The MISSION of the Grand Canyon Trust is to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau—its spectacular landscapes, flowing rivers, clean air, diversity of plants and animals, and areas of beauty and solitude.
This year has been like no other. For me, it has been one of new beginnings, with the birth of a daughter in January. I also stepped into the role of executive director with a deep and abiding love for this organization—my second home and family—the Grand Canyon Trust.

For the Colorado Plateau, it has been a year of unprecedented threats. Mounting industry pressures, paired with an administration that prioritizes energy development over protecting public lands, has forced us to dig in our heels, scale up our work, and expand our team to meet the challenges facing the places we love.

Since our last annual report, we celebrated two big wins for the Grand Canyon. First, the Navajo Nation voted down the long-proposed tramway development at the confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado rivers. Second, the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal from the mining industry challenging the 20-year ban on new uranium claims around Grand Canyon National Park. These victories came after years of diligence, strategizing, partnerships, and on-the-ground work. And while we’re savoring our successes, many of which are highlighted in the following pages, we remain vigilant and strive to permanently protect these still-vulnerable landscapes in the years to come.

Elsewhere—in the courts, in Blanding and Escalante, Salt Lake City, and Washington D.C., with tribal allies and so many others—we have continued to counter President Trump’s attempts to dismantle Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments. We will continue to do so until we restore both monuments in their entirety.

As is the case with much of our work, we cannot simply play defense. We have supported the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition since its inception, along with its vision for conservation across the Bears Ears landscape that interweaves traditional knowledge with Western science.

We are proud of our work in Bears Ears, Grand Staircase, the Grand Canyon, and all of the named and unnamed places in between. We are equally proud of our forward-looking work that seeks sustainable economic development in Native America, forest restoration in Arizona, climate solutions across the plateau, and so much more.

With immense gratitude, thank you for standing tall and looking forward with us.
Protecting the Grand Canyon from Uranium Mining

Despite attempts by industry and the administration to increase access to uranium deposits, we’ve continued to protect the Grand Canyon—the heart of the Colorado Plateau—from uranium mining. Here’s how you helped ramp up the Trust’s efforts in 2018 to protect the 20-year ban on new uranium mines on 1 million acres of public lands around the canyon.

22 meetings with congressional and agency leaders in the capital

4,700 comments and petition signatures collected in support of stopping uranium mining near the Grand Canyon

3,400 people alerted to comment and oppose proposed uranium quotas
Arizona voters say keeping our public lands and waters healthy benefits our economy and quality of life.

3 of 5 Arizona voters support continuing the ban on new uranium mining on public lands near Grand Canyon National Park.

Arizona voters say outdoor recreation and tourism are more important to the state’s economy than mining.

Arizona voters say keeping our public lands and waters healthy benefits our economy and quality of life.

The Results Are in

We asked, and the results are clear: Arizonans love the Grand Canyon. You helped commission a poll this year surveying voters’ attitudes about mining near the park to show our elected officials what matters to people living in the Grand Canyon state.
In October 2017, the proposed Grand Canyon Escalade suffered a fatal blow when the Navajo Nation Council voted down legislation that would have paved the way for developers to build a mega resort and tramway at the confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado rivers.

The Trust has been supporting Save the Confluence, the local families opposed to Escalade, since 2012. This year, the group shifted from defense to offense, taking on the longer-term task of permanently protecting the confluence from commercial development. We continue to support the families as they work to protect their sacred lands and develop economic alternatives.

That's what sustains me—that I participated in protecting the confluence. And now we're working to preserve those spaces that contribute to our cultural identity and explain me to myself as a Diné woman, as a five fingered person.

— Renae Yellowhorse, Save the Confluence
To shine a spotlight on the canyon, the Trust toured the country with National Geographic photographer Pete McBride and author Kevin Fedarko. As the pair shared stories of their 800-mile trek through the heart of the Grand Canyon, they revealed threats they discovered along the way and urged audiences to take action.

**MISSED SEEING THE DUO?**
We’re bringing Pete and Kevin’s epic journey to select cities in 2019.
Supporting Tribally-Driven Initiatives Across Native Lands

Stopping Uranium Mining in Collaboration with Tribes

Songs, prayers, and dances floated through the air at the base of Red Butte near the south rim of the Grand Canyon this October as tribes united to protect water and their sacred homelands. We assisted the Havasupai Tribe in organizing and convening a four-day event to oppose uranium mining and build support for the ban on new uranium mines around the canyon.
**Providing Support to Native Entrepreneurs**

From a sushi food truck to a new corner store, businesses across the Navajo Nation are getting a boost thanks to the Trust’s Native American Business Incubator Network (NABIN). We are helping build local economies by providing direct support to Native entrepreneurs, hosting marketing events, and organizing conferences to bring change makers together to share ideas, tools, and creativity.

