

Northwest Wyoming's Voice for the River



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Protecting and promoting the Snake River for the benefit of present and future generations.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Snake River Fund,

As I reflect on 2025, I am once again filled with gratitude for the opportunity to represent an organization and a community so deeply committed to the Snake River watershed. The rivers that flow through this place give so much to each of us — beauty, adventure, clean water, quiet moments, livelihoods, and a shared sense of home. The work of the Snake River Fund is rooted in the simple belief that a resource this special deserves our very best effort.

This past year, the Snake River Fund continued to grow in both reach and responsibility. From getting more community members out on the water, to improving river safety, to advancing watershed stewardship and responsible access, our efforts in 2025 were made possible by the people who believe in this organization and the rivers we serve.

I feel so fortunate to work alongside an incredible Board of Directors, dedicated staff, generous donors, thoughtful agency partners, local businesses, nonprofit collaborators, and community members who show up time and again for the watershed. Our success has never belonged to one person or one organization. It belongs to a broad and growing community of folks who understand that protecting access and caring for the river go hand in hand.

In the pages that follow, you'll find highlights from another meaningful year of work.



You'll see examples of access improved, partnerships strengthened, young people introduced to the river, safety promoted, and stewardship advanced across the watershed. You'll also see a reminder that the work is far from finished. The Snake River and its tributaries continue to face pressures from increasing use, changing water and weather conditions, development, invasive species, and a future that will require thoughtful, collaborative action.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Your generosity, encouragement, and commitment allow us to keep showing up for a healthy watershed, responsible public access, and all who find meaning in the Snake River's waters. I look forward to seeing you out on the river and sharing in the work ahead.

With Gratitude,

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2025 Stewardship in Action

**ACRES OF
RECREATIONAL
EASEMENTS
MAPPED**
100+

For nearly five decades, important recreational easements along the Snake River corridor remained largely unknown to the public. In 2025, with help from key partners, Snake River Fund (SRF) identified, interpreted, and mapped more than 100 acres of recreational easements for the benefit of recreationists and landowners alike.

In 2025, SRF connected more people with the river than ever before. Our goal has always been to remove barriers to safe, responsible river access. With your support, we helped get more than 600 individuals on the water, including many who might not otherwise have had that opportunity.

**RECORD
PROGRAM
PARTICIPATION**
600+

**ACRES OF
RIPARIAN LAND
DEFENDED**
400+

We've continued to play a leading role in protecting public riverfront lands along the Snake River corridor. In 2025, SRF helped defend more than 400 acres of riparian public land from privatization and moved our community closer to preserving open space, wildlife habitat, and recreational access on some of our most precious public lands.



