

2007 SUCCESS... PROGRESS... EXPANSION!

2007 was a great year for American Whitewater's River Stewardship Program. Our year was filled with on-the-ground success stories as well as steady progress on our many long-term projects. We expanded our capacity in Colorado through a new staff hire, in California through hiring part-time contract positions, and in the Northwest through various contract and collaborative projects. At the same time we focused on volunteer recognition at events, in our journal and web articles, in volunteer of the month awards, and through granting Ron Stewart a Lifetime Achievement Award. Perhaps the most exciting part of the year was the rise of the Outdoor Alliance from a fledgling group to an influential and extremely productive Coalition. Our stewardship team strived to balance our national and regional projects with our fundraising and outreach obligations, and we are very pleased with the results.



PROTECTION...

The rivers we enjoy represent the headwaters of our nation's river systems and are often the last remaining wild rivers in the region. We continue to play a leadership role in protecting these last wild rivers at both the state and national levels. Our work focused on protection of backcountry rivers through roadless area preservation, Wilderness designation, and Wild and Scenic designation. In addition, we worked to oppose new dams and diversions, and to restore the original intent of the Clean Water Act which has been weakened by recent Supreme Court decisions that removed protection for headwater areas.

Rivers like the Middle Fork of the Feather in California and South Fork Salmon in Idaho flow through Forest Service lands that currently have no roads and are not protected from future road construction or resource extraction. The backcountry paddling experiences these rivers provide are highly valued, and we have helped policy makers understand the recreational value of these special places. We have helped the Outdoor Alliance become the leading recreational voice for protection of roadless areas.

We play an active and effective role in Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River campaigns. The paddling community knows these headwater areas firsthand and speak with passion to the recreational values they provide. Our perspective is authentic and knowledgeable, and we provide compelling testimony for the protection of rivers' for their recreational value as well as their environmental value. We continue to play a leadership role in advocating for the protection of rivers in the Cascades of Washington and Oregon, the Snake Headwaters in the Rocky Mountains, the Owyhee in Idaho, the headwaters of the Colorado, and other places across the country.

The Bruneau River in Southwestern Idaho is one of many rivers that AW worked to protect through Wild and Scenic, and Wilderness designations. AW has a 50 plus year history of advocating for the protection of our Nation's wildest and most spectacular rivers.

Over the past year we have seen renewed interest in hydropower as the industry continues to work to define hydropower as "renewable energy". Currently more than 500 hydropower projects are proposed in southwest British Columbia and several are already under construction. Several hundred new sites have been identified in the Oregon and Washington Cascades. We conducted outreach on this emerging issue and have worked to discourage legislative attempts to provide new incentives for hydropower development, while developing plans for legislative protection of some of our most highly valued rivers.

Consumptive water uses like irrigation, lawn watering, and drinking are increasingly at odds with the values that water provides while in rivers and streams. On the front line of this issue is the state of Colorado, where a 20% shortfall in water supply is forecasted in the near future. American Whitewater created a new position in 2007, the Colorado Stewardship Director, to make sure that whitewater rivers are not sacrificed to wasteful consumptive uses. In Colorado we are working to quantify instream flow needs for recreation and overall river health and this work will have implications for water policy throughout the intermountain West.



The removal of Marmot Dam on Oregon's Sandy River marked a major success for our river stewardship program which seeks the removal of outdated, uneconomical, or especially environmentally destructive dams. (AP Photo)

RESTORATION...

For many years, American Whitewater has viewed rivers impacted by hydropower as a tremendous opportunity for river restoration. We helped restore thousands of river miles, often at places that have been dewatered for decades, for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and people. In many cases we can put water back in rivers while power companies continue to economically generate hydropower. In other cases where the ecological impacts are high relative to the efficiency of generation, we advocate for removal.

American Whitewater celebrated the removal of Marmot Dam, on Oregon's Sandy River in 2007, marking the conclusion of a major project for our organization. Through our Campaign for the Headwaters of the Little Tennessee, supported by the Conservation Alliance, we continue to play a leadership role in the efforts to remove Dillsboro Dam on the Tuckasegee River in North Carolina. We also continued our efforts to remove the outdated Condit Dam on the White Salmon in Washington. On Sullivan Creek in Washington a utility tried to walk away from a hydropower project that has not been operational for decades and we made a successful case for holding owners responsible for dams and facilities on public waterways.

