



All great rivers
need great stewards

FISCAL YEAR 2018 IMPACT REPORT



GALLATIN RIVER
TASK FORCE

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The Gallatin River is the heartbeat of Southwest Montana, providing fresh water to seven communities between Yellowstone National Park and the headwaters of the Missouri River. This region has experienced unprecedented growth in recent years, and this great river needs the support of great stewards.

THE BIG PICTURE

Since 2010, the population of Gallatin County has grown by 20%, almost four times the growth rate of the United States. This means that the Gallatin River is sustaining more human impacts today than at any other point in the river's million-year history. The future of this precious resource is in our hands.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

At the Gallatin River Task Force, we are working to protect and enhance the health of this world-class river, even as our greater community expands. Our work is made possible through the generous support of donors, volunteers, and partners, and we hope that you can join us in 2019.

Inside this impact report, you'll see some of the projects that we've recently completed and four simple ways to get involved. Thank you for your interest in the Gallatin River Task Force, we look forward to seeing you at an event or on the river in 2019!

FISCAL YEAR 2018

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Impact



**1.8
MILLION**

**GALLONS OF WATER
CONSERVED**

*since 2016 through
water-efficient product
rebates*



**1500
HOURS**

DEDICATED

by 384 volunteers



**1000
POUNDS**

OF TRASH REMOVED

*during the Upper
Gallatin River
Cleanup*

35 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATED

to publish a plan to manage water resources in Big Sky



**20%
INCREASE**

IN EDUCATION

program participation



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WATER-FOCUSED

*continuing education
courses held for local
real estate agents*



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DISTRICT ORDINANCE

*passed to promote
water conservation in
Big Sky*

1 IN-DEPTH STUDY ON THE IMPACTS OF ROAD SAND

on sodium, chloride, and magnesium levels in local streams

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Moose Creek Flat Recreation Area

Just downstream from Big Sky, Moose Creek Flat is a popular campground, fishing destination, and boat launch. With this popularity, also came significant bank erosion and vegetative damage. Along with the help of 40 volunteers, we restored this critical stretch of river and built infrastructure to minimize human impacts going forward. This is the first of many projects that we have planned through a long-term partnership with the Custer Gallatin National Forest.



145
FEET
OF STREAMBANK
RESTORED



to prevent erosion

3,700
WILLOWS
PLANTED



*to support the
ecosystem*

288
SEEDLINGS
PLANTED



*over 11,000 square
feet to improve water
quality*

**1,000 FEET OF FENCING
TO PROTECT STREAMSIDE HABITAT**

**3 INTERPRETIVE SIGNS
TO EDUCATE RECREATORS ON WATERSHED HEALTH**

**NEW RIVERSIDE TRAIL, BOAT RAMP, KAYAK LAUNCH,
AND TERRACE TO IMPROVE RIVER ACCESS**



STEWARD SPOTLIGHT

“I caught my first fish on the Gallatin River more than 60 years ago, long before the rest of the world discovered what a treasure the Gallatin is. Without question, this river and the watershed that feeds it is the most precious natural resource that we have in Big Sky. Preserving it is an obligation we all share.”

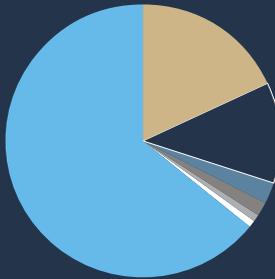
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our donors gave generously during 2018, by donating or pledging a combined \$800,000 during the Gallatin River Forever fundraising campaign.

Year-over-year membership revenue increased by 342%, and we thank each and every supporter — large and small — that helped make 2018 a banner year for Gallatin River conservation.

INCOME FY 2018

Between grants, membership dues, individual donations, and fundraising, we raised over \$700,000 to protect the Gallatin River during fiscal year 2018. This funding makes our work possible, and we thank every individual and company that contributed.

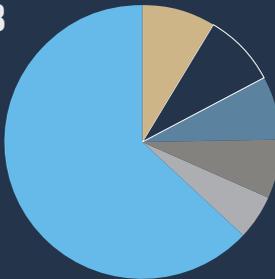


GRANTS	\$453,363	64.17%
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$127,922	18.11%
EVENTS	\$85,019	12.03%
INDIVIDUALS	\$18,438	2.61%
MEMBERSHIP	\$10,895	1.54%
IN KIND	\$6,263	0.89%
PROGRAMS	\$4,559	0.65%

TOTAL \$706,459

EXPENSES FY 2018

During fiscal year 2018, we put nearly \$600,000 to work toward conservation efforts, education, community events, and watershed monitoring. This means that for every dollar we spent during fiscal year 2018, 85 cents went toward protecting the Gallatin River.



CONSERVATION	\$446,488	63.08%
EDUCATION & OUTREACH	\$61,996	8.76%
FUNDRAISING	\$61,187	8.65%
EVENTS	\$53,130	7.51%
ADMIN	\$48,732	6.89%
WATERSHED MONITORING	\$36,232	5.12%

TOTAL \$707,765

GET INVOLVED

Our work wouldn't be possible without the support of you, the people of Southwest Montana that value clean water and days spent on the river. If you would like to support the health and vibrancy of the Gallatin River, here are four ways to get involved.

KEEP IN TOUCH

by signing up for our monthly newsletter

GET YOUR FEET WET

by volunteering your time and energy

DONATE TODAY

to help fund ongoing restoration projects

MARK YOUR CALENDAR *and attend an event in 2019*

2019

MARCH 20TH
F3T FLY FISHING FILM TOUR IN BIG SKY

MAY 2ND & 3RD
GIVE BIG GALLATIN VALLEY

JUNE 29TH & 30TH
GALLATIN RIVER FESTIVAL

AUGUST 29TH
UPPER GALLATIN RIVER CLEANUP



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