



Flying To Save The Earth

2015 Annual Report



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LightHawk staff at 2015 Fly-In in Alta, WY. Pictured left to right: Greg Bedinger, Bob Francella, Armando Ubeda, Christine Steele, Jonathan Milne, Terri Watson, Emilie Ryan, Patti Carter, Ryan Boggs, Bev Pigeon, Yendra Tencza. Not pictured: Lee Pagni and Tara Rowe.

At LightHawk, we celebrate big wins - even if they take 20 years.

One such story began in 1990. My friend and LightHawk board member Valerie Langer fell in love with the Great Bear Rainforest while living in coastal British Columbia. She became personally committed to protecting this irreplaceable resource from unchecked logging, and she knew LightHawk could help.

The problem.

Environmental organizations, provincial and First Nations governments, and the forest industry had different visions for the 21-million-acre wilderness and its rich timber resources. Any action required a collaborative plan, and these groups could find little common ground.

Our mission.

LightHawk partnered with Valerie's group, Friends of Clayoquot Sound, providing educational flights over the forest to show what was at stake. Hundreds of people from the dissenting groups shared flights over the strikingly beautiful landscape. See page 8 for a description that does it justice.

The power of awe is formidable. Science proves it opens minds and expands possibilities. Pairing education with stunning scenery fostered a willingness among the parties to reach unprecedented cooperation.

As a result, these groups crafted the Great Bear Rainforest agreements, permanently protecting 85% of it from logging as of February 2016.

This feat represents one of the most comprehensive conservation and forest management achievements on earth. Facilitated by LightHawk flights and powered by you! Wow.

My point?

Flying for conservation changes hearts and minds.

The pages that follow tell more stories about why we fly, what we accomplish with these flights, and how we craft each one with a clear purpose to achieve something meaningful.

As you read this, please know that your support makes big wins possible. You understand that the power of flight changes how we see our world. And your belief in our work makes that happen everyday.

To us, you are irreplaceable. Thank you.

Terri Watson

Terri Watson
Chief Executive Officer



129 partnerships
1634 eyes in the sky
99 projects

By Flying, We
Protect our Planet

*Faster
Smarter
Better*



Earth faces limitless challenges.

We believe small aircraft can make a big difference to conservation.

We bring a team of conservation flight professionals and hundreds of pilots.

We help save the earth with our partners.

Strategic Initiatives

Strong Partnerships Accelerate Conservation



Kip Evans Photography/LightHawk



Protecting Pacific Ocean Treasures

LightHawk flights identify illegal fishing, educate future decision makers, and build community support for marine sanctuaries. Working with The Bay Foundation, Northcoast Environmental Center and others, we support Marine Protected Areas in California, which buoy the productivity, wildlife, and beauty of California’s iconic coastline and offshore areas.



Andy Quinn



Colorado River Delta

LightHawk is helping restore life on the Colorado River Delta with Sonoran Institute, Audubon Society, Pronatura Noroeste and other partners. More than 100 carefully planned and executed flights over the Delta provide clear perspective on where restoration is needed, highlight the need for the work and help secure funding to bring back water and life.



via Greenpeace/Twitter



Saving the World’s Most Endangered Marine Mammal

To safeguard the remaining vaquita porpoises, LightHawk works with Sustainable Fishery Partnership and Pesca Responsable on monthly aerial surveys over the northern Gulf of California. Flights monitor illegal fishing activities which imperil the world’s most endangered marine mammal.



Ralph Britton



Saving Endangered Condors

Lead poisoning remains the biggest threat to condor recovery. LightHawk uses aerial telemetry to find condors in remote areas who may be sickened by lead so they can receive medical treatment or biologists can determine the cause of death. In addition, we transport birds and eggs to rebuild the condor population. Our partnership gives Pinnacles National Park scientists assistance with the challenges this endangered species must overcome.



Will Stone/KJZZ/LightHawk



Guiding Growth for the Sun Corridor

LightHawk and Sonoran Institute are leading smart growth in the fastest-developing region in the Intermountain West: Arizona’s Sun Corridor. We are helping leaders understand this vast and populous region stretching from Phoenix south to the Mexican border. Flights collect imagery and data to inform state agencies of comprehensive environmental and economic impacts of their decisions.



