

**WESTERN RESOURCE
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*Protecting the Interior West's
Land, Air, and Water*





From the Board Chair

I am delighted to share this annual report with you. As you will see, 2006 was an exciting year of programmatic achievement and organizational growth for WRA.

We celebrated a major victory for Colorado's Gunnison River, which is one of the most beautiful rivers defining the Rocky Mountain region. A federal judge rejected an illegal deal between Colorado and the United States that would have given away the water right for Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, and we now have a seat at the table in water right negotiations. Visitors will enjoy the park for decades to come, and the river will continue to flow. Of course, integral to protecting rivers across our region is urban water conservation. WRA made notable progress in moving Colorado cities to use water more wisely and is increasing conservation programs in Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

Our work to propose alternatives to new coal-fired power plants reached an important milestone when a coalition we led stopped a new plant proposed in Nevada. Our work was further bolstered by a Utah Supreme Court victory ensuring that conservationists can continue to participate in making sure that air quality is protected. And WRA's clean energy advocacy helped Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico to make significant strides toward an energy future built on renewables and more efficient energy use.

Our defense of the region's hallmark public lands was remarkably successful. We protected thousands of acres of lands from oil and gas development, and won a victory that will protect Colorado streams and drinking water by decreasing runoff from drilling sites. Endangered species, like the black-footed ferret and the Canada Lynx, also benefited from our work to protect select public lands from oil and gas development and unauthorized off-road vehicle use.

Sharing our strengths continues to be fundamental. In the past year, we had the honor of working with more than 200 organizations in our mission of protecting the Interior West's land, air, and water.

WRA is, without a doubt, building for a strong future. We opened an office in Carson City, Nevada in 2006, with the goal of helping that rapidly growing state meet its water and energy needs in ways that are sustainable. WRA also added staff in Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

Our most notable personnel change was the departure of our executive director, Jim Martin. During Jim's three-year tenure at WRA, he brought us to new levels of achievement and left us well-positioned as a leading regional conservation organization. The board of directors and staff wish Jim tremendous success in his new position as director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment. Jim's excellent work cannot be overstated, and we will long be grateful for his leadership.

You also have an important role in shaping the way the Interior West develops. Many of you reading this report have contributed to a future of sustainability by putting your financial support solidly behind WRA. We thank you and invite you to read about what you have helped accomplish. For others, if you have not yet become a member of WRA, please join us. You can make a powerful difference for the future of a region that we all value for its running waters, blue skies, and stunning landscapes.

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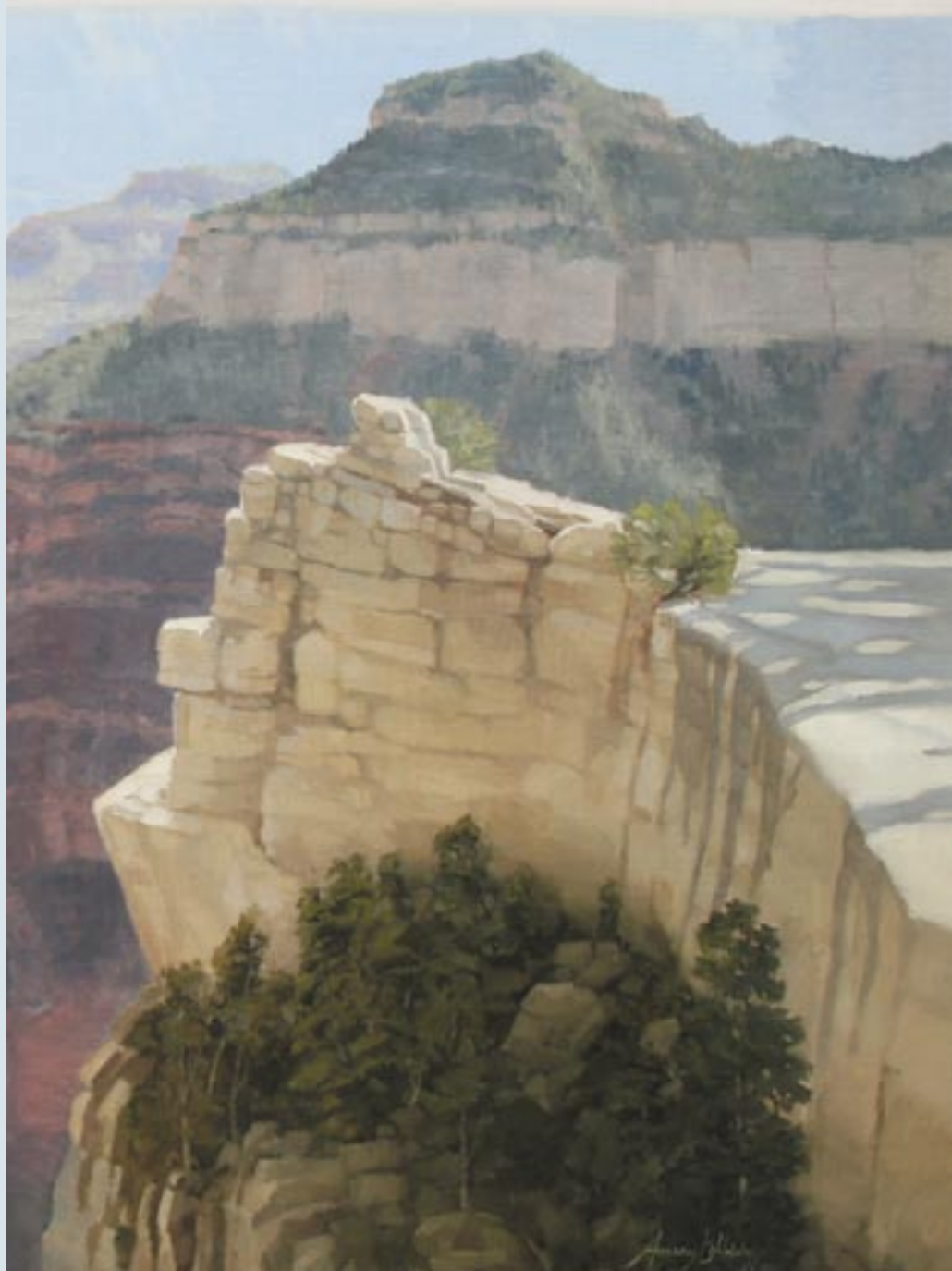
Christopher Wirth
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Energy

