

2025

IMPACT REPORT



Defenders of Wildlife is a national, non-partisan organization that for more than 75 years has been a leading voice for the conservation of imperiled wildlife and habitat across North America. Our team of policy, legal, science and advocacy experts work at every level from the state and federal government to communities and to the courts to transform policies and craft innovative and enduring solutions for wildlife guided by three conservation imperatives:

PREVENT species and their habitats from becoming imperiled,
PROTECT endangered and threatened species and their habitats and
RESTORE the vitality of once-vulnerable species and their habitats.

Guided by these goals and thanks to your generous support,
we were able to achieve many significant victories in 2025.



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on 2025, we do so with deep gratitude for your partnership, your generosity and your steadfast commitment to wildlife. This was a year of significant challenges for conservation. The Trump administration and the 119th Congress tested longstanding protections for imperiled wildlife and the habitats on which they depend. But thanks to you, Defenders of Wildlife met those challenges with determination and resolve.

Our world-class team of policy experts, scientists, attorneys, communicators and legislative advocates rose to the moment. Together, we kept in place critical safeguards and advanced meaningful progress on the ground.

In Congress, we successfully defeated legislation that would have weakened the Endangered Species Act.

In the field, we continued restoring gray wolves to the Southern Rockies and made significant strides toward reintroducing wolverines in Colorado.

In communities nationwide, we broadened our base of support by engaging new constituencies and strengthening the coalition that advocates tirelessly for wildlife conservation.

These accomplishments are not abstract victories. They represent real protections for wildlife at risk of extinction and real momentum for the future.

Importantly, we also looked beyond the immediate challenges of the year. In 2025, we launched our 2026–2030 strategic planning process — a reflective and forward-looking effort to shape the next chapter of Defenders’ work. This roadmap will position us to elevate the protection and restoration of imperiled wildlife as a true national priority in the years ahead and lay the groundwork for the next era of conservation.

We are proud of what we achieved together this year. At the same time, we remain clear-eyed about what lies ahead. The pressures facing wildlife are serious, and meeting them will require creativity, discipline and sustained commitment. With your partnership, we are ready to not just respond to today’s challenges, but to build lasting progress for tomorrow.

We invite you to read more in the pages that follow about the tangible impact of your support. *Thank you* for standing with us, for believing in our mission, and for helping ensure that wildlife and wild places continue to endure and thrive. We are deeply grateful and excited for what we will accomplish together in the years ahead.

With gratitude,



Andrew Bowman
President and CEO



Mark Caylor
Board Chair



WHO WE ARE



ABOVE A Kirtland's Warbler perches on a branch.

Defenders of Wildlife's Kaitie Schneider sets a camera trap in hopes of capturing wolf activity.

OPPOSITE PAGE A gray wolf looks directly to camera in falling snow.

A field expert captures a wolf on her trail camera for the first time. A GIS scientist unveils a new way to map how much protected forest is at risk by new policies. A senior attorney presents an airtight case to protect the habitat of some of the world's rarest birds. A policy expert advises a governor on environmentally-sound water policy.

Defenders of Wildlife is made up of individuals who tirelessly use their expertise to stand on the front lines of wildlife protection. All across the country, our policy experts, conservation scientists, field teams, lawyers and communicators are protecting wildlife and the wild places they call home. This past year was marked by key victories for imperiled wildlife and landscapes across the United States.

We believe in a world where people and the creatures we share this planet with can thrive. While the past year has presented unprecedented challenges, we are steadfast and unflinching in our resolve to do what's right because we know what's at stake. Our efforts have illustrated that commitment, with key victories and sweeping impact, proving that even when conservation may seem out of reach, if we stand together, we can make a difference for wildlife.



ABOVE Two ibis perch on a high tree branch.

A manatee glides gently through the water.

Chinook salmon are among the species impacted by changes to water policy in California's San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary.

OPPOSITE PAGE Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge in Nevada is an oasis and haven to an abundance of wildlife.

Our **policy experts** provide a voice for wildlife, working with local, state and federal leaders to advocate for programs that support successful wildlife reintroduction, increase funding for wildlife corridors and protect habitats necessary for wildlife to thrive. For example, this year in California we engaged in a re-consultation process updating the Central Valley Project and State Water Project operations with the associated federal and state compliance requirements. These projects impact numerous endangered and threatened species, such as winter-run Chinook, as well as the overall health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. As always, our policy guidance is rooted in the best available science.

Our **conservation scientists** stay up to date on the latest research to identify current conservation challenges and develop solutions that improve outcomes for wildlife. In 2025, our researchers published two new papers that could shape the future of conservation policy. The first, a nationwide analysis of the past 30 years of the Habitat Conservation Plan program under the Endangered Species Act, points to key limitations of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's program implementation and data management. The second analyzes the extent to which the National Wildlife Refuge System serves as a climate change refugia for its three key conservation groups and whether new acquisitions can improve the refuge system's ability to provide places for wildlife to persist.



