



# Organization Résumé

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## Mission

To conserve, enhance and protect the free-flowing character of the Big Hole River, its unique culture, fish and wildlife.

## Core Values

We are a science based non-profit conservation organization dedicated to conserving the natural and cultural resources of the Big Hole River.

## Principal Challenge

The Big Hole River in SW Montana is one of the few free-flowing large rivers left in the West. It is a world-renowned trout fishery 150 miles in length and draining 2,500 square miles. Land management is carried out by a mix of private and government entities. Resource issues in the watershed include reduced stream flow, loss of fish and wildlife habitat to development, grazing management, noxious weeds, trophy trout management, and the decline of the fluvial Arctic grayling.

## Historical Overview

The Big Hole River Foundation was formed in 1988 by pioneering conservationist, avid angler and fly tyer George F. Grant.

## Objectives

- Small projects restoration program
- Wetlands mapping program
- Benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring and evaluation program
- North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant program
- Drought management planning
- Education program
- Technical outreach program

## How We Work

The efforts of the Big Hole River Foundation are supported by a dedicated membership, donors, local, state and federal government agencies, anglers, outfitters, sportsmen organizations, local residents and conservationists.

## Funding

Funding for our mission comes from member dues, special events, philanthropic contributions, corporate sponsorships, merchandise sales, and grants.

## Governance

A volunteer board of directors establishes directions and policies. Bylaws and directives guide business activities. Daily operations and staff are directed by the board president and the executive director.

## Internal Structure

Under the direction of the board president, our staff includes one part-time executive director and one part-time administrative assistant.

## Past Projects

- Water quality research and monitoring
- Drought management planning
- Recreation management planning
- Land use planning
- Restoration and enhancement projects
- Fluvial Arctic grayling recovery

## Communications

Communication with our members and supporters is through our quarterly newsletter *Free Flows* and periodic correspondence.