

2018 Annual Report



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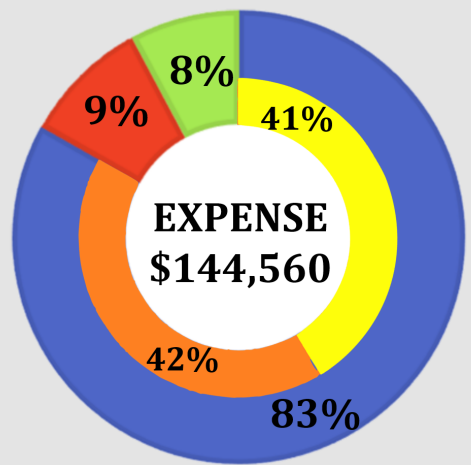
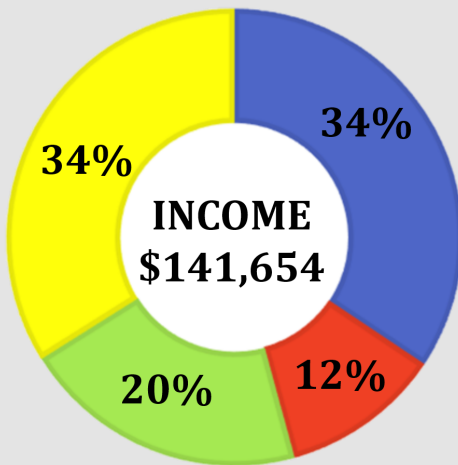


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- Individual Donors
- Corporate Donations + Earned Income
- Foundations + Private Grants
- State + Federal Grants

- Programs
- Education
- Projects
- Operations
- Fundraising



Growing Our Impact

Your support made 2018 a wonderful year. While maintaining our suite of educational programs and completing on the ground restoration, we also prepared to grow our team.

After years of smart growth – adding AmeriCorps members, hiring a Program Coordinator – we’ve seen how much more can be achieved for our waters when we have the people power to make things happen.

With our growing slate of projects that require ongoing stewardship and so many new opportunities on the horizon, it is once again time to expand our staff to increase the impact in our watershed. A full time Restoration Coordinator, dedicated to planning, implementing, and monitoring projects, will allow us to do more to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in the Bitterroot watershed.

We thank you for your support in making this happen and look forward to welcoming a new team member soon.

Job description on our website, www.brwaterforum.org

Restoration on Miller Creek

Your support and volunteer hours drove restoration efforts at the Oxbow Cattle Company south of Missoula.

Located on Miller Creek, this sediment-laden overly warm stream flows into the Bitterroot a few miles before it meets the Clark Fork River.

As a local grass-fed beef operation the Oxbow Cattle Company understands the importance of a healthy landscape for the good of their ranch and the community.

In 2018, more than 450 native plants were planted along Miller Creek and riparian fencing was installed to protect them and encourage natural recruitment.



Additional work is planned for 2019 with more fencing and plantings.

Education through Experiences

Education is one of the most powerful tools there is to ensure our community appreciates the value of our water resources. Getting the public involved with the resource is a top priority for the Water Forum.

Through the Earth Stewardship Program and our Irrigation in the Bitterroot Tour, youth and adults learn about water in the Bitterroot. Field trips get kids out of the classroom and into the water, and adults onto the land to learn firsthand about water quality, irrigation, and how the natural world influences our lives.

These young people are the water stewards of the future. Your support means that they can have the experiences and connections that will shape their understanding of, and commitment to the watershed we all rely on.



Want to get involved with the Water Forum?

Bitterroot Gives: Local Online Donation Event, **May 2 + 3***

Casting for Conservation: Women's Casting Clinic, **May 5**

Run for the River 5K: **August 9**

Bitterroot River Clean Up: **August 10**

Restoration volunteer days: **Dates to be determined**

Visit brwaterforum.org for information on these events and more!

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