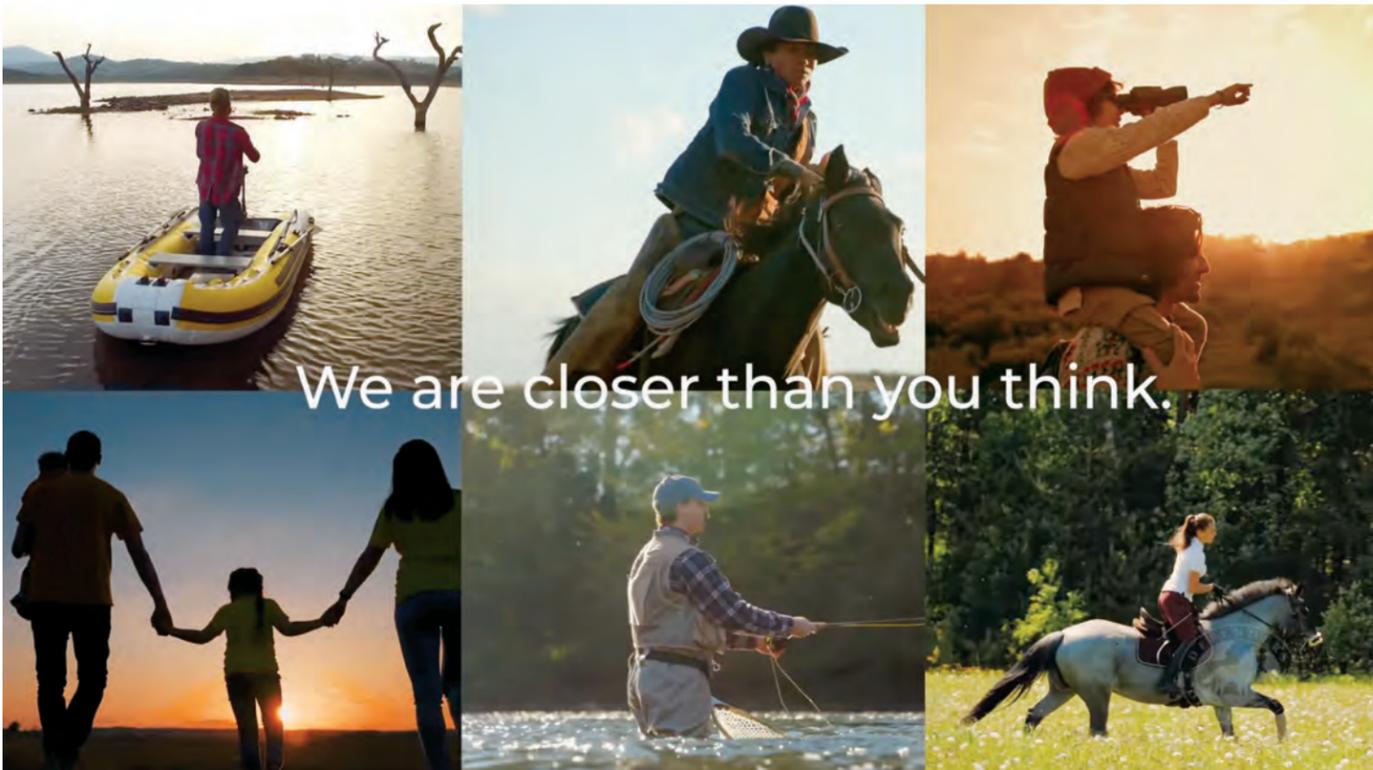
ABOVE A cerulean warbler perches on a forested tree branch.

Floating on the ocean's surface, a Southern sea otter scratches its face.

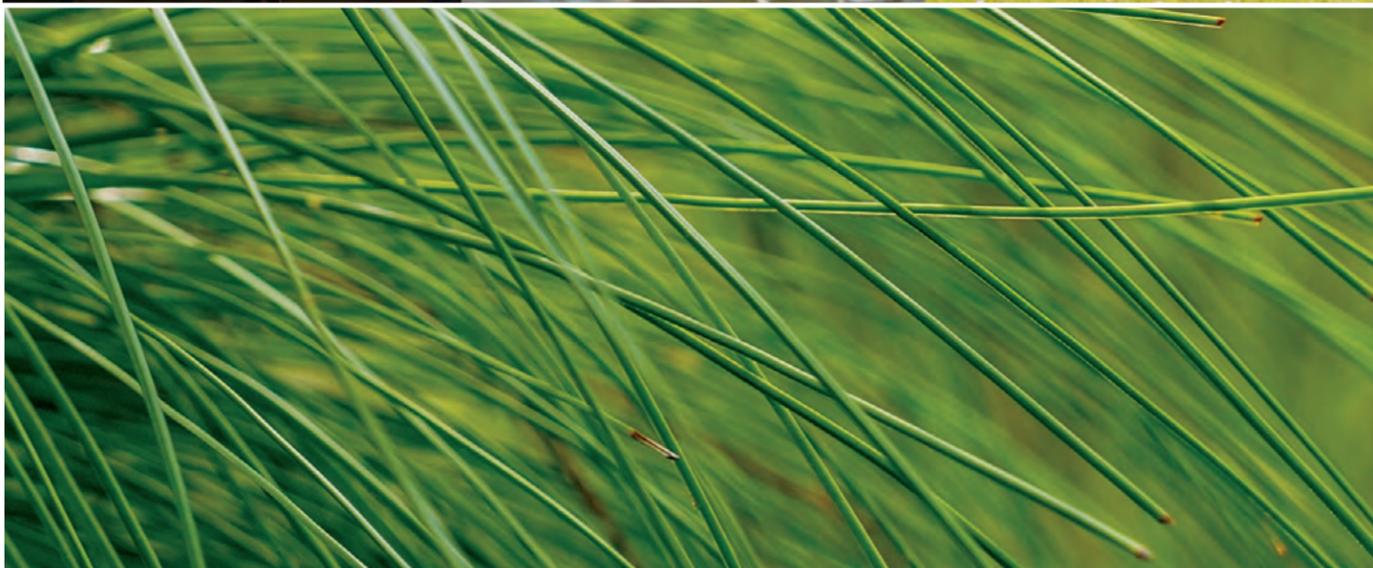
OPPOSITE PAGE A black footed ferret inspects its surroundings after exiting its burrow.

Conservation science is integral to the work of our **field teams** as well, who collaborate across departments and utilize their on-the-ground knowhow to educate local communities, build support in-region and implement the conservation tools and projects critical to safeguarding wildlife and communities. Among their accomplishments this year, our field teams completed a multi-year survey project on cerulean warblers, vaccinated black-footed ferrets and prairie dogs to immunize them against sylvatic plague, hosted community events on ocelots, sea otters, wolverines, belugas, manatees and so much more.

Another critical line of defense is the work of our Biodiversity Law Center. Our **lawyers** continue to fight in the courts on behalf of wildlife and the places they call home. This past year, our team filed a lawsuit against the FWS for violating the Endangered Species Act by delaying a listing determination for the pinyon jay until 2028, despite a deadline set by statute for 2023. In response to our 2022 petition to list the pinyon jay under the ESA, the agency determined in 2023 that there is substantial evidence that listing this species may be warranted.



We are closer than you think.



ABOVE Defenders of Wildlife’s Michael Saul takes an interview with a reporter at the bill signing to recognize bison as wildlife in Colorado.

Defenders of Wildlife’s Robert Dewey stops for an interview outside of the White House.

OPPOSITE PAGE The “We Are Closer Than You Think” public service announcement aired on television stations and streaming services nationwide. Here is a stillframe from the PSA.

