EARTHJUSTICE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT THE EARTH NEEDS A GOOD LAWYER





Our mountains, rivers, and wildlife belong to all Americans and so too must the power of justice belong to all those who desire to protect our nation's natural treasures.

To be sure, the challenges we face are significant. The impacts of climate change are already being felt around the globe, our nation's special places and wildlife face numerous threats, and the health of our communities is at risk from industrial pollution. Additionally, we are experiencing increasingly aggressive legislative and judicial threats to the very right of citizens to go to court to protect the environment and our communities.

The right of citizens to access the courts in addressing environmental harms is vitally important and cannot be allowed to erode. Our mountains, rivers, and wildlife belong to all Americans and so too must the power of justice

THANK YOU

A letter from Our President and Chairman

Earthjustice, as our name implies, has harbored an unrelenting passion for protecting the earth and a commitment to justice for more than four decades. These core values, on which our organization was founded, continue to inspire our team to fight for a healthier, cleaner planet. And while we are more committed to our work than ever before, the immensity of the challenges in our path can obscure the light at the end of the tunnel. But we engage in this work, and likely you support it, because we know that our efforts are producing-and will continue to produce-positive, enduring results.

belong to all those who desire to protect our nation's natural treasures. To retain our ability to fight on behalf of the earth, we will tenaciously defend citizen access to the courts and safeguard this essential element of our democracy.

Your partnership in this fight is crucial. With your support, we are doing more every day to expand our reach and heighten our impact, including by identifying and hiring additional talented attorneys, taking on new clients, and bringing more cases in more places in furtherance of our mission. We are grateful both for your financial support which makes this possible, and for your advocacy which helps get stronger safeguards adopted and enforced. Thank you for standing with us to fight to preserve our natural heritage, to safeguard our health, and to move us toward a clean energy future. Working together, we will continue holding accountable those who would harm the environment and our communities, and we will continue to ensure that the earth has a good lawyer.

For your support and partnership in this work, thank you.

Trip Van Noppen

Trip Van Noppen, President

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Peter Carson, The Chairman of Board of Trustees

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PRESERVING THE NATURAL HERITAGE **OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

As Earthjustice celebrates the 25th anniversary of our Northwest Office in Seattle, we also celebrate the numerous wildlife species and special places our legal team has protected in this region. Our dedicated team of attorneys is committed to continuing the critical work of preserving the region's forests and rivers, restoring salmon populations, protecting marine species, and guiding the Northwest toward a clean energy future.

Teeming with biodiversity and awe-inspiring landscapes, the spectacular natural treasures of the Northwest are abundant. Here, intact old-growth forests create unique ecosystems where plant life and wildlife have thrived for millennia. The region's numerous rivers-including the 1,200-mile-long Columbia River-are home to some of the West Coast's largest salmon runs and sustain a diverse, interconnected web of life. Snowcapped mountain peaks, such as 14,000-foot Mount Rainier, create a dramatic backdrop for Washington's Puget Sound, and orca whales navigate the Sound's coastal waters, serving as iconic symbols of the region's natural heritage.

FIGHTING TO SAVE NORTHWEST SALMON

Salmon runs in the Northwest have been reduced to approximately 1 percent of their historic levels. The American Fisheries Society, an organization of scientists, estimates that of the once-abundant salmon runs in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California, at least 106 stocks are extinct and another 214 are at high risk, moderate risk, or of "special concern." The fish encounter a

number of obstacles to their survival in the region including pollution, reduced in-stream flows, and blocked access to spawning grounds. Salmon are integral to the economy, culture, and spirituality of the Northwest, and their extinction would have an incalculable impact on the region's way of life.

Earthjustice has been fighting for decades to protect the Northwest's salmon and restore critical habitat. We partner with local communities, Native American tribes, and the fishing industry to enforce laws aimed at protecting the fish and ceasing habitat degradation. Through tenacious litigation and administrative advocacy, we are reducing water pollution, increasing the volume of water in rivers, and fighting to remove deadly migration barriers-namely hydroelectric dams-that threaten the survival of the species.

