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# FRIENDS OF BANDELIER

## ANNUAL REPORT for FY2018

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### President's Message, March 2019

As the Friends of Bandelier moves into its fourth decade of assisting Bandelier National Monument, I've taken time to reflect on all that has been accomplished since Dorothy Hoard founded the organization in 1987. The cut and dry financial breakdown doesn't truly tell the whole story: the Friends continue to assist in educating the public, mentoring young people in environmental stewardship and career planning, help restore the park's varied cultural resources and to assist with making new discoveries about the natural history of the park.

For 2019, the Friends have approved funding for several important projects at Bandelier. The Las Conchas fire in 2011 removed the seed sources for ponderosa pines from much of the upper Frijoles Watershed. To jumpstart the forest recovery in that area, the park would like to plant thousands of ponderosa pine seedlings. The idea is to plant in scattered locations to provide trees to produce cones that will drop seeds in the coming decades. Because ponderosas adapt well to local temperature and moisture regimes, the best seedlings are grown from local seed sources. Ponderosa seeds need to be collected from trees in the Jemez Mountains or from similar nearby mountain ranges. Seeds are best that are harvested from cones still on the trees—no easy feat! Once seeds are obtained, they need to be germinated in controlled conditions and planted quickly. The plan for this year is a pilot project to get 10,000 seedlings in the ground this spring. The Friends have donated \$5,000 toward this important project.

The Friends sponsored a student intern through the Americorps program to assist with fire monitoring and environmental education. The intern worked with the Fire Effects Team to characterize the vegetation of areas to help in fire prevention planning. The intern also reported one of her favorite activities during the summer was traveling to Española to participate in a science and engineering opportunities presentation with female students there. This is the kind of project the board likes most, ones that provide a service to the park, help develop a career in environmental stewardship, and to provide opportunities for young people to explore potential careers in the outdoors.

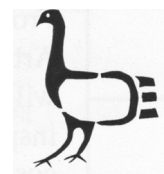
The Friends' sponsored project with perhaps the most impact to the most people was providing funding for the continuing bird banding project at the monument. The training for staff—provided by a world-renown expert in the

field—reaps benefits far beyond those for staff. The banding project has assembled data on bird populations in the Jemez Mountains for over a decade, and it offers an opportunity to monitor long-term trends that measure the impacts of large-scale fires, climate change, and changes in human use patterns at the park. More importantly, the bird banding project is visited by hundreds of young students as well as adults each year. The opportunity to get up close to live birds is a unique experience that often generates an interest in conservation. Working with the Pajarito Environmental Education Center in Los Alamos, the Friends, through donations requested by those honored by receiving the Dorothy Hoard Stewardship Award, provide funding for transportation of students to the bird banding site.

As we enter the fifth decade of our partnership with Bandelier, the Friends look forward to continuing our support of important projects at the park. We thank our members for their contributions that make such projects possible. We couldn't do it without the support of our Friends!

### Bandelier National Park?

On March 20, 2019, Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), announced plans to introduce legislation to establish the Bandelier National Park and Preserve. Heinrich's announcement came at a press conference at Bandelier National Monument. His proposal was supported by Los Alamos County officials, Pueblo leaders, and conservation organizations from New Mexico. The proposal takes part of Bandelier and creates a Preserve. The Preserve portion of the park would permit hunting, an activity currently not allowed at Bandelier. Pueblo leaders support the proposal, which further protects the valuable historical, cultural, and natural resources for the future of the pueblos. Heinrich is optimistic that the broad base of support for his proposal will permit quick passage of the legislation. Stay tuned!



