

Wyoming Outdoor Council 2015 Annual Report Card



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We're grateful for your steadfast support. Here's a glimpse of what your membership helped achieve in 2015 for the people, wildlife, and wild landscapes in Wyoming.



Empowering Citizens

We rolled out powerful new online tools in 2015 to help Wyoming citizens engage more easily and effectively with their legislators.

Clean Water in Wyoming

The state issued a flawed plan in late 2014 to reclassify more than three quarters of Wyoming streams to allow for higher E. coli levels. We successfully engaged the EPA, rallied citizens and businesses, coordinated recreation and other outdoor groups, and convinced the DEQ to change course, hold a public hearing, and get more citizen input on the plan. Stay tuned.



Curbing Wasteful Flaring

Our long advocacy to reduce flaring (burning off natural gas at oil wells) began paying off in 2015 when the state created a new rule to address the practice. It includes improvements we

pushed for including better data reporting and gas capture plan requirements. We'll likely have an opportunity to further improve the rule soon.

Clean Air in Wyoming

The state unanimously approved rules in 2015 to protect people's health by strengthening controls for existing sources of industrial pollution in the Upper Green River Basin's oil and gas fields. This was a great decision following years of work by our staff and partners to clean up the air in the Pinedale area.

2015 Legislature

A bad land grab bill aimed at taking over public lands in Wyoming died in committee, something we worked tirelessly to achieve. We also lobbied hard to see that the Next Generation Science Standards bill passed. This law corrected an ill-conceived action that blocked consideration of these science standards because they addressed evolution and climate change.



Protecting Drinking Water

In 2015, the state denied a company's proposal to dump millions of barrels of polluted oil and gas wastewater into the Madison Aquifer. We worked for three years with partners to successfully protect this clean, drinkable groundwater resource.

Fracking Chemical Disclosure

We reached a good settlement in 2015 in our lawsuit challenging the state's decisions to withhold the identities of fracking chemicals. New criteria for what can be considered trade secrets are now much improved — a win for public transparency.



Wyoming Outdoor Council

The Wyoming Outdoor Council has worked for nearly five decades to protect Wyoming's environment and quality of life for future generations.

2015 — By the Numbers

Our Network

Facebook Followers

 **3,600**

Twitter Followers

 **1,480**

Citizen Mailing List

 **4,500**

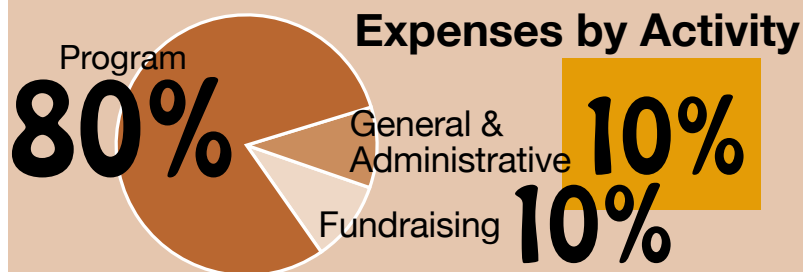
Activists and Volunteers

 **300**



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Number of Fracking Chemicals Disclosed in Wyoming in 2015



A full annual report, including detailed financial information, is available at wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org/annualreport

*We led the effort in 2015 to convince the Department of Environmental Quality to rethink its decision to downgrade 75% of Wyoming's surface waters to allow for higher levels of E. coli.

*We and partner organizations worked throughout 2015 to successfully convince the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to reject a company's plan to inject polluted oil and gas wastewater into a portion of the Madison Aquifer that has drinking water quality water.



969

Emails from Members to Legislators

225,775 acres in 2006

Acres leased for oil & gas development in Jack Morrow Hills

31,610 acres in 2015

Water

87,775

Stream Miles We Worked to Protect*

366,000,000

Barrels of Wastewater STOPPED from Being Injected into a Clean Water Aquifer†

0

Number of Days Pinedale Area had Dangerous Ozone Pollution

\$106
June 2014

Shifting Context of our Work

Crude Oil Prices per barrel

\$29
January 2016