

**WILD EARTH SOCIETY INCORPORATED**  
**dba WILDLANDS NETWORK**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Year Ended December 31, 2021 with Summarized  
Comparative Totals for 2020

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors  
Wild Earth Society Incorporated  
dba Wildlands Network

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wild Earth Society Incorporated (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2021, the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wild Earth Society Incorporated as of December 31, 2021 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Wild Earth Society Incorporated and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Wild Earth Society Incorporated's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from

fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Wild Earth Society Incorporated's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Wild Earth Society Incorporated's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Report on Summarized Comparative Information***<sup>5</sup>

We have previously audited Wild Earth Society Incorporated's 2020 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated May 27, 2021. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

*Squire & Company, PC*

Orem, Utah  
March 22, 2022

**WILD EARTH SOCIETY INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

December 31, 2021 with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2020

	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 2,237,113	\$ 1,932,323
Investments	24,758	23,338
Contributions and grants receivable	99,882	25,000
Prepaid expenses	10,034	15,183
Total current assets	<u>2,371,787</u>	<u>1,995,844</u>
<b>Security Deposits</b>	<u>3,607</u>	<u>4,132</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,375,394</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,999,976</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 18,183	\$ 15,645
Due to other organizations	267,341	228,917
Total current liabilities	<u>285,524</u>	<u>244,562</u>
<b>PPP Loan</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,965</u>
Total liabilities	285,524	421,527
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Without donor restrictions	729,565	211,569
With donor restrictions	1,360,305	1,366,880
Total net assets	<u>2,089,870</u>	<u>1,578,449</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 2,375,394</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,999,976</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Year Ended December 31, 2021 with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2020

	2021	2020
<b>Net Assets without Donor Restrictions:</b>		
Revenues and support:		
Grants and contributions	\$ 1,177,384	\$ 1,072,593
Investment earnings	3,412	1,850
Other	-	2,228
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>1,305,380</u>	<u>833,480</u>
Total revenues and support	2,486,176	1,910,151
Expenses:		
Program services	1,980,554	1,364,158
Supporting services:		
Management and general	154,226	260,566
Fundraising	<u>259,408</u>	<u>251,558</u>
Total expenses	2,394,188	1,876,282
Gain on PPP loan forgiveness	<u>426,008</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	517,996	33,869
<b>Net Assets with Donor Restrictions:</b>		
Grants and contributions	1,298,805	1,281,880
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(1,305,380)</u>	<u>(833,480)</u>
Change in net assets with donor restrictions	<u>(6,575)</u>	<u>448,400</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	511,421	482,269
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>	<u>1,578,449</u>	<u>1,096,180</u>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,089,870</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,578,449</u></u>

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**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

Year Ended December 31, 2021 with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2020

	Supporting Services			Totals	
	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	2021	2020
Wages and benefits	\$ 1,392,735	\$ 83,580	\$ 216,062	\$ 1,692,377	\$ 1,348,433
Awards and grants	82,500	1,001	-	83,501	45,000
Professional fees	289,024	28,589	17,765	335,378	270,266
Promotion	3,623	-	5,500	9,123	-
Occupancy	83,979	7,662	172	91,813	74,716
Insurance	-	3,990	-	3,990	4,024
Equipment	2,402	-	-	2,402	28,840
Office	67,315	23,705	19,780	110,800	57,543
Other	-	1,406	-	1,406	975
Travel	58,976	4,293	129	63,398	46,485
Total expenses	\$ 1,980,554	\$ 154,226	\$ 259,408	\$ 2,394,188	\$ 1,876,282

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

Year Ended December 31, 2021 with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2020

	2021	2020
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 511,421	\$ 482,269
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Unrealized gains on investments	(2,836)	(1,256)
Gain on PPP loan forgiveness	(424,631)	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Contributions and grants receivable	(74,882)	35,427
Prepaid expenses	5,149	(8,314)
Security deposits	525	4,070
Accounts payable	2,538	(19,830)
Due to other organizations	38,424	154,015
Total adjustments	<u>(455,713)</u>	<u>164,112</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	55,708	646,381
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>		
Net sales of investments	1,416	9,692
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from PPP loan	<u>247,666</u>	<u>176,965</u>
<b>Net Change in Cash</b>	304,790	833,038
<b>Cash at Beginning of Year</b>	<u>1,932,323</u>	<u>1,099,285</u>
<b>Cash at End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,237,113</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,932,323</u></u>

**Supplementary Data:**

The Organization paid no interest or income taxes during the year.