Despite the threats facing salmon, there are stories emerging that offer hope. Earthjustice provided legal expertise that helped facilitate the historic removal of two dams on Washington's Elwha River. The dismantling the Elwha dams in late 2011 yielded near immediate results. In summer 2012-for the first time since the Elwha Dam was constructed in 1913-salmon were spotted in a previously inaccessible stretch of the river within Olympic National Park. As a result of this landmark victory, scientists believe the roughly 3,000 fish surviving in the four miles of the currently undammed Elwha could swell to a thriving population of nearly 400,000 salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. Earthjustice continues to fight to restore historic salmon runs by removing barriers blocking salmon from their natal waters.



streams to spawn.

SKAGIT RIVER

PROTECTING SALMON FROM PESTICIDE RUNOFF

In 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service set pollution limits for three toxic pesticides-chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion-that find their way from Northwest farm fields into the region's rivers and streams. The pesticide industry challenged the protective limits and Earthjustice intervened to defend the rules. In late 2011, a federal judge issued a decision against the industry and upheld the pesticide runoff limits. This victory is good news for salmon as these pesticides can lead to the death of the fish, cause loss of food supplies and habitat, and interfere with salmon's ability to navigate back to their home

COLUMBIA-SNAKE RIVER

SAVING SALMON FROM EXTINCTION IN THE COLUMBIA-SNAKE RIVER



For nearly two decades, Earthjustice has been fighting for salmon in the Columbia and Snake rivers. In 2011, thanks to Earthjustice litigation, a federal court rejected an inadequate government plan, which failed to offer a realistic approach to restoring salmon in the Columbia and Snake rivers. A complex of federal dams on the two rivers are the primary culprits harming salmon and preventing them from reaching their spawning grounds. Earthjustice is seeking removal of four dams that strangle the lower Snake River. Removal of the dams would bring millions of dollars from restored salmon runs to communities from coastal California to Alaska and inland to Idaho.





If proposed coal export terminals are constructed in Washington and Oregon, mile-long trains spewing coal dust will course several times a day through Northwest communities, impeding emergency response vehicles, slowing traffic, and polluting the air. In fact, some locations such as Spokane, Washington, could see more than 60 coal trains travelling through town every day. These diesel-burning trains would generate particulate matter pollution, which is associated with both pulmonary and cardiovascular health risks including cancer, heart disease, and asthma. The legal team in our Seattle office is committed to protecting Northwest communities from the health threats posed by these terminals

SPOKANE

PREVENTING COAL EXPORT TERMINALS



The Port of Coos Bay approved a permit to conduct a significant dredging project-one of the largest in state history at 5.6 million cubic yards-as part of the construction of a marine terminal. The dredging project would have significant impacts on the aquatic ecosystem of the bay. While the permit is deliberately vague about the purpose of the new facility, the Port has acknowledged that it is in discussions with an unnamed private party interested in building a coal export erminal at the site. Earthjustice has appealed the permit to enable a more robust ublic conversation about whether a coal export terminal should be built in Coos Bay. If we prevail, we could significantly delay the project and force greater public scrutiny, giving our clients an opportunity to rally the public against the terminal.



COOS BAY

SAFEGUARDING COMMUNITIES FROM COAL EXPORT TERMINALS

Successful Earthjustice litigation is forcing the retirement of America's old, polluting coal-fired power plants. And demand for coal energy is increasing in emerging Asian economies. This combination of factors has led the coal industry to propose a series of major coal export facilities along America's West Coast to send coal-mined in Montana and Wyoming-overseas. If successful in building these export terminals, the coal industry would open a new market that would perpetuate this dirty industry for decades to come. The proposed projects would also expose surrounding communities to toxic

-Jan Hasselman, an attorney in our Northwest Office, has been fighting for Northwest communities for 12 years with Earthjustice. He is committed to ensuring that the Northwest does not become a coal shipping hub.

coal dust blowing from the terminals, result in a massive increase in train traffic, and lead to the destruction of marine habitat through dredging.

