

# PERSISTENCE

*“Energy and Persistence Conquers All Things”*

*Benjamin Franklin*

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

**SUWA**  
SOUTHERN UTAH WILDERNESS ALLIANCE



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# INTRODUCTION

## The Continuing Storm Clouds are Pierced by Rays of Hope

**SCOTT GROENE**  
Executive Director

The political carnage that began in 2017 continued in President Trump’s second year. Policies preventing waste and protecting waters and land were tossed aside. The Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments lay in tatters. Former industry lobbyists were appointed leaders of the land agencies ostensibly directed at public land protection.

With you, we fought back. We protested and rallied. We challenged Trump’s leasing proposals in court and battled against Utah Governor Herbert’s efforts to seize our public lands. We exposed the nonsensical landscape destruction from “chaining,” went to court, and are working to end the practice. Thanks to the day in, day out doggedness of redrock lovers across the nation, we lost very little actual ground that cannot be gained back.

The November election flipped control of the House, making it far more difficult for Utah politicians to pass bad legislation in the coming year. Public lands champion Raúl Grijalva now rules the Natural Resources Committee, replacing Utah’s own grump and anti-public-lands warrior Rob Bishop.

As 2018 drew to a close, we challenged and transformed terrible legislation directed at the San Rafael Swell into an extraordinarily good wilderness bill. Senator Richard Durbin’s opposition forced retiring Senator Orrin Hatch to remake his original proposal into one good for the redrock. It nearly passed in the final days of the year, struck down only by the blind ideology of Utah Senator Mike Lee (See page 12 for the latest update on this issue.)

Ultimately, President Trump’s attacks have made the movement to protect the redrock canyons stronger. SUWA’s membership has grown, we are financially strong, and support for America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act (ARRWA) has increased.

However, there are still hard times ahead. Regaining the Utah monuments continues to be challenging. The State of Utah’s litigation seeking road rights-of-way across national parks and wilderness—the most massive ever filed against the United States—will finally come to trial in 2019. We will have to fight the Trump administration every day, we will lose some land, and it will hurt.

But as politicians come and go, SUWA remains. So does hope, and faith in the value of what we do. Through your support, we will fight Trump and the Utah politicians for as long as it takes. We will endure, as will the redrock.

LABYRINTH CANYON, PHOTO BY RAY BLOXHAM/SUWA

## LEGAL TEAM

There is no sugarcoating the fact that in 2018 we found ourselves in a desperate fight to save America's redrock wilderness. With President Trump in the White House and Republicans holding both houses of Congress, things looked dire. Trump had unlawfully dismantled Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) oil and gas leasing program was hitting its stride with hundreds of wilderness-caliber parcels on the chopping block, and the State of Utah's massive RS 2477 (rights-of-way) litigation was building steam for a crucial *Bellwether* trial. Alone, any one of these threats would be reason to worry; taken together, they were the perfect storm.

That's when we dug in our heels, rolled up our sleeves, and started fighting back.

First, a federal district court judge in Washington, DC denied a request by the Trump administration's Justice Department to have our lawsuits challenging the attack on Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears heard in federal court in *Utah*. Judge Tanya Chutkan agreed with us, Native American tribes, and our conservation partners that these cases and the places we are working to protect are nationally significant and the federal courts in *Washington, DC* are therefore the appropriate venue. Right after Judge Chutkan ruled in our favor, the Justice Department moved to dismiss the lawsuits, throwing everything at us but the kitchen sink. Those motions will be decided in 2019.

Second, the halcyon days of the Obama administration's "think first, drill later" approach to oil and gas leasing

felt like distant memories as the BLM's Utah state office ramped up the second coming of the Republicans' "drill everywhere" policies. The BLM's leasing program has picked up speed and the agency is once again holding quarterly lease sales that include hundreds of parcels across Utah, including in proposed wilderness and culturally sensitive areas. SUWA's attorneys, working with environmental experts and our partners, have challenged each of these unlawful sales.