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

As the West's population grows, so does the demand for electrical energy. As a region, we are at a crucial juncture. Down one route lie dozens of new coal-fired power plants that will pollute the environment and contribute to global warming. The other path — which WRA has been advocating for more than a decade — will rely upon energy efficiency and renewable energy for meeting the bulk of the region's new electricity demands.

During 2006, WRA secured increased investments in renewable energy and efficiency across the Interior West. Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico all have standards that will require an increasing amount of their energy to come from renewable sources, and we are working with state governments and utilities to build on that momentum. At the same time, we are working diligently to stop over a dozen new coal-fired power plants that are proposed for the region, while advocating for clean-up of existing plants.



Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

RESULTS:

- ✓ Thanks, in part, to WRA's advocacy, Xcel Energy announced plans to add 775 megawatts of wind power in Colorado. The new wind turbines are projected to provide pollution-free electricity for approximately 250,000 homes and increase the amount of wind power in the state by 275%. Xcel also announced its commitment to acquire power from an eight-megawatt solar photovoltaics (PV) facility to be located in Colorado's San Luis Valley. This facility will be the largest PV plant in the nation.
- ✓ Renewable energy got a boost in Arizona when the Arizona Corporation Commission voted to require regulated electric utilities to generate 15% of their energy from renewable resources by 2025. WRA has been active in the proceedings and will be involved throughout implementation.
- ✓ Solar energy will be more affordable in New Mexico, thanks to the work of the Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy, of which WRA is a founding member. The coalition secured a new state tax credit and a new utility incentive program. The state tax credit is worth 30% of the cost of a solar system, and the incentive program will pay customers 20.5 cents for each kilowatt-hour of electricity they generate from solar.

Green Marketing

Building a sustainable energy future for the Interior West will require dramatically expanding the number of homes and businesses that are buying renewable energy. Since 1997, WRA's Green Marketing program has educated consumers about their options to offset their energy use by purchasing renewable energy from utility programs or competitive marketers of renewable energy credits. A growing number of local governments, businesses, and individual consumers are taking action to reduce their contribution to global warming. WRA's outreach and education help these concerned citizens reduce their emissions by supporting new renewable energy projects. In 2007, we will transition this program to a "Green Communities" initiative that will assist local governments in meeting their global warming action plans.

RESULTS:

- ✓ WRA successfully promoted use of wind energy by helping Aspen Ski Company purchase wind power.
- ✓ In partnership with Boulder County and others, WRA completed the Boulder County Wind Challenge, which signed up more than 1,000 new wind power customers and helped build community awareness of climate change.
- ✓ WRA celebrated the installation of a small wind turbine at John Mall High School in Walsenburg, Colorado, the first "wind for schools" pilot project, developed in collaboration with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Community Energy, Inc.

Partnering with Western Utilities to Develop Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategies

In the Interior West, utilities are the largest source of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases that lead to climate change. The West is expected to be especially vulnerable to climate change, the impacts of which are predicted to include increasing temperatures, extreme weather events, alteration of precipitation patterns, and the disappearance of alpine ecosystems. To prevent climate change and to protect our way of life, utilities must reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Building on well-established relationships with utilities, and in coordination with our colleagues, WRA is developing initiatives to show utilities how they will benefit from reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In 2006, WRA worked with PacifiCorp, Xcel Energy, and Public Service Company of New Mexico on greenhouse gas reduction strategies.

Xcel Energy has proposed to develop the first coal plant in the nation capable of capturing and storing the CO₂ emissions that lead to climate change.



◀ North Rim Summer

RESULTS:

- ✓ In a landmark decision, Xcel Energy has proposed to develop an integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) coal plant in Colorado. This plant would be the first in the nation capable of capturing and storing the carbon dioxide emissions that lead to climate change.
- ✓ WRA reached an agreement with PacifiCorp on criteria for evaluating the benefits of lowering greenhouse gas emissions and reducing water consumption when choosing new power supplies.
- ✓ WRA helped forge an agreement with Public Service of New Mexico on a framework for factoring climate change risk into the company's resource decisions.

