

Annual Report 2002



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

The Alaska Wilderness League is a membership organization that advocates for public policy to protect Alaska's lands and waters, promotes national and local recognition of Alaska's spectacular environment through public education, strengthens grassroots activism on behalf of Alaska's environment, and provides leadership within the environmental community on issues that concern Alaska.

The Alaska Wilderness League is fast approaching a ten-year milestone of protecting 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. No matter what the situation – national security, California electricity shortage or even cloning – President Bush and his oil cronies had one solution: drill the Arctic Refuge. The Alaska Wilderness League facilitated the environmental community's efforts to protect and defend this natural treasure. We 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. Also, in the wake of a House energy bill passed the year before that contained Arctic Drilling, we were able to stop efforts to include such language in the Senate Energy Bill. This decisive victory was won on the Senate floor through a 54-46 vote defeating an amendment that would have opened the refuge to drilling.

Rainforest Campaign – Ensuring the sustainable future of Alaska's forests continues to be a priority for the Alaska Wilderness League. At the end of this year we had successfully helped to recruit 126 co-sponsors to the Alaska Rainforest Conservation Act.

We also took the lead on recruiting 71 members of Congress to submit a joint official comment to the Forest Service denouncing the Tongass Land Management Plan (which recommended no new wilderness designation in the Tongass). The League continues to be at the forefront of battles against recurring attempts to give away pieces of Alaska's National Forest land to private entities and to the logging industry.

Membership – The Alaska Wilderness League continued its aggressive membership acquisition plan, garnering over 7,700 new members for the year. The membership played a significant role in our grassroots and fundraising efforts and was integral in the campaigns to preserve Alaska's wild lands.

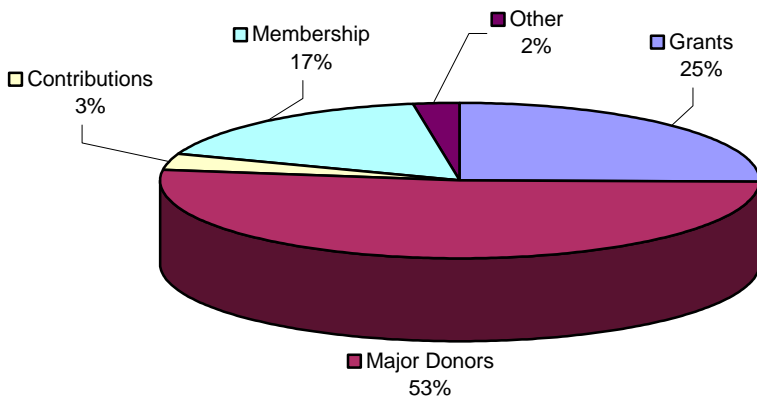
Grassroots activism – The Alaska Wilderness League continues to harness the public outcry against drilling and forest destruction. During the past year, the League presented over 50 Arctic slide shows in seven different states to over 1,200 people. We also deployed five field organizers in five states, generating thousands of letters to key lawmakers as well as encouraging letters to the editor and recruiting dozens of new organizations to the Alaska Coalition.



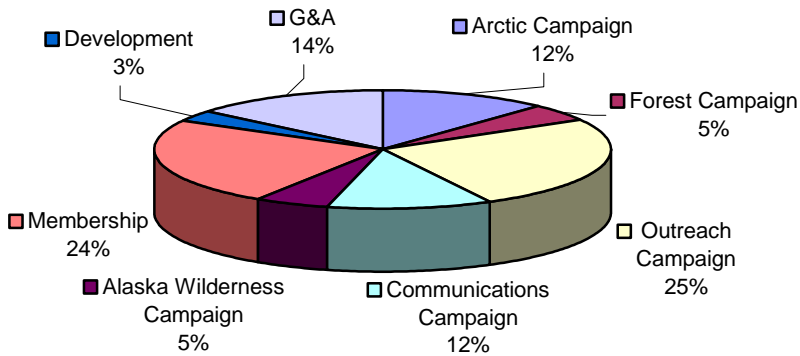
Alaska Wilderness League Staff

2002 Financial Overview

**Alaska Wilderness League
Revenue 2002**



**Alaska Wilderness League
Expenses 2002**



Financial Summary FY 2002

Total Revenue	\$1,430,650
Total Expenses	\$1,254,427
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$514,922
Net Assets at End of Year	\$691,145

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