On other rivers we are working to modernize hydropower operations so recreational and ecosystem needs can be met while continuing economic production of hydropower and delivery of water for consumptive uses. We conducted ecological and recreational studies on the Sultan and Green Rivers in Washington, Crooked River in Oregon, and the McCloud, Feather, and Yuba Rivers in California. In each of these cases we have the goal of integrating recreational values and ecological needs into future operating plans for these rivers.

One of the most significant impacts to headwater areas is the legacy of roads that were built for resource extraction on public lands. Today many of these roads provide access to rivers but they are not being maintained and currently our 380,000 miles of Forest Service roads face a \$10 billion maintenance backlog. We successfully advocated for a new federal program to remove redundancies in the road network and focus scarce maintenance resources on roads that provide public access. This program is designed to restore water quality of rivers impacted by unmaintained roads.

RECREATION...

Rivers need all the friends they can get. We firmly believe that responsible paddling is good for paddlers, good for communities, and good for the rivers themselves. Our work on public access helps ensure that the personal connection between people and rivers is maintained.

American Whitewater was very pleased to publish the second edition of our Navigability Toolkit in 2007. The revisions were completed by Morgan Lewis, LLC on a pro bono basis and now serves as the definitive online source for state navigability laws.

American Whitewater maintained the access lands that we own on the Watauga River (NC), Johns Creek (VA), Elkhorn Creek (KY), and Blackwater River (WV), as well as the ones we assist in managing on the Gauley (WV), Big Sandy (WV), and Upper Yough (MD) rivers. These resources were managed collaboratively with volunteers.

American Whitewater has successfully requested that countless new river access areas be constructed in association with hydropower dams. Throughout 2007 we worked on dozens of these opportunities. Thanks to ongoing efforts we saw the opening of new access areas on the Swan (MT), Cheoah (NC), Saranac (NY), Feather (CA) Butte (CA) Pit (CA).

American Whitewater staff maintained our role as the leading non-governmental organization working on river management issues nationally. Throughout the year we met with officials ranging from river rangers to the leadership from the Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, and National Park Service in Washington, DC. Paddlers may never notice the best management of rivers on federal lands – but behind the scenes a lot of work is required to support public recreation. American Whitewater has been working with our partners in the Outdoor Alliance to support responsible funding levels for federal agencies' recreation programs. This work has been highly successful and we are proud to help fund our agency partners.

While we worked proactively and positively on river management issues across the country, we also continued to challenge poor management on the Chattooga River (NC, SC, GA). Throughout the year we organized public participation in the user capacity analysis process, including the first and only legal paddling trip on the upper Chattooga in over 30 years. Our work on this issue is maintaining a high bar for US Forest Service management of rivers nationwide.

A UNIFIED VOICE...

Outdoor Alliance is a coalition of six national organizations devoted to conservation and stewardship of our nation's public lands and waters. Outdoor Alliance includes: Access Fund, American Canoe Association, American Hiking Society, American Whitewater, International Mountain Bicycling Association, and Winter Wildlands Alliance, and represents the interests of the millions Americans who hike, paddle, climb, mountain bike, ski and snowshoe.

In 2007 we represented recreationists and the places where we recreate on many issues including the protection of roadless areas, mining law reform, restoration of the Clean Water Act, and funding for federal agencies that support outdoor recreation. Through working with the people that know public lands the best, we have brought an authentic, passionate, and unique voice to National debates on conservation issues.

OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

AW forced the US Forest Service to allow the first legal descent of the Chattooga in over 30 years in early 2007. The trip revealed a beautiful and unique river that is worthy of protection and enjoyment.

