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2016 BY THE NUMBERS

- 81,400** Feet of trail maintained
- 6,514** Hours of stewardship contributing
- \$153,470** of labor on public lands
- 958** Volunteers
- 50+** Opportunities to explore, engage, and give back

Proud of our Contributions, Ready to Explore New Territory

BY WENDY SCHNEIDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For those of you who have not met me yet, I am Wendy Schneider, Friends of the Inyo's new Executive Director. I am very excited to join you in doing what Friends of the Inyo has done so well for thirty years--protecting and caring for the Eastern Sierra's public lands. Luckily for me, I am stepping into this position after a year in which Friends of the Inyo's talented and experienced staff has demonstrated its ability to do just that more effectively than ever before.

Highlights of our 2016 accomplishments include:

STEWARDSHIP

2016 saw record visitation and use of the Eastern Sierra's many recreational opportunities. Friends

of the Inyo's stewardship crews repaired trails and restored habitat damaged by overuse all over the Eastern Sierra. These efforts included a five-day excursion with volunteers and Sierra National Forest staff in the iconic Humphreys Basin.

PARTNERSHIP

Friends of the Inyo continued its strong partnerships with the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service. These partnerships allow us to very effectively choose and execute the most impactful stewardship projects. These partnerships also allow us to more meaningfully participate in management decisions that directly affect our public lands. In

2016, these included substantial participation in the revision of the Inyo National Forest's Management Plan, the implementation of the Desert Renewal Energy Conservation Plan, and mining exploration proposals.

LEADERSHIP

2016 also saw Friends of the Inyo expand its role as a community leader. We provided the opportunity for many single and multi-day volunteer trail work days. We led groups on explorations to both new and traditional Eastern Sierra destinations. More recently, in response to federal threats to public lands and the agencies that manage them, we have led efforts to allow our members to make

their voices heard at the federal and state level to protect our Eastern Sierra public lands.

I come to lead this enduring and effective organization at a unique time. Temperatures are rising quickly as we move away from the historic snowfall of the 2016/2017 winter and into an enchanted Eastern Sierra Summer. The meadows are greener than we have seen them in a very long time. Water, birds and wildflowers abound! Against this background, we have just seen a major shift in the political climate that has many concerned about our nation's continued commitment to public lands. So it promises to be an interesting year. We will explore new territory together.



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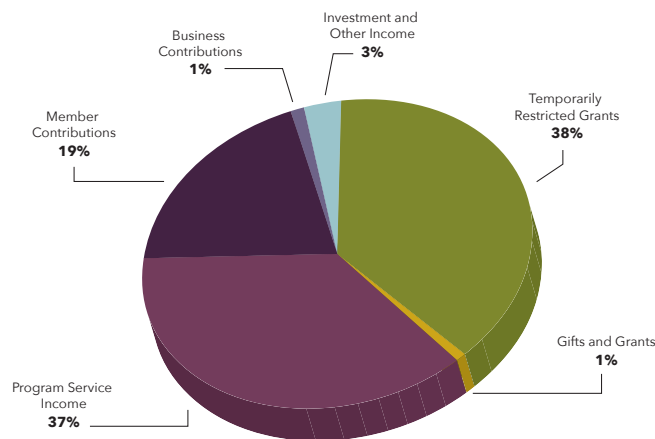
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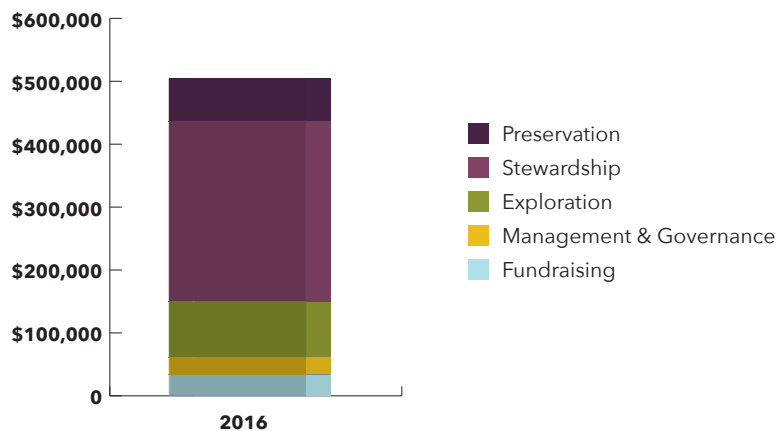
Temporarily Restricted Grants	\$207,250
Gifts and Grants	\$8,000
Program Service Income	\$198,002
Member Contributions	\$104,770
Business Contributions	\$6,387
Investment and Other Income	\$14,609
Total Support and Revenue	\$539,018



PROGRAM EXPENSES

2016

Fundraising	\$ 33,212
Management and Governance	\$27,919
Exploration	\$88,521
Stewardship	\$286,838
Preservation	\$67,095
Total Expenses	\$503,585



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