# FRIENDS OF BANDELIER

*Financial FY2018*

## FRIENDS OF BANDELIER ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

### Current Assets - Balance Forward as of January 1, 2018:

Cash in General Fund	\$48,230.77
Cash in Major Purchase Fund	<u>13,818.15</u>
NET ASSETS TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD	62,048.92

### Revenue and Other Support:

Contributions	35,138.06
Honorarium: Craig Allen	150.00
Memorial Contributions: Julia Gautier	50.00
Royalties from the School of American Research's <u>The Peopling of Bandelier</u>	24.82
Interest - General Fund	5.49
Interest - Major Purchase Fund	<u>83.16</u>
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	35,451.53

### Disbursements:

Artist-in-residence Art Hanging System for Visitor Center	775.00
Bird Banding Training	1,000.00
Citizenship Ceremony	1,400.00
Fire Ecology Intern	5,500.00
Firewood for Park	1,000.00
Pika Study	2,200.00
Public Relations Parks Passes	1,600.00
Refreshments for Special Events	944.73
Tinware Light Fixture Replicas	2,000.00
Tools for Trailhead Project	2,000.00
Volunteer Banquet	<u>909.83</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	19,329.56

### Expenses - Friends of Bandelier:

Attorney Fees	329.04
Copying	149.17
Corporate Report Filing Fee	10.00
Envelopes	193.16
PO Box Renewal	82.00
Stamps	100.00
Stewardship Award Presentation	85.36
Web Domain	<u>216.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,164.73

### Net Assets, End of Period:

General Fund	61,104.85
Major Purchase Fund	<u>15,901.31</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS (Balance as of December 31, 2018)	\$77,006.16

### **Dorothy Hoard Stewardship Award, 2018**

The Friends of Bandelier have chosen John Hogan as the 2018 recipient of the Dorothy Hoard Stewardship Award. The award is given annually to someone who has contributed to the health and well-being of our landscape and community. Dorothy, the founder of the Friends of Bandelier, died in March 2014, and the award is a legacy to her passion and care of the place she loved.

John has spent his life reaching out to others in many different ways, teaching Life Saving and Water Safety, as a Rehabilitation Assistant for blind veterans at a VA hospital, as liaison for visiting researchers during his tenure as a USGS Physical Scientist at Bandelier (He simultaneously completed a degree in Biology from UNM.) John served a term on the Board of Directors of the Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC), where he developed and led the Living Earth Adventure Program (LEAP) for teens.

As co-founder of the Volunteer Task Force after the Cerro Grande Fire, he taught hands-on Fire Ecology and worked with children to rebuild trails damaged by the Cerro Grande Fire. As a BAER (Burn Area Emergency Response) team member, he worked throughout the west helping to educate and involve affected communities in rehabilitating burned watersheds. He is currently an Assistant Ski Patrol Director for Pajarito Mountain Ski area and an instructor in the National Ski Patrol's Outdoor Emergency Care course.

John was raised in Northern California where he surfed, skied, and backpacked in the high Sierras. He credits his parents for instilling in him a love for the outdoors. He became enchanted by the landscape of the Jemez Mountains when he first visited Northern New Mexico in 1975. He moved here permanently in 1978.

"I loved the mountains, mesas, and canyons and have never grown tired of the view and ever-changing light as you drive the main hill road," John said.

After the 2000 Cerro Grande Fire, John, Gerry Washburn and Laura Patterson (teachers at Mountain School), and Craig Martin were instrumental in developing the Volunteer Task Force. The Task Force was organized to help educate the public about fire and fire recovery through hands-on restoration and reforestation projects. They went to other communities after the fire and gave talks about defensible space, fire, and fire recovery, and organized community-based recovery projects, making a difference to many communities as well as Los Alamos. Probably the most unique thing that the Task Force accomplished was getting people out into the burned area to help in rehabilitation efforts. John and the others

interacted with over 6,000 students from as far north as Taos and as far south as Clovis. Not only did they teach, but helped people heal and move forward in hope. (See below for words of the students).

Today, those who move to Los Alamos see the mountain with all its beauty, they don't see the black. And, those who lived through the Cerro Grande Fire have begun to see the new beauty in the way nature heals.

John is married to Cindia, a retired REMAX realtor. They have one daughter, Molly, who has recently moved to New Zealand with her husband, Erik Loechell, on one year work visas.

As the recipient of the Dorothy Hoard Stewardship Award, John will receive one of Dorothy's watercolors of the area and the Friends of Bandelier donated \$1,000 to Bandelier to purchase trail tools for youth programs, a purpose close to John's heart.