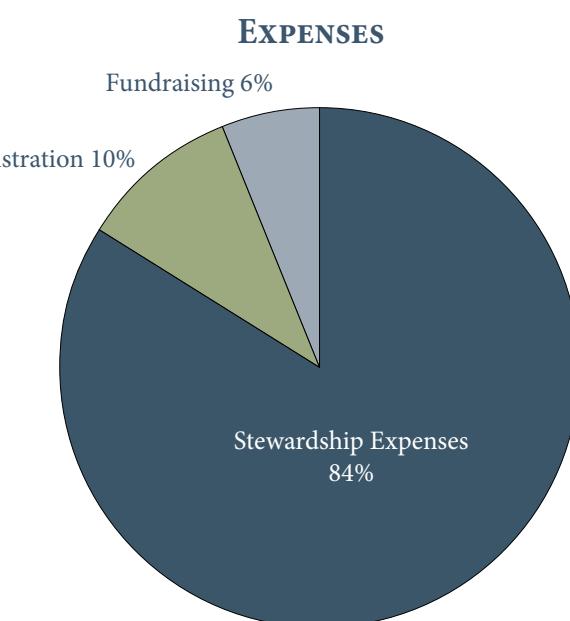
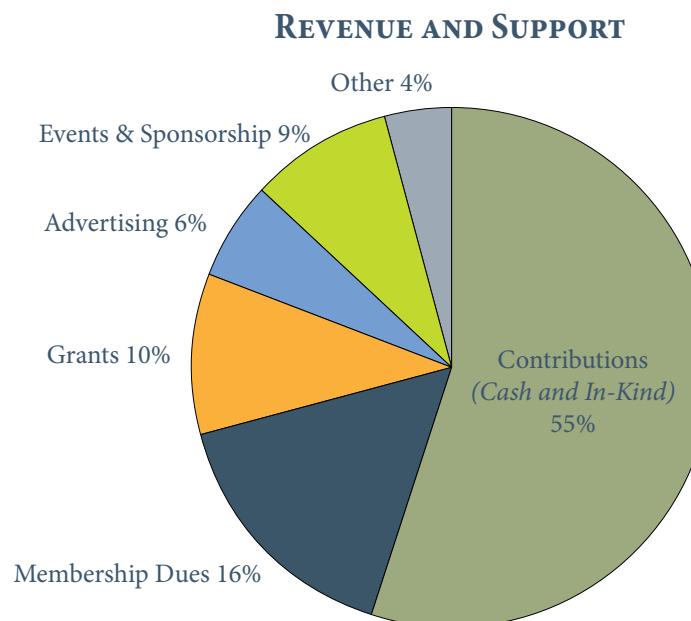
2007 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL FUNDS
Contributions	255,964	9,480	226,444
Membership Dues	235,526		235,526
Advertising	90,075	133,650	90,075
Grants	8,505		142,155
Events	74,610		74,160
Sponsorship	51,450		51,450
Products	26,491		26,491
Management Fees & Services	16,980		16,980
In-Kind Contributions	527,448		527,448
Interests & Dividends	7,365		7,365
Misc. Income	4,631		4,631
Net Assets Released from Restriction	134,775	-134,775	-
Total Revenue	1,434,820	8,355	1,443,175

STEWARDSHIP EXPENSES	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Access & Conservation	714,683		714,683
Public Education	430,568		430,568
Total Stewardship Expenses	1,145,251		1,145,251

SUPPORT EXPENSES	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
General & Administration	132,982		132,982
Fundraising	75,731		75,731
Total Supporting Services	208,713		208,713
Total Expenses	1,353,964		1,353,964

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
	80,856	8,355	89,211



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2007 ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS	2007	2006	+ / -
Cash	160,594	153,609	6,985
Accounts Receivable	39,435	21,797	17,638
Grants Receivable	26,699	39,141	-12,442
Investments	188,848	113,300	75,548
Prepaid Expenses	19,127	18,433	694
Inventory	11,844	9,892	1,952
Direct Deposit Advance	-	9,667	-9,667
Total Current Assets	446,547	365,839	80,708
LONG TERM ASSETS	2007	2006	+ / -
Lands Held for protection	63,256	63,256	-
Computer Equipment, net	10,093	3,675	6,418
Total Long Term Assets	73,349	66,931	6,418
Total Assets	519,896	432,770	87,126
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2007	2006	+ / -
Accounts Payable	16,592	22,859	-6,267
Other Liabilities	8,288	2,722	5,566
Note Payable, Current	-	5,125	-5,125
Payroll Liabilities	16,314	12,573	3,741
Total Current Liabilities	41,194	43,279	-2,085
NET ASSETS	2007	2006	+ / -
Unrestricted Net Assets	328,250	247,394	80,856
Restricted Net Assets	150,452	142,097	8,355
Total Net Assets	478,702	389,491	89,211
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	519,896	432,770	87,126

2007 marked the first year of the enhanced flow schedule on the Upper Yough that included 10 new Saturday releases. AW help empower local paddlers and other stakeholders to create the new schedule.



