa, and Roaring Fork River basins as Outstanding Waters!

Outstanding Waters (OW) is a designation established by the State of Colorado through authority granted by the Clean Water Act. This designation is given to streams of high-quality water and exceptional ecological or recreational significance. The intent is to preserve these key characteristics from long-term degradation and provide additional protections for these increasingly threatened resources.

Within the broad set of streams protected by this new designation are four local reaches along Avalanche, Hunter, Middle Thompson, and Woody Creeks. This adds to several existing OW stream reaches within the Roaring Fork Watershed, most of which lie in federal wilderness areas.

In all, these new designations provide timely and lasting protection for some of Colorado's most deserving headwaters streams, helping to maintain ecological and recreational values for future generations!



About The Colorado River Basin Outstanding Waters Coalition

The Colorado River Basin Outstanding Waters Coalition is comprised of American Rivers, American Whitewater, Audubon Rockies, Colorado Trout Unlimited, Eagle River Coalition, Friends of the Yampa, Roaring Fork Conservancy, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Trout Unlimited, Western Resource Advocates, and Wilderness Workshop, which share a common goal of safeguarding clean water in Colorado.







Lincoln Creek Update

Lincoln Creek, a tributary to the upper Roaring Fork River near Independence Pass, is increasingly impacted by elevated metals concentrations stemming from a highly mineralized area near its headwaters. These metals are transported down the creek, through Grizzly Reservoir, and eventually to the Roaring Fork River where elevated levels have been measured as far downstream as Aspen, Colorado.

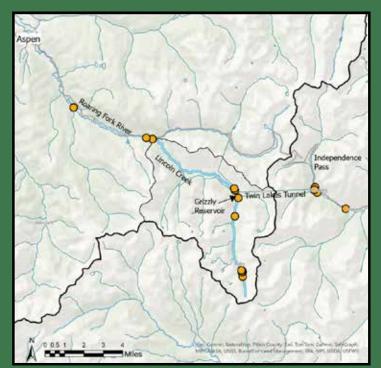
In 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiated a large collaborative effort to study water quality concerns along the creek, and RFC was one of the only non-government agencies asked to participate. Ultimately, study findings showed that reaches of Lincoln Creek exceed aquatic life standards for numerous metals, and effects are likely increasing due to climate change.

After the EPA report was released, a local workgroup led by Pitkin County formed to continue studying this water quality concern. RFC took a lead role helping to coordinate water quality work conducted by federal, state, and local entities. During the summer and fall of 2024, workgroup partners conducted a significant amount of water quality, stream flow, and biological monitoring at over 15 sites throughout the area.

RFC and Pitkin County Environmental Health (EH) partnered to monitor Lincoln Creek and the Roaring Fork River related to significant rehabilitation work being conducted by Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company on the Grizzly Reservoir dam. RFC and EH staff conducted monitoring five times to assess water quality conditions related to flow changes from this construction work.

2024 results will be released in 2025, but overall, this creek and its related concerns will be a focal point for RFC and the Lincoln Creek Workgroup for many years to come.

Locations monitored by the Lincoln Creek Workgroup in 2024



Cattle Creek

RFC wrapped up a 10-year water quality study of Cattle Creek in 2024. This work included extensive water quality, flow, and biological monitoring to investigate water quality concerns on the lower reach of the creek. Funding was provided by Garfield and Eagle counties. Throughout the course of the study, this work documented above and below average water years, drought, and post-wildfire conditions. A final report is due in 2025.

Fryingpan River

- For the 11th consecutive year, RFC monitored levels of the algae Didymosphenia geminata (didymo) in the Fryingpan River. Didymo surveys and basic water quality monitoring were conducted at seven locations in spring, summer, and fall.
- RFC maintains temperature loggers at three sites within the Fryingpan River. These loggers measure stream temperature every hour and have operated nearly yearround since 2013.
- For the fifth consecutive year, RFC monitored winter anchor ice at seven locations along the lower Fryingpan River to better understand connections between winter Ruedi Reservoir releases and anchor ice formation.
- Conducted a third consecutive year of macroinvertebrate sampling in the Fryingpan River to improve understanding of the macroinvertebrate community and related stream health.