Our **communicators** play a key role in helping to frame and share Defenders’ mission critical work with audiences across America including policymakers, reporters and supporters like you. For example, to help extend our reach into new audiences and remind everyone that we all have a love of our shared wildlife heritage, we launched a national communications campaign entitled “We Are Closer Than You Think.” The goal of the effort is, ultimately, to make the protection and restoration of wildlife and the habitats on which they rely to survive and thrive a national priority. The campaign includes a public service announcement, Connected TV and digital media assets and a social media influencer program.

It took all of us in 2025 — our communicators, lawyers, field teams, conservation scientists and policy experts — working together to advocate for and defend critical state and federal protections for some of our nation’s most vulnerable species. We are delighted to share with you some of our highlights in this report.



RESTORE



A gray wolf pads swiftly through deep snow in the mountains.



The use of humans and horses across ranchland deters wolves from livestock herds. Wolves are naturally cautious and human presence through range riding is a proven tool in the coexistence toolbox.

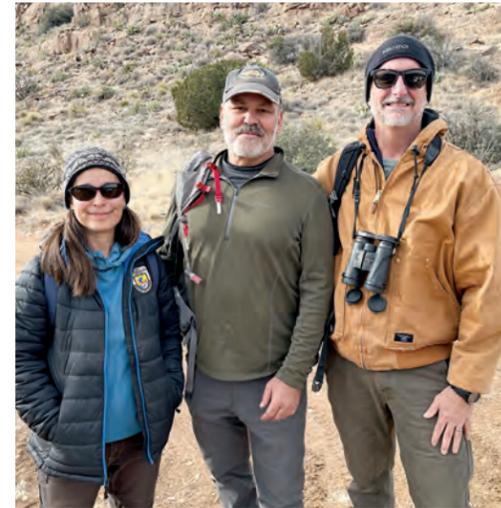
Thirty years ago, the howl of the gray wolf [returned to Yellowstone National Park](#) — a sound absent for nearly a century and a signal of ecological renewal across the American West. That historic reintroduction, achieved in part with Defenders' leadership, reshaped our understanding of what wildlife restoration can look like and guides much of our work which is today helping wolves and other megafauna recover populations across much of their historic range.

In Colorado, where wolves are once again making fresh tracks into the high-country snow, Defenders stood firm against renewed political and legal attacks on the state's voter-mandated wolf reintroduction. Thanks to our

advocacy, the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission voted decisively to keep the program moving forward, and a legislative effort to halt releases failed. In January, [15 wolves from British Columbia](#) stepped onto Colorado snow, and by spring, biologists confirmed four established packs — each with [new pups](#). Once again, wolves are proving that recovery is possible when science, public will and persistence align.

Behind the scenes, our teams continue to make coexistence gains on the ground. Range riders, deterrent fencing, [wildlife cameras and new tools](#) — including a [trail camera guide](#) we published this year — are helping ranchers to reduce conflict and build practical pathways for living alongside predators.

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ABOVE A collared Mexican gray wolf provides scientists with data that is used in recovery efforts and movement tracking.

Defenders of Wildlife's Bryan Bird (right) and Craig Miller track Mexican gray wolves in the wild with representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

To the south, Mexican gray wolves reached another remarkable milestone. With more than 280 wolves now roaming Arizona and New Mexico, the wild population posted its ninth consecutive year of growth. With Defenders' support, students and young professionals partnered with the Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team this year as [wolf technicians](#) to help monitor dens, protect pups through vaccinations and reduce human-wolf conflict — a powerful bridge between recovery and the next generation of conservation leaders.

On tribal lands, Defenders continues to support the White Mountain Apache Tribe's youth monitoring efforts, weaving coexistence, cultural stewardship and science into one shared mission. The payoff remains tangible: livestock depredations in New Mexico decreased 53% from 2020 to 2023.

PROVEN IMPACT

In Oregon and Washington, Defenders works with conservation groups, ranchers and producers, state agencies and other partners to expand and educate on nonlethal coexistence efforts that protect gray wolf and grizzly bear populations. In addition to this on-the-ground effort, we advocate for federal and state support and sufficient funding for these efforts. Underscoring the value of our collaborative coexistence work, Oregon's 2024 annual gray wolf count demonstrated a 15% increase, bringing the total to 204 wolves. This population increase occurred at the same time livestock depredations by wolves decreased.



ABOVE The Red Wolf is the most endangered canid in the U.S.

The birth of Red Wolf pups provides hope for species recovery.

OPPOSITE PAGE A gray wolf runs through the snow.

