



The mission of the American Land Conservancy is to protect our natural heritage by conserving land for the benefit of people and wildlife.

From the rugged California coast to the mighty Mississippi River, America's treasured natural resources provide critical habitat, recreation areas, and open space while also supporting local economies. In 2008 American Land Conservancy continued to ensure these special places were conserved; working with landowners, wildlife agencies, local stakeholders, and other conservation partners across the country.

2008 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS



ALASKA: Secured funding and furthered negotiations on 4,000 acres of pristine habitat for salmon, Kodiak brown bear, seabirds, and many other species on Afognak Island and began new work on Kodiak Island. Afognak projects will close in early 2009.



CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY & FOOTHILLS: Worked with the Bureau of Land Management toward the protection of additional acreage in the Sacramento River Bend (closing in early 2009), and began new work in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Tulare Basin.



GREAT BASIN: Continued to work with landowners in the Paradise Valley to protect historic working ranchlands; worked to secure funding for protection of 12,000-acre Boyd Ranch in Nevada and 600-acre Cinnamon Ranch in California.



MISSISSIPPI RIVER: Conserved 895 acres of wetlands and side-channel/island complexes along the Mississippi River in Illinois and Missouri, including habitat for threatened and endangered species (see project highlight). Continued efforts to protect 1,500-acre Buck Island in Arkansas.



WEST COAST TRAIL: Raised additional funds for the acquisition of 2,400-acre Wild Cherry Canyon along California's central coast, a project that will help expand nearby Montaña de Oro state park by 65 percent.



AMERICAN LANDSCAPES: Protected 220 acres of native grassland and timbered gulches in southwest Montana that provide critical winter range for elk and bighorn sheep (see project highlight).

2008 Project Highlights:



WINDY BAR: ALC acquired and conveyed 705-acre Windy Bar to the Missouri Department of Conservation, protecting a forested Mississippi island that provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered species and is frequently used by bald eagles, neotropical songbirds, and migratory waterfowl. Situated near another island protected by ALC, Windy Bar creates a unique stretch of river with publicly owned lands on both banks, opening up new opportunities for fishing, hunting, hiking and wildlife viewing that will benefit the economy of nearby Cape Girardeau.

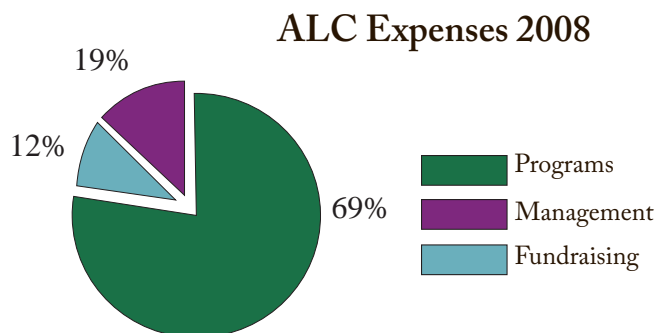


STUCKY RIDGE: A series of grassy windblown benches and timbered gulches in southwest Montana, Stucky Ridge is considered by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks to be some of the most valuable wildlife habitat in the region. Providing critical winter range for bighorn sheep and elk, Stucky Ridge also features thick aspen forests used by mountain lion, bear, coyote, fox, bobcat, and nesting songbirds. In 2008 ALC acquired and conveyed 220 acres of Stucky Ridge to the state, completing Phase One of a two-part acquisition of 298 acres.

2008 Statement of Activities

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SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Land transactions	\$341,905
Contributions and grants	\$237,027
Investment return	\$32,356
Other income	\$21,987
Total Support and Revenue	\$633,275
EXPENSES	
Land conservation programs	\$1,103,112
Management and support services	\$307,273
Fundraising	\$199,702
Total Expenses	\$1,610,087



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