The Organization had no noncash investing or financing activities during the year.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of Wild Earth Society Incorporated dba Wildlands Network (the Organization) have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

**Organization**

The Organization is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Vermont. The purpose, for which the Organization was formed is to reconnect, restore, and rewild North America so that life, in all its diversity, can thrive. The Organization is funded by grants and contributions from various groups and individuals.

**Financial Statement Presentation**

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

*Net assets without donor restrictions* – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of Foundation’s management and board of directors.

*Net assets with donor restrictions* – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors.

Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as contributions without donor restrictions.

**Contributions and Grants Receivable**

The Organization has not established an allowance for doubtful accounts at December 31, 2021. The Organization believes all amounts are fully collectible.

**Investments**

Investments represent funds invested with the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF). VCF manages a pooled investment fund for various organizations.

**Due to Other Organizations**

The Organization acts as the fiscal agent for two independent organizations. Amounts held on behalf of these organizations are reported as a liability with amounts received and expended for these organizations as changes in this liability.

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**Tax Status**

The Organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), though it would be subject to tax on income unrelated to its exempt purposes (unless that income is otherwise excluded by the IRC). Contributions to the Organization are tax deductible to donors under Section 170 of the IRC. The Organization is not classified as a private foundation.

**Contributed Services and Materials**

Many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Organization. The Organization receives a substantial amount of volunteer hours per year, but do not meet the requirements for recognition in the financial statements.

**Allocation of Expenses**

The costs of providing program and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Certain costs are allocated to one or more program or supporting functions based on time and effort. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of support and revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 22, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Events occurring after that date have not been evaluated to determine whether a change in the financial statements would be required.

**NOTE 2 – PPP LOAN**

The Organization received loan proceeds of \$247,666 and \$176,965 under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The PPP, established as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, provides for loans to qualifying businesses. The loans and accrued interest are forgivable as long as the borrower uses the loan proceeds for eligible purposes (including payroll, benefits, rent and utilities) and maintains its payroll levels. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Organization received forgiveness for both loans.

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**NOTE 3 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS**

Donor-restricted net assets are summarized as follows at December 31, 2021:

Specific-purpose restrictions:		
Western Wildway	\$	661,140
Eastern Wildways		579,166
Pacific Wildways		89,981
Policy		14,018
Data Restriction		1,000
Endowment		15,000
		<u>15,000</u>
	\$	<u>1,360,305</u>

Net assets released from donor restrictions are summarized as follows for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Satisfaction of purpose restrictions:		
Western Wildway	\$	588,667
Eastern Wildways		626,666
Pacific Wildways		66,667
Science		23,380
		<u>23,380</u>
	\$	<u>1,305,380</u>

**NOTE 4 – AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY**

The following represents the Organization's financial assets at December 31, 2021:

Financial assets at year end:		
Cash	\$	2,237,113
Investments		24,758
Contributions and grants receivable		99,882
		<u>99,882</u>
Total financial assets		2,361,753
Less amounts not available to be used within one year:		
Net assets with donor restrictions		<u>(1,360,305)</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months	\$	<u>1,001,448</u>

The Organization's goal is generally to maintain financial assets to meet three months of operating expenses (approximately \$600,000).

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**NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Organization reports fair value measures of its assets and liabilities using a three-level hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy, established by generally accepted accounting principles, requires that entities maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The asset or liability’s measurement within the fair market hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the measurement. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

*Level 1* – Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets to which the School has access at the measurement date.

*Level 2* – Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active.

*Level 3* – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs should be used to measure fair value if observable inputs are not available.

The primary uses of fair value measures in the Organization’s financial statements are initial measurement of noncash gifts and recurring measurement of investments.

The Organization’s investments in the pooled fund are recorded at the fair value reported in the active market. This method of valuation may not be indicative of net realizable value or future fair values.

Fair value of assets measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2021 is as follows:

	<u>Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using</u>			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets/Liabilities (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 24,758	\$ 24,758	\$ -	\$ -

**NOTE 6 – CONCENTRATIONS OF RISK**

The Organization’s cash accounts had a book balance of \$2,237,113 and a bank balance of \$1,900,123, of which \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance.

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**NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS**

The Organization leases office space in various locations. These leases require monthly payments ranging from \$400 to \$2,335. Total lease payments were \$72,235 for the year ended December 31, 2021. Rent to be paid under these leases for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023 totals \$29,730 for both years.

The Organization has committed to award \$12,500 in funding to another organization for each of the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023.