Amanda Carroll, UNR Department of Art/Photography



Long Live Salmon

LightHawk preserves and restores salmon in the Pacific Northwest. Salmon not only feed us, they tell us that our rivers are still healthy. Our flights assist The Nature Conservancy, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board, Wild Salmon Center and others by informing science, outreach and conservation for these iconic keystone species.



Dr. Steve Davis



Restoring the Everglades

LightHawk is participating in one of the largest environmental restoration projects of its kind in the history of the world. Drainage and phosphorus loading has taken a toll on the delicate Everglades ecosystem. Flights provide documentation, perspective and education to media, scientists, and decision makers at a scale impossible to achieve via difficult ground and water access. Partners include the Everglades Foundation, Audubon Florida and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.



Karen Lutz/Pennsylvania Appalachian Trail Conservancy/LightHawk



Sustaining Delaware River Freshwater

Over 15 million people rely on the Delaware River Watershed for their drinking water. Educational and media flights convince key audiences to politically support and invest in wetland restoration, environmental threat mitigation and dam removal. LightHawk works with The Nature Conservancy NJ, PA, NY; Pennsylvania Audubon; Open Space Institute and others to safeguard this critical freshwater resource.

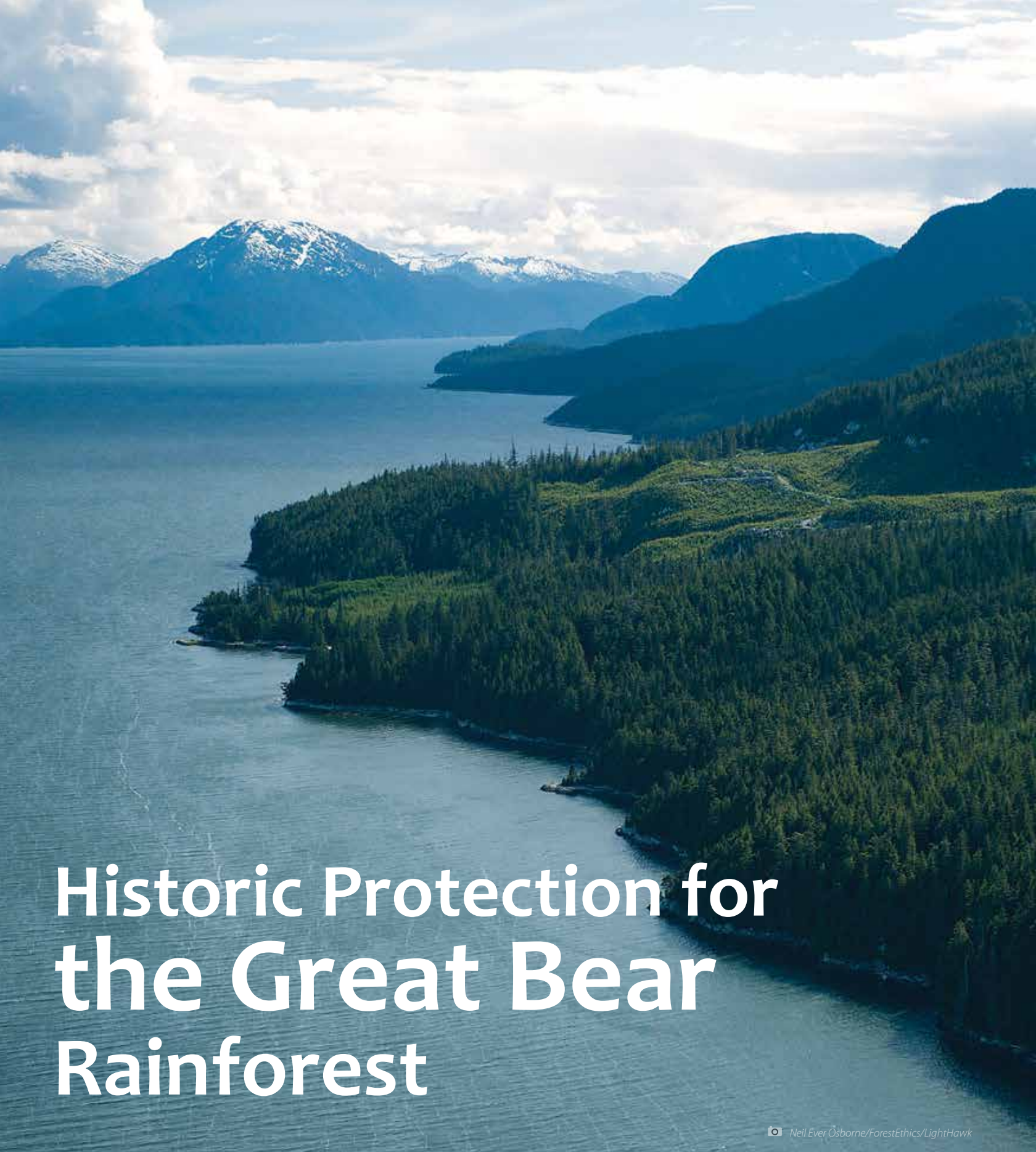


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Heart of the Rockies

LightHawk is increasing the amount of protected land in Idaho, northwest Wyoming, and Western Montana. Flights monitor easements, show landowners and managers how their property fits into the larger landscape, and illustrate to donors what can be achieved with their support. In this way, LightHawk partners with the Heart of the Rockies Initiative and its affiliates to protect wildlife migration; preserve clean water, farmlands and forests; and build climate resilience.



Historic Protection for the Great Bear Rainforest

Neil Ever Osborne/ForestEthics/LightHawk

“I don’t think these protections would have happened without the aerial platform that LightHawk provided. You can’t hide illegal logging from a plane.”
- Kemp Hiatt, LightHawk pilot in the Great Bear Rainforest - 1997-2000

The ancient forest of the spirit bear was becoming a checkerboard of clearcuts.

