GLACIER NATIONAL PARK CONSERVANCY

Working Together to Preserve Glacier

2018 Annual Report

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FRIENDS OF GLACIER

St. Mary Falls, 2000

I WAS INTRODUCED TO GLACIER WHEN

my dad was stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, but I didn't come to know it until I began hiking and camping there with friends as a young adult. I introduced my husband to Glacier shortly after we met and were fortunate to practically have the park to ourselves when we honeymooned there in late fall 32 years ago. I haven't lived in Montana for 37 years but my family remains there, and a trip home is not complete without a visit to the park. Both of our boys "hiked" in backpacks as infants and have since logged many miles on their own feet and introduced their own friends to Glacier. We have favorite family hikes that are a "must-do" depending on who we are with, and many specific hikes are part of the family lore (e.g. the "Fly Hike" around Two Medicine). We love visiting; we have put up our tent in most of the campgrounds, stayed at both chalets, hiked in snow and rain and smoke, taken eleven billion pictures and biked to the pass from Apgar. I love Glacier; I crave the vistas, the valleys, the waterfalls, the flora and the fauna. I am at peace when I am there. So, it is only right that I should contribute to the future of the park now that I am able.

– Kathy and Harlan
Stillwater, MN

2018 TRAIL

With over 700 miles of trails, Glacier is a
Conservancy support a variety of trail

LAKE ELLEN WILSON REROUTE

This project rehabilitated hundreds of feet of severely eroded trail, by correcting poor drainage and installing structures to retain soil. Over 50 square feet of retaining wall was constructed, along with several new drainage features and rock steps, including more than 750 cubic feet of soil replaced in the rutted sections of trail. The improved drainage will keep water from running down the trail, preventing future erosion, while the steps will retain the newly replaced soil. The improved trail will not only be safer for visitors, but also will help protect the surrounding resources by keeping visitors on the trail.

REHABILITATE BOWMAN & KINTLA SHORELINE TRAILS

This project addressed deferred tread maintenance along the upper three miles of trail along Bowman Lake as well as the upper 2.5 miles of trail along Kintla Lake. The result was more than 1,000 feet of trail realignment, 750 feet of check and fill, 60 feet of turnpike construction, 5,000 feet of tread slope and grade correction and fixing minor tread issues on the associated campground trails. Park crews and youth conservation crews completed this critical work.

SWIFTCURRENT ACCESSIBLE TRAIL

The goal is to complete 1,400 feet each year as part of a possible 10 year project. The work is to be accomplished primarily by youth conservation corps.

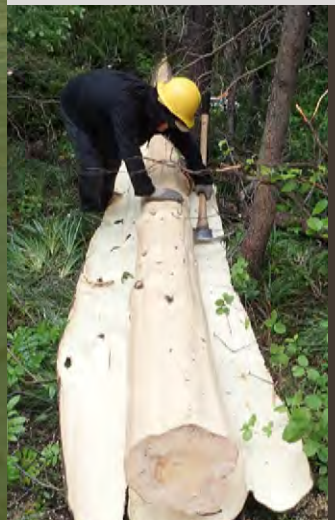
In 2018, a scenic viewing area was built on the Swiftcurrent Nature Trail. This area was created specifically to improve accessibility for disabled visitors.

Lake Ellen Wilson Trail

Kintla Trail

Swiftcurrent Trail

St. Mary Falls Bridge



TRAILS INTERN

"The success of the trails program is greatly dependent on our laborer positions. With the 2018 Trail Intern grant from the Conservancy, Glacier was able to make a local hire who is not only a very hard worker, but is also invested in the trails program and passionate about the resource. Returning as a trails laborer in 2019, this individual plans to be in the program for a long time and possesses the qualities required for a leadership role in the future."

– Cameron Aveson
West Side Trails Supervisor

PROJECTS

hiker's paradise. Your donations to the Glacier
projects throughout the park every year.

Testing InReach device / NPS

INREACH

"The Conservancy funded the trails program InReach devices at the start of the 2018 field season. These satellite driven devices provided two-way texting ability nearly anywhere in the park. As a backup communication device, the InReach has been invaluable to the park's 14 backcountry crews. Not only can they communicate readily without tying up radio traffic, but the devices allow them to track progress of clearing and project efforts at the end of each day due to the instantaneous pinpoint mapping accompanying each transmission. These devices also provide reliable communication during critical emergency situations should they arise in Glacier's rugged backcountry."