Earthjustice is playing a key role in preventing the construction of these terminals. We are currently intervening in several applications for construction permits where adequate assessment of environmental impacts has not been completed. Working as the legal arm of a broad coalition of groups, we will ensure this dirty industry does not gain a toehold in the Pacific Northwest.

"On the local level, once people really think about how these coal terminals operate, people are not going to want them in their backyards. We've discovered that the more folks know about the coal terminals, the less they like them. The most effective approach is just to show them a picture of an existing coal terminal. They have no idea that it's these massive open-air stock piles of coal, and trains running in and out all day with open rail cars spewing coal dust. So, the more we can educate the public, the better chance we have at achieving lasting victories.

"If you live in Longview or Bellingham or another targeted community, there is a lot at stake. These are dangerous, dirty industrial facilities that will lower the quality of life for residents and make these communities less attractive places to live. There are a number of pollution issues and of course the terminals would bring an enormous increase in train traffic on a rail system that is already nearing capacity. We would be displacing passenger rail and rail for goods made here in the Northwest in favor of exporting Wyoming and Montana's coal overseas. That doesn't do much for our local economy, and at the same time it would harm the health of these communities. The terminals are simply the wrong approach for the Northwest and I intend to fight as hard as I can to protect the communities in this region that I call home. I think this is a very winnable battle."

PROTECTING ORCAS FROM THE IMPACTS OF MILITARY TRAINING IN COASTAL WATERS



Earthjustice, representing a coalition of conservation and Native American groups, has filed suit against the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for failing to protect thousands of orcas and other whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals, and sea lions from U.S. Navy warfare training exercises along the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and Northern California. NMFS granted the Navy a five-year permit allowing for expansion of training activities, which will harm or kill marine mammals and other sea life. The training exercises are allowed even in areas designated as marine sanctuaries and disrupt marine mammals' migration, nursing, breeding, and feeding habits, primarily as a result of harassment through exposure to underwater sonar. We are fighting to protect marine species by compelling the Navy to alter the timing and location of its training.

DEFENDING THE FORESTS OF WESTERN OREGON



A Bush-era timber plan known as the Western Oregon Plan Revision would have dramatically increased logging on about 2.6 million acres of federal public forests in Oregon-including many old-growth trees-at the expense of protections for rivers, streams, and wildlife. Earthjustice filed suit to stop the ill-advised logging plan. In March 2012, a federal court in Oregon ruled in our favor and formally struck down the Bush-era forest plan, returning the region to a more responsible management program, ensuring this vast area of public lands can be enjoyed by generations to come.

WASHINGTON COAST

ALSEA VALLEY





REDUCING GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY

PREVENTING POLLUTION RUNOFF INTO RIVERS



Polluted runoff, or stormwater, is a toxic stew of metals, oil, grease, pesticide, herbicides, bacteria, and nutrients. When it rains, the toxic runoff drains off roofs and streets in amounts that can significantly degrade water quality and kill marine life. On behalf of local communities, Earthjustice challenged local rules that allow too much polluted runoff, violating state and federal laws protecting citizen's rights to clean water. In September 2012, Earthjustice won a major decision to curb polluted runoff that has statewide impacts for Washington. The ruling marks the end of the long-standing failure to protect

LEADING THE TRANSITION TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

The impacts of climate change are already being felt around the globe with this year's Arctic sea ice at historically low levels. Due to excessive oil and gas drilling, some areas of Wyoming now experience worse air quality than smoggy, car-choked Los Angeles. And entire landscapes and communities in Appalachia are being decimated by mountaintop removal coal mining as industry clings to the outdated fossil fuel economy. With stakes for the environment and communities this high, we believe that the transition to a clean energy future is a principal challenge of our age.

The issues are complex and questions about this energy transition remain. How do we spark change and create a cleaner power grid? How do we integrate intermittent energy sources like wind and solar? And how do we establish the infrastructure to support on-site generation, demand response, and energy storage? In our fight to move away from fossil fuels and embrace renewable power, now is the time to answer these questions and establish the foundation for a smarter, greener power grid.