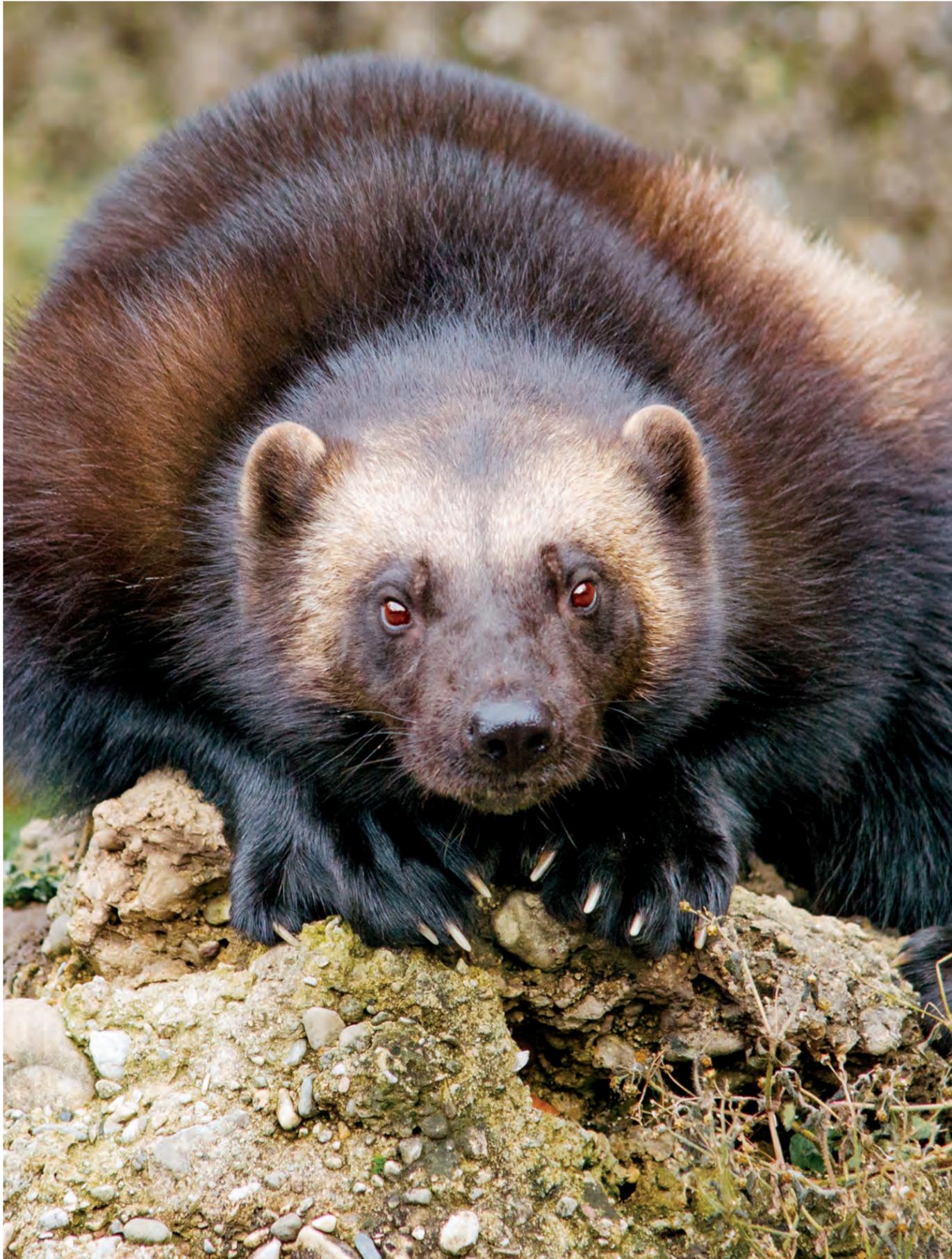
The momentum spread east this year to one of North America's rarest predators — the Red Wolf. In the pine forests and sandy marshes of eastern North Carolina, [four new litters of Red Wolf pups were born](#) — the most successful breeding season in a decade. In a historic move, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission passed a unanimous resolution affirming its commitment to Red Wolf recovery, signaling a profound shift after years of decline. For the world's most endangered canid, still confined to a single wild population, this vote represented not just good policy, but renewed hope for the species.



ABOVE A bison stares ahead forward from a rocky outcrop.

OPPOSITE PAGE Bison in wintertime are beautiful sight to behold. Here, a herd races through the snow.

Across the Plains and beyond, an ancient relationship deepened. In early 2025, Defenders helped coordinate the [first-ever international transfer of Yellowstone bison](#) between tribes, moving 11 animals from the Fort Peck Tribes in Montana to the Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Lean Man First Nations in Saskatchewan. The finalization of Yellowstone's new Bison Management Plan opened the door for expanded tribal transfers nationwide — a door the state of Montana threatens to shut through a lawsuit arguing the plan is overreaching. Joining our tribal partners, Defenders is now [defending the management plan in court](#). Elsewhere, in Colorado, longtime advocacy culminated in the signing of bipartisan legislation that formally recognizes bison as wildlife, creating new pathways for cooperative tribal and state management.



ABOVE A busy beaver transports logs to finish its dam.

Defenders of Wildlife's Ashley Holmes, normally behind the camera, poses for a quick snap while filming beavers and river restoration.

OPPOSITE PAGE One of the world's most misunderstood mustelids, the wolverine, is also one of the most uniquely adapted. Here, a wolverine rests on a rocky ledge.

Downstream in the rivers of the Southwest, Defenders advanced another remarkable restoration story. Beavers, once pushed to the brink of extinction, are reclaiming their place as ecological engineers. They are a keystone species that create and improve habitats for numerous imperiled wildlife, as well as water security for surrounding communities. Building on a nearly [30-mile river restoration project](#) we launched in New Mexico last year, we provided financial assistance to farmers to attend coexistence training workshops, helped establish an Arizona Statewide Beaver Working Group and continued to transform misunderstanding of beavers' role into support and collaboration. Wherever beavers return, so does water security, biodiversity and resilience.

Looking ahead, Defenders is leading a collaborative effort to support the restoration of the North American wolverine to Colorado — one of the best, and last, holdfasts in the Lower 48 for this cold weather-loving creature. In 2024 Defenders successfully advocated for the passage of state legislation that garnered bipartisan support [authorizing a wolverine reintroduction program](#). Then, throughout 2025, we led a series of 18 community events to educate Colorado residents on wolverine ecology and build support for its return. After decades of Defenders' advocacy at the national level, [wolverines finally earned protection under the ESA](#) in late 2023. This often-misunderstood carnivore represents our tireless dedication and commitment to protecting and preserving wildlife, big and small, and we look forward to seeing it return to the Southern Rockies in the years ahead.



PREVENT



ABOVE Defenders of Wildlife’s Russ Talmo installs electric fences and fladry throughout the Northern Rockies. Here, he leads an installation project with one of our partners.

A brown bear walks along the shoreline.

OPPOSITE PAGE Bear deterrents can help to keep black bears, like this one, away from homes, gardens and communities.

For 15 consecutive years, Defenders’ grizzly bear [electric fencing incentive program](#) has stood as one of the nation’s most effective investments in wildlife conflict prevention.

From the Northern Rockies to Washington state, more than 750 electric fencing projects now surround chicken coops, fruit trees, beehives, livestock and garbage — representing the quiet infrastructure of coexistence. On the Flathead Indian Reservation and across the West, these projects are reducing conflict, protecting livelihoods and building the social support necessary for grizzlies to thrive beyond protected park boundaries.

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ABOVE A grizzly bear mother and her cub scope out their surroundings.

In Alaska, brown bear coexistence continued to expand [across the Kenai Peninsula](#) and southeastern communities near the Tongass National Forest. This year alone, more than 300 bear-resistant trash cans were distributed in Seward and 140 in Haines. Since 2020, Defenders’ fencing program has completed over 80 projects statewide. Each secured attractant and each locked dumpster represents one less emergency response — and one more community choosing prevention.



ABOVE Sierra Nevada red fox are one of the rarest carnivores in North America.

Belugas, when born, are typically a dark gray color, growing lighter every year until they reach their iconic white. Here, a mother swims with her young calf.

OPPOSITE PAGE Canada lynx are very elusive predators, padding through mountainous terrain often unseen by humans.