–Dan Jacobs
Trails Program Manager

Cover: Iceberg Lake / Brayden Hall
Above: Turnpike construction on Kintla Shoreline Trail / NPS

2018
BY THE NUMBERS

YOUR DONATIONS IN 2018 SUPPORTED
$2.3 MILLION
AND 64 PROJECTS ACROSS GLACIER

EDUCATION

10,608
Students and teachers participated in educational field trips

PRESERVATION

1,200
Feet of accessible trail constructed

RESEARCH

247
Citizen scientists contributed 7,530 surveying hours

10,753
Boats inspected for aquatic invasive species

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$1,288,276
Current Promises to give, net of discount	$47,653
Prepaid Expense	$54,080
Inventory	$293,171
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	**$1,683,180**
OTHER ASSETS	
Investments	$5,213,877
Donated Artwork	$5,000
Property and Equipment, Net	$725,911
Total Other Assets	$5,944,788
TOTAL ASSETS	**$7,627,968**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	$44,068
Accrued Expenses	$96,594
Agency Funding Payable	$1,277,931
Grants Payable	$2,661,356
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$4,079,949**
NET ASSETS	
UNRESTRICTED	
Undesignated	$1,186,256
Board-designated	$1,704,863
RESTRICTED	
Temporarily Restricted	$324,369
Permanently Restricted	$332,530
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$3,548,018

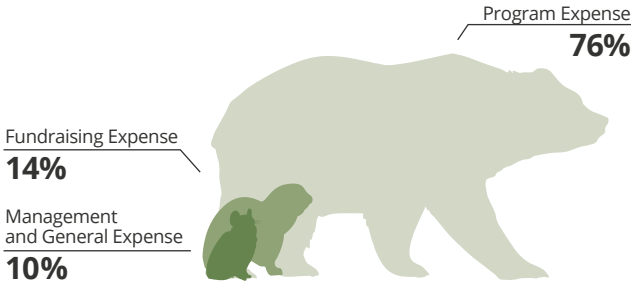
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES AND SUPPORT

Sales	$3,688,872
Contributions	$2,825,047
Investments and other income	$110,548
TOTAL REVENUES, SUPPORT AND GAINS	**$6,624,467**

EXPENSES

COST OF GOODS SOLD	**$1,766,426**
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Funding to National Park Service	$2,546,400
Funding to Agencies	$27,700
Supportive Services	$1,032,003
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	**$456,651**
FUNDRAISING	**$677,647**
TOTAL EXPENSE	**$6,506,827**
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	**$117,640**
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	**$3,430,378**
NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR	$3,548,018



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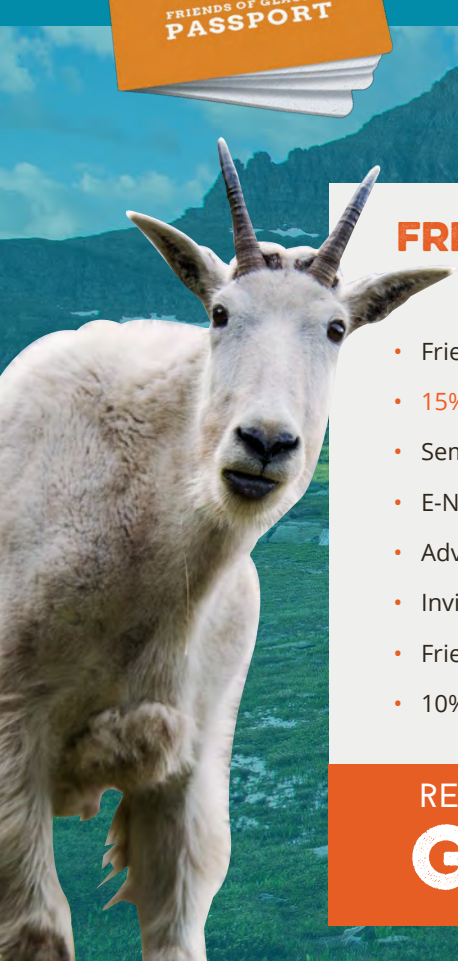

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