Temperature Monitoring

RFC maintained temperature loggers on the lower Roaring Fork and Crystal Rivers as well as Cattle Creek. These loggers measure temperatures every hour year-round, gathering a significant amount of data which has been used by Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the state Water Quality Control Division.

Other projects:

- Monitoring on Brush Creek.

Colorado River Watch

- Partnered with volunteer Stream Teams to conduct regular water quality monitoring at 22 Roaring Fork Watershed sites. This continues RFC's robust effort to maintain baseline monitoring on streams and rivers throughout the watershed.
- Taught water quality monitoring and instream measurement protocols to 50 students, teachers, and watershed groups at the annual River Watch State Training at Colorado State University's Pingree Park Mountain Campus.
- Trained Middle Colorado Watershed Council staff and Glenwood Springs Middle School students as they work together to monitor Mitchell Creek in Glenwood Springs.



Alpine Lake Algae Monitoring

Continued partnership with the Independence Pass Foundation and the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research at University of Colorado Boulder (CU) to study the presence of algae and algae blooms in remote alpine lakes, including Linkins and Independence Lakes.

· Continuing work with Pitkin County Open Space and Trails to conduct Water Quality

• As an advisor to the City of Glenwood Springs, RFC was asked to attend an energy and climate focus group looking at parks and natural systems within the city. This is part of the City's internal efforts to reduce energy use and emissions.

• RFC partnered with the Institute of Alpine and Arctic Research at CU to guide two graduate students studying rare earth elements in the Lincoln Creek watershed to coincide with other Lincoln Creek Workgroup efforts.

Community **Outreach and** Engagement



City of Glenwood Springs River Commission

RFC participated in the Glenwood Springs 9th annual RiverFEST. Approximately 150 volunteers mobilized over 50 boats, kayaks, and duckies to clean up 4,000 pounds of trash along streams and rivers throughout Glenwood Springs. The event ended with lunch and festivities to celebrate this work.

"Iron Fly" Fly Tying Competition

Roaring Fork Valley Fly Fishing Club and RFC co-hosted the 8th annual Iron Fly Competition at the Tipsy Trout in early February. Iron Fly is a fly tying event combined with a little friendly competition. Competitors are provided with secret and "funky" materials that must be used in each creative fly tied. Over 100 people attended this fun-filled annual fundraiser for both organizations.

Runoff Party: Get River Ready with RFC

Over 75 river lovers attended RFC's second Runoff Party. River users, from novice to professional, came to TACAW to learn about fishing, stream flows, snowpack, water quality, river etiquette and safety, and how-to's and best practices, all in effort to get ready for the summer floating season. After the party, we hosted the Fly Fishing Film Tour to an audience of 75.

17th Annual River Float

Believing that the best way to learn about the river is to get on it, RFC staff and boat ambassadors taught over 40 participants about local wildlife, water rights, riparian habitat, and more. This is the first time in 17 years that we began and ended the day at RFC and floated the middle Roaring Fork River!



Buttermilk Uphill Breakfast Club

Over 200 people learned water trivia while they hiked, snowshoed. or skinned to the top of Buttermilk Mountain on World Water Day, March 22, and were treated to a free breakfast thanks to the City of Aspen Clean River program and Aspen Chamber Resort Association. Skiers also met Captain Cutthroat and RFC staff and River Stewards, and learned more about the Roaring Fork Watershed before they skied down.

The Brooksher Watershed Institute

Since 2019, The Brooksher Watershed Institute has hosted local, state, regional and national water leaders who presented to the public while addressing our most precious resource, water. Five programs were offered in 2024, and each program provided opportunities for all 185 participants to engage in dialogue with these water leaders. The presentations were: Fish, Flows and Flexibility: How Ruedi Reservoir Helps Multiple Species Survive and Thrive; From Flakes to Flow: Unveiling the Dynamics of Snow, Water, and Climate in Colorado; Airborne Laser Mapping the Mountain Snowpack; Shoshone Water Preservation Campaign; and Grappling with Barriers to Agricultural Water Conservation on Colorado's West Slope.

More information about The Brooksher Watershed Institute, including presentation slides and related reports, is available at roaringfork.org/education-and-outreach/brooksher-watershed-institute/.