Working at the national and state level, Earthjustice is removing barriers prohibiting growth of renewable energy while taking concrete steps to wean the nation off fossil fuel energy. This two-pronged approach is already producing results and pushing us closer to the successful realization of a clean energy future.

Achieving Critical Energy Reforms

Some of the keys to creating a clean energy future are ensuring the stability of the power grid, with priority being placed on incorporating renewable sources of power into the current grid, and mandating efficiency standards. While there has been general gridlock on the federal level over the past year, Earthjustice has made significant progress by forcing the federal government to set rules that will facilitate a national transition toward increased use of power from renewable sources.

In 2011, Earthjustice worked with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to finalize a rule that requires reforms and the integration of clean energy into the power grid. Also known as Order 1000, this landmark federal reform will help ensure that infrastructure is in place to integrate renewable energy sources into the power grid, that energy efficiency mandates are achieved, and that aging coal plants are retired in a timely fashion. The new order also ensures that consumers do not shoulder the costs of new energy transmission projects intended to bring renewable power onto the grid.

In addition to creating an opportunity for greater adoption of renewable energy sources, we are working at the federal level to establish gains in energy efficiency. Thanks to the work of Earthjustice attorney Jim Pew, the U.S. Department of Energy is setting new efficiency standards for more than a dozen categories of home and commercial appliances. Adopting these strong efficiency standards could cut emissions of more than 126 million metric tons of greenhouse gases each year by 2030, equivalent to eliminating the emissions from 50 power plants, while saving consumers \$19 billion a year.

"HOW DO WE SPARK CHANGE AND CREATE A CLEANER POWER GRID?"



Leading the Clean Energy Revolution at the State Level

Since many utilities are regulated at the state level, Earthjustice is also working with key regional partners to set important legal precedents. Across the nation, we are working with states, municipalities, and local regulatory bodies to implement sweeping change, and to demonstrate that clean energy is economically feasible.

Suffering from the highest electricity costs in the nation and more than 90 percent dependency on imported fossil fuels-despite having ample sun and wind-Hawai'i is a test case for clean energy transformation. Here, as elsewhere, the state's century-old power grid is based on centralized plants sending electricity through power lines to distant neighborhoods, but the advent of solar energy has challenged that model. To empower the people of Hawai'i to take control of their energy future, Earthjustice attorney Isaac Moriwake recently won a nationally significant settlement moving past outdated barriers to the localized production of clean energy, allowing homeowners and small businesses in Hawai'i to install rooftop solar systems and feed the electricity into the local grid.

In California, attorney Will Rostov is engaged in Public Utilities Commission proceedings where the future of the state's energy system is being planned. We successfully strengthened a key energy policy that sets a priority list for power generation. Under this policy, the state's utilities must first employ energy efficiency and conservation to meet customer demand, and then use energy from renewable sources such as wind, solar, and geothermal. Only after all those supplies are exhausted may the utilities purchase power from fossil fuel power plants.

On the East Coast, we are defending the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, an innovative program designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power plants in 10 Northeastern states. This first-of-its-kind program will not only bring direct cuts in global warming pollution, but will also auction carbon emission allowances to provide funding for programs that promote energy efficiency and enhance clean energy infrastructure.



Earthjustice is leading the way in this battle to create a more resilient and cleaner power grid-allowing solar, wind, and other renewable sources to become a larger portion of our nation's energy portfolio.

We are also fighting for cleaner energy in many other states including Missouri, Kentucky, and Michigan, where industry is looking to invest in aging coal power infrastructure to comply with environmental safeguards that our savvy legal team is working to implement and enforce. In these coal dependent states, utilities are seeking to force their captive ratepayers to foot the bill for costly investments in aging coal infrastructure. We are challenging these attempts by the coal industry to lock America into decades of further dependence on coal and are seeking the retirement of these old, polluting coal-fired power plants to allow clean energy solutions to gain traction



in the market. Earthjustice attorneys have already had considerable success in Kentucky where a major utility withdrew its proposal to charge ratepayers \$940 million to retrofit the Big Sandy coal plant in the face of our opposition, and in Michigan we are gaining traction in our efforts to shift investments away from coal.