Finally, the State of Utah's RS 2477 litigation is racing headlong towards a crucial *Bellwether* (or test case) trial in 2019. Countless briefs, depositions, and hearings were held in 2018 in the lead up to this significant trial that will focus on 15 claimed rights-of-way in Kane County, Utah. These include routes in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, wilderness study areas, and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The outcome of this trial and the appeal that will surely follow will go a long way to determining the fate of the more than 14,000 claimed RS 2477 rights-of-way across Utah. SUWA has assembled a powerful team of attorneys to defend against the state's case and will be leaving no stone unturned in this long-awaited legal showdown.

Make no mistake, these are dire times. But even in this darkest hour we will be laying the groundwork for future success, and we hope to prevail in each of these key legal battles.

SUWA sincerely appreciates and is deeply grateful to the following law firms who donated their time and services in defense of America's redrock wilderness in 2018: Cooley LLP, Manning Curtis Bradshaw & Bednar PLLC, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Jenner & Block LLP, and Denko & Bustamante LLP.

## BY THE NUMBERS

RS 2477

DEPOSITIONS  
TAKEN **80**

IN  
COUNTIES **9**

JUDICIAL SITE VISIT WITH  
COURT AND PARTIES **5** days

OIL/GAS

LEASE SALES: PARCELS  
PROTESTED ACROSS THE STATE **242**

APPEALS FILED AT INTERIOR  
BOARD OF LAND APPEALS **6**

REQUESTS FOR STATE DIRECTOR REVIEW  
(FILED WITH BLM-UTAH STATE DIRECTOR) **3**

REQUESTS THAT  
WERE GRANTED **2**

REVERSALS OF DRILLING  
PERMIT APPROVALS **4**

NEW WELLS DRILLED IN  
PROPOSED WILDERNESS **0**



## LEGAL TEAM

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Legal Director

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GIS Analyst

**MICHAEL MASON**  
GIS Analyst

## WILDLANDS TEAM

One could argue that 2018 was the year that the Utah Bureau of Land Management (BLM) really let its true colors show. Noticeably more comfortable implementing a Republican, “drill, baby, drill” public lands agenda than one focused on protection of resources, the BLM wasted little time working through the Trump administration’s anti-conservation checklist. Whether it was moving as fast as it could to hammer out terrible management plans for the reduced Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments, grading primitive motorized routes into “new and improved” roads, or approving vegetation removal projects in protected landscapes such as wilderness study areas, the perpetually resource-strapped agency somehow found the wherewithal to push bad projects forward.

As the year progressed, it became clear that we were in for a fight, as Utah BLM field offices appeared to fully realize that the proverbial guards had abandoned their posts. This significant lack of leadership, direction, and oversight from the Trump administration signaled open season for certain BLM staff with mismanagement on their minds. This free-for-all found the agency doing the bidding of radical southern Utah county commissioners, implementing projects long placed on the “Terrible Idea Back-Burner” (trademark: State of Utah), or turning a blind eye when counties took it upon themselves to flout federal public land ownership and management. To make things worse, many of these projects were done without any public process or environmental analysis. It was as if mom left the kids home unsupervised for the day, and all of the rules went out of the window.

In many ways, the biggest threat to Utah’s unprotected wilderness in 2018 was the BLM itself—the very federal agency tasked with overseeing the management and protection of these public treasures.

But not all was lost. SUWA’s Wildlands team was hard at work, focusing on monitoring and protecting the original boundaries of Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments and conducting extensive inventories of off-road vehicle routes in an effort to help the BLM develop better travel plans throughout the state. This was a necessity due to our success in challenging six Bush-era resource management plans throughout eastern and southern Utah. We also spent 2018 working tirelessly to find solutions to the long-standing wilderness debate in Emery County

(home to the San Rafael Swell and Labyrinth and Desolation canyons). Though rowing hard against the wind, we made progress.