Presenting Alternatives to New Coal-Fired Power Plants

Electricity production is the largest single cause of environmental degradation in our region, affecting air quality, water resources, and public lands. Arguably, however, the power sector's greatest environmental impact comes from the vast amounts of greenhouse gases emitted by the region's power plants. Today the power industry in the Interior West emits over 275 million tons of carbon dioxide, approximately a 30% increase from 1990 levels. Moreover, CO₂ levels from the region's power sector are projected to increase by roughly another 20% by 2020. For these reasons, we are committed to presenting alternatives to conventional coal plants as a means for meeting the growing electricity demands of Colorado and the Interior West.

Greenhouse gas emissions from coal plants lead to climate change. Warmer temperatures and changing precipitation patterns from global warming could dramatically reduce the region's unique opportunities for outdoor recreation. Decreased snowfall could destroy opportunities for skiing and other outdoor winter activities, and devastate the ski industry. Less precipitation and lower stream flows will harm opportunities for rafting, canoeing, and kayaking. Changing ecosystems resulting from global warming could affect animal populations and fisheries, and reduce opportunities for hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing.

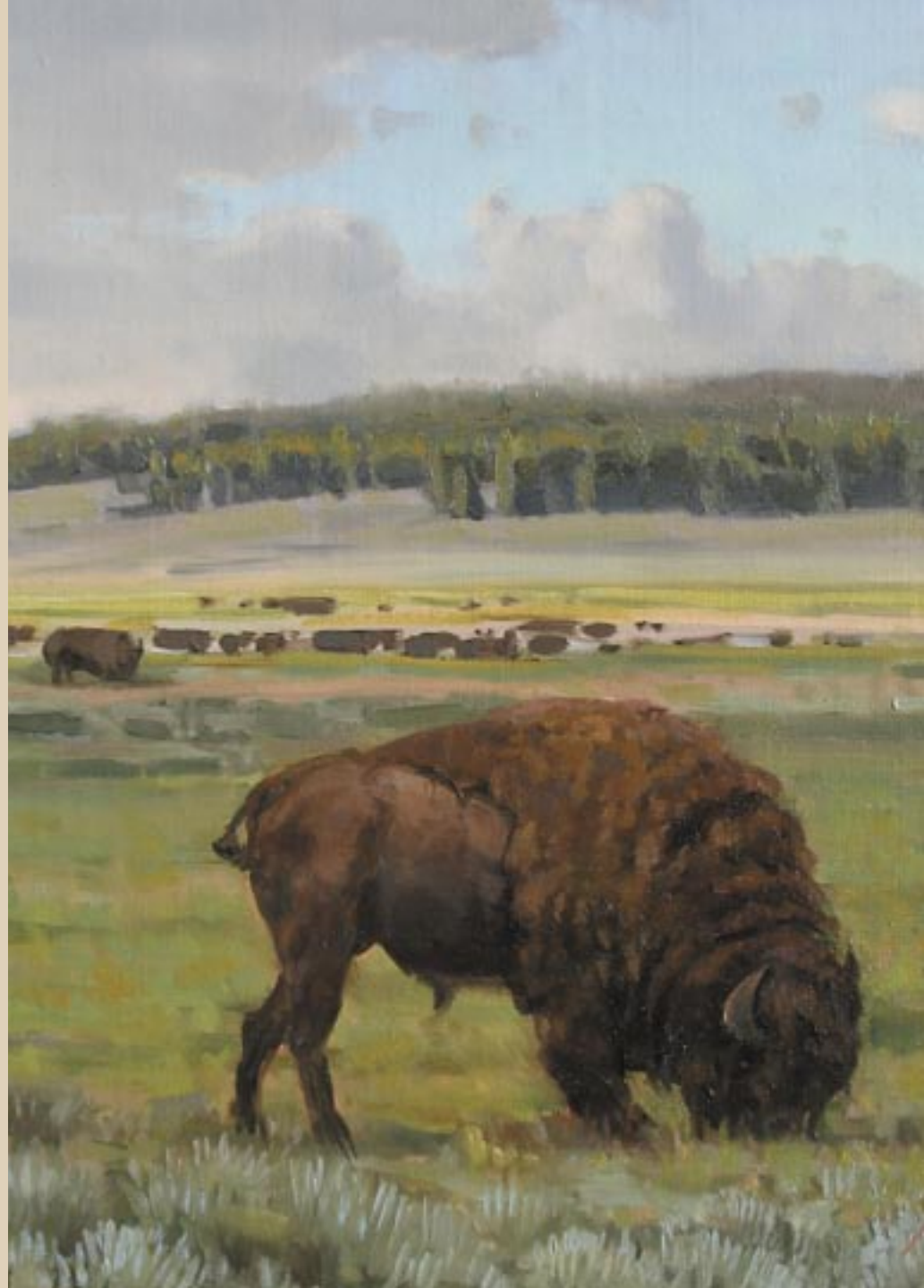
RESULTS:

- ✓ WRA led a coalition that stopped a large coal plant that was planned for outside of Gerlach, Nevada.
- ✓ WRA secured a precedent-setting Supreme Court victory when challenging two new coal plants proposed near Sigurd and Delta, Utah. When the Utah Air Quality Board tried to exclude conservationists from the permit deliberations, WRA stepped in and secured the right of public involvement for those who care about natural resources. The proposed plants would impact air quality in nearby communities and national parks, like Capitol Reef.
- ✓ WRA launched a major new campaign to stop three new coal plants proposed by the Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association. Two of the new plants are proposed for western Kansas and one is proposed for eastern Colorado. The campaign is already seeing results, as plans for one of the proposed plants have been withdrawn, and a second plant has been delayed.

