



This year we celebrated a great milestone for the Clark Fork River: 30 years of recovery and restoration—thanks to you.



When citizens came together in 1985 to create a new coalition for the river, the Clark Fork was in pretty bad shape. The river was an industrial waste dump, mountains of arsenic-laced sediments were piled behind Milltown Dam, and the headwaters were heavily contaminated with mine waste. Thanks to you, 30 years later the dumping has stopped, the dam is gone, pollution is being removed, and riverside communities are pulling together like never before to care for their rivers.

We're no longer just responding to threats—we're addressing root causes and building resiliency. As this brief report shows, today that shift can be measured in stream miles restored, contamination removed, creeks reconnected, gallons of water added, and people engaged in active river stewardship. It's a new day for the Clark Fork, with good things happening watershed-wide. Read on to learn about the progress of recovery in 2015, and thank you for making it all possible!



560,000

2 native trout streams reconnected
560,000 tons of pollution removed

1,300

1,300 volunteers pitching in
for the river

4,300,000,000

4.3 billion gallons restored
to creeks in need

Thanks for being a friend of the river!

Here's what you made possible in 2015:



This new channel reconnects Modesty Creek to the Clark Fork for the first time in 100 years—a huge benefit for native fish.



Another 560,000 tons of pollution was removed from 4.5 miles of floodplain.



In 2015 river stewards of all sizes pitched in for the watershed.

Improved stream health and resiliency:

- ▶ Reconnected Modesty and Lost Horse Creeks, which restores 740 million gallons of flow, removes fish passage barriers, and opens up 20 miles of spawning habitat
- ▶ Returned 4.3 billion gallons of water to depleted streams through management of 19 water rights, 12 water leases, and 2 headwaters lakes in the Bitterroot, Blackfoot, and Upper Clark Fork; and secured water rights on O'Brien Creek in Missoula, which opens up seven miles of spawning habitat for native westslope cutthroat trout
- ▶ Improved 5.5 miles of riparian and aquatic habitat in the Upper Clark Fork basin and opened up 2.5 miles of spawning habitat on Racetrack Creek

Removed pollution and prevented new harm:

- ▶ Cleaned up 560,000 tons of toxic mine waste from along the Upper Clark Fork River, reseeded the floodplain, and planted more than 15,000 riparian shrubs
- ▶ Reinvigorated the call for cleanup of cancer-causing chemicals at the former Smurfit-Stone pulp mill and advocated for the restoration of four miles of floodplain
- ▶ Partnered with conservation allies to demand better analysis of how the proposed Montanore Mine will impact fragile wilderness streams and bull trout habitat

Expanded the circle of care for our rivers:

- ▶ Engaged 1,300 volunteers in stewardship projects including river cleanups, tree-planting, data collection, and a new "Adopt-a-Stream" program
- ▶ Reached 600+ students via science- and standards-based watershed education programs, and developed a first-of-its-kind snowpack monitoring curriculum
- ▶ Kept the public informed about issues impacting our watershed through forums, earned media, blogs, email updates, and newsletter articles



Learn more about how you're helping to protect and restore the Clark Fork watershed at clarkfork.org.

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2015 Finances

Annual report:

2015 Budget:.....\$1,210,000

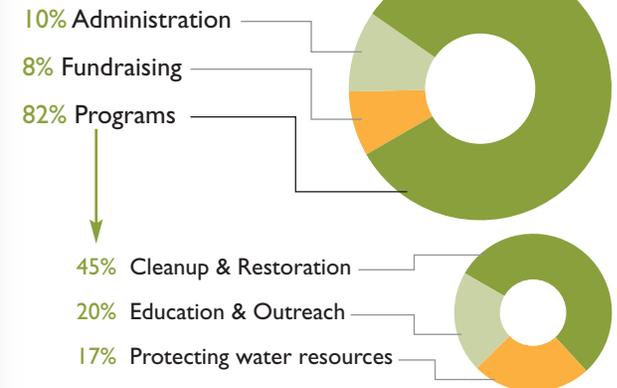
Assets:.....\$1,338,067

Fund Balance:.....\$918,597

(Assets and Fund Balance as of 12/31/15)

Figures unaudited. Most recent IRS Form 990 and audited financial statements are available at clarkfork.org, or can be provided on request. Contact us at 406-542-0539 or info@clarkfork.org.

Expenses



Revenue