We publicly challenged the BLM’s practice of “chaining” pinyon-juniper and sagebrush ecosystems in the name of habitat restoration, and watched as the agency quickly backed away from this destructive practice. We brought a successful lawsuit against the BLM’s attempt to avoid environmental review for vegetation removal projects in Utah’s West Desert—the agency ultimately admitting wrongdoing and committing to further study and public process before approving future projects. And our service program—a perpetual beacon of light in dark times—hit its stride in 2018, offering a host of opportunities for members and supporters to get their hands full of red dirt volunteering to protect Wild Utah.

2019 looks to be another tough year, with both known and unknown fights to come. We look forward to meeting the challenge head on, fighting the good fight for the redrock we all love.



SUWA SERVICE PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS, PHOTO BY JEREMY LYNCH/SUWA



I am constantly inspired by the energy of our dedicated volunteers. Whether committing a week-long vacation to travel from the factory floor in Des Moines to address natural resource impacts in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, or incorporating public lands service into a first generation college student excursion in the San Rafael Swell, or dedicating one’s weekly hikes to monitoring and reporting the condition of Washington County’s wilderness – everyone has a unique story of how they work to protect wild Utah.”

— JEREMY LYNCH, SERVICE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

## BY THE NUMBERS

MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH BLM STAFF/USFS	174
FIELDWORK DAYS	53
COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON PROPOSED PROJECTS	20
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FILED	11
IN-FIELD SERVICE PROJECT DAYS	40
VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS	226
DIRECT SERVICE HOURS COMPLETED	2,510

## WILDLANDS TEAM

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Wildlands Program Director/House Counsel

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GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT, PHOTO BY JEFF FOOT

“YOUNG WOMEN DEMONSTRATION FOR THE SAN RAFAEL SWELL” AT THE UTAH STATE CAPITOL. SUWA PHOTO



OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS AT MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY. SUWA PHOTO



SUWA ORGANIZER TERRI MARTIN IN LAS VEGAS. SUWA PHOTO



HISPANIC HERITAGE PARADE IN SALT LAKE CITY. SUWA PHOTO

## GRASSROOTS TEAM

Some folks predicted that the explosion of citizen activism that ignited after the 2016 election would flare and fade out, but we at SUWA knew better. Redrock activists are people who know how to take the long walk across the desert, following a canyon from its mouth to its terminus, persevering through whatever blazing heat and sand-spitting wind they may encounter, to get to where they want to go. Likewise, they know how to show up wherever they are needed, in whatever way is called for, to make the difference.

This year you made a lot of difference.

While SUWA's grassroots team continued to work with activists to keep the battle to restore Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in the public eye, our major focus was asking you to help us save the San Rafael Swell from the #NotSoSwell Emery County Public Land Management Act. As introduced

by Utah Representative John Curtis and Senator Orrin Hatch, this bill fell far short of protecting the spectacular landscapes of the San Rafael Swell and Labyrinth Canyon.

Our challenge was to send the message loud and clear that the Emery County bill—as introduced—was simply not good enough and should be shelved unless it was improved. Moreover, we needed to do that in the face of a Republican controlled House and Senate that gave great deference to the views of the Utah delegation.

We issued an “all hands on deck” call to action. And as we knew you would, you showed up in Utah and across the country!

When Rep. Curtis and Sen. Hatch failed to provide any meaningful opportunity for public input on the Emery County bill, we organized the “People’s Hearing on the San Rafael Swell” to give citizens a voice. Over 300 passionate wilderness advocates poured into the Salt Lake City Main Library on a late summer evening, with

speaker after speaker—including Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski—decrying the bill’s inadequacy.

A month later, citizens from the gateway communities on the edge of the San Rafael Swell carried the locals’ perspective about the bill’s insufficiencies directly to Washington, DC, meeting face-to-face with key members of Congress.