Lands

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

America's majestic public lands are key to the environment, economy, and quality of life of the Interior West. WRA is committed to safeguarding the ecological health of our forests and grasslands, and protecting them for mounting challenges from energy development and motorized recreation.



Oil and Gas Development

WRA recognizes that oil and gas development is an appropriate use of some federal public lands. We focus on protecting undeveloped wildlands that are unsuitable for drilling and work to minimize impacts where drilling does occur. We advocate for effective regulation to protect the region's clean water, clean air, and wildlife habitat, including the use of state-of-the-art directional drilling technologies to achieve a balance between development and conservation. We continue to build coalitions with allies from diverse walks of life who share our vision of a sustainable western economy based on renewables and energy efficiency.

RESULTS:

- ✓ WRA convinced an administrative judge to suspend an oil and gas seismic survey project proposed for the spectacular Adobe Town area of southwest Wyoming's Red Desert. The project area also encompassed the Powder Rim, which provides habitat for elk, deer, pronghorn, and several rare songbirds. Both sides have negotiated solutions that allowed the project to go forward, but with increased environmental protections.
- ✓ WRA's advocacy will protect Colorado streams and drinking water from contaminated run off from oil and gas development sites. The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission recently voted in favor of our coalition's outreach to prevent thousands of tons of polluted sediment from entering Colorado streams.

- ✓ To protect the Utah's Manti-La Sal National Forest, WRA convinced the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to withdraw oil and gas leases impacting 50,000 acres. These lands provide crucial wildlife habitat, as well as clean water for southern Utah's citizens. When BLM was challenged by the oil and gas industry, WRA stepped in—and won.
- ✓ When oil and gas leasing encroached on 29,000 acres of habitat for the endangered black-footed ferret in Utah, WRA appealed the leasing decision on behalf of the Center for Native Ecosystems. Our resulting victory will help protect the rarest mammal in North America.

WRA convinced the BLM to withdraw oil and gas leases impacting 50,000 acres in Utah's Manti-La Sal National Forest.



Responsible Motorized Recreation

Irresponsible use of off-road vehicles (ORVs), like snowmobiles and dirt bikes, can pollute air and water, fragment wildlife habitat, and damage riparian areas. WRA is working with local conservation organizations and federal agencies to limit motorized recreation to appropriate designated trails and to preserve quiet recreational opportunities on public lands.

RESULTS:

- ✓ WRA won a federal court case upholding snowmobile restrictions and other protections for the threatened Canada lynx in Colorado's San Juan National Forest. Once part of our natural heritage, these shy predators were driven out of the southern Rockies by trapping, poisoning, and habitat loss. Now, a successful re-introduction program has established a growing population of 80 adults and at least 12 kittens.
- ✓ In defending Utah's Wasatch-Cache National Forest, WRA stopped the proposed Ogden motorized vehicle plan that would have opened new off-road vehicle routes while failing to close damaging routes.
- ✓ WRA's work to protect special areas from unauthorized off-road vehicle use has benefited Colorado's Molas Pass and Bang's Canyon, and Utah's Wasatch-Cache, Fishlake, and Dixie National Forests.
- ✓ Claims of ownership over spurious trails and roads crossing pristine wildlands present one of the biggest threats facing federal public lands. The states and counties claiming to own the routes want them opened to off-road vehicle use, and their claims total thousands of miles. WRA used Utah open records law to obtain state documents that will be used to challenge the unfounded ownership claims over public lands.



Water

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In this arid region, the Water Program's protection and restoration of rivers is vitally important. Our proactive initiatives sustain communities while protecting rivers, streams, lakes, and aquifers.

WRA's Water Program has three areas of focus. First, to break the link between growing urban populations and the demand for new dams, the Smart Water project works state-by-state to increase water conservation. Second, WRA advances river protection in many ways. We are committed to preserving the beauty and ecology of Colorado's Gunnison River basin for future generations. We also conduct additional river restoration projects throughout the region. Third, our work to protect Utah's Great Salt Lake and its tributaries unites us with a diverse coalition dedicated to preserving the lake and its critical bird habitat.



Smart Water

As the West's cities grow, so does the demand for water. We must all use water more wisely to stretch existing supplies and limit the need for expensive and ecologically destructive dams. WRA is collaborating with water providers across the region on conservation incentives (including water rates and rebate programs), water re-use, city ordinances to curb water waste, and other common-sense strategies. WRA has become the “go to” source across the region on efficiency for conservation allies and water utilities.

In Colorado, most major cities have reduced their per capita water use, and the trend is spreading to cities in Utah, Nevada, and New Mexico. In 2006, we capitalized on this, achieving meaningful results.