2007 HONOR ROLL

INDUSTRY PARTNERS

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KEEN

Class IV

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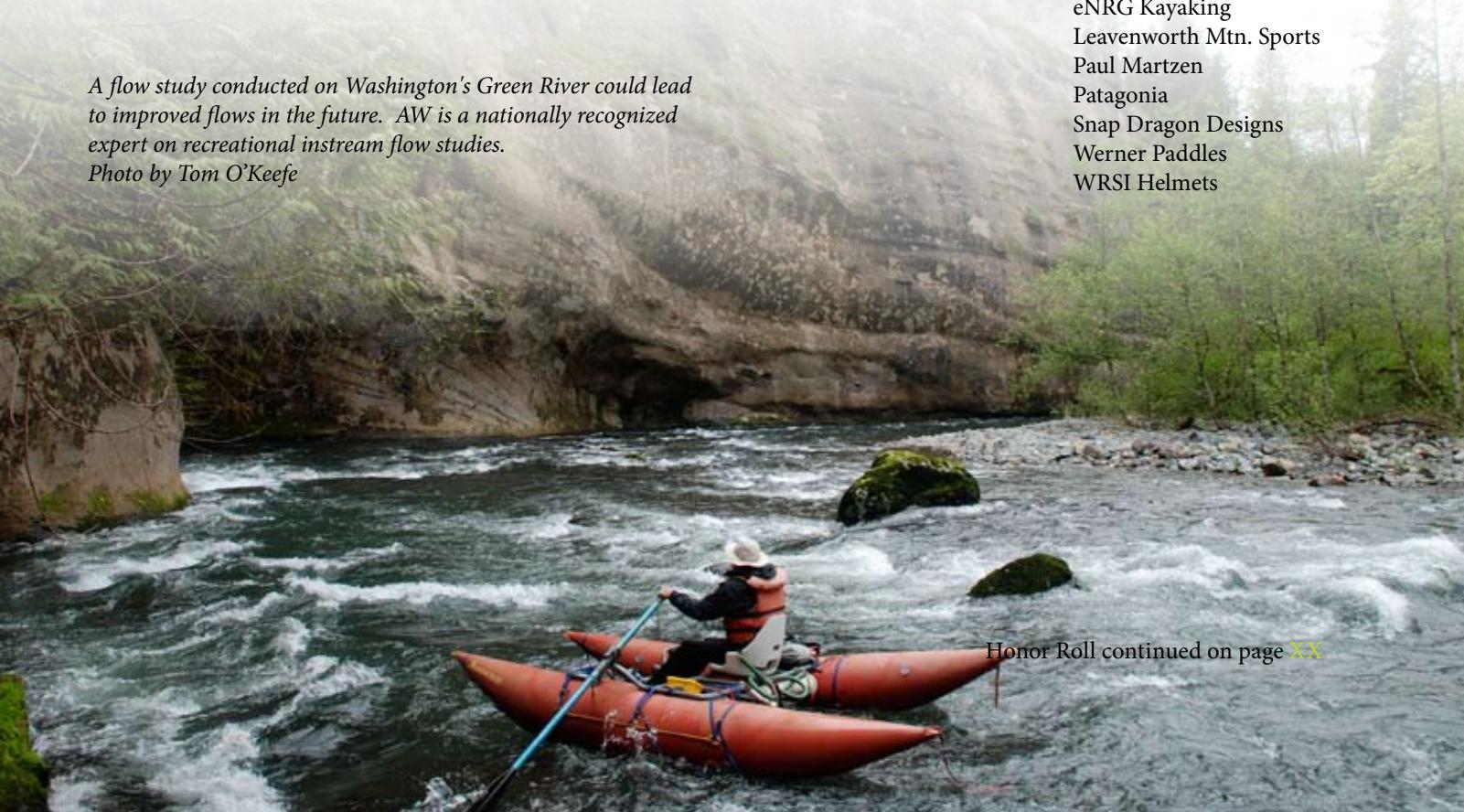
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WRSI Helmets

A flow study conducted on Washington's Green River could lead to improved flows in the future. AW is a nationally recognized expert on recreational instream flow studies.

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Gauley River Festival
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Ohiopyle Over the Falls Event
Potomac River Festival
Wenatchee River Festival

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