

Pine Nuts



Bitterroot in the Bodie Hills. Photo: Drew Foster

2012 BY THE NUMBERS

159,115	Feet of trail maintained
14,957	Hours of stewardship equaling
\$331,148	of labor on public lands
2,455	Board of Director volunteer hours
844	Volunteers
60+	Projects on national forest, national park, and BLM lands

Moving Forward, Looking Back

By LAURA BEARDSLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Last April, I was counting down the days till Tioga Pass opened and restored convenient access to the Eastern Sierra from my home in Yosemite. Things have certainly changed since then. I moved permanently to the Eastside, trading one great community for another, and jumped into an exciting new role with Friends of the Inyo.

It's been a year of exceptional change within Friends of the Inyo as well. When Stacy Corless left her position as executive director in June, the board and staff were working diligently towards establishing a strategic plan, the campaign for the Bodie

Hills was in full swing, and summer was just getting started. Soon after I joined the staff in October, the plan was nearly complete, a busy summer of stewardship and preservation was coming to a close, the new Eastern Sierra Wilderness Guide was published, and we were preparing to announce a full suite of new outings in the winter edition of the Jeffrey Pine Journal.

Over the course of the year, through our programs and our internal planning work, Friends of the Inyo renewed its commitment to care for the public lands of the Eastern Sierra. Our efforts were successful thanks to an energetic staff, a passionate board, and a dedicated

group of members and partners. With their support, including yours, we maintained or restored more than 30 miles of trails and roads on Inyo National Forest, provided Wilderness Stewards in the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wildernesses, engaged

close to 900 volunteers in the stewardship of their public lands, and worked for the protection of the Bodie Hills while engaging in the early stages of forest planning.

Our robust preservation, stewardship, and exploration programs reflect the overall growth and development of Friends of the Inyo over the past decade. Today, the organization strikes a unique balance between working for the protection of our wild places and providing opportunities for stewardship and exploration that develop personal connections and responsibility for public lands. Our new strategic plan establishes four key priorities for the next three years:

I. Cultivate a land ethic through our programs of preservation, exploration, and stewardship

II. Refine our organizational structures, processes, and communications to plan, implement, and monitor programs efficiently and effectively

III. Ensure sustainable funding to implement mission-driven programs

IV. Effectively communicate our goals, accomplishments and role to encourage individual involvement in caring for the public lands of the Eastern Sierra

In addition to our programmatic work, three of these goals focus on strengthening Friends of the Inyo and building a sustainable organization for the future. These initiatives are driven by a desire to build efficiency into our internal systems, encourage the professional development of our staff, proactively communicate the work of Friends of the Inyo, and implement an effective fundraising strategy for the future. In 2013, we will continue working towards the goals identified in the strategic plan as we implement a new organizational structure designed to facilitate this work.

In this, the sixth edition of Pine Nuts, we present our annual report for 2012 and highlight the contributions of our members, business supporters, partners, board members, and staff who all make our work possible. The incredible public lands of the Eastern Sierra deserve a strong community of stewards and friends to care for and protect them. Thank you for being part of this community and ensuring the longevity and sustainability of our precious wild places.



Wildflowers on the Dry Lakes Plateau. Photo: Drew Foster

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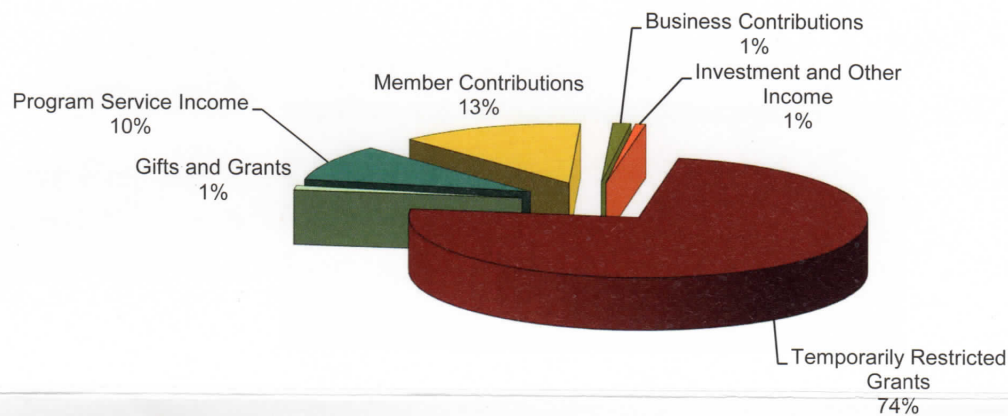
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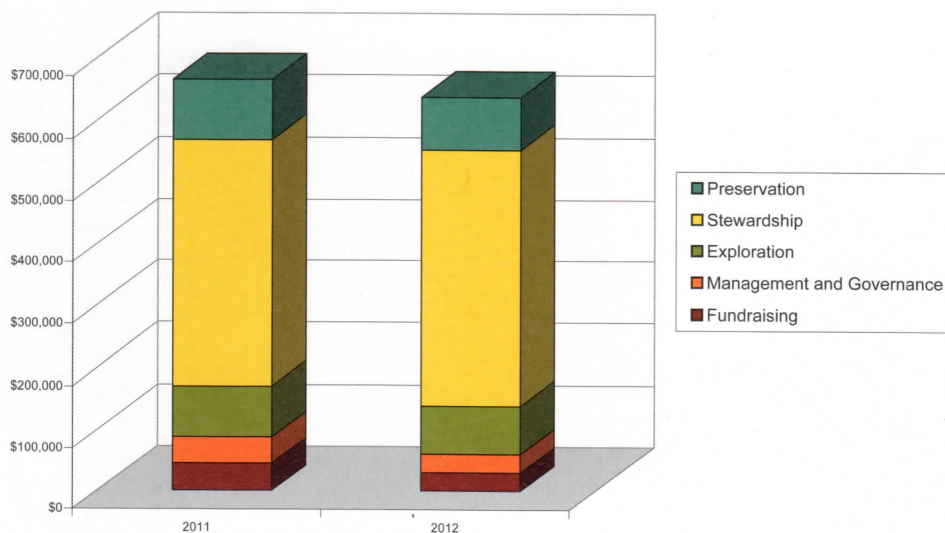
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	2011	2012
Temporarily Restricted Grants	\$511,000	\$448,000
Gifts and Grants	\$20,000	\$7,000
Program Service Income	\$64,815	\$58,885
Member Contributions	\$62,262	\$78,639
Business Contributions	\$10,843	\$7,638
Investment and Other Income	\$12,578	\$4,401
Total Support and Revenue	\$681,498	\$604,563



PROGRAM EXPENSES

	2011	2012
Fundraising	\$44,912	\$30,040
Management and Governance	\$43,247	\$30,574
Exploration	\$81,822	\$78,805
Stewardship	\$398,613	\$414,048
Preservation	\$96,088	\$83,550
Total Expenses	\$664,682	\$637,018



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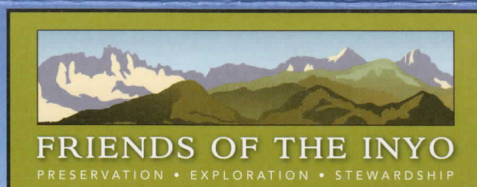


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