13 businesses received over 650 hours of group and individual business coaching in 2018

500 businesses to be featured on our new networking app

**Helping Communities Harness Solar Power**

With support from donors like you, we are running workshops across the western Navajo Nation to help community members learn about solar technology and the economic opportunities it can bring to Navajo communities. The future of commercial-scale solar energy projects on the Navajo Nation is sunny, and we’re working to ensure that local communities have all the information, strategies, and tools they need to drive those projects forward in a way that aligns with their cultural values and meets the needs of their people.

_NABIN legitimatized us. They gave us confidence that we were not crazy. They helped us troubleshoot when we ran into obstacles, helped us relaunch with a professional web presence and logo, and were always there to answer questions and provide advice. Now we’re often booked several months in advance, with guests coming from across the country and Europe._

― Baya and Paul Meehan, owners and operators, Shash Diné Eco-Retreat
Giving Back to the Colorado Plateau

With your support, we’re growing our community of volunteers and putting boots and shovels to the ground for conservation.

Project Update: Stream Restoration in Arizona

We’re helping the Forest Service restore streamside habitats along the Mogollon Rim. This year, we installed rock dams in streambeds to slow the flow of water, reduce erosion, and provide opportunities for native plants to take root.

GIS Spotlight

Building a Data Collection App

Your support helps us use technology to advance conservation on the Colorado Plateau. This year, we built a survey application for citizen scientists to use to document conditions of grazed and non-grazed lands. The data we collect will help us advocate for improved grazing management across our public lands.
Meet our Oldest and Youngest Volunteers

Youngest volunteer
Alex Chambers, 7

I thought it would be boring, but it’s actually pretty exciting. There’s an ATV, and I get to dig in the mud, and there’s frogs, and it’s actually pretty cool out here.

Oldest volunteer
Donnette Atiyah, 86

I appreciate going out with the Trust because you show that we can be winners—that we can protect the land and our cultural heritage. I want to keep doing these things. I am not going to slow down.
Protecting Plants and Animals that Call the Plateau Home

You make it possible for the Trust to protect the habitats, water, and space native plants and animals need to thrive. Here’s what you did for wildlife in 2018.

**Studying Bees, Ants, and Small Critters**

Johnson Lakes Canyon, a private inholding in Grand Staircase, is a cattle-free oasis compared to the surrounding national monument lands. This year, volunteers and scientists surveyed plants, birds, insects, and mammals, pulled invasive species, and installed weather stations.

332 plant species documented in Johnson Lakes Canyon
(11 added in 2018)
The data we collected on springs in Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments, with the help of volunteers, is helping us advocate for better land management and protection of these fragile water sources.

**Fence Modification for Pronghorn**

Pronghorn are among the fastest sprinters in the animal kingdom. But hurdles like fences stop them in their tracks. Volunteers modified 2.7 miles of barbed-wire fences in House Rock Valley so that pronghorn can roam freely across North Rim Ranches.

Motion-activated cameras capture critters, like this bighorn, drinking from springs we’ve worked to restore.

**Protecting Springs and Small Lakes in Arizona**

You’re helping us restore precious waters for the plants and wildlife that depend on them. In 2018, volunteers built fences around two natural lakes and two springs on the Kaibab National Forest.
Reducing Impacts of Livestock Grazing Across the Colorado Plateau

Weeding in Manti La-Sal National Forest

We’ve been pulling weeds in the cattle-free Left Fork of Huntington Creek Reference Area for five years. This July, we saw fewer invasive plants than ever before, proving our weeding efforts are helping shift the balance in favor of native species.

Decline of invasive plants in 2018

Houndstongue 49%
Musk Thistle 58%

Left Fork of Huntington Creek.
**Drought Impacts North Rim Ranches**

Marginal snowpack caused seasonal watering holes to wither across the North Rim Ranches, so our ranching partner voluntarily reduced his herd.

14% reduction in cattle because of drought

**GIS Spotlight**

**Mapping Where Cows Don’t Graze**

You helped launch a three-year project to map the locations of all areas formally closed to livestock grazing on the Colorado Plateau.

Based on our research so far, 5% of the Colorado Plateau (4,082,643 acres) is ungrazed.