Not long after, a group of 40 young women including students, educators, and community leaders rallied at the Utah State Capitol, speaking eloquently about how the Emery County bill would short-change their future by failing to adequately preserve some of Utah’s wildest landscapes. Afterward, they strode into the governor’s office, delivering a statement from more than 70 young Utah women leaders and over 4,000 postcards from concerned citizens, all calling for the protection of wilderness.

We said “Please write” and week after week you did, composing hard-hitting and heartfelt guest editorials and letters-to-the-editor, resulting in the publication of over 30 letters and editorials published in papers throughout Utah. We asked “Will you speak with your senators and representatives?” and within a month, citizens in 16 states had conducted meetings or communicated in other ways with 32 members of Congress. Our question “Will you call?” was answered by activists from coast to coast, and you placed almost 4,000 calls to 37 Senate offices. Your voices were amplified by activists across social media who called for protection and support of our public wild lands in Utah.

All of these actions, showing up, speaking up, writing, and calling—and your persistence and support in all other ways—moves minds and boundaries. Words can’t express enough how grateful we are for that.

Persistence sometimes means taking two steps back to put a foot forward in the right direction. That’s why we’ve organized events focused on informing Latinx communities about their rights to public land advocacy, and have spent lots of time listening to community members about why wild places are valuable in their culture. What we’ve heard and learned has been reflected in our own events, such as the Utah Silvestre bilingual photo exhibit, a Bears Ears National Monument comment writing event held specially for new Latinx Americans, and a special outing in the San Rafael Swell with the Bureau of Land Management and students from the Guadalupe School and the University of Utah.

Every step forward we take to grow the wilderness movement in communities of color will be intentional and accessible; no matter how long it takes, we are committed to strengthening our inclusivity.



PEOPLE’S HEARING ON THE SAN RAFAEL SWELL, PHOTO BY MADDIE HAYES/SUWA

## GRASSROOTS TEAM

**CLAYTON DAUGHENBAUGH**  
Midwest Field Organizer

**TRAVIS HAMMILL**  
Eastern Grassroots Organizer

**OLIVIA JUAREZ**  
Latinx Community Organizer

**TERRI MARTIN**  
Western Regional Organizer

**DAVE PACHECO**  
Utah Grassroots Organizer

## BY THE NUMBERS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS **115**

OUTREACH TABLES AT COMMUNITY FESTIVALS, FAIRS, AND OTHER EVENTS **96**

WILD UTAH YARD SIGNS PLACED **1,525**

POSTCARDS ASKING ELECTED OFFICIALS TO PROTECT WILD UTAH **6,048**



LABYRINTH CANYON, PHOTO BY RAY BLOXHAM/SUWA



MUDDY CREEK WILDERNESS, SAN RAFAEL SWELL, PHOTO BY RAY BLOXHAM/SUWA



MEXICAN MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS, SAN RAFAEL SWELL, PHOTO BY RAY BLOXHAM/SUWA



DESOLATION CANYON, PHOTO BY RAY BLOXHAM/SUWA

## LEGISLATIVE TEAM

If one was foolhardy enough to peek into the brains of DC SUWA staff around 3 AM all of last year, you would have been likely to find us dreaming of swirling acreage numbers, images of Labyrinth Canyon, and hundreds and hundreds of maps. At SUWA's three-person DC satellite office, 2018 was wholly occupied by the negotiation of legislation for Emery County, Utah, home to Labyrinth as well as Desolation Canyon, Muddy Creek, the San Rafael Swell—in short, some of the most recognizable landscapes that we work to protect.

In 2017 then-Representative Jason Chaffetz, before retiring to become a Fox News talking head, promised the Emery County commissioners that he would run their county public lands proposal through Congress after it failed to launch as part of Representative Rob Bishop's cratered-out Public Lands Initiative. Representative John Curtis and Senator Orrin Hatch picked up on that pledge and introduced legislation that was exactly what the county wanted: the barest amount of wilderness they thought they could get away with.