In the forests of Washington and Oregon, Defenders joined sweeping collaborative efforts to safeguard some of the West’s most elusive carnivores. From lynx and wolverine in the North Cascades to Sierra Nevada red fox in Oregon’s high country, our scientists are helping track populations through camera surveys, scat sampling and long-term monitoring. These mesocarnivores (medium sized predators) — often unseen but ecologically vital — are now gaining the conservation attention their vulnerability demands.

Further north, beneath Cook Inlet’s frigid waters in Alaska, we advanced science to protect one of Alaska’s most threatened marine mammals — beluga whales. By mapping beluga locations against underwater noise and pollution sources, [our team is shaping data-driven advocacy](#) to ensure shipping, development and energy activities do not silence one of the Arctic’s most iconic voices.

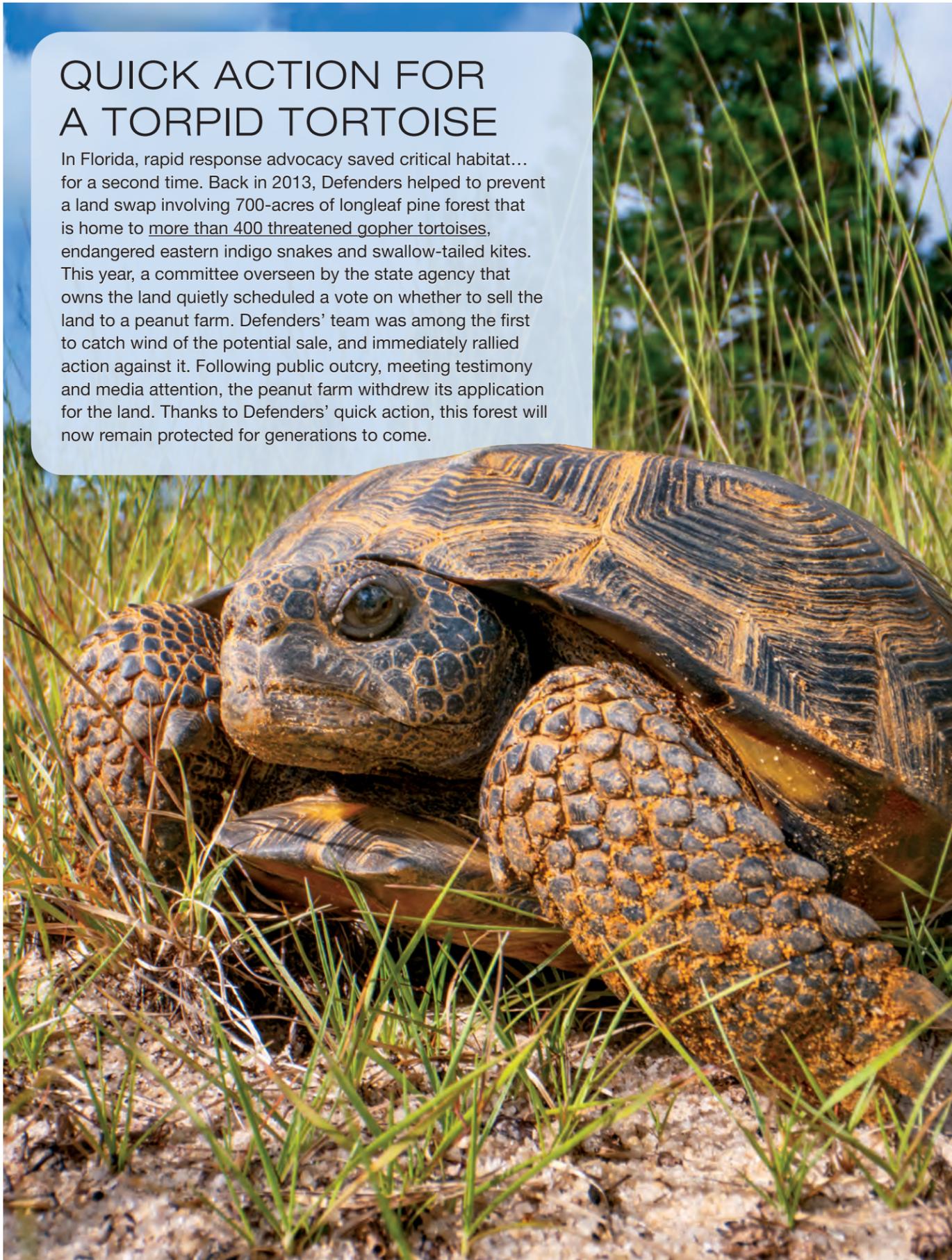
LEGACY-DEFINING VICTORY

In the Southeast, after six years of tireless advocacy, Defenders helped to secure a [defining victory for Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge](#). This blackwater wilderness that is unmatched on earth faced a serious threat of development by Twin Pines Minerals, but was saved when the company sold its land interests to a conservation organization. This achievement followed the federal nomination of the refuge as a UNESCO World Heritage site and a 22,000-acre expansion of its acquisition boundary. As chair of the Okefenokee Protection Alliance, Defenders is now turning toward identifying and securing durable protections for the Okefenokee that will prevent future threats for this world-renowned landscape.



QUICK ACTION FOR A TORPID TORTOISE

In Florida, rapid response advocacy saved critical habitat... for a second time. Back in 2013, Defenders helped to prevent a land swap involving 700-acres of longleaf pine forest that is home to more than 400 threatened gopher tortoises, endangered eastern indigo snakes and swallow-tailed kites. This year, a committee overseen by the state agency that owns the land quietly scheduled a vote on whether to sell the land to a peanut farm. Defenders' team was among the first to catch wind of the potential sale, and immediately rallied action against it. Following public outcry, meeting testimony and media attention, the peanut farm withdrew its application for the land. Thanks to Defenders' quick action, this forest will now remain protected for generations to come.



ABOVE Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge is home to the Chuckwalla lizard and Devils Hole pupfish, both seen here. The pupfish can be found nowhere else on earth.

OPPOSITE PAGE A sturdy gopher tortoise explores the longleaf pine forests of Florida.

Across the Great Basin in Nevada, Defenders helped halt lithium mining at the doorstep of [Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge](#) — a desert oasis harboring 26 species found nowhere else on earth. Through hydrological science, technical advocacy and coalition leadership, we helped [secure federal agency commitment to halt new mining leases](#) for up to 20 years. Just a few months after that announcement, the mining company seeking to develop at the doorstep of the refuge abandoned its plans.

