



Annual Report 2013

Message from the Executive Director



We had another great year of conservation, recreation, and historic preservation gains which would not have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our annual supporters and volunteers.

The past fiscal year's highlights include the completion of the Black Diamond Trail Byway, completion of Soldier Ridge Trail, project work related to two conservation easements, and developing and launching the Tongue River Initiative (TRI). We also had a wonderful season of events and field trips designed to connect people in our community with the places they love through outdoor recreation and education. We continued to partner with local nonprofits to reach the next generation of leaders through UNPLUG, a week of activities designed to get kids and families outside and connected to their environment, while expanding our conservation leaders partnership with Sheridan-based Science Kids.

SCLT's Board of Directors remain committed as ever to supporting our mission, putting in 820+ volunteer hours and giving over \$25,000 to support our work this past fiscal year.

I want to thank our annual supporters again for your dedication, trust, and support of our mission. I am extremely thankful to be working on your behalf to protect open space and working ranches, expand non-motorized recreation opportunities, and to preserve and interpret historic sites in Sheridan County. I hope that you will continue to support our work and help make the coming year our most successful yet!

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The Sheridan Community Land Trust works to preserve our heritage of open spaces, healthy rivers and creeks, working ranches, wildlife habitat, and vibrant history, while expanding non-motorized recreation opportunities to connect people with the places they love.

Project Highlights

Soldier Ridge Trail Completed

Last year we celebrated the protection of 1,154 acres of viewshed, habitat, and agricultural lands west of Sheridan. This year, we are pleased to celebrate the completion of the associated 4.2 mile non-motorized trail. When this project started, we had hoped to complete a trail within 5-10 years. Fortunately, landowners Don Roberts Jr., Dixie See, Jane Clark, and Tom Belus were supportive of the concept, which allowed our timeline to shorten considerably. Meanwhile, SCLT found partners like Wyoming's Recreation Trails Program, Sheridan County, the City of Sheridan, Dowl HKM Engineering, Sheridan County Implement, and multiple private donors to help raise the funds necessary to complete the Soldier Ridge Trail years ahead of schedule.



Runners on the Soldier Ridge Trail.

Black Diamond Historic Byway Completed

The audio tour and brochures were completed this past fiscal year, marking the completion of this project that shares the rich history of Sheridan County's early development. Stop by the Sheridan County Museum to pick up your copy and hear first-hand what life was like in the local mining towns during the early 20th century.

The Tongue River Initiative

This past fiscal year SCLT spent considerable time envisioning and developing what has become the Tongue River Initiative (TRI), a partnership with The Nature Conservancy and the Sheridan County Conservation District. The TRI is focused on maintaining and enhancing the current agricultural character, wildlife habitat, and natural aesthetic values of the Tongue River Valley. Our first outreach launched this fall, a Landowner Resource Guide consolidating the various tools and assistance available on a voluntary basis to agricultural producers.



The McMeans' Conservation Easement (December 2013) protects over 1/2 mile of the Tongue River.

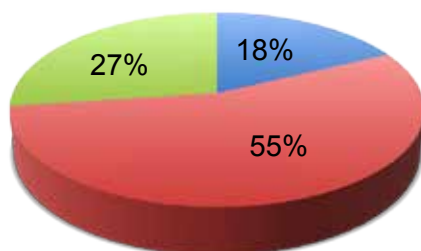
Financial Report

Message from the the Treasurer

I am pleased to report that SCLT finished FY 2012-13 in a healthy financial position. In order to continue to follow Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices, we formally adopted a Financial Management Policy as well as a Records Policy this past fiscal year. By adhering to these policies, we can ensure that SCLT is following proper procedures and managing investments and financial assets responsibly. As an annual supporter, you can feel confident that your annual investment in SCLT is being wisely stewarded and used to support projects that protect and enhance what we all love most about Sheridan County.

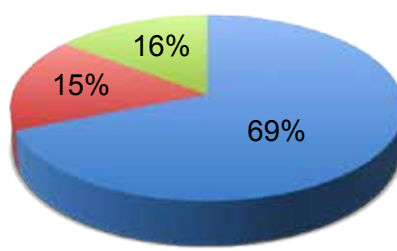
Susie Ponce, Treasurer

Total Revenue - \$213,150



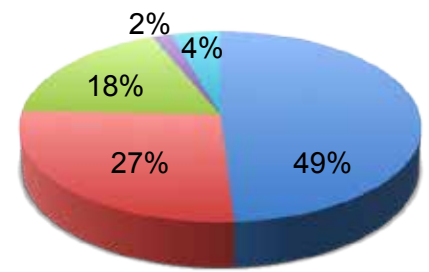
- Grants - \$37,900
- Contributions - \$117,451
- Restricted Contributions - \$57,799

Operating Expense



- Program
- Administration
- Fundraising

Operating Revenue



- Private
- Foundations
- One Cent
- Business Sponsors
- Events/Merchandise Sales

*SCLT's most recent tax return (990-PF) is available at our office during regular business hours.

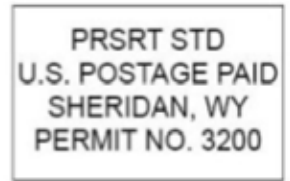
Thank you so much to everyone who donated between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013! Our work wouldn't be possible without your support and dedication. If you're thinking about becoming an annual supporter of SCLT, we'd love to hear from you. Please let us know if you'd like more detailed information on what these dollars accomplish. We want every supporter to know that our work can continue to expand only because of your generosity.

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	Patty Kemper and Neil Anderson		

Sunset on SCLT's Soldier Ridge Conservation Easement. ERA Carroll Realty gave up placing 14 homesites along the ridge to protect 1,154 acres of rangeland and also allowed SCLT to create the Soldier Ridge Trail, 4 miles of publicly accessible non-motorized trail, completed this past fiscal year.



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Save the Date! Our Annual Open House will be held at the Sheridan Inn Thursday, February 27th from 5-8 pm. The evening will feature Polish appetizers and music in honor of the completion of the Black Diamond Historic Byway. Drop by for a chance to listen to the Byway audio tour, hear about new projects in 2014 and to enjoy good company! We'll also recognize our dedicated volunteers and draw the winner of dinner for four at Eaton's Ranch from our \$200 + level supporters, as well as the winner of a Backcountry Bikes gift certificate.



The Sheridan Inn, protected by SCLT in 2008 with a historic preservation easement that ensures its historic features are preserved.

“We donate because we believe in the mission of the land trust and see its funds being used effectively. We volunteer because we believe in the mission of the land trust, respect and admire the people involved in the organization, and wish to be a part of accomplishing their goals.”

- Dan & Rosemary Rieder

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