RESULTS:

- ✓ WRA worked with the Denver Water Department to secure adoption of a new, conservation-based water rate structure that will encourage 1.2 million people to save billions of gallons of water annually.
- ✓ WRA was instrumental in moving Las Vegas, Nevada to conserve water. After we worked with utility officials, Las Vegas changed its water rates and bumped up outdoor conservation programs so that it now pays residents \$2 per square foot for water-thirsty turf removed from lawns.

- ✓ WRA produced three new reports describing: 1) how water rate structures can help protect New Mexico rivers like the Rio Grande, Gila, Pecos, and San Juan; 2) how Albuquerque, Las Vegas, and Tucson are improving conservation; and 3) how cities along Utah's Wasatch Front can use conservation, re-use, and transfers of water from agriculture to meet future urban demands for the next several decades.
- ✓ WRA partnered with water providers and others to host seven water conservation workshops across Colorado. We provided guidance to over 150 attendees on policies and programs that conserve water and take the pressure off of the state's native streams.

After WRA worked with Las Vegas utility officials, the city now pays residents \$2 per square foot for water-thirsty turf removed from lawns.



Utah's Great Salt Lake and its Tributaries

WRA is a driving force in protecting one of the most critical ecosystems in the world, Utah's Great Salt Lake. We are integral to the network of conservation organizations and activists working to educate the public and decision-makers about Great Salt Lake's values. The coalition works to protect the fresh water systems that replenish the lake and provide bird habitat. WRA's role is vital—we provide legal advice and legal advocacy to the coalition.

WRA also encourages better stewardship of the lake and its tributaries, and prevents projects that would imperil birds and aquatic life. Keeping the aquatic habitat healthy is imperative for the millions of birds that rely on Great Salt Lake as a feeding stop along their migration routes. The birds often double their weight and gain strength for their journey at Utah's most important lake.



◀ Paradise (detail)

RESULTS:

- ✓ WRA helped suspend oil and gas leasing on 116,000 acres of the bed of Great Salt Lake and has ensured adequate environmental analysis and public participation for future leasing decisions.
- ✓ To prevent toxins such as selenium from entering Great Salt Lake, WRA appealed discharge permits and enforced Utah's water quality standards. These efforts ensure that the ecosystem will be able to sustain millions of birds in the future.
- ✓ WRA has been active in protecting Utah Lake's Provo Bay, which drains into Great Salt Lake and contains important wetlands. Provo Bay also provides crucial habitat for the endangered June sucker.

Protecting the Gunnison River

The Gunnison River is a spectacular ribbon of life. It nurtures ranching pastures, provides world-class kayaking, and includes some of the world's best fish habitats. The Gunnison is also one of the most threatened rivers in the region because some communities on Colorado's Front Range view the Gunnison as a source of water for growing cities.

2006 was a remarkably successful year for protecting the Gunnison River.

RESULTS:

- ✓ WRA won a precedent-setting federal court case rejecting a proposal to dramatically limit water for Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. This case is tremendously important—it sends a message that federal agencies must protect public resources. Additionally, it sets a standard that water cannot be withdrawn from national parks and other federal lands at levels that destroy resource values.
- ✓ The Colorado Supreme Court ruled in favor of WRA and a broad coalition of local interests by rejecting Union Park Dam. The dam, proposed in the headwaters of the Gunnison near Taylor Park, would have drowned many acres of important habitat and degraded miles of irreplaceable streams.

Regional River Initiatives

WRA works to protect rivers, large and small, across the region.

RESULTS:

- ✓ In good news for boaters and fish, the Bureau of Reclamation finalized its decision to re-operate Flaming Gorge Dam and Flaming Gorge Reservoir on Utah's Green River. After several years of effort by WRA and others, the new operations will help endangered fish and benefit hundreds of miles of this major western river.
- ✓ To protect North Fork Escalante Creek, a tributary to the lower Gunnison River, WRA collaborated with state agencies and private land owners to establish adequate water flows. We will now work with government agencies to develop new instream flow recommendations for other important stream reaches.
- ✓ WRA led efforts by the Colorado wilderness advocates to map and analyze existing water rights in citizen-proposed wilderness areas and in the governor's roadless area proposals. Our work is the technical foundation for selecting areas for proposed federal wilderness legislation.

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Dr. Eric Hirst capably led WRA's board of directors from November 2003 to November 2006, and has served on the board since 1999. He had worked at WRA in 1992/93 as an energy consultant and came to respect the work of the organization and the staff. Under Eric's leadership, the WRA board of directors grew its membership and budget, and hired a new executive director.

John Nielsen, Acting Executive Director and Director of WRA's Energy Program, says, "Eric loves the West and cares deeply about protecting the natural environment of our spectacular region. He also has an immense knowledge

of the electric power industry and has always been willing to take the time to provide guidance on issues we are wrestling with in the Energy Program. WRA has benefited greatly from having someone of his caliber involved in our work."

Eric was a senior researcher at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and holds a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Stanford University. He has been active in environmental and community organizations in Tennessee and Washington State, and was a consultant to the electricity industry. Dr. Hirst enjoys spending quality time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, and is an avid saxophone player and outdoorsman.

