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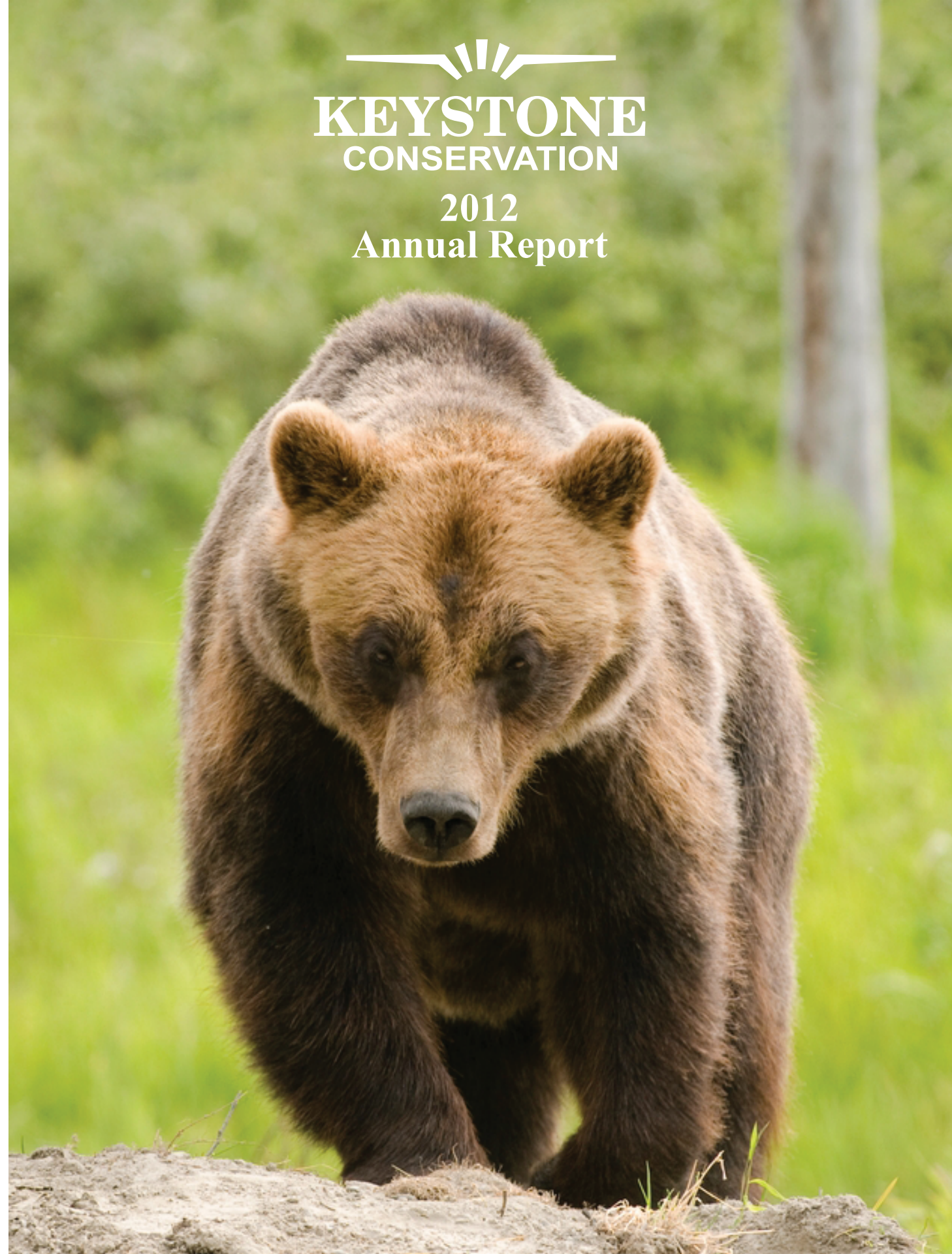
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2012
Annual Report

for thriving
SOCIAL & NATURAL
systems in the Northern Rockies



Fiscal Year 2012 Highlights

The 2012 fiscal year brought opportunity and change to Keystone Conservation, positioning us for an exciting and productive 2013. We broadened our range rider and wolf coexistence program to include a focus on range management practices that simultaneously prevent predator conflicts while increasing biodiversity and wildlife habitat. We've also discovered that we can find common ground and eliminate hostility towards predator species when wolf and grizzly bear protection is a part of strategies that also support the quality of life of rural community members. We have continued working to reduce human and livestock conflicts with grizzly bears as they move out from core habitat in and around Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

This year (2013) we have already developed new range and livestock conflict prevention work. We plan to double program funding and program work, thanks to our hard working staff and contractors, and the addition of Matt Barnes, our new Field Director. Matt is a range management expert and wildlife biologist who will expand our presence throughout SW Montana and beyond, helping ranchers design systems and implement conflict prevention tools to separate livestock from wolves and bears.

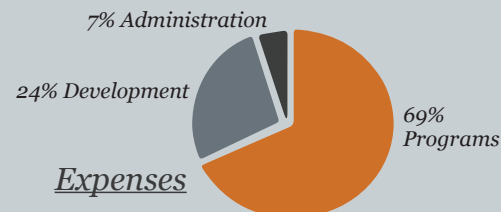
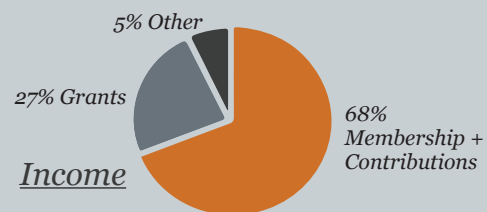
Over the last year, Keystone has:

- Facilitated production of the prototype of a fully automated (truck-emptied) bear-proof garbage canisters in SW Montana
- Equipped Bear Aware Gardiner (serving the town of Gardiner, MT) with 10 manual bear-proof garbage canisters for residents
- Given monthly bear safety presentations at REI and local companies
- Developed and launched a bear spray rental program for Greater Yellowstone

Financial Overview

October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012

We started the fiscal year with a healthy surplus, allowing us to operate at a deficit in order to develop new program work and capacity. Income was \$162,979; expenses \$184,744. We increased our membership outreach, resulting in a 17% increase in giving. Our current grant funding (FY13) is up 100% half way through the year as we also increased organizational and foundation communications to reflect new program directions and activities.



- Completed a Range Rider guide to educate ranchers and riders about wolf presence and sign
- Funded Range Riders
- Completed and distributed a coexistence science compilation for practitioners, agencies, and organizations
- Presented Keystone Classroom educational programs in area schools
- Started a paid internship program for Young Conservationists.

Staff & Contractors

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A special thank you to Christie Trapp, who left the Board December 2012, for her dedicated service and support!

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