

WOLCOTT FAMILY FOUNDATION

GRANTEE PROGRESS REPORT

Complete a Wolcott Family Foundation Grantee Progress Report ONLY if you have received a grant from the foundation within the last 12 months.

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| 1. Name of Organization: | | Great Old Broads for Wilderness-Northern San Juan chapter | |
| 2. Address | | 555 Rivergate Lane B1-110 | |
| 3. City | | Durango | |
| 4. State | CO | 5. Zip 81301 | 6. Website greatoldbroads.org |
| 7. Project Name | | Stewardship Survey Support | |
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9. Financial Overview

Please indicate how the grant funds received from the Wolcott Family Foundation were used to support your organization's mission and programs. This budget is ONLY for the amount received from the foundation. *For example, if you received \$5,000 from the Wolcott Family Foundation, then the total budget would be \$5,000.*

| Expense | | Amount | |
|--|------------------------|--------|--|
| Personnel | | | |
| | Salaries | | |
| | Fringe | | |
| Total Personnel | | | |
| Office Maintenance | | | |
| | Rent & Utilities | | |
| | Postage | | |
| | Printing & Copying | \$90 | |
| | Supplies and Equipment | | |
| | PR & Marketing | | |
| | Telephone | | |
| | Other | | |
| Total Office Maintenance | | | |
| Project/Program | | | |
| | Materials & Supplies | \$760 | |
| | Consultants | | |
| | Other | \$700 | |
| Total Project/Program | | | \$1,550 |
| Other* Describe other below | | | Travel reimbursement and training expenses |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Person completing this form: (Report is not considered complete without signature) | | | |
| Signature | | Date | December 10, 2021 |
| Print Name | Robyn Cascade - | | |

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10. Please describe your organization's progress in meeting goals set forth in your grant proposal to the Wolcott Family Fund.

Collectively our stewardship team achieved or exceeded all the goals we and our agency partners set for monitoring:

15 Wilderness Solitude surveys (USFS)

24 Raptor surveys plus numerous incidental sightings (CPW-Ridgway State Park)

36 Butterfly surveys (CPW-Ridgway State Park)

72 Bluebird house surveys (CPW-Ridgway State Park)

48 Riverwatch sampling events (at two different sites) (CPW Riverwatch Program)

8 Bighorn sheep surveys (Mountain Studies Institute)

29 Trash pickup and compliance monitoring (in two Wilderness Study Areas) (BLM)

We also gifted our volunteers T-shirts or other Great Old Broads for Wilderness merchandise (backpacks, bandanas, etc) so volunteers could be identified as Broads in the field.

We provided refresher training for all our stewards and trained 5 new volunteers. Due to our presence on public lands, we also enlisted a new bighorn volunteer who contributed invaluable to the iNaturalist bighorn data (though he lives outside our region and is not a member of Broads, though he is a member of our partner organization Backcountry Hunters & Anglers. His twenty plus surveys are not reported above.)

We reached out to Indigenous and Latino partners with invitations to participate in ongoing projects and with a desire to learn about their concerns, interests and priorities.

Thanks to grant funding we reimbursed volunteers for travel, training and printing.

We modified existing bighorn sheep rack cards to bring them up to date with accurate contact information and then when those ran out we created a new version in late 2021.

Signage for the bighorn sheep program was installed on the Norwood District (Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest) in the summer of 2021 and the Ouray District will install theirs in the spring of 2022 due to a delay necessitated by a review process we did not anticipate.

11. Describe the factors that contributed to success in meeting your goals.

Excellent coordination of each stewardship project by a Broads' team leader including regular communication, organized scheduling, ongoing support when needed, and clear expectations

Engaged, enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about their role in protecting wildlife and natural resources and who are committed to community science projects and our state and federal agency partners

Quality training provided by our member leaders to ensure consistent data collection and adherence to protocol

Consistent, transparent, authentic communication and collaboration with agency partners, Tribes, and non-profit organizational partners

12. Describe the factors that created obstacles to meeting your goals.

The two greatest obstacles this year were the pandemic and smoke from fires across the west. The pandemic made it difficult to gather in person for training, to carpool, to celebrate our accomplishments and to establish more personal connections with marginalized communities and populations underrepresented in our organization. We are well aware that in order to overcome cultural and/or language barriers, meeting in person is the best path to building relationship. Our options were often limited to be in person and we needed to respect each individual's decisions about their personal safety.

Though we were extremely successful in conducting our various stewardship surveys, the excessive smoke over the course of months challenged our volunteers to get onto public lands as often as we did in 2020 and as often as we would have liked. The smoke particularly impacted bighorn sheep monitoring since our volunteers often backpack into bighorn habitat. The smoke made it risky to plan a multi-day trip as the level of smoke was unpredictable and it was not safe for our volunteers to physically exert themselves in poor quality air. Nevertheless, several day hikes and surveys conducted by driving 4WD high country roads allowed us reasonable success. Enthusiasm was not as high for our solitude monitoring due to poor air quality, nevertheless we still exceeded the minimum 10 surveys (2 per each of 5 trails) for the Forest Service.

13. Describe how the outcome of this project will affect the future work of your organization.

Interest and dedication for stewardship projects is very high among our members who welcome outdoor activities with a purpose. Being able to reimburse volunteers for expenses is an added incentive we've never had before. Moreover, providing T-shirts and other merchandise from our organization to volunteers at no cost was not only a welcome acknowledgement and celebration of our members' time, dedication and contributions, but also made us recognizable in the field which typically prompts conversation and queries about who we are, the mission of our organization, and our stewardship projects. As a result, our volunteers are able to educate the other trail users and visitors to our region about habitat fragmentation, climate change impacts, water quality, wilderness regulations, wildlife concerns and more.

Erecting signage and revising the rack card for the bighorn sheep monitoring project is a huge asset to the program. This will further educate the public about the risks to bighorn from the respiratory disease carried by domestic sheep and hopefully will serve to engage more participation in this critical community science project.

14. What advances or setbacks, if any, has your organization experienced in the area of fundraising/financial?

We are grateful for the financial support from the Wolcott Family. Your endorsement of our stewardship projects caused us to realize that our small chapter is doing the kind of work that funders find beneficial to our planet and our communities. We typically do not fundraise for our local chapter, however WOLFF funding has spurred us to consider expanding existing projects and/or considering new stewardship opportunities. We have been successful in receiving funding to benefit our bighorn work and Riverwatch sampling for 2022.

Thank you again for your belief in us and we look forward to continued collaboration on projects that meet our shared goals and missions.