Poems and essays written by students and published in "Touched by Fire, Renewal of a Landscape and a Community. 2000-2010, Compiled and Edited by Teralene (Terry) Foxx:

ME

Think of this  
I will be green soon  
I will not be black anymore  
Mountain Kids are fixing me up  
Thanks to them  
I am my old self again  
~Ashley

QUEMAZON

The trail was burned black  
For four years we fixed it up  
The beauty is back.  
~Gwen

# FRIENDS OF BANDELIER *State of the Park*

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Dear Friends,

It's spring again, and there's water everywhere! We're debating putting kayaks into Frijoles Creek....

What a great year for snow and spring rains! We're expecting high visitation for Spring Break, an exceptional "greening" of the park as our plants and grasses awaken, spring flowers, recharging of the groundwater, and a good healthy year for our environment. As always, the park has an aggressive list of projects planned, and with the help of our Friends, we're going to do a lot of great work this year!

The Shutdown slowed us down a bit, but we're catching up. Thanks for all of the well-wishes, concern, and support provided to the staff during this time of uncertainty. I can report that the staff survived this time without any major issues or impacts. Thanks again for keeping us in mind!

The Monument's Resources Team has kept a focus on the Frijoles Watershed the last few years and I'm pleased to report that they have successfully reintroduced Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout, and the park is ready to receive a family of Beavers from the Taos area. The Team has constructed pond areas for the beaver and are currently planting willow and cottonwood cuttings. They also plan to purchase radio collars to conduct research with Mountain Lions, will be planting 19,000 conifer seedlings (with funding from the Friends), and are developing a proposal to establish a Regional Learning Center for Bandelier and the Valles Caldera (currently there are 18 of these in the NPS).

For Cultural Resources, the Resources Team are completing a Mission 66 National Register designation, a Cultural Landscape Report for Tsankawi, archaeological surveys for the southwestern corner of the Bandelier Wilderness, and restoration of tinware fixtures found throughout the park. Working with the Friends of Bandelier, the Team has developed a unique program where you may "adopt" a specific piece of tinware and sponsor its restoration (please see insert).

The Dorothy Hoard Wilderness Ranger program is still going strong and this year the park plans to integrate this position with the park's new Wilderness Character Monitoring Plan. This plan identifies the special characteristics and values of our wilderness, establishes protocols for monitoring them, and helps the staff ensure that we maintain the health and vitality for our wilderness. It was through the work of Dorothy Hoard and other Friends that the Bandelier Wilderness was established in 1976. Also, be watching throughout the summer for wilderness hikes being hosted by your Wilderness Ranger.

The Bandelier Conservation Corps (BCC) and Bandelier Preservation Corps (BPC) are still cornerstone programs for the park and enjoy the support of the Friends of Bandelier. This year the park will host one team for the BCC and two teams for the BCP, which will positively impact at least 21 youth providing them with meaningful work, a foundation for a strong work ethic and connection to the great outdoors,

and build future advocates for Bandelier and the NPS. We also get a lot of great work done here at the park!

Please know that the contributions from the Friends continue to make a substantial difference for research, preservation, and visitor experiences here at Bandelier. Your continued sponsorship helps make Bandelier a great park! Thanks so much!

We're looking forward to another great year at Bandelier with the support of our Friends!

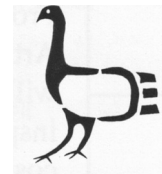
Good Stuff,  
Jason Lott, Park Superintendent

## **Other Supported Projects**

Other activities and projects funded by the Friends in 2018 were the annual citizenship ceremony at Bandelier on July 4, pika and native bee studies, support for volunteers, sponsorship of a fire ecology intern to assist the Fire Effects Team with youth education outreach and fire-related data collection, and staff training for the continuing bird banding operations at the park.

## **Tinware Sponsorship**

Looking for a special way to help Bandelier? Consider sponsoring the restoration of a CCC tinware light fixture. See the enclosed brochure for details.





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