

Annual Report 2001



From vast arctic tundra to majestic rainforests, Alaska's wild places are threatened national treasures. The Alaska Wilderness League is a committed voice for Alaskan wilderness in the nation's capital.

The mission of the Alaska Wilderness League is to support legislative and administrative initiatives to protect Alaska's lands and waters, promote national and local recognition of Alaska's spectacular environment through public education, strengthen grassroots activism on behalf of Alaska's environment and provide leadership within the environmental community on selected issues that concern Alaska.

In its eighth year, the Alaska Wilderness League continued its fight to protect Alaska's unique lands and wildlife as your voice for Alaska's wilderness in the nation's capital.

Arctic Campaign – The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge still remains the domain of wildlife rather than the oil industry, despite the best efforts of President Bush's campaign to open the biological heart of the Refuge – the Coastal Plain – to drilling. AWL facilitated the environmental community's efforts to protect and defend this natural treasure. AWL recruited a record-breaking number of supporters for legislation (championed by Reps. Markey (D-MA) and Johnson (R-CT) and Sen. Lieberman (D-CT)) to permanently protect the Coastal Plain as Wilderness. AWL stopped efforts to include revenues from Arctic drilling in the Interior Appropriations Bill. No matter what the situation – national security, California electricity shortage or even cloning – Bush and his oil cronies had one solution: drill the Arctic Refuge. Development advocates prevailed when the House of Representatives passed a sham compromise drilling amendment, but AWL triumphed in the Senate when drilling proponents twice tried to pass drilling provisions on the heels of September 11th.

Rainforest Campaign – Working to ensure the sustainable future of Alaska's forests has always been a part of the mission of the Alaska Wilderness League. AWL is focused on achieving Wilderness protection for both the Tongass and Chugach forests

through the Alaska Rainforest Conservation Act. Currently more than 120 Members of Congress are co-sponsors of this legislation. AWL is at the forefront of the battle against the recurrent attempts to give away pieces of Alaska's National Forest land to private entities and to the logging industry. As a member of the Alaska Rainforest Campaign, AWL works cooperatively with other groups to advance permanent protection for Alaska's forests.

Membership – In January AWL launched an aggressive three-year membership plan and garnered more than 8,000 new members, significantly growing the power and influence of the organization. A direct mail piece, sent to over 800,000 people, brought in thousands of signed petitions in support of protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Grassroots activism – The Alaska Wilderness League continues to harness the public outcry against drilling and forest destruction. During the past year, AWL presented over 50 Arctic slide shows in 9 different states to over 2,500 people. AWL deployed 13 field organizers in 17 states, generating thousands of letters to key lawmakers as well as letters to the editor and recruiting over 100 new organizations to the Alaska Coalition.

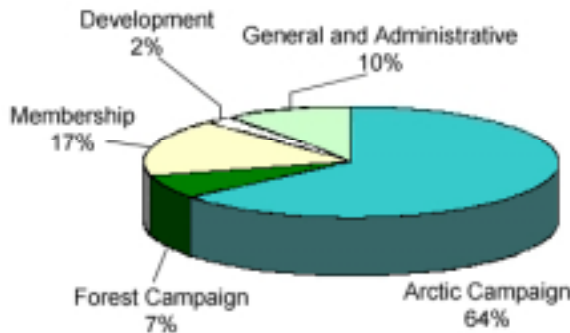


2001 Financial Overview

Alaska Wilderness League Revenue 2001



Alaska Wilderness League Expenses 2001



Financial Summary FY 2001

Total Revenue	\$1,279,717
Total Expenses	\$1,419,205
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 641,098
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 514,922

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