WHERE THE PINYON JAY GOES LIFE AND TRADITION GROW

Once common, now vanishing. Without Pinyon Jays, piñon-juniper woodlands and the tradition of gathering piñon nuts collapse.
Save the Jays, save the trees.



Learn more:



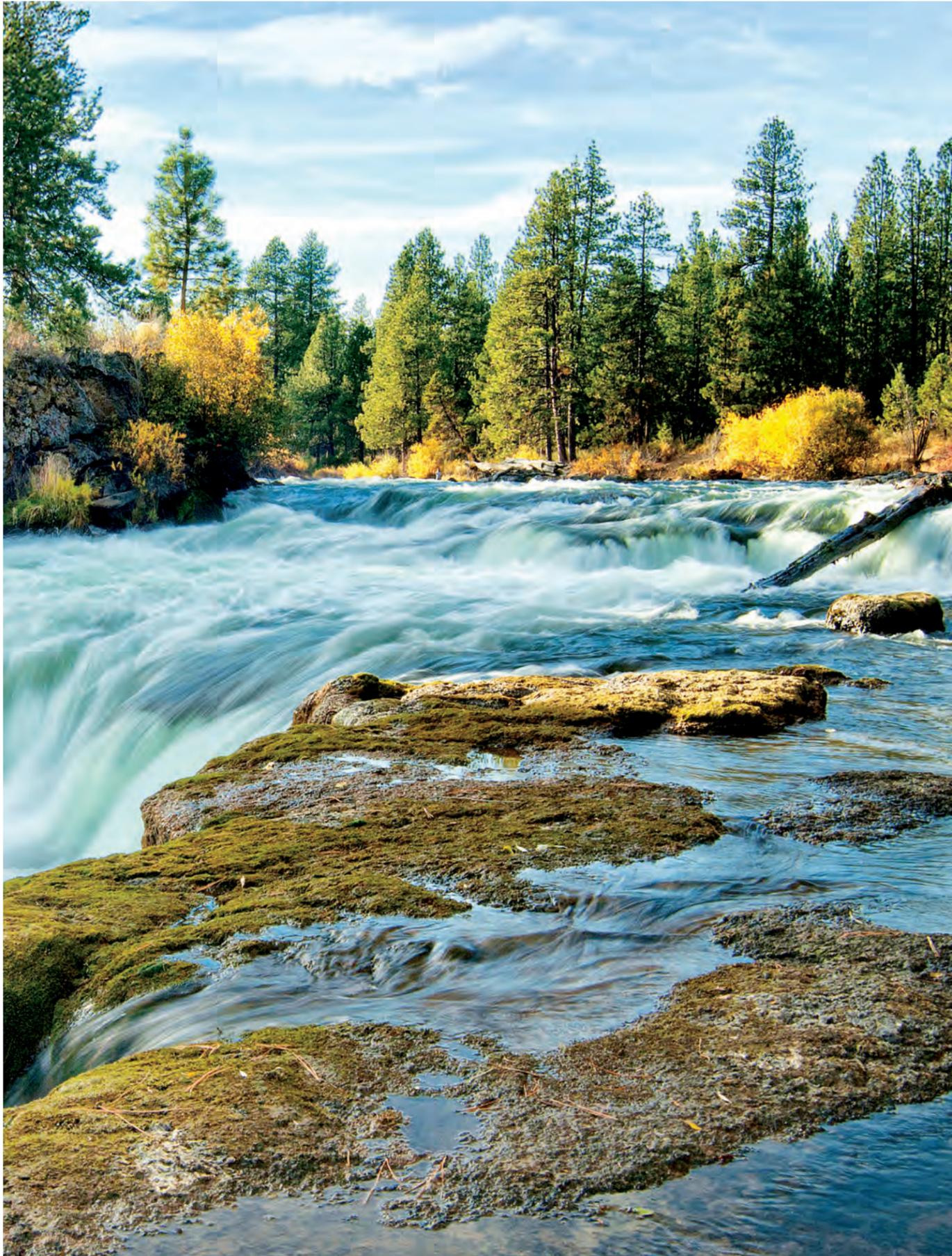
A CULTURAL ICON

In the Southwest, a new public education campaign is quietly reshaping the fate of piñon-juniper woodlands. By elevating the role of the pinyon jay — a cultural keystone for Indigenous communities and a critical forest steward — Defenders is drawing private landowners into conservation, one seed-bearing tree at a time. Our ads, seen on the opposite page, ran throughout communities.





PROTECT



ABOVE A Northern spotted owl rests on a conifer tree branch.

A marbled murrelet sits at the ocean's surface.