Great Thanks to Jim Martin

WRA's former executive director, Jim Martin, was recently appointed by Governor Bill Ritter to be the director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.



While this is a tremendous benefit to all Coloradans, Jim's presence at WRA will be sincerely missed. Over the past three years, Jim contributed his brilliant expertise in water, land, and energy issues to elevate the organization's

presence in the Interior West. "Those of us who have had the honor of working with Jim know he is a rare individual, and brings a wealth of knowledge and class to whatever he does. While it is difficult for us to imagine things without Jim at the helm, he has given us the stability to move forward confidently," stated Chris Wirth, WRA board president.

Everyone at WRA extends their heartfelt thanks to Jim and sends best wishes as he continues to lead the region towards a healthy and environmentally sustainable future.

Donor Profile: Martha Davis

On paper, Martha Davis is described as a motivated leader dedicated to becoming an effective and learned advocate for natural resource conservation. We at WRA know that Martha is all that and more. Martha joined WRA's board of directors in 2006 and has been a terrific addition. She brings an extensive knowledge of conservation issues gained during her career, which focused on mine reclamation planning and hazardous waste cleanup. In her work, she saw the coal fields in Wyoming and Montana, gold mining in California, lignite in Mississippi, waterway construction in Louisiana, and radioactive storage in New Mexico.

Martha's involvement with nonprofit organizations has been extensive during the past 20 years. Currently she is coordinating the Denver Green Team Project, which promotes individual action toward sustainable living. Her other nonprofit associations include the Colorado Renewable Energy Society, Rachel's Network, Conservation International, Natural Resource Defense Council, the Rocky Mountain Institute, American Solar Energy Society, and, most recently, WRA. Given the many organizations that benefit from Martha's involvement, WRA was especially pleased that Martha chose to be in a leadership position with us. Martha supports WRA because, she says, "I see it as an organization with the teeth to conserve the resources I have come to love in the Intermountain West".

Appreciation of nature is a way of life for Martha. She spent her first summers on the beach in North Carolina, learned to sail Galveston Bay, and had 13 summers of camping in northern New Mexico. For four years, Martha cruised with her family from Maine to Honduras, and she continues to explore new anchorages. Learning about the natural world is an ongoing love for Martha, who is soon to begin studies on ocean conservation at California's Scripps Institute of Oceanography. In Martha's free time, she enjoys hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, and biking.



WRA is delighted to welcome Martha as a board member! Her knowledge, dedication, and action make her an excellent advocate for the Interior West, and we are honored that she has chosen to dedicate her time and talents to WRA.

Donor Profile: Sara Ransford

Sara Ransford was introduced to WRA by her brother, Ken Ransford, who has been involved with the organization in numerous leadership positions over the years. WRA will long be grateful to Ken for bringing Sara into the WRA family.

Sara has several passions. First and foremost, she is the mother of two wonderful children, ages 11 and 13. Her family also includes two adorable dogs, who are the sources of constant companionship. Following the time spent with her family, Sara's time is dedicated to art. Sara is an active ceramicist whose work has been shown regularly in Colorado's Roaring Fork Valley and beyond. Protecting the environment and enjoying the outdoors come right behind these other passions.

Sara has been involved with nonprofits since 1995. Sara is currently on the board of Anderson Ranch Arts Center and is a National Advisory Board member of the Union of Concerned Scientists. Her participation with conservation organizations includes groups such as the Western Colorado Congress, Rocky Mountain Institute, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Union of Concerned Scientists, and, of course, WRA. Sara selected these groups because she believes they are making the most impact, some on a grassroots level and others on a national level. In Sara's words, "Every day, I worry about the choices we are making as a community, a state, a country, and as a world. It is important to work on all levels, and I have tried to find groups that have the most success in bringing about change to protect our world, both locally and nationally."

Like many who value the environment, Sara's love of the outdoors was nurtured as a child. Her mother started the kids on annual two-week backpacking trips in the Sierras when Sara was seven, as she says, "forming the foundation of my being." The family continued to backpack in mountain ranges throughout the West, and Sara was compelled to move from California to Colorado when she was 18. Sara has lived in Aspen since, teaching and working in clay, but also playing. Skiing, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, and canyoneering create lively times for Sara's family, and summers are spent exploring the wild West, especially in Utah and on the rivers.



Sara's love of, and commitment to, the environment could not be more clear. Sara says, "Protecting this world is paramount to me. Every time I go out to Utah, I notice more sand dunes and more tire tracks, or observe catastrophic events, such as the flood last October 6th when I watched the Escalante River swell to a 100-year event within 12 hours." Sara adds, "I read stories of the old cowboys who come back now and can't believe the amount of haze in the air, and talk about the snow over the roofs of houses in Battlement Mesa 100 years ago. We must all do what we can to protect this land."

WRA is tremendously thankful to Sara for her strong commitment to protecting the natural places that define the Interior West.



Amery Bohling 2006 Feature Artist

Amery Bohling is recognized for her skill and strong determination. And it is no wonder. Her work vividly portrays the enduring strength of the West's landscapes, while skillfully capturing the West's light. The combination is old world and new West.