“Canada was sitting on the biggest temperate rainforest in the world and nobody knew about it,” explained Valerie Langer, now a director for ForestEthics Solutions and former LightHawk board director. And the forest was in serious danger.

The Great Bear Rainforest defines remote – a single rough track cuts through the interior before ending at the coast. More “spirit bears” — pale genetic variants of black bears — appear in this forest than anywhere else.

When LightHawk began flying here in the 1990s, it was known as the Central and Midcoast Timber Supply Area. Its worth was measured in two-by-fours.

LightHawk provided Langer and others working on the issue with unprecedented access to the rugged area. Flights allowed them to collect information and images to help sway public opinion. And sharing the experience of flying over the rainforest built common ground between groups with opposing views.

After rising above their differences, conservation groups, timber interests, First Nations and the government agreed to protect an area the size of Switzerland. Dozens of LightHawk flights supported the effort to reach the Great Bear Rainforest Agreements. Now, forests where the spirit bears roam will remain. And its future is secured for those who rely on this land for their livelihood, heritage and identity. ✦



Ian McAllister

Spirit bears are better at catching fish than other bears as their light color blends with the sky making them harder to avoid.



Garth Lenz/LCP/Sierra Club BC/LightHawk

7.6 million acres protected



Eric Fogelin/LightHawk

LightHawk moved First Nations Hereditary Chiefs to support protection efforts. Many had never seen their ancestral lands from the air before.



Saving one of the most imperiled ecosystems on earth.

The Purgatoire River and the J E Canyon Ranch in southeastern Colorado is now protected from future development. LightHawk works with The Nature Conservancy and many other environmental organizations to preserve natural and cultural heritage.

 Michael Menefee/TNC

Most Westerners don't even know it exists.

Southeastern Colorado has some of the most intact stretches of native grasslands in North America, including one of the most imperiled: short grass prairie.

The Nature Conservancy was faced with an unusual opportunity: to save more than 500,000 acres (nearly 800 square miles) of intact grasslands. Conserving landscapes of this size is relatively unique, even in the West. A key potential donor would have to experience the beauty of these short

grass prairies and canyonlands, and understand the value of protecting this underappreciated landscape to make a gift that would preserve the land forever.

