



*Friends of*  
**HYALITE**

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

**Annual Report**  
**April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019**





Letter from the President of the Board

May 20, 2019

Dear Friends,

There may still be snow blanketing the peaks in Hyalite but I've been studying my Hyalite Summer Recreation Map with thoughts of adventures to come. If you don't have your copy yet, it is available at many stores throughout the Gallatin Valley. Publishing the summer map was one of our many successes last year.

This past year brought a couple of major changes for Friends of Hyalite. In order to better focus on the stewardship that is central to our mission, we transferred ownership and operation of the Bozeman Ice Fest to a new non-profit organization called the "Ice Climbing Alliance." We also transitioned from having an Executive Director to an all-volunteer, board-run, structure.

We started last year with our annual Spring Cleanup, working with 95 volunteers to pick up trash and clean out fire rings - filling a 20 yard dumpster to capacity. Our cleanup days are making an impact - we're seeing less trash in Hyalite each year, allowing us to focus on more proactive stewardship projects.

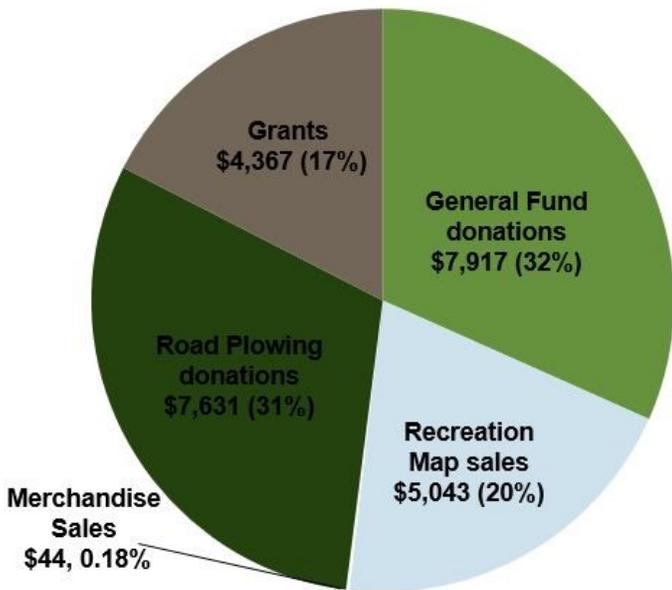
Thanks to Round House Ski and Sports Center and Chalet Sports, which nominated Friends of Hyalite to receive grants from Patagonia, we were able to tackle a couple of additional stewardship projects last summer. With the grant funds we purchased 3 pallet-sized fire rings (which are located at the Day Use Area and Grotto Falls picnic area) and over 60 tons of gravel. It may not be glamorous, but spreading gravel at heavily used sites helps to protect soils and water quality. With volunteers from Bozeman High School and Montana State University, along with the folks who joined us for our Fall Cleanup and Stewardship day, we were able to re-gravel the Day Use Area, Chisolm picnic area, Grotto Falls picnic area, *and* fill in a couple of nasty potholes!

This past winter was another big one in Hyalite and our hats go off to the Gallatin County Road crew for keeping the road plowed and to all of our generous donors who make it possible for us to meet our fundraising commitment every year. Our partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and Gallatin County is as strong as ever and we remain committed to keeping Hyalite open all winter!

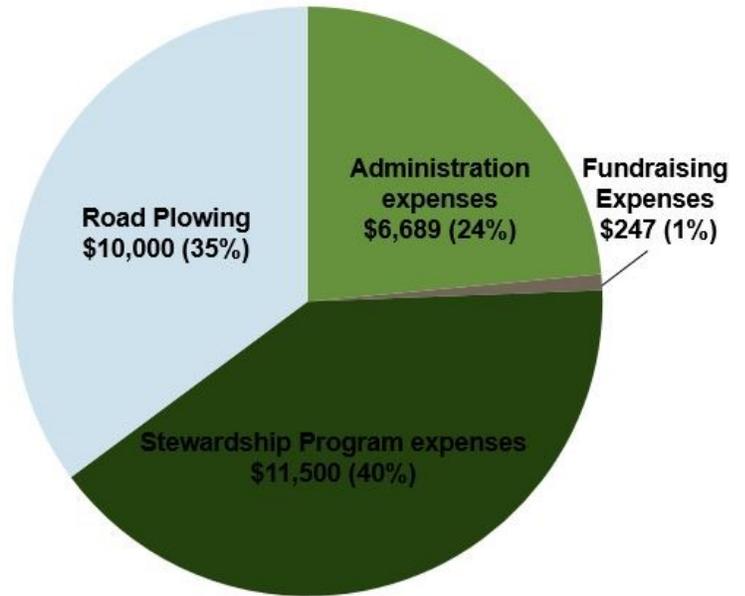
Thank you for your continued support.

