



2,580  
volunteer  
hours

528

acres  
protected



260 tons  
of debris  
removed



Annual  
Report

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

# The Year in Review

## Letter from the Executive Director



Thanks to your generous support, this was one of our most significant years yet! We not only successfully completed several significant projects, but were able to establish an endowment fund because of a generous gift from an anonymous donor.

This gift will sustain our stewardship mission for our conserved properties, maintenance and upkeep on our non-motorized trails, and significantly increase our capacity for future projects.

Below are just a few of the projects we completed during the last fiscal year:

- The planning process for the Red Grade Trails System continued this fiscal year. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) analyzed and drafted an initial environmental assessment of the 6 miles of the system located on BLM land, while the State of Wyoming approved 5.5 miles of proposed trail located on State land. We also secured a Recreational Trails Program grant and Maintenance/Construction/Planning grant from the State of Wyoming for the project.
- In April 2015, we continued work on the Tongue River Water Trail project and removed an enormous conveyor track from from the Tongue River, a dangerous hazard to recreational boaters and a detriment to water quality.
- In June 2015, we protected 528 acres of working agricultural lands and open space with a conservation easement in partnership with the Tenneson family. This project also protected the historic Doc Huson home, one of the few remaining rock homes built by early settlers still standing in the Clear Creek valley.
- In May 2015, we completed a riparian fencing project on South Dry Creek with landowners John and Vanessa Buyok as part of our Tongue River Initiative, a partnership with the Wyoming Game and Fish, Sheridan County Conservation District, and The Nature Conservancy. Leanne Wiess, a graduate student from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, helped put together a monitoring framework for this project as part of her summer SCLT internship.

As we begin our 10<sup>th</sup> year serving the Sheridan County community, we would like to say thank you again for your engagement and support!



Colin Betzler  
Executive Director



Legacy Land & Cattle easement.



Doc Huson home, protected in June 2015.



National Public Lands Day hike on potential Red Grade trail.



Conveyor track that was removed from Tongue River in April.



The finished riparian fence on the Buyok's property.

**Mission:** Sheridan Community Land Trust works to preserve open spaces, working ranches, wildlife habitat, healthy rivers and streams, and historic sites, while expanding non-motorized recreation opportunities to connect people with the places they love.

## Report from the Board Treasurer

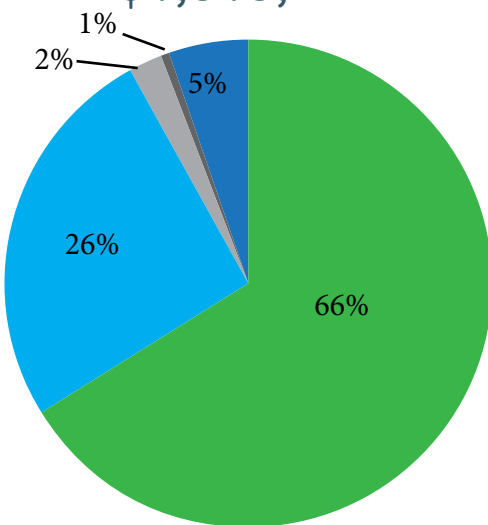
Our work continues to be made possible through direct support from a broad spectrum of investors. We would like to thank each and every one of you that made financial contributions to SCLT during the last fiscal year. We are sincerely grateful for your investment in your community and your trust in our stewardship of these resources.

I am pleased to report that SCLT finished Fiscal Year 2015 in our strongest financial position yet, in large part due to a generous gift made specifically to start a perpetual endowment fund. Once SCLT doubles the corpus of this fund through investment growth and/or additional restricted gifts, we will see further diversification to our funding strategy, ultimately resulting in an increased capacity to deliver projects that benefit members of our community and the local economy.

Whether you are an SCLT member, business sponsor, grantmaker or partnering organization, you can remain confident that your investment in SCLT continues to be strategically used to carry out our mission.

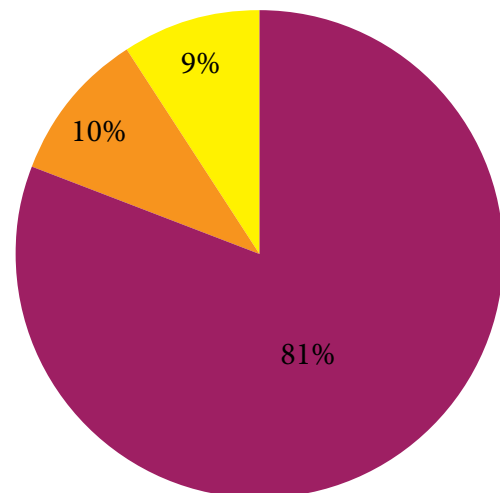
Jeff Way, Treasurer

### Operating Income by Source \$1,515, 088



- Restricted Endowment Gift \$1,002,599
- Contributions, Grants \$392,325
- Non-Cash Easement Value \$77,750
- Events, Other \$32,302
- Investments \$10,112

### Operating Expense by Program \$376, 461



- Project Development \$304,537
- Management/Administration \$37,472
- Fundraising/Communications \$34,453

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