From the outset we approached Hatch and Curtis with our own proposal and sought meaningful negotiations to hammer out a deal. But they had majorities in both chambers and thought they could pass the legislation without our blessing, instead seeking endorsements from the PEW Charitable Trusts and other non-Utah-based groups whose standards aren't, shall we say, as rigorous as ours for what constitutes a meaningful conservation gain.

Spring and then summer passed with us at loggerheads. Representative Alan Lowenthal, our redrock bill champion in the House, raised significant concerns in the bill's hearing before the House Committee on Natural Resources, and attempted to add more acreage to the bill in markup. Senator Richard Durbin, for twenty years the champion of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act in Congress, sought compromise with Senator Hatch through several meetings, each time failing to make meaningful headway.

When the bill was added to a public lands package being championed by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee our challenge grew; suddenly to defeat the bill we'd have to convince Congress that not only was the Emery bill bad, but it was bad enough that it should persuade them to oppose a package that had some of their other conservation priorities in it.

So, we deployed a cheeky last resort, dropping a rubber dinosaur hand puppet at every Senate office with a clear message against the ill-conceived bill. They were a sensation, with staffers Snapchatting images of them between offices and playing with them at the front desks. Suddenly, a bill that seemed okay to many had a lot of bad buzz.

Finally, with just about a week left to go in the last legislative session, we had a breakthrough. Senator Durbin, who was threatening to hold up the bill, successfully negotiated significant wilderness additions to the bill for the Muddy Creek and Labyrinth Canyon regions. With these additions, which are on the southern and eastern border of Emery County, the bill will total about 663,000 acres of wilderness. And we were able to negotiate it with delegation members who have been traditionally opposed to wilderness—and with Donald Trump in the White House (er, Mar-a-Lago).

The bill was overwhelmingly passed by the U.S. Senate on February 12 as part of a sweeping public lands package. **It passed the House just as this report was going to press, and by the time you hear from us next it should be law.**

This was a huge team effort. We couldn't have done it without support from our members, the deep knowledge of our field staff, our stalwart congressional champions, and yes, 100 rubber dinosaur hand puppets.



SUWA LEGISLATIVE AND WILDLANDS STAFF ATTEND MEETINGS IN DC ON EMERY COUNTY LEGISLATION, SUWA PHOTO



SUWA STAFF AND ACTIVISTS VISIT REP. JOHN CURTIS (SECOND FROM LEFT) DURING WILDERNESS WEEK 2018, SUWA PHOTO

## DC BY THE NUMBERS

MEETINGS ON THE HILL **275**

SENATE COSPONSORS OF AMERICA'S RED ROCK WILDERNESS ACT **26**

HOUSE COSPONSORS OF AMERICA'S RED ROCK WILDERNESS ACT **123**

RUBBER DINOSAUR HAND PUPPETS DISTRIBUTED **100**

## LEGISLATIVE TEAM

**JEN UJIFUSA**  
Legislative Director

**ADRIENNE CARTER**  
Legislative Advocate



DINOSAUR HAND PUPPETS DEPLOYED AGAINST A BAD EMERY COUNTY BILL, SUWA PHOTO



2018 WILDERNESS WEEK PARTICIPANTS IN FRONT OF U.S. CAPITOL, SUWA PHOTO

**THE SAME POLITICIANS WHO ATTACKED  
OUR NATIONAL MONUMENTS  
HAVE A NEW TARGET IN UTAH.**



On May 9, 2018, Senator Orrin Hatch and Rep. John Curtis introduced [bill numbers], "The Emery County Public Land Management Act of 2018" - a bill that would significantly impact YOUR public lands in Emery County, Utah.

Emery County is home to world-class wilderness landscapes such as the San Rafael Swell and Desolation and Labyrinth Canyons, and contains more than 1.5 million acres of land worthy of wilderness protection.

Under the false pretense of protecting this landscape, the same politicians who instigated and celebrated the illegal repeal of Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments have introduced legislation in Emery County that enshrines motorized recreation and undermines existing protections.