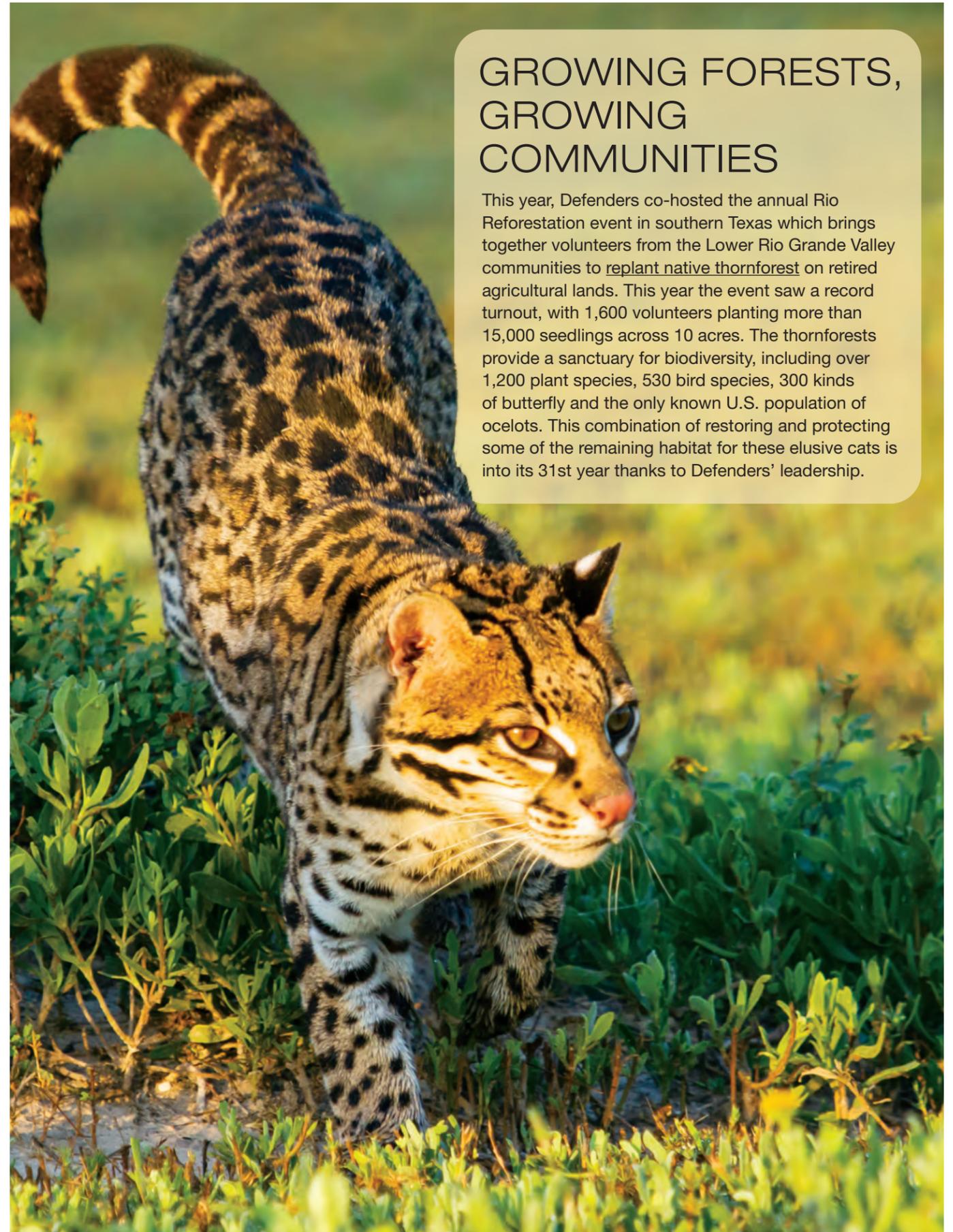
OPPOSITE PAGE Dillon Falls, Oregon

At the heart of all our work stands the Endangered Species Act — still the strongest wildlife protection law in the world, and still under relentless attack. During the 118th Congress alone, Defenders defeated [more than 115 legislative assaults](#) aimed at dismantling the Act, slashing conservation funding and legislating extinction for our most vulnerable species.

This year, we helped block an unprecedented attempt to sell off America's public lands through the federal budget. In response to sweeping "energy" and "timber emergency" declarations that threatened over 20 million acres of designated critical habitat, Defenders built new public-facing tools to reveal the scale of what was at stake — and helped generate the bipartisan opposition needed to stop it.

When the administration moved to repeal the Roadless Area Conservation Rule and open 45 million acres of [undeveloped national forest to logging and roadbuilding](#), Defenders mounted an immediate and forceful response, submitting an opposition petition with more than 5,800 signatories. From the Southern Rockies to the Tongass — one of the world's last intact temperate rainforests — roadless protections remain essential lifelines for wildlife, water and climate resilience.

“FROM THE SOUTHERN ROCKIES TO THE TONGASS, ROADLESS PROTECTIONS REMAIN ESSENTIAL LIFELINES FOR WILDLIFE, WATER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE.”



GROWING FORESTS, GROWING COMMUNITIES

This year, Defenders co-hosted the annual Rio Reforestation event in southern Texas which brings together volunteers from the Lower Rio Grande Valley communities to replant native thornforest on retired agricultural lands. This year the event saw a record turnout, with 1,600 volunteers planting more than 15,000 seedlings across 10 acres. The thornforests provide a sanctuary for biodiversity, including over 1,200 plant species, 530 bird species, 300 kinds of butterfly and the only known U.S. population of ocelots. This combination of restoring and protecting some of the remaining habitat for these elusive cats is into its 31st year thanks to Defenders' leadership.



ABOVE Defenders of Wildlife’s president and CEO Andrew Bowman addresses a crowd of wildlife advocates outside of the Capitol.

Every new sighting of a jaguar in the American Southwest brings renewed hope for the recovery of this big cat. Here, a jaguar walks through a forest toward the camera.

OPPOSITE PAGE There are only approximately 70 reproductive North Atlantic right whales remaining, here one is featured swimming alongside her calf.

In another sweeping regulatory threat, Defenders led scientific opposition to a [proposal that would rescind the definition of “harm”](#) under the ESA — stripping habitat destruction of its legal meaning. Our scientists identified the species that would face near-certain extinction under such a rollback, reinforcing what the law has always recognized: habitat protection is species protection, and to destroy habitat is to harm the very wildlife that call it home.

At the same time, we took a leading role [defending the Marine Mammal Protection Act](#) against congressional efforts to weaken safeguards for whales — including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale.

Fortunately, not all the news was defensive. In New Mexico, a [landmark bipartisan transformation reshaped the future of wildlife governance](#). The state’s Department of Game and Fish became the Department of Wildlife, while the State Game Commission became the State Wildlife Commission. And for the first time, all wildlife — game animals to wild animals alike — was placed at the center of the agency’s mission. Alongside this shift came investments, \$10.5 million for at-risk wildlife and \$50 million for wildlife crossings that will reconnect fragmented habitats and save both animal and human lives.



This past year marked strong defense and meaningful progress for wildlife from the snowcapped mountains of Alaska to the wetlands of the Southeast. We have consistently demonstrated how effective advocacy and on-the-ground programs help both wildlife and communities to thrive. We are grateful to our extensive partnerships with local communities, tribes, coalitions and individuals, without which the future of wildlife and wild spaces would be uncertain. While the road ahead will include significant challenges, we are rising to the occasion and remain the strongest and best line of defense for imperiled wildlife.

In 2025, Defenders of Wildlife’s nearly 2.1 million members and supporters contributed more than \$48 million for wildlife and wildlife habitat. This figure includes all those who generously donated their time and expertise. The steadfast support of our donors allows Defenders to sustain our program and public education efforts in communities, in the courts and on Capitol Hill.

