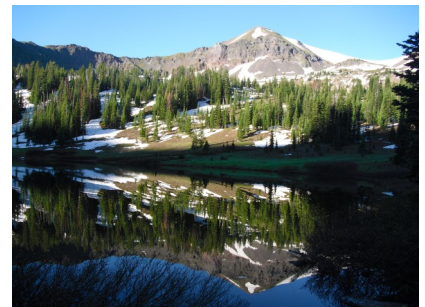
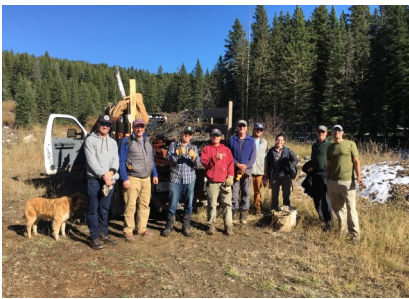




Friends of
HYALITE

**Dedicated to stewardship of,
access to, and support for year round
recreation in Hyalite Canyon.**

Annual Report
April 1, 2019- March 31, 2020





Letter from the President of the Board

April 22, 2020

Dear Friends,

As I write this, Montanans - like most of the world - are doing our best to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hyalite's beautiful peaks, clear waters, and quiet spaces provide solace and a myriad of opportunities for exercise in the outdoors and we have worked with the Forest Service to ensure people can continue to safely enjoy Hyalite so that the canyon remains open for all to enjoy.

Even before the pandemic, Hyalite's popularity was booming. Friends of Hyalite monitors vehicle counters along the Hyalite Canyon Road and over this past summer the number of vehicles exceeded 25,000 per month. Traffic dropped a bit in the winter, but still averaged around 10,000 vehicles per month. If you figure that most vehicles have two people in it, that comes out to a lot of people visiting and recreating in Hyalite!

In 2019 we initiated our first season of summer stewardship evenings, where volunteers helped remove barbed wire fencing in the Moser and Lick Creek area. There are many more miles of barbed wire to remove and we're looking forward to continuing this project this year! We hosted our annual Spring and Fall Clean Up Days with support from Pickle Barrel, Outlaw Brewing, Schnee's, Costco and A Personal Touch Cleaning. These are essential in protecting Bozeman's water supply and keeping Hyalite clean and enjoyable for visitors.

We had a little fun last summer with outhouse awareness - maybe you saw the TV news stories? Outhouses at Hyalite trailheads are maintained by a local septic company contracted by the Forest Service, another service Friends of Hyalite helps to fund. When visitors put trash into the toilets it makes it difficult for the contractors to pump them and by educating people about proper outhouse use we can further protect Bozeman's water supply.

If you came to either of our Clean Up Days last year, then you had a chance to meet Maria Vignati, the Hyalite Steward, which is a seasonal position we help fund. Maria spent 52 days working in Hyalite last summer, coordinating volunteers, educating campers about proper food storage, cleaning outhouses, cutting firewood for the Maxey and Window Rock cabins and more. Having a Forest Service staffer fully dedicated to Hyalite helps tremendously in managing visitor use and caring for the canyon.

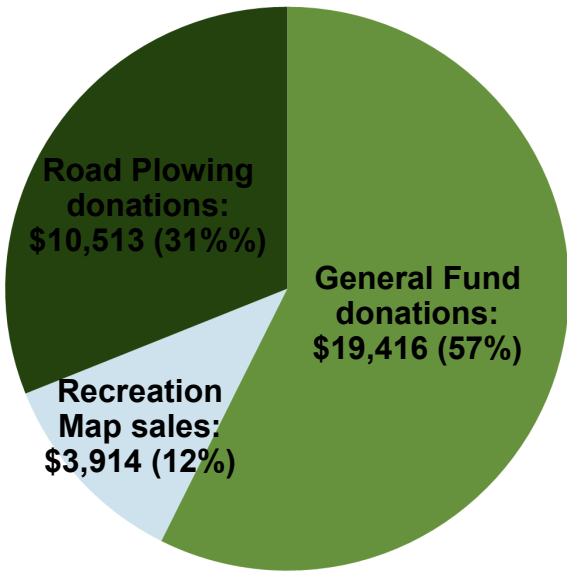
Finally, I can't forget to talk about winter - my favorite season in Hyalite! We published our revised Hyalite Winter Recreation Map in November and this past winter Gallatin County plowed the Hyalite Road 15 times between October and March. Although there were a few days following big storms where the road felt like the "Hyalite Rodeo" of yore, for the most part it was smooth sailing and the thousands of happy recreationists who enjoyed Hyalite this winter can attest to how much we all appreciate the access winter plowing provides. Maintaining this access will always be a top priority for Friends of Hyalite.

We couldn't do this work without you, and we're incredibly grateful to all who contribute time and/or money to support Friends of Hyalite.