LightHawk's conservationists knew that an educational flight over the unfamiliar areas could do this. We created a plan involving the right people and messaging to show how each property fit into the larger context of long-term preservation. Once the flight was designed, volunteer pilot David Kunkel stepped up to showcase the region for TNC and their supporters.

"Because of the LightHawk flight, I have a better sense of the work TNC is doing," said Amanda Paulson of the Bobolink Foundation. "So much of the area where TNC is working is remote, fairly inaccessible and spans a very large area."

After witnessing the opportunity for landscape-scale conservation, the Bobolink Foundation awarded \$1.5 million to TNC Colorado to protect the area.

LightHawk's efforts preserved this extraordinary landscape, protecting these ranchlands and rich wildlife habitats for generations to come. ➔




 Alan Eckert Photography

LightHawk protects grasslands relied upon by the lesser prairie chicken, a federally listed threatened species at risk of extinction without significant conservation actions.

"There is no way we could have gotten across the size of the landscape, or its beauty, if we had not been able to fly over all of it. The purpose of our trip was to show the landscape to one of our donors, and talk to them about making a gift to support our land protection work in that area. **Mission accomplished.**"

- Amanda Jachym,
The Nature Conservancy
Colorado

 The Nature Conservancy (Mark Godfrey)

**Short Grass
Prairie hosts
300 bird
species**

Where do young white-headed woodpeckers go after leaving the nest?

Solving a Mystery, Saving a Forest

How we manage ponderosa pine forests is dictated by the needs of white-headed woodpeckers. LightHawk provides valuable data on the species that may influence US Forest Service thinking.

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LightHawk's work with the U.S. Forest Service has demonstrated that larger tracts of intact forest are needed for ecosystem health.

This project in a small airplane could determine the future of ponderosa pine forests in the Northwest.

The management of forests and animals in the Northwest is tied to the white-headed woodpecker. They are an important species in ponderosa pine forests because their nest cavities are used by a wide variety of other wildlife, ranging from owls to bluebirds to small forest carnivores. In fact, up to one-fourth of all vertebrate animals use the cavities excavated by woodpeckers.

As an "indicator species," their presence reflects ecosystem health and habitat quality for other pine-associated species. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) manages large tracts of ponderosa pine forest in the northwest based on the habitat needs of the white-headed woodpecker. What's good for woodpeckers is also good for the forest ecosystem.

Considered a Critical Species in Oregon by the USFS, biologists discovered a huge gap in what they knew about this bird. Teresa Lorenz, a biologist with the Forest Service, was puzzled by young woodpeckers being chased off other birds' territory. "We realized that no one had studied juveniles in their first year."

She suspected the young birds flew much farther than expected. To get a clear picture of where woodpeckers go when they leave the nest, "tracking from the air will be necessary," said Lorenz. She worked with LightHawk's conservation team to design a project using aerial telemetry to enable the Forest Service to gather essential data about the birds' behavior.

LightHawk pilot Roy Lewallen stepped up to the challenge, "Telemetry missions give me the opportunity to do a lot more LightHawk flying than you'd expect," says Lewallen, "since I can carry only one passenger in my airplane."

"LightHawk's partnership has been a phenomenal help," said Lorenz. "The only way to find out what we needed to know about the white-headed woodpecker is with LightHawk flights." The project has revealed woodpeckers traveling up to 60 miles away, a much greater distance than previously known.

This project demonstrates that larger tracts of intact ponderosa pine are needed to support the white-headed woodpecker, especially the far-ranging juveniles. This data will feed into federal management plans that will direct what happens with these public lands. By solving the mystery of these birds, LightHawk helps sustain forest health and ensures a future for ponderosa pine in the Northwest. ➔

