



## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

*“There can be no purpose more inspiring than to begin the age of restoration, reweaving the wondrous diversity of life that still surrounds us.”*  
—E.O. Wilson



## OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!



## NEWS FLASH!

### JULY 2011: YOUTH CORPS HELP SAGE-GROUSE

PLACERVILLE: Thanks to a grant to TLR from Great Outdoors Colorado, and an extra special effort by Leigh Robertson of the San Miguel Gunnison Sage-Grouse Working Group, a team of 12 from the Southwest Youth Corps spent three weeks at three sites in San Miguel County this past summer, performing a variety of habitat improvement projects to benefit Gunnison Sage-grouse and other important Colorado wildlife species on both private and public lands in southwest Colorado. GOCO funding truly allowed for a win-win situation, creating work opportunities and hands-on education for Colorado teenagers, while improving much-needed habitat for the rare Gunnison Sage-grouse at the same time. All of the private lands upon which these projects took place are properties protected by conservation easement acquired in-part with GOCO funds, including the Baker Ranch on Iron Springs Mesa.

We were impressed by the quality of work provided by the Southwest Conservation Corps crew and their leaders. The teens worked hard and had a positive attitude. In all, the crew installed markers on over 5 miles of fence to minimize grouse, deer, and elk entanglements with barbed wire fences. This will lead to fewer injuries and fatalities. The crew also removed old, abandoned barbed wire fences that posed hazards to wildlife, and manually excavated a silted spring in an effort to restore wet meadow habitat in dry sagebrush rangeland.

Thank you  
Leigh Robertson.

And most of all,  
**THANK YOU  
KIDS!**



Thank you  
GOCO



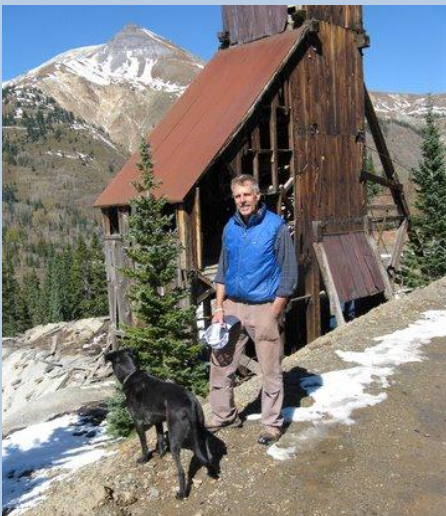
R to L: Thomas McPherson, Luke Sutherlin, Dylan Lindberg, Bryce Hoyt, Kayla Rowe, DeWarren Marshall, Danzig Davis, Meghan Shanahan, J.R. Adams, Leigh Robertson

Not pictured: Dakota Winter, Chris Woods and Danielle VanOven



## *Fearless Leader:* PAT WILLITS LOOKS BACK AT 10 YEARS AT TLR

Many of you know our story. In the late 1990's, while working for the Nature Conservancy, I became increasingly aware of important land conservation projects that were not getting off the ground because of lawyers fears of complicated environmental liability issues. Standing around a camp fire, deep in the heart of the Grand Canyon, in the spring of 1997, Roy Young and I started comparing notes. Roy had a deep concern for the number of abandoned mines that dot the west that lay unclaimed, scars on the landscape, vast acres of waste rock and tailings piles, many still hemorrhaging contaminated water. Roy was ready to put his own money on the line to jump-start the cleanup of some of these sites, but I fire-hosed his idea, saying even if you had all the money in the world, lawyers would tell you to stay away from abandoned mine cleanup, or you'll get stuck with owning your very own superfund site!



“Well damn-it Pat, you need to do something about that!”

Two years later, Roy, attorney Jeff Kodish, mining exec Geoff Kodish and I met to brainstorm an answer to Roy's challenge, and from that meeting, the idea of TLR was born. In the spring of 2000 TLR was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, dedicated to understanding and overcoming environmental liability issues so that abandoned mines in the west can be remediated and restored.

Today, TLR is a team of dedicated professionals from environmental consulting, law, conservation, business, government relations, and public policy, who deeply care about the environment, and who have chosen to give back by donating time from their very busy lives to help the communities TLR serves. This is especially important

because so many of the communities TLR works with are small, Western Slope towns with very limited financial resources.

Here's a list of the current TLR team lineup:

Geoff Hoyle- Chairman  
Don Kellogg-Treasurer  
April Montgomery-Secretary  
Steve Smith-Director  
Tom Bloomfield-Advisor  
Max Dodson- Advisor  
David Folkes-Advisor  
Stephen Foster-Advisor  
Jeff Kodish-Advisor  
Tim Manzagol-Advisor  
Zach Miller-Advisor  
Paul Phillips-Advisor  
David Scott-Advisor

<http://www.restorationtrust.org/directors.html>



### TLR 2000-2010:

*\$ 4m leveraged to cleanup 4 sites, conserve 3670 acres, complete 300+ site assessments.*