If we are to realize a clean energy future, we must upend the status quo of fossil-fuel dependency. Earthjustice is leading the way in this battle to create a more resilient and cleaner power grid–allowing solar, wind, and other renewable sources to become a larger portion of our nation's energy portfolio. Where sweeping mandates aren't feasible, we are fighting for cleaner energy in numerous cases where federal and regional transmission organizations, utility commissions, the courts, and other agencies are making decisions that will determine how we produce and use energy for decades to come.

"All of us can really take hold of our energy future, which includes understanding how much energy we use, where it comes from, and what it really costs for our island society and environment. Empowering people to generate their own solar electricity from their rooftops is a big part of this transformation."

"The failed legacy of fossil fuels has left Hawai'i with an antiquated grid, the highest electric costs in the nation, and more than 90 percent dependence on imported fuels. But it also offers an opportunity to lead the way for the nation to the future. That's why I'm fighting so that neighborhoods and mom-and-pop businesses can join and spread the clean energy wave. Everyone can take part in the solution, and I'm proud to be playing my part to help make that happen."

-Isaac Moriwake, an attorney in our Hawai'i Office, has been fighting for Hawaiian communities, and to transform the state's power grid, for 10 years with Earthjustice. He's focused on moving beyond outdated barriers that hinder individual home and business owners from installing rooftop solar systems and feeding clean power into the grid. He describes his fight to reform Hawai'i's energy grid as bringing "power to the people."



"FRACKING REPRESENTS ONE OF THE BIGGEST THREATS TO COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT."

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR COMMUNITIES FROM FRACKING

When Chris and Stephanie Hallowich moved their family to a farm in the small, rural borough of Mount Pleasant, they thought they had found their dream home. In this bucolic, blue-collar region of southwestern Pennsylvania, quietude and a slower pace of life prevail. But the family's dream home and hopes for a peaceful place to raise their children were changed forever the day the gas industry moved in. The Hallowichs were soon surrounded by fracking wells on their property and gas processing facilities nearby. In short order, the health of the family began to deteriorate.

Stephanie and Chris tried to get the attention of state regulators, spoke with media, and communicated with the gas companies. Yet the fracking operations persisted, and the family's health continued to decline. Running out of options and concerned for their children, the family had no choice but to file a lawsuit, settle with the gas companies, and abandon their property. The very companies that essentially forced the Hallowich family from their home persuaded the court to close the legal proceeding and seal the court recorddepriving the public of vital information that could help protect the health of other families harmed by fracking.

Circumstances similar to those that the Hallowich family faced are occurring throughout Pennsylvania and other states where fracking is taking place. As gas development expands across the country, more people are exposed to fracking operations that contaminate drinking water and pollute the air, with serious health implications. To understand and prevent these health risks, physicians and public health professionals need more information about the chemicals used by the fracking industry. The medical com-

munity insists that it needs more information to effectively treat those made ill by fracking, yet the gas industry routinely impedes the collection and dissemination of information about the industry's impact on public health.

Earthjustice's legal team, led by attorney Deborah Goldberg, is fighting on behalf of the Hallowich family to unseal the court record in the case and to impel greater transparency throughout the industry to safeguard the health of other families living near industrial gas drilling operations.

Earthjustice is leading the fight to protect our communities from fracking. We are using the power of law to defend the right of communities to protect public health by limiting fracking in their towns, to hold the fracking industry accountable for its pollution, and to pierce the veil of secrecy surrounding the toxic chemicals used in the fracking process.

This year Earthjustice won several key victories that affirmed the right of communities to limit or ban fracking in their towns and set a precedent for other communities to determine the types of industrial activities allowed in their towns. In one such case, we are in court defending the Town of Dryden, New York, against Norse Energy Corp., which thinks it should be allowed to overrule Dryden's zoning laws limiting industrial gas development. In partnership with the citizens of Dryden, our legal team is working to secure a February 2012 trial court victory for the town, as the case goes up on appeal. Our representation is critical to the defense of Dryden's right to determine which land uses will be allowed within its borders.