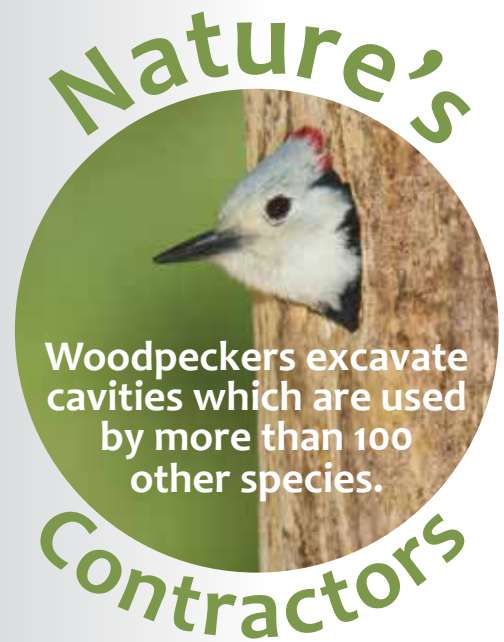


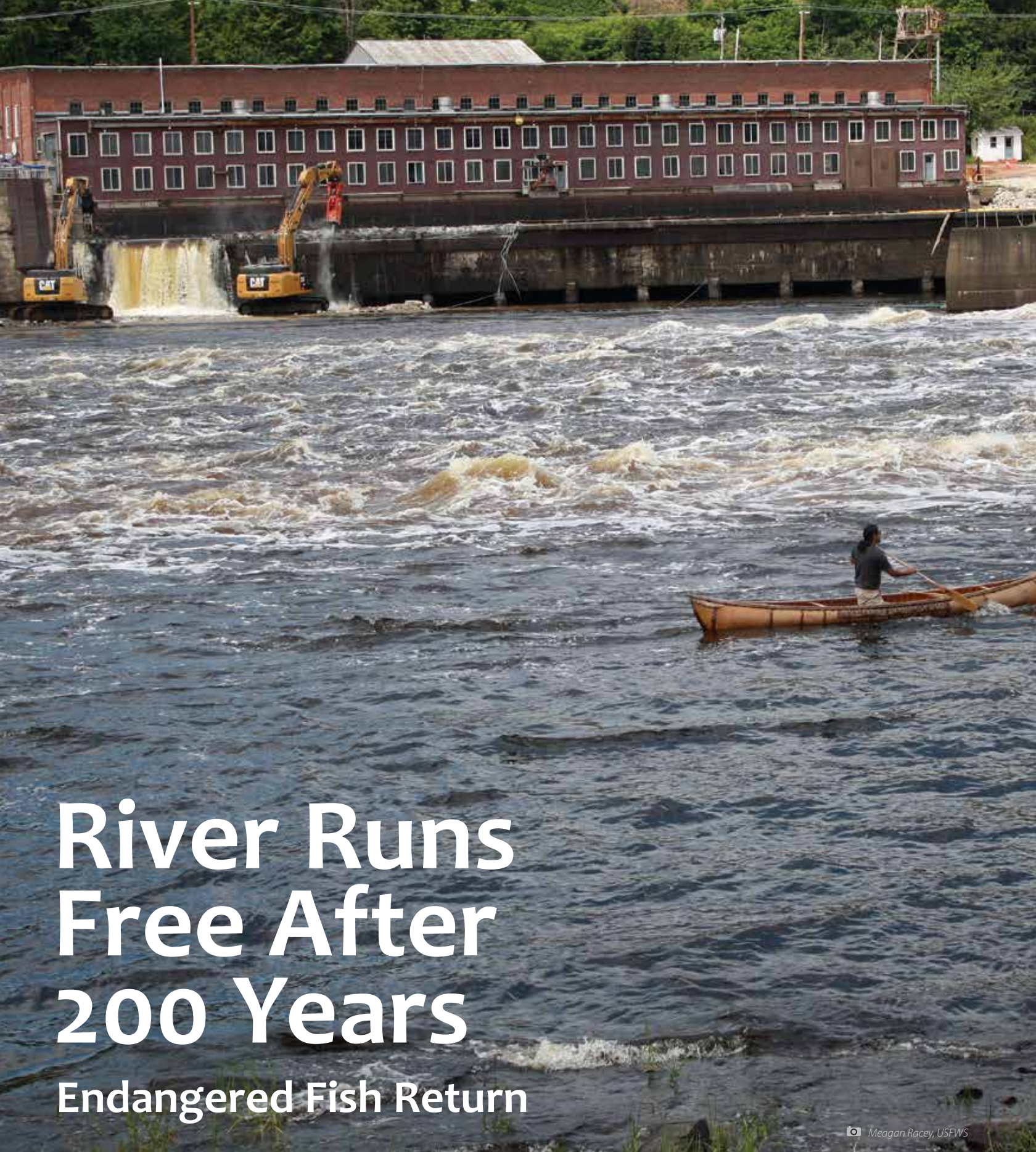
Photo by Steve Ting



Michelle Alvarado/Wahoo Films/LightHawk

"Sometimes we'd hear several pings within a short time but sometimes we'd go for an hour or two without hearing one. It's actually a lot like fishing — except without the beer."

Lewallen flew a 600-mile search grid to locate transmitters. He donated 69 hours of flight time to this project in 2015.



River Runs Free After 200 Years

Endangered Fish Return

Meagan Racey, USFWS

Joseph Dana of the Penobscot Indian Nation paddles a traditional birch-bark canoe as the Veazie dam is breached freeing the Penobscot River.

Maine’s
Penobscot
River has
been reborn.

Native sea-run fisheries in the Penobscot River have been saved by an unprecedented collaboration of dam owners, the Penobscot Indian Nation, and conservation groups partnered with LightHawk.

Because of this partnership, fish can reach more than a thousand miles of river once blocked by dams. As a result, their numbers have soared, with river herring returning 1000 times stronger than three years ago.

In one instance, LightHawk designed a plan to help Penobscot River Restoration Trust gather important data to support this project. One flight contributed by pilot Jim Knowles assessed 57 miles of the Penobscot river and 20 miles of tributary. “This would have taken at least three days to cover the same distance on the ground that we did in just one flight,” said Joshua Royte with The Nature Conservancy. “And we still wouldn’t get the quality of images or the at-a-glance understanding of how the river runs through the landscape as we did from the air.”

LightHawk flights also helped to raise the funds needed to support the project. “I was eager to see this important, large scale project from the sky,” said Ginny Blossom, a trustee with the William Bingham Foundation and passenger on a LightHawk flight, “to not only get a sense of the full scope, but to align it with the surrounding towns, open spaces and tributaries.” One of pilot Jamie Gamble’s flights provided Blossom the opportunity to gain, “...an excellent report and photos to share with my fellow foundation trustees to show the results of our investment in the work.”