Naturally drawn to the art world and the adventure of the great outdoors, Bohling pursues the fine art of landscape painting, preferring remote, rugged, and often complex terrains for her subjects. Amery says that her appreciation of the environment comes from a "desire to paint the landscape in its natural state and to preserve these beautiful locations for others to enjoy and future artists to visit." Amery adds, "There are times when I have seen a painting of a landscape done by an artist only 40 to 50 years ago, only to discover that the site no longer exists. By sharing the wonders of the world through a painting, I hope to inspire others to preserve what we have for our future."

Amery obtained a fine arts degree from University of Arizona, which included a year abroad at the Marchutz School of Art in Aix en Provence, France. While in France, she studied plein air landscape painting in the tradition of the French impressionists. Amery later studied at the Scottsdale Artists School, where she received a strong foundation from skilled instructors.

Amery's studies and dedicated training are paying off. She is now recognized as one of the most talented young artists in

the country. In April 2006, Amery received California Art Club's 95th Annual Gold Medal Show Emerging Artist Award sponsored by *American Artist* magazine. She is featured as a rising young star in *American Artist's* June 2006 issue. She is also featured in *American Art Collector's* February 2006 issue on Leading Ladies. In 2002, Amery was recognized in *Southwest Art Magazine's* "21 artists under 31," which features artists with promising careers, and again in a 2004 follow-up article.

Amery participates in art exhibitions across the country, including a recent exhibition on the Grand Canyon at the Tucson Art Museum in Arizona; California Art Club's Gold Medal Exhibitions in Pasadena; Bennington Center for the Arts in Vermont; the Richard Schmidt Art Auction in Colorado; the Musée Granet in the south of France; and plein air festivals.

Amery is involved in several prominent art clubs, including a mentor membership with the California Art Club, and artist memberships in the Tucson Plein Air Painter's Society, Oil Painters of America, and Landscape Artists International.

WRA thanks Amery for sharing her work for this report. Her work inspires us and renews our dedication to protecting the places that she so skillfully brings to life on canvas. Find more of Amery's work at www.amerybohling.com.

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PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Adams State College
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Water Utility Authority
American Lands Alliance
American Lung Association
American Rivers
American Solar Energy Society
American Wildlands
American Wind Energy Association
Arizona Center for Law in
the Public Interest
Arizona Coalition for New
Energy Technologies
Arizona Energy Office
Arizona Public Interest Research Group
Arizona Public Service Company
Arizona Solar Energy
Industries Association
Aurora Water
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Bonneville Environmental Foundation
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Boulder Renewable Energy and
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Sanitation District
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Center for Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Technologies
Center for Native Ecosystems
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Colorado Bowhunters Association
Colorado Climate Action Network
Colorado Coalition for New
Energy Technologies
Colorado Department of Public
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Colorado Environmental Coalition
Colorado Farm Bureau
Colorado Mountain Club
Colorado Mule Deer Association
Colorado Office of Energy
Management and Conservation
Colorado Renewable Energy Society
Colorado River District
Colorado River Water
Conservation District
Colorado Solar Energy
Industries Association
Colorado Springs Utility
Colorado State University
Colorado Trout Unlimited
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Colorado Waterwise Council
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Colorado Wildlife Federation
Colorado Working Landscapes
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Earthjustice
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Environment New Mexico
Environmental Defense
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Escalante Wilderness Project
Foresight Wind
Forest Guardians
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Friends of Great Salt Lake
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Grand Canyon Trust
Grand Junction Water
Utilities Department
Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Great Plains Institute
Great Salt Lake Audubon
Great Western Institute
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Gunnison County
High Country Citizens' Alliance
High Uintas Preservation Council
Holy Cross Energy
Interstate Renewable Energy Council