**AMONG THE BILL'S FLAWS, IT:**

- Rolls back existing wilderness protection for more than 30,000 acres of land in Emery County, and leaves more than 900,000 acres of deserving wilderness without protection.
- Chops up conservation areas and Wilderness with off-road vehicle routes and trails, and undermines a settlement agreement reached by conservationists, off-road vehicle groups, and the Trump administration to ensure the protection of natural and cultural resources.
- Advances the State of Utah's land grab by transferring federal lands with high-quality, high-value recreational opportunities to state management. The state of Utah could then develop these lands or charge fees for use of lands that are currently free to the public.
- Perpetuates off-road vehicle use in sensitive backcountry areas like Mexican Mountain, Muddy Creek, and Sid's Leap.
- Removes existing wilderness protection from part of the Desolation Canyon region to facilitate new coal mining.



**Don't let the Utah delegation wreck the San Rafael Swell.**  
LEARN MORE AT [SUWA.ORG/SWELL](http://SUWA.ORG/SWELL).

## MEDIA/ COMMUNICATIONS

SUWA's 2018 paid media kicked off in January with a statewide Utah television campaign to bring attention to the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) destructive practice of "chaining" pinyon-juniper and sagebrush on public lands. Raising public awareness about the lack of scientific consensus, risk, and uncertainty involved with these large-scale surface-disturbing projects is critical to reining in state and federal agencies that conduct "vegetation restoration" primarily to improve forage for cattle and big game species.

Media played an important role in the year-long debate over the San Rafael Swell and Desolation and Labyrinth Canyons. In May, SUWA launched a statewide television and print campaign to raise awareness about Sen. Orrin Hatch's Emery County Public Land Management Act of 2018. "The same politicians who attacked our national monuments have a new target in Utah," the ads declared, before enumerating some of the major short-falls contained in the bill upon introduction.

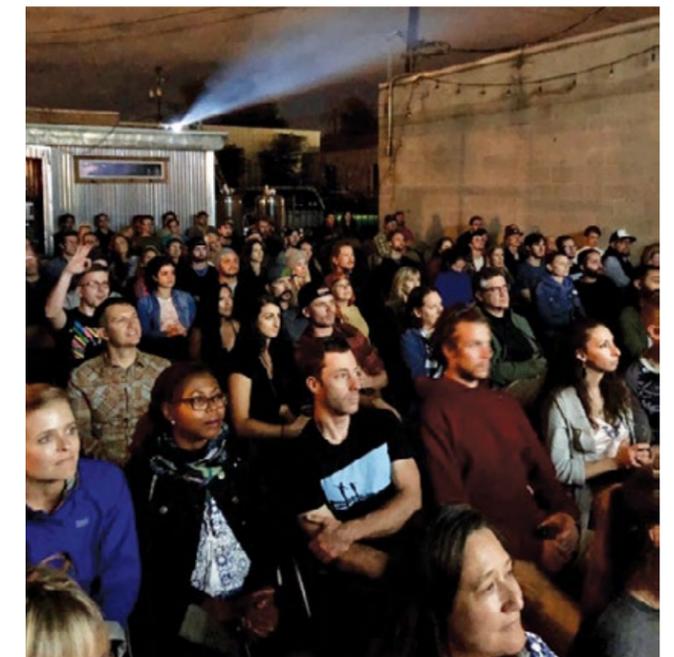
Keeping public awareness high about the Emery County bill continued through the end of the year, with SUWA running digital ad campaigns in Washington, DC in publications like *The Hill*, *Politico*, and *Roll Call* in October and December.

In non-paid media, SUWA launched two major initiatives in 2018.

In August, we launched our new podcast, *Wild Utah*, which shines a light on the work that goes into protecting Utah's wilderness, from policy analysis, legal strategy, and grassroots activism, to the ground-truthing by SUWA's field staff. Hosted by SUWA organizer Dave Pacheco, *Wild Utah* is a portable way to

stay connected to the movement to protect the redrock while you're on the go; subscribe on iTunes, Stitcher, Spotify, or at [SUWA.org/Podcast](http://SUWA.org/Podcast).