26th Annual Fryingpan & Beyond River Cleanup

Volunteers for the annual Fryingpan & Beyond River Cleanup picked up road and stream-side debris over the course of a week. Over 140 residents and visitors cleaned up trash along 14 miles of road adjacent to the Fryingpan River, the Roaring Fork River from Aspen to Glenwood Springs, the Crystal River, and also along the Colorado River.

River Stewards

RFC's River Stewards are a dedicated group of young professionals and watershed enthusiasts who live and work in the Roaring Fork Valley. They come from diverse backgrounds and careers but are united by a passion for playing in and protecting the Roaring Fork Watershed. They volunteer their time with a goal of spreading awareness of our water resources and promoting responsible river behavior. These passionate individuals helped with the Fryingpan and Beyond River Cleanup, participated at the Runoff Party and River Float, and were instrumental in organizing the Buttermilk Uphill Breakfast Club on World Water Day.

Fly Fishing Teacher Workshops

RFC staff are certified teacher trainers with the National Fishing in Schools Program (NFSP). In 2024, RFC provided fly fishing instruction to education staff from the International Game Fish Association and National Park Service, in Estes Park. Additionally, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and RFC provided a fly fishing teacher training in Salida for teachers located in the southeastern part of Colorado.









Watershed Pen Pals Discover the Source of Their Shared Water Through Meet Your Headwaters Program

RFC's Meet Your Headwaters program is an educational initiative designed to connect students who participated in the Watershed PenPal Program. Students from Aurora, Colorado, traveled 127 miles over the Continental Divide to explore, with their Basalt pen pals, the natural systems that shape our shared rivers and water systems. Participants dove into the heart of Colorado's headwaters and witnessed firsthand where it all begins!

This first of its kind program offered a unique opportunity to experience the headwaters of the Roaring Fork Watershed fostering a deeper understanding of watershed health and water conservation. Students and their families learned that we are all part of a shared water system and while population is increasing in Colorado, the water supply is not. Conservation is key to maintaining human and river health.







Understanding natural systems and where our water comes from is crucial for sustainable water management. The Meet Your Headwaters program aims to inspire stewardship and proactive conservation efforts within the community and across the state.

1. Unforgettable Experiences

• Students rafted on beautiful rivers, hiked alongside babbling brooks in the headwaters of the Fryingpan River, and immersed themselves in the natural world through observation, activities, and adventure.

2. Positive Relationships

- Students bonded with their pen pals as they explored together.
- Participants built connections centered around valuing water and the natural world.

3. Educational Insights

- Groups learned about the physical, chemical, and biological health of rivers.
- Firsthand experiences helped illuminate the vital role of headwaters in our ecosystem.
- Through real life connections, students embraced how important conservation is to the health of rivers and wildlife.

"These are experiences that the students will remember for the rest of their lives."

Kaaryn Child, 5th Grade Science Teacher, Vista Peak Exploratory, Aurora

"This is the best day of my life!"

Blake Inman, Aurora, age II



COMMUNITY EDUCATION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

- Using digital cameras and reflective journaling, pen pals captured the beauty of their surroundings and experiences. This documentation was used to create a visual display. Measuring 10 feet by 7 feet, this standing wall display is on a tour through Aurora, educating the community, lawmakers, and water managers on where their water comes from and why it's important to conserve. We are all water users. Understanding that our water use impacts natural systems and determines the health of riparian areas is essential to navigating future water use.
- Students also presented their observations and experiences to Aurora Water Citizen's Advisory Commission and Aurora Water managers at Aurora Water's headquarters.



EDUCATION IMPACTS

Roaring Fork Conservancy educators taught 287 education programs making over 6,588 contacts in 2024!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- **13** Watershed Explorations, that included river floats, hikes through riparian habitats, a snowshoe hike, and excursions to view fireflies in rare thermal wetlands, reached 224 participants.
- **I7** Summer Camp, Basalt Regional Library, and After School programs reached **235** youth.
- **64** Youth and adults attended RFC led fly fishing clinics.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **38** First year raft guides received River Ecology Interpretation training.
- **20** Teachers participated in two National Fishing in the Schools Program Teacher Workshops.