Opening over a thousand new miles of free running river, the restoration has enabled canoes and kayaks to paddle newly formed whitewater rapids and fishermen to bait hooks year-round. Soon, Penobscot Indians will pull Atlantic salmon from their ancestral river, something none of them alive today have yet experienced in their lifetime. ✦



Keith Carver/Flickr

Since dam removals, populations of anadromous river herring have exploded to 1000 times the levels seen in 2012. Ospreys, seals, eagles and bigger fish feast on river herring.



Greg Thompson/USFWS

LightHawk supported dam removal and new fish passages which allow the Penobscot Indian Nation to reconnect with a traditional cultural practice gone for 200 years: catching Atlantic salmon in their namesake river.

Volunteer Pilots



Volunteer pilot Bob Crenshaw (right) and wife Susan of Goldsboro, NC

“Because of LightHawk, I feel like the environment has a true friend. LightHawk gives a perspective of the environment that you can’t see from the ground. Unlike satellite imagery (that may be dated and not detailed) LightHawk can respond in real time to an event. I wish I could do more with my plane and my time, but for now donating dollars is a great way to help.”

- Volunteer pilot Bob Crenshaw

260
Volunteer Pilots
\$393,613
Pilot In-kind Donations
41
New Pilots

President’s Award Jamie Gamble



Jamie embodies the true spirit of volunteerism. His flights range far and wide, not only in support of LightHawk, but also for PALS (Patient Airlift Services) and Angel Flight Northeast. Those who are fortunate to fly with Jamie come to understand what volunteerism is after spending time with him. He goes above and beyond, and his enthusiasm is contagious. Jamie’s passengers witness and appreciate his dedication to conservation, exemplary flying skills and compassion.