In a similar case, the Town of Middlefield, New York, used local zoning laws to ban fracking. A local landowner who leased her land for drilling challenged Middlefield in court. Earthjustice filed a friend-of-the-court brief and presented oral argument in the case on behalf of a coalition of local businesses, recreational interests, and conservation groups. In February 2012, the trial court found in favor of Middlefield, keeping the fracking limits in place. We will be working closely with Middlefield's attorneys as the case goes up on appeal.

These cases illustrate the power citizens have through the courts, even when facing overwhelming corporate power and influence.

Earthjustice has made a long-term commitment to protecting public health and empowering communities to stand up to powerful interests. By pursuing legal cases that force gas drilling companies to disclose the chemicals used in their fracking process, and partnering with local advocates and organizations, we are enabling communities to safeguard their health and helping to provide doctors with information so they can properly treat sick patients. We will continue advocating for a more balanced approach to gas development—an approach that is informed by science and that gives serious consideration to fracking's impacts on the environment and public health.

What is Fracking?

Hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," is a controversial technique that injects fluid underground at high pressure to fracture rock formations and release the gas deposits inside the rock. Fracking fluid—which is laced with toxic chemicals that have not been fully tested or disclosed to the public—is released into the environment through inadequate waste disposal, leaks, spills, and other accidents, presenting serious risks to public health and the environment. This fluid contaminates the surrounding landscape including drinking water sources such as rivers and streams. Additionally, gas operations emit large volumes of methane, which is a significant greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

The United States is experiencing a gas boom. Gas development in the Northeast's Marcellus Shale deposit, in the Rocky Mountains region, and in other parts of the country is skyrocketing. Between 1990 and 2009, the number of gas wells nearly doubled in the U.S., bringing the nationwide total to approximately 500,000 active wells—and about 90 percent of today's wells are fracked. New technology is allowing fracking to proliferate in areas previously unreachable. The International Energy Agency predicts another 500,000 wells will be drilled in the U.S. by 2035.



"Fracking represents one of the biggest threats to communities and the environment that I will see in my lifetime. Unless we stand up to the arrogance and power of the oil and gas industry, public health will decline, fragile ecosystems will be destroyed, and methane emissions will drive up the carbon pollution that causes climate change. Litigation often is the only weapon that communities and the environment have against big corporations and government agencies that are fast-tracking dangerous fracking. I fight because this is a battle we have to win."

-Deborah Goldberg is the Managing Attorney of our Northeast Office. Deborah has been fighting with Earthjustice for more than four years and is a nationally recognized expert on fracking. letters to President Obama and more than 34,000 comments to EPA in support of strengthening air pollution limits for fracking.

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Earthjustice supporters are playing a crucial role in advocating for environmental and public health protections against fracking. Here's a look at our impact over the past year.

Over the past year, Earthjustice advocates took action against fracking by sending 141,705 total letters, emails, and comments and making 3,108 phone calls.

More than

34,620

More than **33,000**

letters to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo opposing plans to open the state to fracking. More than **5,000** letters to Gov. Cuomo

pushing for improvements to the state's fracking plan.

More than **34,000**

comments submitted on the Bureau of Land Management's fracking rule. More than **3,000**

calls made in support of the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act (FRAC Act).

A VICTORY: THE ROADLESS RULE

IN OCTOBER 2012 THE US SUPREME COURT Allowed the roadless rule to stand-ensuring protection of our most pristine forests **45 MILLION** ACRES OF NATIONAL FOREST PROTECTED

TENACITY. COMMITMENT. AN EARTHJUSTICE VICTORY.

Few court victories rival the sheer size and impact of Earthjustice's decade-long fight, and ultimate success, in defending the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Not since the establishment of the national park system or the very creation of the U.S. Forest Service, have this many acres of forest land –nearly 45 million–been protected by a single action.

The Roadless Rule was created in 2001 to protect the most pristine, untouched areas of our national forests by prohibiting road building and other development activities. By preserving critical forest habitat, this victory protects a vast array of wildlife including grizzly bears, gray wolves, salmon, and bald eagles. Additionally, about 60 million people in the United States rely on water that comes from national forest watersheds and the Roadless Rule ensures the biological integrity of these watersheds—this alone represents an economic value of more than \$18 billion annually.