32% ofeducation programs took place at The River Center

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Roaring Fork Conservancy educators taught 229 river and watershed related school programs reaching 4.720 STUDENTS

2,917	Elementary School students
I,524	Middle School students
279	High School students



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National Council Supporter Spotlight

WHAT HOOKED YOU WITH RFC?

The joy and privilege of spending time in the Roaring Fork Valley made us keenly aware and appreciative of the importance of nature and the well-being of all living things with whom we share the Valley. The essential role that clean water plays in maintaining all life (flora, fauna,



wildlife, human), sustaining our environment, and providing nourishment is evident. RFC does an extraordinary job of advocating, educating, recreating and celebrating all aspects of the Valley's watershed, enabling participants and supporters to connect deeply with the goal of protecting our resources - now and in the future.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GIVE YOUR FIRST GIFT?

Attending a lecture years ago in the RFC office hooked me. There were two impressive things: 1) the passion, expertise and authenticity of the staff, and 2) the accessibility to understanding the key issues and what was being done on local, regional, and state basis. It felt like such a natural outgrowth of our commitment to everything we love about the Valley to support, engage, and enjoy all that RFC brings to our community. The educational component was especially compelling, as we believe that education leads to empowerment which leads to action. It feels so natural, so essential, and so good to support RFC.



WHAT DO YOU WISH **PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT RFC**?

We wish all residents in the Valley knew more about the multifaceted work that RFC does to help promote and maintain a healthy watershed, which so many take for granted. We wish everyone knew about their programs - educational, recreational and communitybased - that work in a complementary way to build awareness and support and enthusiasm for the role that water plays in sustaining the wellbeing of our Valley. The bottom line: RFC's work is a gift to us, and to every natural being in the Roaring Fork Valley. Every resident should know that!

Thank You to our 2024 National Council!

Representing all parts of the United States, RFC National Council members make annual membership contributions of \$1,500+. This support serves as the foundation of our funding and enables us to serve as a voice for the rivers, execute sound river science, inform decision-makers, and educate the next generation of river stewards.

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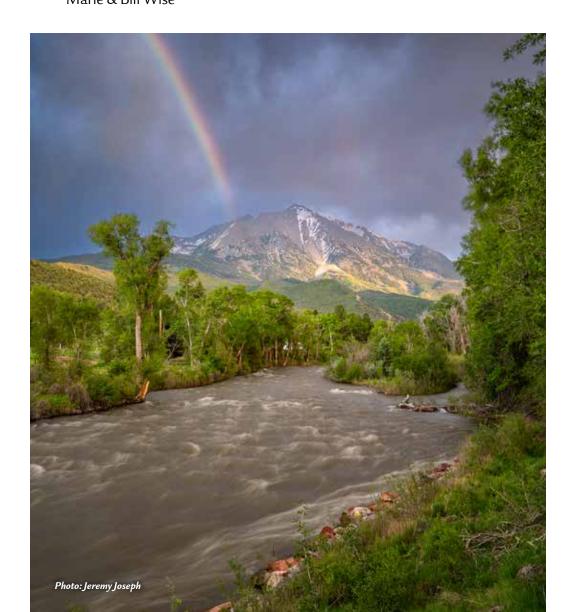
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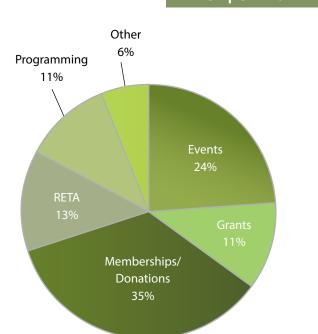
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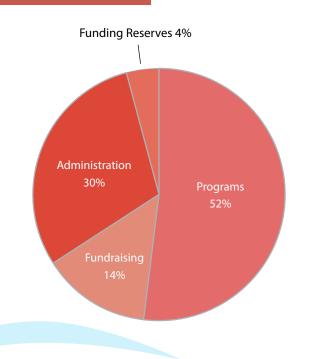


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Events	\$339,385
Grants	\$158,483
Memberships/Donations	\$479,702
RETA	\$178,190
Programming	\$146,583
Other	\$85,384

2024 OPERATING EXPENSES

<u>2024 Expenses</u>	
Programming	\$686,508
Fundraising	\$179,414
Administration	\$400,644
Funding Reserves	\$50,000
Total	\$1,316,566



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