Spirit of LightHawk Award Bud Sittig



Bud personifies the spirit of LightHawk by representing the best qualities of LightHawk’s volunteer pilot corps. Distinguished professionally and personally, he has contributed a tremendous amount to LightHawk conservation projects through his flying and board service.

The Bill and Betty Rockwell Award Geoff Pope



Geoff embodies the generous spirit and flexibility of the award’s namesake, volunteer pilot Bill Rockwell (1919- 2000). Like Bill, Geoff is always willing to go the extra mile for LightHawk.

Rookie of the Year Rick Koril



Thirteen days after joining LightHawk as a volunteer pilot, Rick contributed his first flight - an all-day effort in and around Mexicali. Eight days later, he volunteered again and his pace has barely slowed, earning him this recognition in his first year as a LightHawk volunteer pilot.

Carpenter Award Bob Allen



Bob donated the most flight time in his own aircraft for LightHawk’s conservation projects to earn the Carpenter Award in 2015. Bob flies to support the Colorado River Delta restoration and endangered vaquita recovery, among other projects.

National Recognitions

Endeavor Award



Rick Durden was recognized for his many contributions during 20+ years of service to LightHawk with an Endeavor Award. Established by Angel Flight West to celebrate and honor volunteer pilots, the award was presented to Rick by fellow volunteer pilot Jane Nicolai on May 30, 2015 at a gala dubbed “the Oscars of Flying” in Los Angeles, CA.

NAA Award



Volunteer pilot **Jane Nicolai** won the prestigious 2015 Public Benefit Flying Award from the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), in partnership with the Air Care Alliance. LightHawk Board Chair Josh Marvil and CEO Terri Watson were among a full table of LightHawk supporters present at the Washington, D.C. event. She is one of only two pilots honored in 2015 with this recognition. Jane has committed her aircraft, skill, time and resources for the benefit of others for more than 20 years with LightHawk.

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“The aerial view is one of the cornerstones of my conservation ethic, and LightHawk has provided me the perfect opportunity to share this view for the education of others. In my estate planning, I chose to make a future gift which will increase LightHawk’s capacity to fulfill their mission of conservation through flight.”

- Chris Boyer
Supporter, Aerial Photographer, Volunteer Pilot

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Since our beginning in 1979, gifts made through wills have helped us in our efforts to save the planet. Designating LightHawk as a beneficiary will help ensure a secure future, and help LightHawk continue to preserve the earth for generations to come. To learn more, please visit lighthawk.org/legacy

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“Our partnership with LightHawk provides unparalleled access to key stakeholders and donors that would be otherwise difficult to reach. With the opportunity to view the issues from the air, media and critical regional influencers make themselves available to meet with us and connect on important conservation priorities. LightHawk has been instrumental in advancing our regional conservation objectives.”

- Ian Dowdy, Director of Sun Corridor Legacy Program, Sonoran Institute

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Belize Audubon Society
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Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Mar Alliance
Sarteneja Alliance for Conservation and Development
Scarlet Six Biomonitoring Team
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Asociación de Comunidades Forestales de Petén
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Ejercito de Guatemala
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Method of Work

Woodpecker - Steve Ting
Planning - Robert Huber, FOPB
Airplane - C.Mittermeier/ILCP
Flying - Kevin Steele
Pronghorn - Rodrigo Sierra Corona



Identify
the most important
conservation issues



Collaborate
with strong conservation
partners on those issues



Develop
flight campaigns to
support this work



Make
aviation affordable
with our network of
volunteer pilots



Fly!



Measure
success through
tangible results

Financial Statements

Our mission is to accelerate conservation success through the powerful perspective of flight.

Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2015

Support and Revenue

Individual Contributions.....	\$376,471
Organizational Contributions	\$545,393
Donated Services and Materials.....	\$480,012
Other Revenue, Interest and Dividends.....	\$6,666
Gain on Sale of Assets	\$3,537
Total Support and Revenue.....	\$1,412,079

Expenses

Program - LightHawk Costs.....	\$1,058,493
Program - Volunteer Pilot Donated Flights....	\$393,613
Fundraising and Donor Communications.....	\$191,758
General and Administration	\$136,295
Total Expenses	\$1,780,159

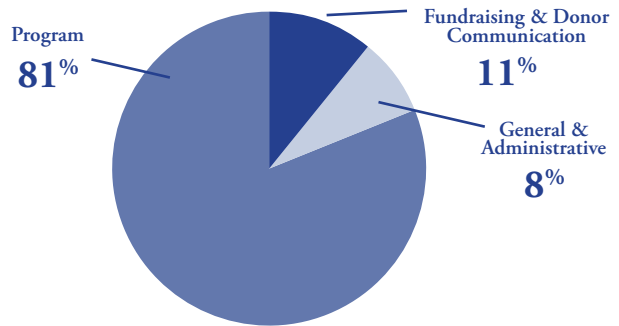
Change in Net Assets

Net Assets, beginning of year.....	\$2,502,370
Net Assets, end of year	\$2,134,290



LightHawk earned Charity Navigator’s highest rating for the fifth time since 2010.

Programmatic Efficiency



For 2015, 81% of LightHawk’s annual in-kind and cash expenses were attributed to program delivery.
* includes all in-kind expenses

Financial Position

December 31, 2015

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$775,550
Unconditional Promises to Give.....	\$511,003
Prepaid Expenses	\$50,223
Investments	\$807,530
Property and Equipment	\$71,604
Total Assets	\$2,215,910

Liabilities

Accounts Payable.....	\$56,619
Long Term debt.....	\$25,000
Total Liabilities.....	\$81,619

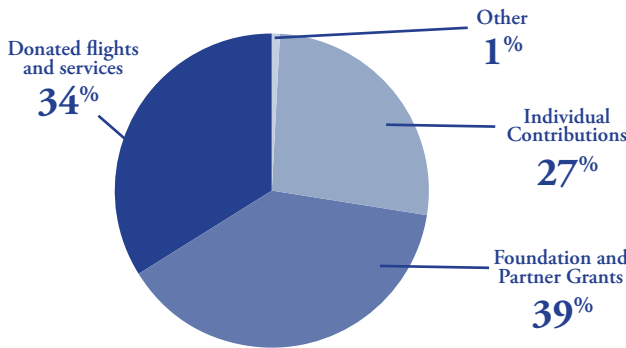
Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$507,087
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,093,084
Permanently Restricted.....	\$534,120
Total Net Assets.....	\$2,134,290

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$2,215,910

The complete set of audited financial statements, related notes and IRS form 990 are available on our website or may be obtained by writing LightHawk, PO Box 2710, Telluride, CO 81435.

2015 Revenue Sources



Total 2015 Revenue: \$1,412,079
Generous individual gifts made up 61% of our total revenue in 2015.



“LightHawk uses flights strategically with partners as part of larger initiatives to better protect and restore water quality for the Delaware River watershed. Flying with LightHawk reveals threats to and opportunities for conservation by showing how waterways, forests, fields, and human communities are intertwined. This big-picture view empowers conservationists to tell stories about the watershed that inspire and motivate donors, public officials, and landowners.”

- Andrew Johnson, Program Director for Watershed Protection at the William Penn Foundation

“We are ever grateful for all you do and are so happy that we can help. We especially want to thank you for your help with the Bears Ears area here in Utah. It will be an incredible new National Monument. These kinds of projects are often an uphill battle.”

~ Sara Solaimanian, Fanwood Foundation

Thank you for your support!

37 Years of Flying To Save the Earth

Conservation Missions Planned: 444

Pilot In-kind
\$ 393,613
Donations

41
New Pilots

817 Passengers

Partnered with
129
Conservation Organizations

99 Conservation Projects

260
passionate pilots

13 Staff

LightHawk Staff

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Once in danger, 85% of the ancient forests of the Great Bear Rainforest are now protected from logging. Since the 1990s, LightHawk has flown hundreds of people with opposing views to help them reach agreement in this remote area of British Columbia. Now the future for local communities and wildlife is secured.



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