2025 SOURCES OF FUNDING

Grants and Contributions	29,029
Bequests and Trusts	12,290
Income from Investments, Split Interest and Trusts	3,367
Royalties and Other Income	414
Contributed Services	3,713
Total Revenue	48,813

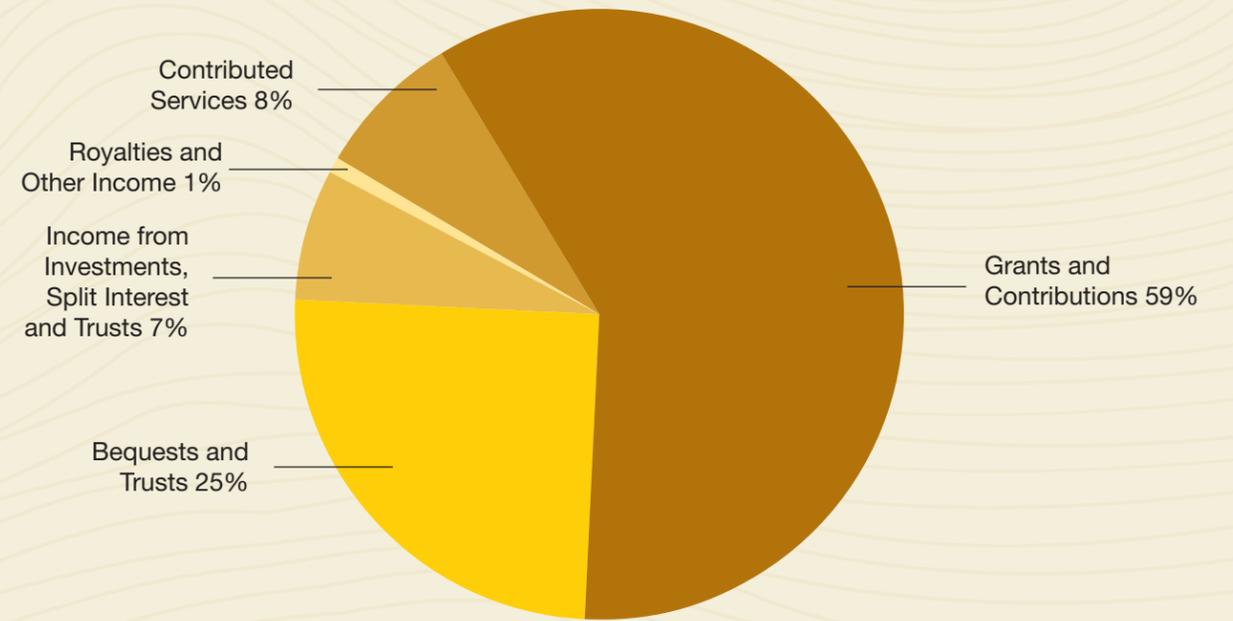
USE OF FUNDS

Biodiversity Conservation	16,959
Constituency Mobilization	13,901
Fundraising	4,796
Management and General	6,384
Total Expenses	42,040

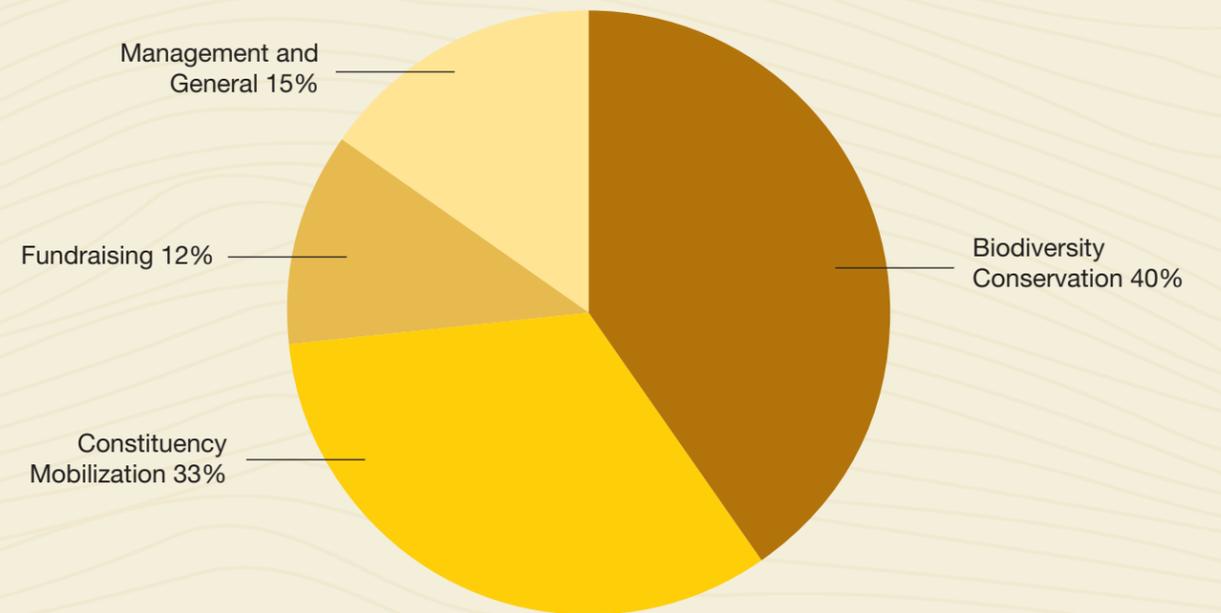
Change in Net Assets	6,774
Net Assets, Start of the Year	54,128
Net Assets, End of the Year	60,902

Dollars in thousands.

TOTAL REVENUE



USE OF FUNDS





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- **Join Defenders' Wildlife Guardians**, our recurring giving program, and make your donations easily and automatically through a credit card or checking account. www.defenders.org/be-a-guardian
- **Become a Wildlife Circle member** with a donation of \$100 to \$999 and be a key partner in our work to protect wolves and other wildlife. www.defenders.org/wildlife-circle

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GIVE

- Transfer appreciated assets directly to Defenders and maximize potential tax benefits. www.defenders.org/donate-stocks-help-save-wildlife
- If you are 70.5 or older, roll over a portion of your IRA to benefit wildlife. Remember, these gifts must come directly from your IRA account. www.defenders.org/planned-giving/gifts-your-retirement-plan
- Get started on a contribution from your donor-advised fund. www.defenders.org/donor-advised-funds

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- Check with your personnel office or that of your spouse/partner about your company's Corporate Matching Gifts program. www.defenders.org/workplace-giving.
- Ask about EarthShare where you work and designate Defenders of Wildlife (CFC #10624) for all or part of your gifts. www.earthshare.org

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