



2015 Highlights & Annual Report



“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.”

– John Muir

Outdoor classroom near Clark Fork, Idaho – See story inside

This is one thing we can do...

The shadows of the Cabinet Mountains are deepening in the hay fields behind the ranch house as Bev and Jay stand quietly in their yard, their dog Jackie at their feet. They'd like to save a bit of this rural landscape for the families of tomorrow. "People need a place to live," says Jay, "but if we can all hold back just a little, it makes it better for everyone."

The Hansons moved to Thompson Falls, Montana over a half century ago and slowly built their rural farmstead on the edge of town. As the area grew, they saw the potential for their land to become wall-to-wall houses, and were concerned that the working lands and views they loved could be lost forever.

Thanks to growing community support, the Kaniksu Land Trust was able to assist Jay and Bev to conserve their family

land. The Hanson's conservation agreement allows for their 90-acre homestead to continue being used for farming, timber, and wildlife.

"This is one thing we can do," says Jay. "A piece of land for wildlife, not houses."

As with all land conserved with Kaniksu Land Trust, the property remains on the tax rolls, and the Hansons continue to own and manage the land, and are free to sell, give, or lease it to others.



These lands are so important to our way of life, and to maintaining a strong tax base by balancing development with open space. From Priest River to Thompson Falls, and Morton Slough to Gold Creek, we are working together to assist families to conserve the land that makes our community so special.



Is conservation right for you?

New conservation law helps families save money

Are you looking for a way to ensure your family's history and legacy will remain intact for generations to come? Do you want to make sure that wildlife always has a place to roam?

Is the thought of watching your land become developed after you sell it or give it to a family member an unsettling vision? Perhaps you're looking for a way to reduce federal income taxes or transfer the land to the kids without triggering estate taxes?



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Conservation can often help, and you can continue to own, lease, sell, or leave it in your will once it is conserved. *The land remains on the tax rolls and public access is not required.* A new conservation law now allows landowners to deduct up to 50% of their income for a period of 15 years. Qualifying farmers and ranchers can deduct up to 100% of their income for the same period.

If you would like to brainstorm about land conservation, or know someone who may be interested, please give Regan a call at (208) 263-9471 or email her at regan@kaniksu.org. (All conversations are confidential.)

It's because of our supporters—people like you who contribute every year—that we are able to support area families in their efforts to conserve their land.

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About Kaniksu Land Trust conservation agreements

If you, or someone you know, is interested in conserving your land, here are some quick facts about conservation agreements.

Voluntary. Farm, ranch, or wildlife conservation agreements are voluntary and do not require public access. You retain your private property rights.

Your ownership retained. You can sell it, lease it, give it to your kids or family, or any combination thereof. The agreement runs with the land.

Flexible. Farming, ranching, hunting, forestry, home-based businesses, recreational uses, and a limited number of house sites and/or property divisions may be permitted.

Tailored to you. Each conservation agreement is unique to the land it conserves and to your vision for your property.

Versatile. Woodlands, wildlife habitat, streams and wetlands, farms and ranches, and recreational opportunities can all be conserved in the same agreement.

Estate planning benefits.

Conserving your land can help with your estate planning, significantly reduce your estate taxes, and often allows for a smoother transition to the next generation.

Tax savings. You may also greatly reduce your federal income tax liability for several years, starting the year you conserve your land. This might help offset capital gains as well.





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A wonderful opportunity to change lives

Given all the land around us, you would think it would be easy to find a great place to teach kids out of doors. It's not.

Clark Fork Junior Senior High School has found the perfect spot: a mosaic of wetlands, forest, and meadowlands just up the road from the school. Thanks to the landowner's generosity, this land was full of the sounds of learning and laughter through much of the fall.

Transformational experiences have inspired students and teachers alike. "We live in a natural paradise that some of our students never truly experience," states Clark Fork principal Phil Kemink. "This experience has helped me understand how important it is to maintain the outdoors that I love so much," says a Clark Fork student.

But there's one small catch. The land is for sale.

This land has such potential for teaching the importance of our natural resources—the forests and open spaces that provide jobs, a home for wildlife, and a place for learning and renewal. The Kaniksu Land Trust has set out to raise the funding to purchase it so it can continue to serve as a place for future learning and discovery.

This land has allowed our students to see first hand what our area has to offer, and has connected education with future opportunities.

— Clark Fork principal Phil Kemink

If you would like to help us save this amazing piece of land, please contact Eric at (208) 263-9471.

A special thank you...

As a community-supported conservation group, the Kaniksu Land Trust relies on the generosity of people like you who give the gift of time and talent.