PROTECTING FORESTS IN

38 STATES

COVERING 2% OF The Entire U.S. Land Base

Earthjustice's Roadless Rule victory illustrates our unique, tremendously effective strategy for success: big-impact litigation strengthened by savvy policy work and hard-hitting media communications. While our top notch attorneys remain the tip of the spear, we also marshal the resources needed to provide political and public support for our legal wins to ensure their longevity. In the end, our long-term commitment to defending roadless areas in our national forests coupled with our legal team's tenacious approach, resulted in a historic victory of epic proportions.

HOW WE WON-THE STRATEGIC COMPONENTS

More than **30 ATTORNEYS**

from 5 regional offices worked on more than 12 cases protecting the Roadless Rule More than 40 CLIENTS represented free of charge–ranging

from large national nonprofit organizations to local grassroots groups More than **17,000 HOURS** of legal work over 13 years

POLICY AND LEGISLATION

WORKED ON CAPITOL HILL TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE PROTECTION AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE ROADLESS RULE

Supported efforts of 146 Members of the House of Representatives to introduce legislation to reinstate the Roadless Rule

Drove attendance to over 600 public hearings on the Roadless Rule held in communities across the country

COMMUNICATIONS

AMPLIFIED PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT OF LEGAL CASES

Generated more than 215,000 public comments in support of the Roadless Rule from Earthjustice constituents

Ran hard-hitting ads in print and on television supporting the Roadless Rule

EARTHJUSTICE SUPPORTERS

The vast majority of revenue to fund this work came from individual contributions and dedicated foundations

We couldn't have done it without your partnership

FINANCIAL REPORT 2012

The continued generosity of our many individual and foundation supporters enabled us to sustain our strong litigation, legislative advocacy, and communications efforts throughout the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. As a result, we were able to allocate \$30,718,340 or 78.4 percent of our total expenses to our program. In addition, in FY2012 we were able to make significant new investments in our administration to support our growing organization and to renew investments to grow our donor community.

Earthjustice's financial position remained strong thanks to our loyal supporters and several significant bequests received this fiscal year. We received \$6,014,568 from legacy gifts in FY2012. These planned gifts are a testament to the value our supporters place on Earthjustice's strategic, high-impact litigation to preserve our natural heritage, safeguard public health, and promote a clean, sustainable energy future.

A change in our investment policy made by our board of trustees following the economic recession in 2009, has positioned us for asset preservation rather than income growth. As a result, in FY2012 our investment income declined substantially from \$4,535,799 in FY2011 to \$497,229. This policy change ensures that our reserves are there to support our litigation efforts and protects us from market volatility.

We also experienced a decrease in donated services in the form of donated ad placement and other in-kind contributions, which declined from \$6,051,092 in FY2011 to \$4,059,116. We attribute this change to the improving U.S. economy, which has allowed companies to find paying customers for the ad space that they otherwise would donate to nonprofit organizations like Earthjustice.

The growing support for Earthjustice from contributions, bequests, and donated services, which totaled \$38,351,362 in FY2012, illuminates the critical partnership we rely on to fuel our work and our unique position as the world's premier public interest environmental law organization. While our legal expertise is essential to the fulfillment of our mission, we believe that our supporters' trust is also a crucial component of our long-term success. We are extremely pleased to report that Earthjustice has once again achieved a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the fourth consecutive year, an honor bestowed on only 7 percent of nonprofit organizations. The highly coveted rating reflects Earthjustice's sound fiscal management, efficient fundraising practices, as well as our strong commitment to accountability and transparency. In addition, the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance also recognized Earthjustice for meeting the highest standards of accountability and transparency.

We are grateful for your support in helping to ensure that Earthjustice's programmatic success is matched by its financial and organizational health.