Hilary Eisen and the Board of Directors

**Revenue: \$25,002**



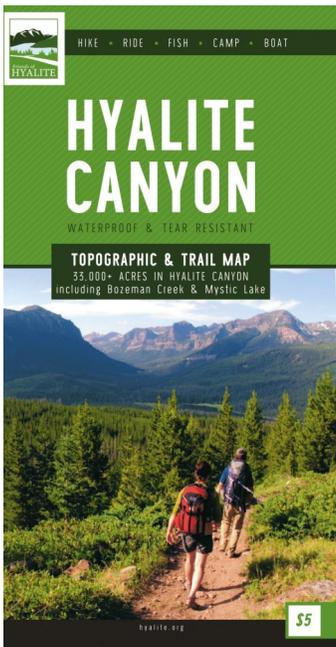
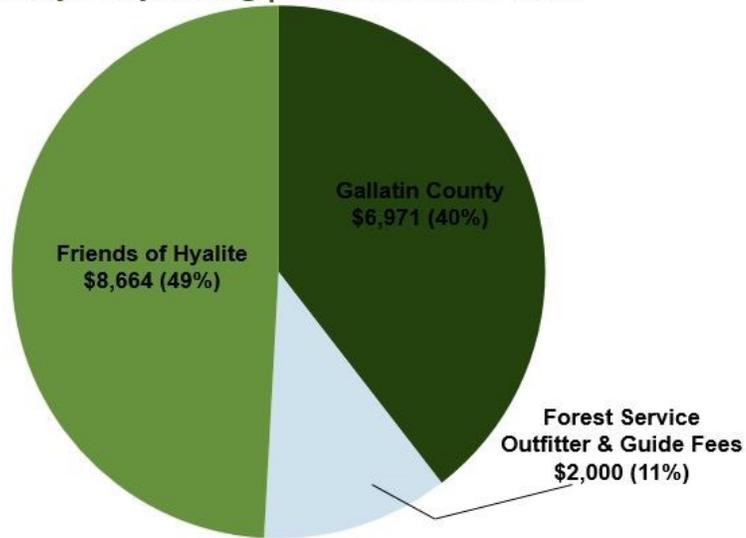
**Expenditures: \$28,436**



**Winter 2018/2019 Road Plowing**

**\$17,635**

15 days of plowing | 147.5 hours of work



**New  
summer  
map  
published!**



**Spring Clean Up Day**

- 95 Volunteers
- 380 Volunteer Hours

**Fall Clean Up Day**

- 45 Volunteers
- 180 Volunteer Hours



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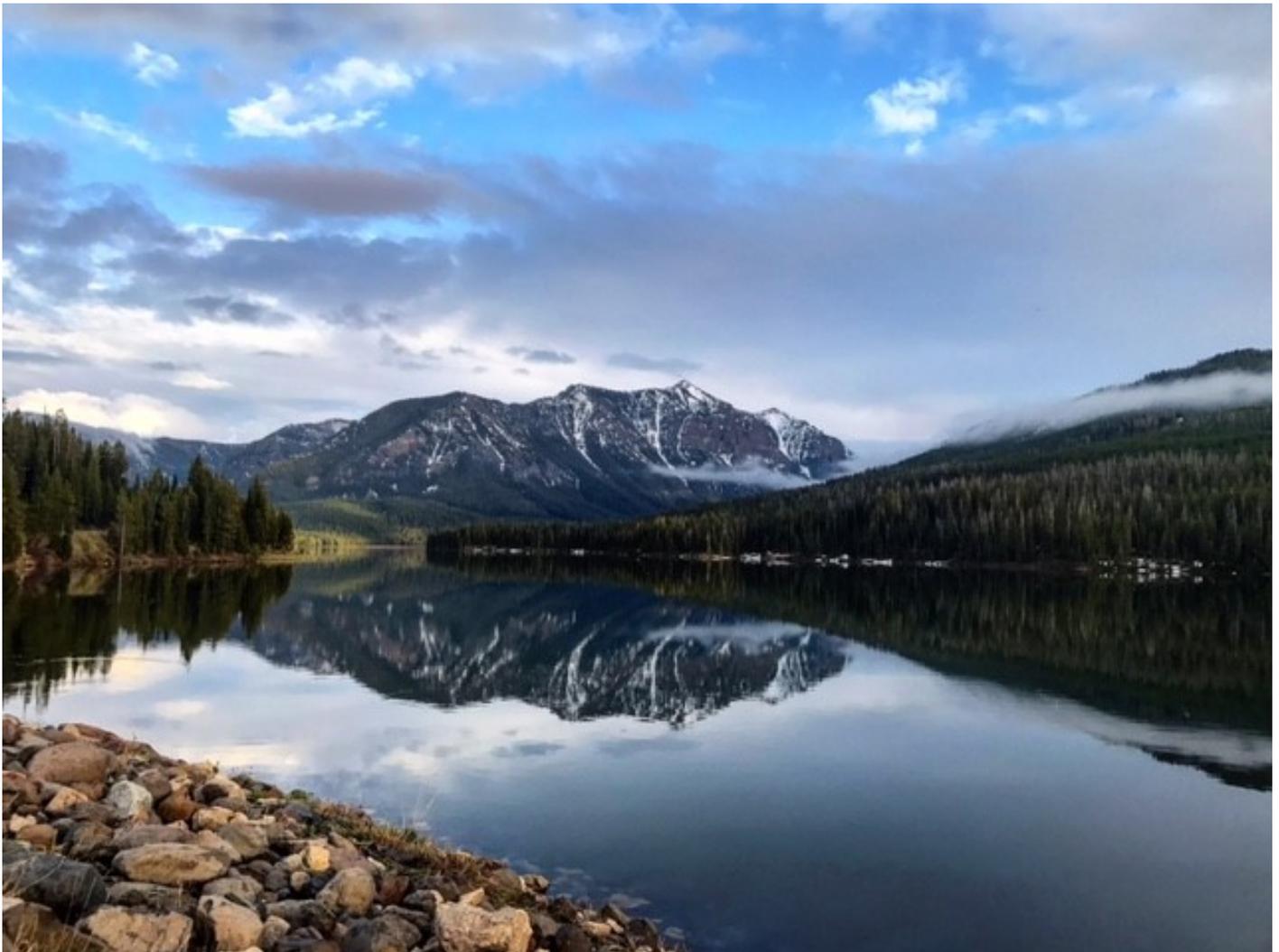
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