We want to say a special thank you to the dozens of people who have taken time to share their knowledge and love for the land with students at Clark Fork and volunteered in so many other ways. Whether by sending in great photos, picking up trash, helping out with events or planting seedlings, our growing number of volunteers makes our community work possible...We couldn't do it without you.



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It's a gift

Everyone deserves to feel the joy of the outdoors, to be healed by the touch of sunshine and dirt, and to make lasting memories that bring joy.

Through a partnership with Kaniksu Land Trust, children from Sandpoint's Kinderhaven, a home for abused and neglected children, have been doing just that. From picking blueberries to petting alpacas, "these adventures gave me a new respect for nature and everything in it," said one child.

But perhaps more importantly, these programs impart the healing touch of kindness and nature, providing solace and laughter throughout the seasons, and

cultivate a love of nature and outdoor spaces. "Part of our work is getting kids back into the physical world, helping them connect with people and form new relationships," observed Jen Plummer from Kinderhaven.

Thanks to you and growing community support, we are providing more outings and opportunities to kids who cherish time spent in nature with supportive adults. This is a gift that changes lives.

**name changed to protect privacy*



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"I wish we had more outings!" [Betsy, age 7]*

Nature Heals: a new kind of prescription

Sherry Sayer has lived with diabetes for over ten years, but it hasn't robbed her of her playful spirit. After first going down the traditional treatment path with mixed success, she connected with Nurse Practitioner Joyce Blair Wilson, one of seven medical practitioners who has teamed up with KLT for a Prescription Park Pilot.

Thanks to Wilson and the KLT program, Sherry began walking as an integral part of her life. She lost weight and now no longer needs insulin to regulate sugars. "She has virtually reversed her disease," says Wilson. "Now she is trying to prevent it from recurring."

Patients throughout our community are making a similar discovery as they look to nature and the outdoors for new health benefits. Sometimes, when we gaze around our region, we forget: Not everyone can just "get out and do it"—in fact, many can't.

One of the critical aspects of living in our community is creating the partnerships and places where people from all walks of life can enjoy the out-of-doors...and thrive. You are helping to make that possible and to put conservation in action.

This story is a modified excerpt from "Seriously Sassy Strutters," written by Peter Hicks and published with permission. To read the entire story see: <http://kaniksulandtrust.org/sassy-strutters-by-peter-hicks/>



A family ranch, the smile of a little girl, the song of a bird and the splash of a fish, the wide us for miles...This is what you are making possible...**THANK YOU.**

It takes a growing team to make conservation part of the lives of people for generations to come. We thank all of you who have contributed your time, donations, advice and talent. Together, we are making a difference.

Individuals

Anonymous (5)
Irene Adler
Robert Aldrich & Lisa Palmer
Susan Allen
Judy Anderson
James & Jeanine Asche
Pamela Aunan
David & Camille Balfanz
Claire Barnum
Ian & Cheryl Barrett
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Businesses

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Baxters on Cedar
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Clark Fork Settlement Agreement - Avista Corp.
D.A. Davidson & Co.
Diabetes Consultation Services
Eichardt's Pub
Evans Brothers Coffee Roasters
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Outdoor Experience
Pend d'Oreille Winery
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Sandpoint Computers
Selkirk Association of Realtors
Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.
Wildflower Spa & Apothecary

Volunteers

Kent Anderson
Dennis Aslett
Rod Barcklay
Tabitha Barron, NP
Greg Becker
Erin Busby
Cynthia Dalsing, NP
Mike Ehredt
Elle Engel
Fred Forssell
Mary Franzel
Lori Getts & Clement Yonker



open spaces that welcome

(Volunteers continued)

- Celeste Grace
- Ali Hakala
- John & Susan Harbuck
- John Hastings
- Fiona & Peter Hicks
- Jane Hoover, FNP
- Brandon Huff
- Sorin Ispirescu, MD
- Tom Johnson
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- Kerry Kresge
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- Debbie Van Dyk
- Carol Wilburn
- Joyce Wilson, FNP, CDE
- Allyson Young
- Denise Zembryki & Ron Mamajek

We sincerely apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact Eric if you have any corrections. Thank you.



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Your gift can inspire and conserve

Do you want to make sure that mountain streams, wildlife and ranching are here for generations to come? Do you want to see kids from all walks of life have a chance to love and enjoy the land and water of Idaho and Montana?

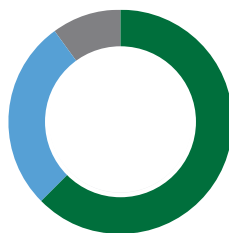
You can do just that with a planned gift. It's a great way to take care of your family and those you love while reducing estate taxes and creating a way for conservation to last. For example, you can:

- **Leave a gift in your will.** No amount is too small—all are appreciated.
- **Create a trust** that takes care of your spouse then transfers to KLT.
- **Make a gift of real estate** that we keep for conservation, or sell to help conserve other lands and establish programs. This can be a home, business, or rural property.