Interwest Energy Alliance	Northwest Colorado Council of Governments	Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance	Utah Rivers Council
Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance	Ogden City Water Utility Division	SouthWest Energy Alliance	Utah Wilderness Coalition
Las Vegas Valley Water District	Oil and Gas Accountability Project	Southwest Energy Efficiency Project	Utility Wind Interest Working Group
League of Conservation Voters Education Fund	Otero Mesa Coalition	Southwest Environmental Center	Wasatch Clean Air Coalition
League of Women Voters – Los Alamos, NM	Pacific Institute	Southwest Gas Corporation	Water Conservation Alliance of Southern Arizona
Living Rivers	PacificCorp	Southwest Research and Information Center	West Jordan City Utility
Longmont Power & Communications	Phoenix Water Services Department	SunEdison Corporation	West Wind Wires
Mesa Utilities Department	Pitkin County	Tempe Water Utilities Department	Western Area Power Administration
Metro Mayors Caucus – Colorado	Powder River Basin Resource Council	The Ecology Center	Western Clean Energy Coalition
Montana Environmental Information Center	Powerlight Corporation	The Nature Conservancy	Western Colorado Congress
National Audubon Society	Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada	The Ormond Group	Western Environmental Law Center
National Parks Conservation Association	Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility	The Vote Solar Initiative	Western Governors' Association
National Renewable Energy Laboratory	Public Service Company of New Mexico	The Wilderness Society	Western Mining Action Project
National Trust for Historic Preservation	Quiet Use Coalition	The Wildlands Project	Western Organization of Resource Councils
National Wildlife Federation	Red Rock Forests	Town of Carbondale	Western Progress
National Wind Coordinating Collaborative	Renewable Choice Energy	Trout Unlimited	Western Regional Air Partnership
Native Energy	Renewable Northwest Project	Tucson Clean Energy Campaign	Western Slope Environmental Resource Council
NativeSUN, the Hopi Solar Electric Enterprise	Rio Grande Restoration	Tucson Coalition for Solar	Westminster Water Utility
Natural Resources Defense Council	Rio Grande/Rio Bravo Coalition	Tucson Electric Power Company	White River Conservation Council
Navajo Nation Chapters of Counselor, Huerfano and Pueblo Pintada	Rock the Vote	Tucson Water Department	Wild Utah Project
Nevada Conservation League	Rocky Mountain Chapter, Sierra Club	U.S. Department of Energy – Wind Powering America	Wilderness Workshop
Nevada Office of Consumer Advocate	Rocky Mountain Climate Organization	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads
Nevada Power Company	Rocky Mountain Farmers Union	U.S. Public Interest Research Group	Wildlife Management Institute
Nevadans for Clean Affordable Reliable Energy	Rocky Mountain Institute	Union of Concerned Scientists	World Wildlife Fund
New Mexico Audubon Council	Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiative	Universal Entech	Wyoming Business Council
New Mexico Citizens for Clean Air and Water	Sagebrush Sea Campaign	University of Colorado – Boulder	Wyoming Infrastructure Authority
New Mexico Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy	Salt Lake City Dept. of Public Utilities	University of Colorado Environmental Center	Wyoming Outdoor Council
New Mexico Community Foundation	Salt River Project	University of Denver	Wyoming Wilderness Association
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department	San Juan Citizens Alliance	University of New Mexico Law School	Wyoming Wildlife Federation
New Mexico Environmental Law Center	San Miguel County	Upper Arkansas and South Platte Project	Xcel Energy
New Mexico Physicians for Social Responsibility	Save the Roan Campaign	Upper Green River Valley Coalition	
New Mexico Solar Energy Association	Sierra Club	Utah Clean Energy	
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance	Sierra Pacific Power Company	Utah Council, Trout Unlimited	
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District	Sinapu	Utah Dept. of Natural Resources – Division of Water Resources	
Northern Plains Resource Council	Smart Growth Advocates	Utah Environmental Congress	
	Southeastern Water Conservancy District	Utah Forest Network	
	Southern Nevada Water Authority	Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment	
	Southern Rockies Ecosystem Project		

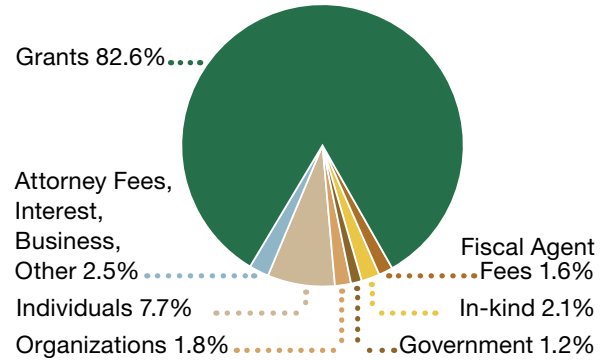
Financial Summary

	2005	2006
REVENUE		
Grants	1,119,934	\$3,284,617
Individuals	367,247	307,612
Endowment	251,357	25,601
Organizations	71,794	73,156
Attorney Fees	18,686	32,808
Interest Income	16,091	32,585
Other	17,137	6,980
Government	38,267	49,050
Business	55,992	17,397
In-kind	227,068	83,939
Fiscal Agent Fees	53,000	64,800
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,236,573	\$3,978,545

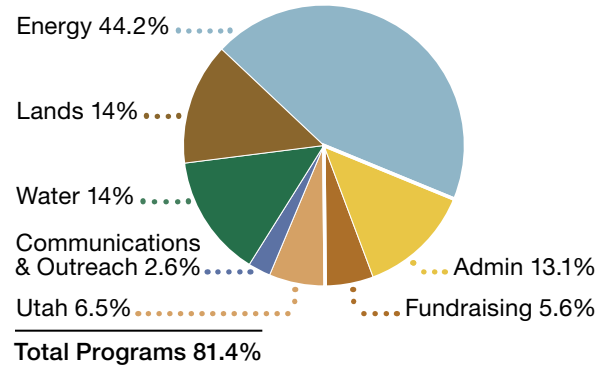
EXPENSES		
Expense by Program		
Energy	1,111,840	1,020,562
Lands	369,936	324,077
Water	313,370	325,281
Communications & Outreach	63,924	60,000
Utah	162,586	149,289
Total Program Expenses	2,021,656	1,879,209
Fundraising	125,063	128,316
Administration	274,352	302,284
Total Nonprogram Expenses	399,415	430,600
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,421,071	2,309,808

Change in Net Assets	(184,498)	\$1,668,737
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,451,320	1,266,819
Net Assets at End of Year	1,266,822	\$2,935,556

Revenue in 2006



Expenses in 2006



NOTE. A large percentage of WRA grants are received for a two-year grant period and are recorded, in full, the year they are pledged. This is the cause of the fluctuating change in net assets from year to year.

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