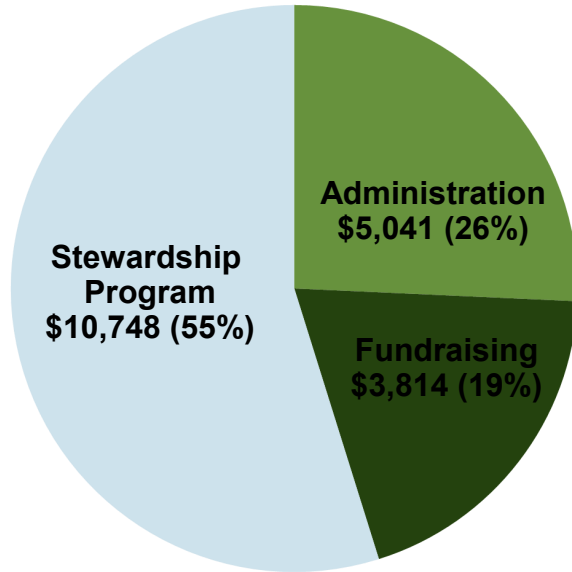
Thank you,

Hilary Eisen and the Board of Directors

Revenue: \$33,844



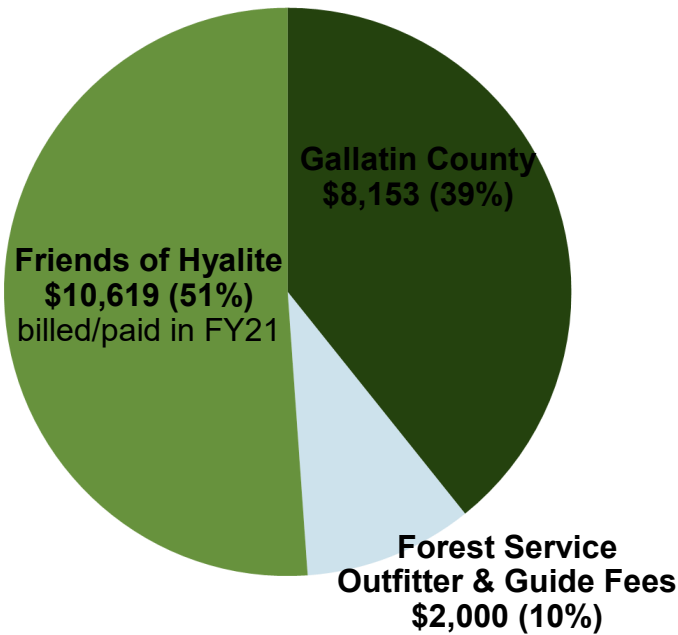
Expenditures: \$19,604*



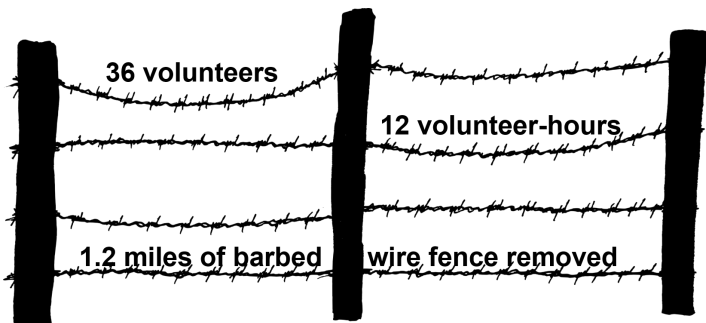
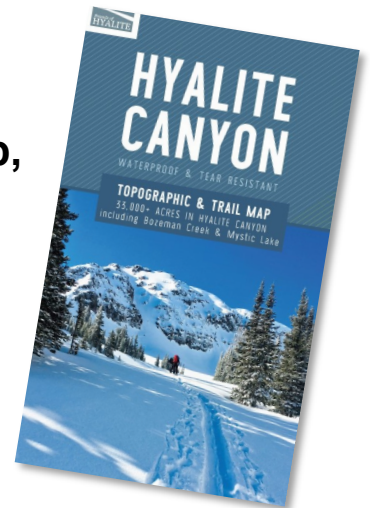
* Expenditures do not reflect \$10,619 allocated for FY20 road plowing, or \$5,000 for FY20 outhouse pumping, as the Forest Service did not submit a bill for these costs until FY21

2019/2020 Road Plowing: \$20,772

15 days of plowing | 181 hours of work



New winter recreation map, published fall 2019!



Spring Clean Up Day
May 11, 2019
 • 60 Volunteers
 • 240 Volunteer Hours

Fall Clean Up Day
October 12, 2019
 • 81 Volunteers
 • 324 Volunteer Hours



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Grotto Falls (up to \$25)

Jason Andrick, Ian Bailey, Alice Bremner, Rebecca Brooker, Jannah Brown, Patricia Bruen, Krista Burdick, Timothy Carney, Mike Clow, Dawn Collins, Jacqueline Colt, Mark Corner, Norman Eggert, Tracy Elig, Cathy Fisher, Juan Gallego-Calderon, Mark Genito, Charles Halsey, George Haskett, Betsy Johnston, Scott MacCal, Kathryn McKinstry, James Neis, Issac Olson, John Pettijohn, John Preston, Andrew Pritikin, Michael K Redburn, Ian Roderer, Aubree Roth, Lindsay Ryder, Kyle Snider, Joe Stylos, Emma Tamayo*, Mike Unruh, Robin Young

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S'il Vous Plais Falls (\$500 - \$999)

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Alpine Falls (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

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