STATEMENT OF **ACTIVITIES & CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

REVENUES

Contributions Donated services Bequests Court awards Investment income Other income

Total Revenue

EXPENSES

Program services Litigation

Fundraising

Total Expenses

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

50%	24%	11%	14%	1%
Individuals	Foundations	Court Awards	Donated Services	Investments and Other
EXPENDITURES				
78%		12%	10%	
Program Services		Fundraising	Administ	ration

2012 2011 26,372,101 27,466,253 7,744,615 5,964,693 6,014,568 2,163,267 5,077,109 3,970,034 497,229 4,535,799 116,281 110,288 44,041,981 45,990,256 17,890,596 16,517,272 1,693,523 Donated litigation services 1,905,577 Public Information 6,863,051 6,581,946 Donated public information services 4,059,116 6,051,092 **Total Program Services** 30,718,340 30,843,833 Supporting services 3,752,376 2,645,210 Management and administrative 4,710,762 3,621,877 **Total Supporting Services** 8,463,138 6,267,087 37,110,920 39,181,478 Change in Net Assests 8,879,336 4,860,503

STATEMENT OF **FINANCIAL POSITION**

ASSEST	2012	2011
Cash & investments	40,770,889	40,301,059
Accounts receivable	9,653,907	5,637,513
Property & equipment, net	2,559,741	1,637,046
Other Assets	923,944	808,265
Total Assets	53,908,481	48,383,883
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	1,086,428	984,605
Accrued vacation payable	1,303,749	1,153,948
Client trust funds	160,968	110,442
Reserve for gift agreements	5,112,079	58,777
Other liabilities	127,904	4,819,261
Total Liabilities	7,791,128	7,127,033
NET ASSESTS		
Unrestricted	25,918,484	25,527,950
	18,751,036	14,281,067
Temporarily restricted	1,447,833	1,447,833
Permanently restricted	1,117,000	1,117,000
Total Net Assets	46,117,353	41,256,850
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	53,908,481	48,383,883

OUR CLIENTS AND PARTNERS

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PROTECTING COMMUNITIES AND FARM WORKERS FROM METHYL IODIDE

Anticipating the decision of the California Superior Court to Earthjustice's lawsuit brought a stop to the use of the deadly pesticide methyl iodide. In March 2012, Arysta LifeScience, the producer of the toxic fumigant methyl iodide, announced it is pulling its product-designed for use primarily on strawberry fields-off the U.S. market. The use of methyl iodide on agricultural crops can cause central nervous system disorders and cancer in farm workers. The chemical was approved to be applied to California's strawberry fields at rates up to 100 pounds per acre on much of the state's 38,000 acres in strawberry production, totaling millions of pounds of use. As a result of this suit and subsequent removal of methyl iodide from the market, thousands of people who work in or live near California's farm fields are now protected from this toxic chemical.



LIMITING GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION

In June 2012, Earthjustice litigators won an historic ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals in favor of clean air. The court rejected challenges to EPA actions by polluting industries and their state allies limiting carbon pollution and other harmful emissions from cars, trucks, power plants, and various other polluters. These EPA protections respond to the U.S. Supreme Court's 2007 greenhouse gas endangerment ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA, and are important parts of the agency's efforts to curb such pollution under the Clean Air Act. One of Earthjustice's most experienced air pollution attorneys, Howard Fox, worked in partnership with attorneys from the Environmental Defense Fund to defend EPA's critical health and environmental protections. This landmark victory provides real hope that our nation can effectively limit the pollution that causes climate change.

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ENSURING ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTIONS FOR YELLOWSTONE GRIZZLIES

Earthjustice, in early 2012, won important protections for grizzly bears in the Yellowstone region. This victory safeguards an estimated 540 to 660 threatened grizzlies in the Yellowstone ecosystem. After four years of fighting an erroneous Bush-era removal of the region's grizzly bears from protection under the Endangered Species Act, Earthjustice succeeded in ensuring these animals received the protections they needed to survive. Reinstatement of the Yellowstone grizzlies to the Endangered Species List is an accomplishment that will allow these animals to continue to thrive in their harsh environment and continue to inspire visitors to the park and surrounding regions for generations to come.

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