In October, SUWA premiered its new film *Wild Utah: America's Red Rock Wilderness* at a packed event at Fisher Brewing Company in Salt Lake City. This 14-minute short documentary is our centerpiece advocacy film for Utah's last remaining wild places, and is shown by SUWA organizers throughout the year at events around the country. With stunning videography, it takes the viewer through magnificent redrock landscapes and draws upon diverse voices to explain why these lands are worth protecting from the threats of fossil fuel extraction, off-road vehicle damage, hardrock mining, and anti-wilderness legislation from Utah politicians. Watch the film at [SUWA.org/Videos](http://SUWA.org/Videos).



SUWA MEMBERS AT FISHER BREWING FOR PREMIER OF WILD UTAH VIDEO, PHOTO BY KARIN DUNCKER

## MEDIA/ COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

**MATHEW GROSS**  
Media Director

**DIANE KELLY**  
Communications Specialist

## BY THE NUMBERS

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS **178,322**

NEW EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS **6,082**

EMAILS SENT TO DECISION MAKERS **33,848**

# SUWA 2018 MEMBERSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

2018 continued the momentum of individual and community activism and support of our work catalyzed by the Trump administration's attack on Utah's public lands. While the challenges and troubling news grew, so did the unwavering support from our over 16,000 members and donors. SUWA members showed up consistently, focusing their voices and dollars on the growing list of battles we faced last year and continue to fight in 2019. Our collective passion and persistence provide a firm foundation to meet the challenges ahead with strength and resolve.

We couldn't keep on fighting without you, our members and supporters. We are strengthened by your faith in SUWA's work, and humbled by your generosity. Thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts.



SUWA MEMBERS AT FISHER BREWING FOR PREMIER OF WILD UTAH VIDEO, PHOTO BY KARIN DUNCKER



SUWA YEAR-END EVENT AT MOUNTAIN WEST HARD CIDER, PHOTO BY KARIN DUNCKER



SUWA MEMBERS TIM AND JAQUELYN HENNEY, PHOTO BY PETER GATCH

## DEVELOPMENT/ ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**KARIN DUNCKER**  
Development Director

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Membership Coordinator

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Administrative Director

**GINA RIGGS**  
Administrative Associate

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the 12 months ended December 2018

ASSETS	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,205,431
Open Receivables	29,244
	1,234,675
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Property & Equipment	905,729
Endowment	2,466,185
Investments & Stocks	10,362,074
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>12,502,478</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
<b>Liabilities</b>	-470
<b>Equity</b>	
Fund Balance	12,251,041
Net Income	251,907
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>12,502,948</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>12,502,478</b>



\*Figures above are unaudited – please see [www.suwa.org](http://www.suwa.org) for audited financial information June 2019

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

For the 12 months ended December 2018

REVENUES	
Donations	\$2,363,365
Bequests	715,136
Membership	1,501,683
Grants	340,000
Events & Sales	29,688
Rents, Reimbursed Expenses & Other Income	43,521
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,963,705</b>
EXPENSES	
Wilderness Programs* (*not including employee compensation)	1,365,350
Member Services	377,395
Fundraising	44,190
General & Administrative	138,074
Facilities & Office Expenses	272,279
Total Employee Compensation	1,865,954
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,063,242</b>
<b>NET ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>900,463</b>
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE	
Bank Interest Income	1,561
Total Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments	(3,597)
Investment Income	438,949
Unrealized Gains/ (Losses)	(1,056,322)
Total Other Income	(619,410)
Investment Fees	39,229
Total Other Expenses	39,229
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>(658,639)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>241,824</b>

# 2018 SUWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MUDDY CREEK WILDERNESS, SAN RAFAEL SWELL, PHOTO BY RAY BLOXHAM/SUWA



BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT, PHOTO BY JEREMY LYNCH/SUWA

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