**SNAKE RIVER
HEADWATERS**
WATERSHED GROUP

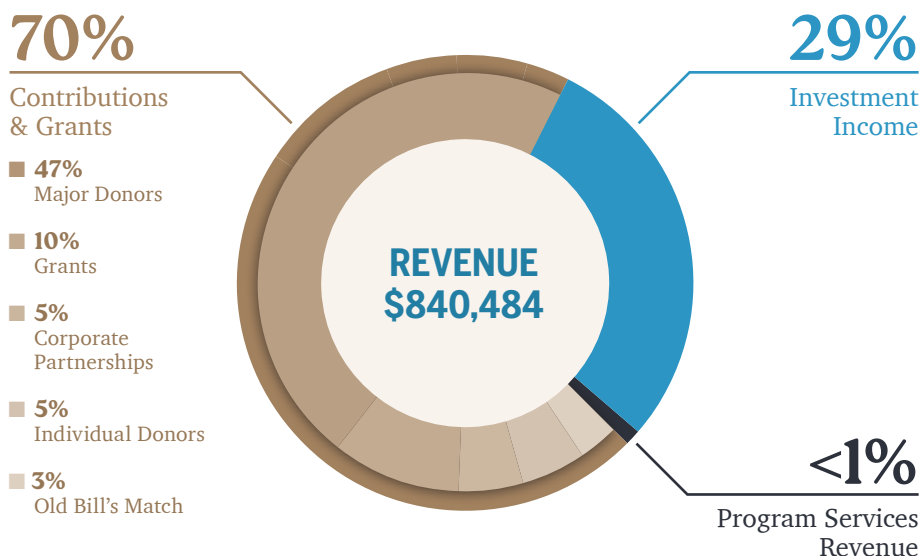
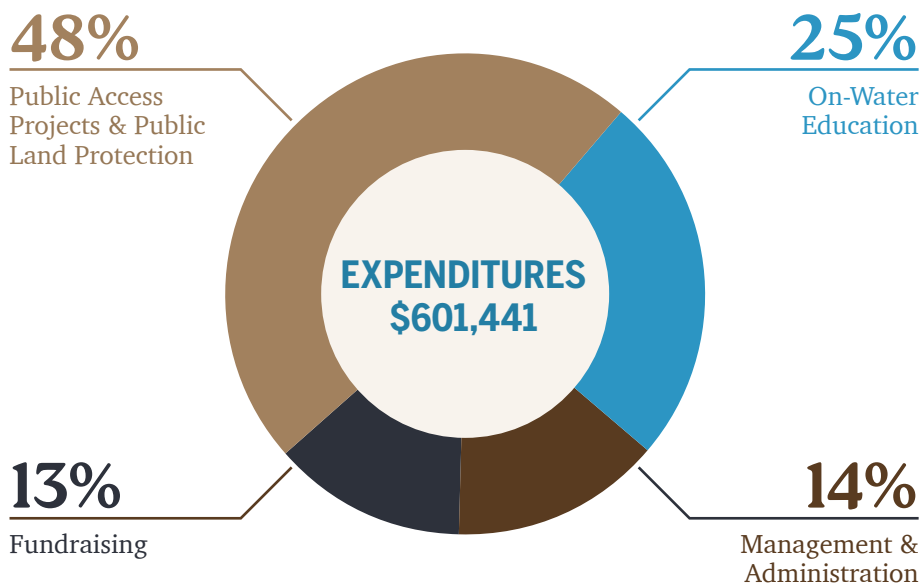
Together with our partners, we helped grow the Snake River Headwaters Watershed Group to 350 individuals and more than 125 organizations. The Watershed Group is working to ensure a resilient and healthy Snake River Headwaters ecosystem with clean and ample water to meet the needs of current and future generations.

**GROWTH OF
SNAKE RIVER
HEADWATERS
WATERSHED
GROUP**
**350+
INDIVIDUALS**
**125+
ORGANIZATIONS**

Financial Overview

The Snake River Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported through the generosity of our donors. Our funding comes from charitable contributions made by individuals, foundations, family trusts, community organizations, corporations, and grant programs.

This support helps ensure that the Snake River watershed remains a vibrant, diverse, and accessible ecosystem for generations to come.



OUR MISSION

To promote stewardship of and recreational access to the Snake River watershed in Wyoming, with an emphasis on partnerships, education and public outreach.

ACCESS

Dedicated to promoting public access to the Snake River watershed. We help public agencies fund needed boat ramp repairs, underwrite training courses, and facilitate non-discriminatory river access.

PARTNERSHIPS

Connecting people for the benefit of the river and the community. We have a unique ability to leverage any contribution for greater impact. Our secret is strong partnerships and a solution-oriented approach to stewardship and access.

EDUCATION

Sharing the wonders of the river and its tributaries with all ages. Our popular educational programs allow kids, students, river guides, and the general public to learn about the waterways of Northwest Wyoming.

STEWARDSHIP

Working as a steward of the Snake River watershed in Wyoming to protect and preserve the resource for current and future generations. The Snake is among a tiny fraction of U.S. rivers special enough for Wild & Scenic protection.



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Looking Ahead

The realities of a changing climate, increasing recreational pressure, and threats to the quality of our cherished waters mean the work of the Snake River Fund is more important than ever. As we look ahead, your continued support will help us:

- Expand equitable on-water education for youth and families who may not otherwise experience the river.
- Build out the Snake River Headwaters Data Dashboard as a shared decision-making tool for watershed partners.
- Pilot the Flat Creek Greenspace Project as a replicable model for urban riparian stewardship.
- Support public access, safety, signage, and stewardship infrastructure at high-use river access points.
- Advance collaborative planning and advocacy that protects Wild & Scenic values and critical public riverfront lands.
- Invest in long-term operational infrastructure, including pursuit of a permanent boathouse to sustain and expand SRF's work.

Together, we will continue building a healthier watershed, safer access, and a stronger river community for generations to come.



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—AK Kerr

TETON ADAPTIVE PROGRAM MANAGER



Impact Goals for 2026

- Flat Creek Greenspace Project
- Snake River Headwaters Data Dashboard
- Saving Lives on the River Campaign
- Bridger-Teton Forest Plan Revision
- Teton County BLM Parcel Transfers
- Expanded Program Participation
- Increased Water Quality Monitoring
- Educating the Next Generation of Stewards
- Guide Education and Training



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