- Twelve Conservation Easements totaling 3205 Acres; retiring 85 home sites; landing \$800k cash to landowner
- 12 parcels totaling 485 acres into Public Ownership
- \$200k GOCO funds & \$250k Idarado Natural Resource Damage Funds to TLR partner projects, including Down Valley Park gravel pit restoration; Placerville CO 2003
- Leveraged \$160k Summit County cash with \$195k EPA grant to cleanup Shoe Basin Mine; Summit County 2004
- Fee title donation of Chicken and New Deal Mining Claims to TLR; Red Mtn CO 2008
- USEPA \$750k cleanup of North Star Mill; Ophir CO 2009
- USFS \$500k Carbonero Tailings Cleanup; Ophir CO 2010
- WORK IN PROGRESS: Rico CO Voluntary Clean-up

*stakeholders work to clean-up the Howard Fork*

THANK YOU TELLURIDE FOUNDATION, TOWN OF OPHIR, USFS



OPHIR: The Howard Fork of the San Miguel River, running through the Ophir Valley south of Telluride, has been a TLR priority since 2001. The Howard Fork had been the site of a productive mining boom that lasted from the late 1880s up to the early 1950s, leaving in its wake dozens of abandoned mining sites, several of which continue to degrade water quality to this day. The final report of a three-year study, the “San Miguel River Restoration Assessment”, identified the Howard Fork as the top restoration priority in the San Miguel River Watershed. In May of 2001 TLR convened and facilitated the “Howard Fork Roundtable”, bringing together landowners, local officials, state and federal regulators, and citizens to prioritize cleanup opportunities and identify information needs. All of TLR’s work in the Ophir Valley since 2001 has been to focus on furthering the implementation of the goals and objectives identified by the Howard Fork Roundtable.

For 2010, the Telluride Foundation, the United States Forest Service, and the Town of Ophir each provided funding to TLR to continue to spearhead a variety of stakeholder activities in the valley. Most notably, TLR was pleased that one of its top priority sites, the Carbonero Tailings, just east of the town, along the Howard Fork River, after years of study, was consolidated and capped by contractors working for the US Forest Service. TLR characterized the site in 2005, and facilitated three years of public outreach on behalf of the US Forest Service that ultimately led to the cleanup. *Good Job, Forest Service!*



Newly Reclaimed Carbonero Tailings site, Ophir CO 2010

## *A BIG THANK YOU to 2010 DONORS*

Tom Bloomfield  
Robert M. Clark  
Dave Folkes  
Arlene Gonzales  
Geoff & Christy Hoyl  
Jeff Kodish  
John Metcalf  
April Montgomery  
Zach Miller  
Debra & Patrick Willits  
Anonymous Donors

### 2010 Grants

The Telluride Foundation  
The Town of Ophir

### 2010 In –Kind

Tom Bloomfield@ Gallagher & Gallagher  
Dave Folkes @ EnviroGroup  
Zach Miller @ Davis Graham and Stubbs  
Paul Phillips @ Holland and Hart  
Bobbi Stewart @ WebDesign Farm

### 2010 Contracts

The Town of Rico  
United States Forest Service



**The Trust for Land Restoration**  
**Financial Statement Balance Sheet**  
 As of December 31, 2010

	<u>Dec 31, 2010</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Alpine Bank Operating Account	33,110.92
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	33,110.92
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Dedicated Stewardship Funds	151,100.89
<b>Total Dedicated Stewardship Funds</b>	151,100.89
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	151,100.89
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	184,211.89
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Accumulated Depreciation	-2,474.12
Furniture & Fixtures	455.46
Office Equipment	2818.44
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	799.78
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>185,011.58</u></b>



**The Trust for Land Restoration**  
**Financial Statement**  
 January through December 2010

	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Program Fees	
Contract Services	145,640.03
Total Program Fees	145,640.03
Contributions Income	
Unrestricted Donations	10,762.50
Total Contributions Income	10,762.50
Grants	8,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	164,402.53
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Service Charges	106.75
Conferences & Training	410.00
Contributions	
Fiscal Agent Pass Thru	2,760.00
Total Contributions	2,760.00
Corporate Expense	
Corporate Taxes and Fees	20.00
Total Corporate Expense	20.00
Depreciation Expense	302.62
Dues and Subscriptions	707.00
D&O Liability Insurance	846.00
Total Insurance	846.00
Late Filing Penalty	6.08
Office Supplies	
Field Supplies	271.66
Software	278.95
Office Supplies - Other	488.07
Total Office Supplies	1,038.68

<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	
Employee Health Insurance	5,317.80
Officer Salary	26,000.00
Payroll Taxes	<u>1,989.00</u>
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>33,306.80</b>
Postage and Delivery	127.39
<b>Professional Fees</b>	
Legal consulting	67,930.07
Environmental Field/Monitoring	4,000.00
Accounting	250.00
Environmental Consulting	<u>21,213.63</u>
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>93,393.70</b>
Property Taxes	215.45
Rent	2,500.00
<b>Telephones &amp; Internet</b>	
Long Distance	126.00
Land lines	935.69
Internet access	180.00
Cellular	581.29
Conference calls	2,800.43
Website	<u>354.95</u>
<b>Total Telephones &amp; Internet</b>	<b>4,978.36</b>
<b>Travel</b>	
meals	253.25
mileage	1,390.00
rental car	86.00
travel misc	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b><u>1,729.25</u></b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>142,448.08</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>21,954.45</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
CD Interest	<u>3,039.99</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b><u>3,039.99</u></b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b><u>3,039.99</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u><u>24,994.44</u></u></b>