*This project has the ability to be a great education tool for the general public and can gain support for grazing reform.*

— Dave Blahnik, volunteer
In December 2017, the president unlawfully slashed the boundaries of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase. We filed lawsuits challenging the cutbacks, and, thanks to your support, we are committed to the long legal road ahead.

The courts may take years to rule on our case. In the meantime, here’s how you’re helping us prevent new mining, oil and gas development, and irresponsible off-road vehicle use from damaging our imperiled monuments.

**Comments on New Management Plans**

The federal government has to figure out how to protect cliff dwellings, dinosaur fossils, dark skies, and other resources in the shrunken monuments. But the plans it has developed appear harmful. Throughout the environmental review process, we’ve submitted substantive comments, laid the groundwork for challenging the plans, advocated for better protections for our natural and cultural resources, and directed thousands of our supporters to take action.

**85%**

reduction of Bears Ears

**47%**

reduction of Grand Staircase
Preventing Mining near Shrunk Monuments

When the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approved an expansion of Daneros uranium mine on the doorstep of Bears Ears, we appealed the decision. We’re asking the BLM to better study the potential impacts of the expanded mine and require stricter stormwater controls and monitoring.

We continue to support the five tribes of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition—Hopi, Navajo, Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Zuni—in their efforts to restore their sovereign authority and input on land management.
Restoring our National Forests

Protecting Ponderosa Pine Forests in Arizona

For nearly a decade, you’ve helped reduce the risk of severe wildfire in northern Arizona by contributing to the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI), a partnership between the Forest Service, contractors, and dozens of partners.

To speed up restoration, we’re leaning on the Forest Service to open up more opportunities for industry partners to thin small trees within the project footprint.
Forest Plans Get Makeovers

The Trust took the lead developing a conservation-based proposal for the Forest Service to consider in revising the 32-year-old Manti La-Sal National Forest plan. We’ll do the same in 2019 when Dixie National Forest begins its forest plan revision process.

Protecting the World’s Largest Living Organism

The Pando aspen stand is the largest organism in the world, but deer and cattle chomping off new shoots mean it’s gradually dying. You’ve helped us monitor regrowth and pull weeds in a fenced section of the stand for five years.

In July, volunteers pulled over 3,770 invasive plants and took repeat photos at 30 points, documenting inspiring aspen recovery in the fenced area.

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Building Advocates for the Colorado Plateau

You’re investing in bright, passionate, and hardworking young people who will lead the way into the next era of conservation on the Colorado Plateau. Your support helps teach students advocacy skills, provides internship opportunities, introduces up-and-coming scholars to research and restoration projects across the plateau, and gathers young people to address climate change.

Working with the Trust has been amazing. Having support allowed me to confidently lead my school’s environmental coalition and further my passion for environmental justice.

— Katie Giovale, student at Flagstaff Arts and Leadership Academy

9 high school students met with elected officials to advocate for public lands

4 interns gained 1,200+ hours of professional experience

23 students worked with the Trust to conduct undergraduate research

60+ high school artists worked collaboratively to design and paint a mural
Approximately 150 young leaders gathered in New Mexico’s Cibola National Forest east of Albuquerque for the fourth annual Uplift Climate Conference in September 2018.

The mostly twentysomethings brought fresh perspectives on climate change by delving into issues like social justice, water scarcity, and extractive industries across the Colorado Plateau. The weekend of speakers, workshops, and panels culminated with a rally in downtown Albuquerque protesting fracking in Chaco Canyon.
Grand Canyon Centennial
Planning with Tribes

Grand Canyon National Park turns 100 in 2019—a historic moment to acknowledge the past exclusion of tribes from the park and redefine future relationships. This year we convened seven meetings, where leaders from the Havasupai, Hopi, San Juan Southern Paiute, Hualapai, Navajo, and Zuni communities discussed their visions and priorities for the Grand Canyon region.

What’s Ahead: Two Initiatives
You Are Helping Advance in 2019

Grand Canyon Centennial
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WHAT’S COME OUT OF THE CENTENNIAL CONVERSATIONS?

COMMITMENT by the National Park Service to support dozens of intertribal initiatives in the centennial year and beyond.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS between tribes, the park service, Grand Canyon Association, and others.

ACTION LIST of more than 30 educational, economic, and stewardship opportunities for tribes to pursue.

In the next 100 years, I’d like to see the incorporation of Native American park rangers. I’d like to see signs when you enter the park in Native American languages. And I’d like to see an immersion of our history in public places for everyone to read and respect.

