

**MONTANA
TROUT
UNLIMITED**
2011 Annual Report

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Montana Trout Unlimited was at its best in 2011. We stymied a legislative attack on Montana's stream access law, upheld the state's wild trout tradition by defeating attempts to legitimize invasive walleyes in the Missouri River, convinced Montana's high court that Montanans should have a say on how water is divvied up and preserved opportunities for quiet enjoyment of key Western Montana waterways.

But we aren't done. We are planning new restoration and outreach projects, and we continue to advocate for progressive fishery and water policy.

Many things motivate TU activists. Andrew and Isabelle Short, my grandchildren, motivate me. Andrew, age 3, has exactly one day of fishing with his grampa under his belt. His rod sits in my rod rack. It's the one with the red and yellow opaque handle and crazy light that blinks when you push the button to let out the line. Isabelle, not yet two, must wait a year before she gets her own rod, though last summer she came along on her brother's first fishing trip. We didn't catch fish, but we chased grasshoppers and saw a turtle and some ducks. And that was just fine.

TU has a responsibility to ensure that kids like Andrew and Isabelle have the same opportunities to enjoy the outdoors as we have. Succeeding in our mission to protect and restore our fisheries is crucial for keeping faith with future generations. When you support Montana TU you provide gifts of clean water, free-flowing streams and beautiful trout for tomorrow's Montanans. Thank you for your involvement and support. Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Short".

Dan Short, Chairman



Fish

Ensuring the health of the nation's best wild trout populations is at the heart of what we do. This includes securing strongholds for dwindling native species such as cutthroat trout, bull trout and grayling. Our achievements in 2011 on behalf of wild fish include:

- Pressuring the state of Montana to adopt strong angling regulations on the world-famous Missouri River near Craig to protect wild trout from a growing population of invasive walleyes.
- Establishing a landmark partnership with Yellowstone National Park and our TU colleagues in Wyoming to recover one of the world's most famous native cutthroat populations at Yellowstone Lake.
- Working with state and federal agencies to reintroduce cutthroats, and restore critical bull trout habitat, in the upper Missouri, Flathead and Clark Fork basins.

Water

Climate change and increasing human demands are stressing Montana's water resources. In 2011 we created critical tools that help ensure water is available into the future for healthy aquatic communities by:

- Prevailing in a landmark case in the Montana Supreme Court that guarantees the public a voice in the allocation of water rights in Montana, allowing citizens to protect streams from dewatering.
- Supporting our local chapter's efforts to force federal managers to improve water management at Yellowtail Dam, promising better protection for the famous tailwater fishery of the Bighorn River.
- Working with the Forest Service to collect field data and develop a list of priority streams to enable permanent instream flow rights on crucial spawning tributaries of many of Montana's best trout streams.



Habitat

Protecting high-quality habitat and restoring damaged riparian zones and stream channels are critical for the future of trout fisheries in Montana. In 2011 we furthered these objectives by:

- Initiating habitat restoration projects in the Bitterroot and upper Clark Fork basins, and partnering with others on ventures in the Yellowstone and Big Hole basins.
- Pressuring the Montana Legislature to continue funding the state's primary program for restoring fish habitat, during a time of tight budgets.
- Ensuring that fishery projects are a top priority as restoration work proceeds in the mining-damaged upper Clark Fork watershed.
- Setting the stage for additional restoration activities in Southwestern Montana, including iconic watersheds such as the Big Hole, Ruby, Beaverhead, Jefferson and Madison rivers.

People

People need fish, but fish need people who care about them. Building a cadre of effective trout advocates requires education, reward and recognition. It also requires that anglers have direct experience with the rivers and streams that require our attention. Our efforts in 2011 to connect people and fish include:

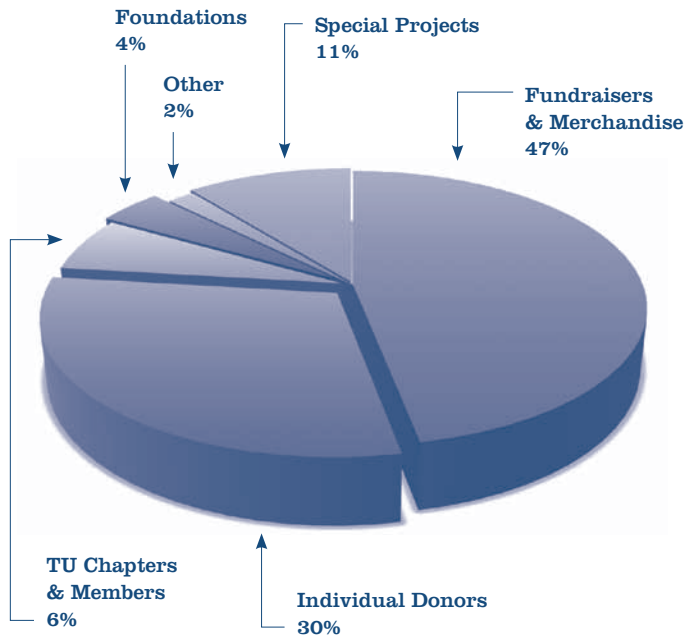
- Continuing our commitment to educating kids about habitat and wild trout by completing our 6th Annual Kids Conservation Camp at Georgetown Lake.
- Participating in an esteemed program that recognizes the work of conservation-oriented private landowners — the Montana Neighbors Awards.
- Leading the high-profile effort at the 2011 Montana Legislature in defense of the public's stream access rights – thereby ensuring all Montanans can continue enjoying some of the finest trout streams in the world.

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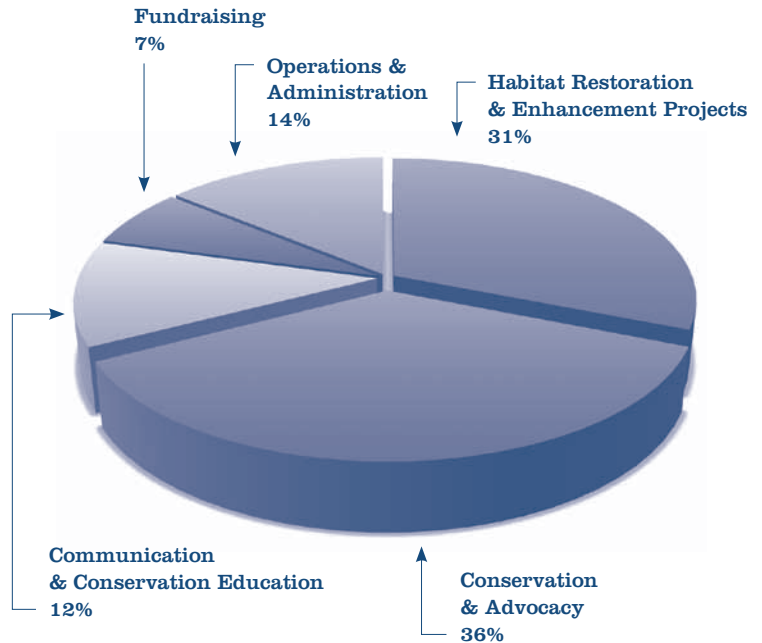
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Total: \$348,404



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