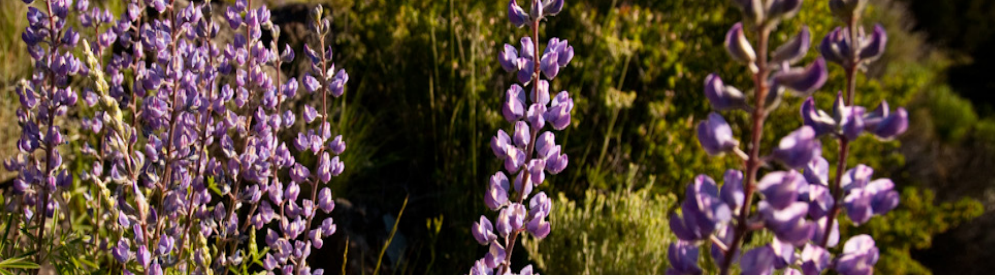


**WORKING TO
PROTECT, DEFEND AND RESTORE
OREGON'S HIGH DESERT**

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



**OREGON
NATURAL
DESERT
ASSOCIATION**



Dear desert supporters,

Oregon Natural Desert Association's greatest achievements are rooted in the passion and commitment of our members. You exemplify what it means to be a steadfast advocate, tenaciously pursuing better conservation and management of lands, waters and wildlife across Oregon's high desert.

When reflecting on 2025, your impact was profound. You countered efforts to undermine environmental protections and repeal conservation gains. You protected resource management plans that conserve millions of acres, thwarted attempts to undermine science, and defended the wonders of Oregon's desert public lands. And, you advocated for wildlife, restored sensitive habitat, and so much more.

Looking back nearly 40 years to ONDA's founding, I wonder what that small band of conservation advocates would think of the ONDA of today. Could they have imagined the ever-growing strength of our conservation community?

Today, more than 7,100 members work to protect, defend and restore Oregon's high desert. And, thousands more advocate each year to fuel key conservation initiatives, creating a powerful, united voice safeguarding the region's deep canyons, sagebrush grasslands, winding rivers, and abundant wildlife.

This is an energized community that truly cares. Thanks to you, we're able to achieve ambitious goals, striving year in and year out to conserve Oregon's most essential desert public lands.

Together we've made great strides, but we still have a great deal to do. Thank you for continuing to support high desert conservation initiatives in the year ahead.

For the desert,

Ryan Houston
Executive Director



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THANK YOU!

Your generous contributions supported critical conservation achievements that promote a healthy, vibrant future for Oregon's high desert lands, waters and wildlife.

2025 FINANCIALS

Assets

Total Current Assets	\$2,027,078
Total Other Assets	\$3,556,139
Total Assets	\$5,583,217

Liabilities & Net Assets

Total Liabilities	\$456,448
Total Net Assets	\$5,126,769
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$5,583,217

Revenue

Total Support & Revenue	\$2,006,481
Non-Operating Income	\$509,391
Total Revenue	\$2,515,872

Expenses

Management & General	\$247,713
Fundraising	\$284,295
Programs	\$1,586,649
Total Expenses	\$2,118,657

HOW YOUR SUPPORT FUELS CONSERVATION PROGRESS

Thanks to your commitment, ONDA successfully met ambitious conservation targets in 2025.



- 12% on Management & General
- 13% on Fundraising
- 75% on Programs





You Championed Community-led Conservation

To create durable solutions for critical desert initiatives, we hosted conversations with stakeholders, agencies and partner organizations to restore migratory bird habitat at Lake Abert, protect wildlife corridors in the Greater Hart-Sheldon, and improve the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. We also secured an endorsement from the National Congress of American Indians, and as a result, more than 250 Tribes from across the country now support our Owyhee Canyonlands campaign.



You Defended Desert Wildlife

ONDA supported the recovery of wildlife and the restoration of tens of thousands of miles of desert streams by helping to pass a new law that protects beaver in the most sensitive rivers and streams in the state. We also defended greater sage-grouse and their habitat in federal court by standing up for science-based management of desert public lands.

YOUR IMPACT ACROSS OREGON'S DESERT

Your unwavering support made many of our boldest conservation goals a reality. To see all of our accomplishments from 2025, as well as years past, visit [ONDA.org/about-us/accomplishments](https://onda.org/about-us/accomplishments).



You Opposed Harmful Proposals

Across eastern Oregon's public lands, ONDA advocated to safeguard some of the high desert's most essential habitat and important cultural values from the impacts of harmful proposals. Priorities included opposing expanded jet fighter training in the Owyhee Canyonlands and mineral exploration in the McDermitt Caldera.



You Safeguarded Millions of Acres of Public Land

With thousands of advocates behind us, ONDA countered countless efforts seeking to dismantle environmental protections and conservation progress. We advocated to save the Public Lands rule and uphold resource management plans protecting millions of acres of Oregon's high desert.



Fostering an Exceptional Community

You showed up for conservation in many meaningful ways, using your passion, talents and skills to care for Oregon's high desert in 2025.

1,800+ people took part in conservation advocacy to encourage decision-makers to act, generating more than 2,700 actions including signing petitions, writing letters, attending in-person meetings, and submitting letters to the editor.

187 volunteers contributed more than 4,800 hours of service in the office, at events and in the desert.

7,122 donors, including 1,509 new members, propelled conservation progress forward.

2,000+ people attended ONDA-hosted events to learn about desert topics and engage with our conservation community.

You are a member of a dedicated and effective community that takes critical actions to support the health and vitality of Oregon's high desert. Thank you for being by our side in 2025 and for sustaining your dedication throughout 2026.

Photos, clockwise: Vince Ready, Renee Schiavone, Naomi Serio, Hank Elholm



MISSION

Oregon Natural Desert Association exists to protect, defend and restore Oregon's high desert for current and future generations.

VISION

Eight million acres of public lands are conserved across Oregon's high desert, providing essential habitat for fish and wildlife and wild places for all people to treasure and explore, now and always.

VALUES

- » We are committed, tenacious, passionate, nimble and unwavering in pursuit of our mission.
- » We are evidence-based and solutions-oriented, bringing innovative, strategic approaches to achieving our conservation goals.
- » We are inclusive and welcoming, and seek to build a strong, diverse and interconnected conservation community.
- » We respectfully consider diverse perspectives while pursuing our vision, mission and goals.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ONDA is committed to collaborating with Tribal and Indigenous communities to pursue shared conservation goals across Oregon's high desert. We respect and honor that Northern Paiute, Shoshone, Bannock, Wasco, Warm Springs, Yahooskin, Cayuse, Walla Walla and Umatilla peoples have lived in the region since time immemorial, and we are proud to work with the Tribes present here today. These include Burns Paiute Tribe, Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the Klamath Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and others.