— Ophelia Watahomigie-Corliss, Havasupai, Centennial Gathering member

Centennial Gathering member Ophelia Corliss-Watahomigie. JAKE HOYUNGOWA

2/26/2019
**Launching the Tuba City Project**

Building on the Native American Business Incubator Network (NABIN)’s tried and true mentorship program, we are scaling up support services to Native entrepreneurs by launching The Tuba City Project—a brick and mortar location in the largest community on the Navajo Nation and on the border of the Hopi reservation.

From providing desk space and software access to classes in website design and financial planning, The Tuba City Project will help Native entrepreneurs build businesses and local economies on the Navajo and Hopi nations.

2018 NABIN entrepreneurs: Carlos Deal, AlterNativEats; Nicholas Smith, Nicks Print Shop; Lester Littleman, Arrowhead Campground and Navajo Wagon Tour; Georgina and Jack Pongyesva, Rezcycling; TOP LEFT: DEIDRA PEACHES. ALL OTHERS JAKE HOYUNGOWA
The Grand Canyon Trust’s work is made possible through the generosity of individuals, companies, and foundations that care deeply for the Colorado Plateau. Thank you for your commitment to preserving our public lands through your meaningful gifts.

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as of December 31, 2017

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<td><strong>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</strong></td>
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<td>Non-controlling interest</td>
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The Grand Canyon Trust and North Rim Ranch, LLC

North Rim Ranch, LLC is a subsidiary of the Grand Canyon Trust

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**Consolidated Statement of Activities**
for the year ended December 31, 2017

**Revenues:**
- Grants and contributions $6,001,224
- In-kind contributions 961,999
- Membership income 847,722
- Investment income 1,197,695
- Cattle revenue 31,402
- Change in value of beneficial interest in remainder trust 2,134
- Other income 4,008

**TOTAL REVENUES** $9,046,184

**Expenses:**
- Program services 4,509,251
- Education 207,265

**TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES** $4,716,516

- Development and membership 459,394
- General and administrative 403,644

**TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES** $863,038

**TOTAL EXPENSES** $5,579,554

Changes in net assets before non-controlling interest $3,466,630

Less: change in net assets attributable to non-controlling interest 16,149

**CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR CONTROLLING ENTITIES** $3,482,779

**BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2016** $17,996,572

Changes in net assets 3,466,630

Net distributions (33,574)

**BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2017** $21,429,628
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Advocate for the Colorado Plateau anytime, anywhere.

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Get insider updates on issues impacting the plateau. Our emails and alerts keep you up-to-date on the latest conservation news.

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To know the Colorado Plateau is to love it. Sign up for our hiking newsletter, the Colorado Plateau Explorer, and get out there.

TAKE ACTION
Speak up, sign petitions, and submit comments. We rely on supporters to protect places like the Grand Canyon and Bears Ears.

VOLUNTEER
Roll up your sleeves in the name of conservation. Join us in the field.

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Meet the New Faces at the Trust
Increased threats to public and tribal lands across the Colorado Plateau call for more hands on deck.

AMBER BENALLY
Youth Leadership Program Associate

I came to the Trust for the opportunity to connect with underrepresented populations, especially the Native American peoples of the Colorado Plateau. Environmental advocacy at the grassroots level is alive in Native America, but large-scale advocacy needs to be developed on tribal lands. I really believe that is what the Trust brings—a localized approach to combating direct environmental discrimination.

SINGER HORSE CAPTURE
Native America Program Associate

This summer I took a leap and moved from Montana to Flagstaff. I am grateful to join the Trust’s work uplifting Native peoples and communities across the Colorado Plateau and be contributing to positive change. As a young person early in my career, I am thrilled to be part of such a grounded, passionate, and driven organization. I am inspired by my colleagues every day.
MEGAN KELLY
Energy Program Associate
During grad school, I was outraged as I watched the current administration attack our public lands. I couldn’t wait to use my skills to contribute to protecting the land, resources, and communities that were and have yet to be affected. I am excited and proud to join the Trust in working to prevent harm from uranium mining, while also combating climate change and promoting environmental justice.

MATISS BATARAGS
Communications Associate
I first visited the Colorado Plateau during a family vacation to southern Colorado. Bright-eyed, bushy-tailed, and completely unaware of past injustices and future threats to the region, I simply enjoyed the landscape. Now I care for and worry about the American Southwest in ways I never could have imagined. At the Trust, I’ve found the combination of conservation and communication I’ve been seeking.
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