There are many additional options to choose from and we are happy to find something that feels right to you. If you are interested in making a planned gift, please contact Eric at the Kaniksu Land Trust. All conversations are confidential.

Conservation can't happen without you.

You are making a difference every day.

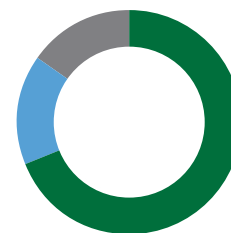


2015 Operating Income

■ Foundation Grants	\$124,324
■ Contributions	\$ 54,800
■ Other*	\$ 19,761

Total **\$198,885**

*Stewardship Donations, Contract Fees, Events, Interest



2015 Operating Expenses

■ Program Services	\$133,017
■ Administration	\$ 30,845
■ Fundraising	\$ 28,917

Total **\$192,779**

Expense figures unaudited; audit to be completed soon.

**For a complete financial statement please visit www.guidestar.org.



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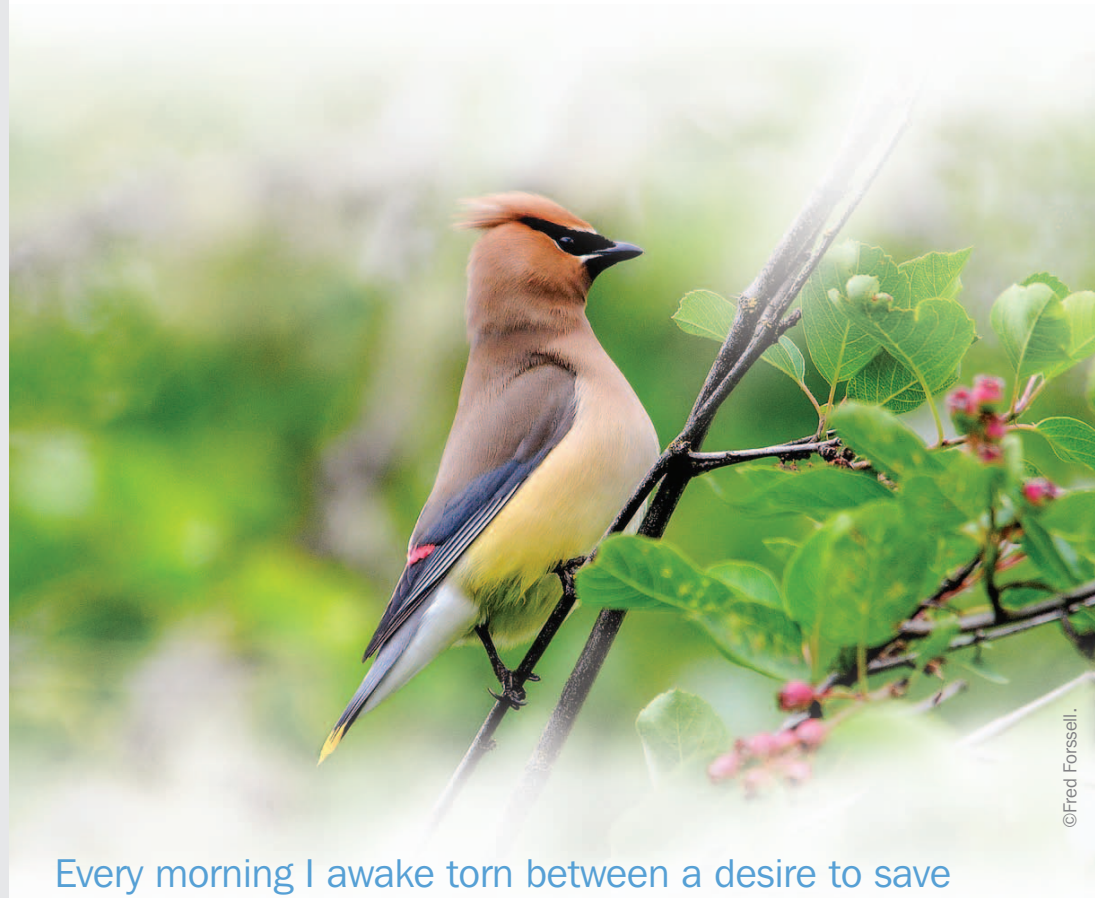


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Every morning I awake torn between a desire to save the world and an inclination to savor it. This makes it hard to plan the day. But if we forget to savor the world, what possible reason do we have for saving it? In a way, the savoring must come first. – E.B. White

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