# 2003 Annual Report

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AW’s Mission:
“To conserve and restore America’s whitewater resources and to enhance opportunities to enjoy them safely.”

Crystal River, CO  photo Julie Keller
Dear American Whitewater Members & Friends,

2003 was a challenging year for American Whitewater. Like many non-profit groups, our financial problems and resulting deficit for the year came from across-the-board revenue reductions in corporate and foundation support, memberships, and other donations. In light of this reduced revenue, our deficit was also the product of unrealistic budgets and expectations. This followed a similarly difficult year in 2002 and our shortfalls for both years were covered through the organization’s reserve fund, a situation that all agree must not continue.

The staff and board of directors have together established a plan for ending this deficit by the end of 2005. This plan includes:

- A reduced budget for 2004 and more realistic future budget projections based on performance;
- Bringing contracted bookkeeping services in-house to monitor finances closely and improve cash flow through timely invoicing and accounting procedures;
- Stronger fiscal considerations for assuming new and existing projects;
- Improved volunteer coordination and increased volunteer training and participation;
- Increased emphasis on revenue generation and resources, including 100% board giving.

I am confident that we can eliminate this deficit by 2005 because American Whitewater has the benefit of strong members, passionate volunteers, dedicated staff — and an amazing number and diversity of financial supporters.

This Annual Report is a comprehensive listing and a heartfelt thank you to our many individual, foundation, and corporate supporters, as well as our Affiliated Clubs, Regional Coordinators, Streamkeepers, and River Conservation and Outdoor Industry Partners. Without this support, literally from thousands of our friends, volunteers and members, American Whitewater could neither survive or progress, and we could never — never accomplish the significant progress we make each year in restoring, conserving and improving our nation’s outstanding whitewater rivers.

I am very happy to report that our financial issues did not halt American Whitewater’s progress regarding our mission goals of river conservation, public access, and safety. In fact, in terms of achieving our mission — 2003 was a banner year! Here are some of the highlights:

- Hydropower settlements restored flow, access and whitewater paddling on nearly 200 miles of rivers;
- More than $33 million in hydropower dollars dedicated to enhancement, mitigation and new conditions;
- Permanent protection for approximately 145,000 acres of riparian and other lands;
- Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) agreement providing 54 days of whitewater on the Upper Ocoee;
- Introduction of our Access Toolkit as an educational primer for volunteers and partners.

On behalf of the staff and board of directors, I want to again thank each of you for your support, dedication, and confidence in American Whitewater. I look forward to working with each of you as we re-define our internal financial management — and continue our successful river and whitewater efforts. With your help, we will emerge even stronger, and with an even greater track-record of success for this nation’s wild rivers.

And special thanks to our staff members, whose patience and dedication went a long way towards maintaining American Whitewater’s viability and effectiveness.

Sincerely,
Kevin Lewis
President

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American Whitewater fights for public access to America’s rivers while ensuring long-term resource protection. ACCESS means being able to 1) get TO and FROM the river, and 2) the right to float ON the water.

**River Access Toolkit** (National) – Released in 2003, the Toolkit is a reference for those interested in learning how to protect and maintain reasonable, fair, and safe access to whitewater rivers. It aims to educate and empower river volunteers to effect positive changes regarding access to their favorite rivers and streams. The Toolbox provides background and consists of detailed, easy-to-use technical assistance modules on issues such as: navigability, liability, risk management, land acquisition, legal assistance, and Leave No Trace. In the future, American Whitewater plans to expand this by adding a conservation-oriented component.

**Streamgage Network** (National) – Since 1887, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has operated this network to collect information about the nation’s water resources and to promote safe river use, recreation, public health, and river conservation; yet the network is dangerously under funded. In 2002 American Whitewater requested $40 Million for this program from Congress and the President, and we have been active again in 2003 seeking a larger appropriation for this important program.

**Upper Chattooga** (NC, SC, GA) – In June American Whitewater filed extensive formal comments on the Environmental Impact Statement that addresses opening the headwaters of the Chattooga River to paddling. We recommended that the US Forest Service modify Alternative I to allow boating and to allow boaters the same “sense of place” afforded to other existing user groups in this management area.

**Grand Canyon** (AZ) – In 2002 American Whitewater and our access partners, including the Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association, settled a lawsuit regarding management of the Colorado River and proposed wilderness within Grand Canyon National Park. In the settlement, the National Park Service agreed to restart a public planning process for the 277 miles of the Colorado River and 1.1 million acres of proposed wilderness within the park. In 2003, and due to the American Whitewater lawsuit, the Park Service’s Colorado River management planning team released their Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Colorado River Management Plan (CRMP) in Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP). We expect this EIS to be completed in 2004, and that it will be our best chance to fix the waiting list (now over 20 years long) and protect the special places and experiences that paddler’s value in the Grand Canyon!

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2003 Mission Accomplishments

Major Milestones in Public Access

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The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River

photo Julie Keller
### Major Milestones in Conservation and Restoration

#### Upper Ocoee, (TN) – In September, a historic event was held on the Upper Ocoee to formalize a recent agreement that will bring 54 days of recreational releases each year for the next 15 years to the Upper Ocoee River in Southeastern Tennessee. Congressman Zach Wamp, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Director Bill Baxter, and other key stakeholders stood on the Ocoee Olympic Whitewater Center bridge and signed a document that promised the water would be delivered in the spring of 2004. This event marked a landmark in American Whitewater's work on the Upper Ocoee River that has been ongoing for the past 8 years. The Upper Ocoee has made our Top River Issues list a number of times and has drawn the time and efforts of many AW volunteers, staff, and board members.

#### Little Tennessee, Nantahala, and Tuckasegee, NC – In late 2003, American Whitewater finalized settlement language on these three rivers, which along with the Cheoah represent the almost the entire watershed of far western North Carolina. These agreements set environmental and recreational conditions affecting a total of fifteen dams for the next 30 to 50 years, the length of a new hydropower license. The agreement includes the removal of Dillsboro Dam on the Tuckasegee, and providing roughly $1,000,000 in river conservation, fishery, and water quality project support.

#### Land Protection, (CA & MT) – American Whitewater and our partners in the CHRC helped craft a final agreement in 2003 that allowed the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to exit bankruptcy by committing to permanently protect 140,000 acres of the utility’s watershed lands; including rivers, lakes, forests, and wetlands located in California’s Cascade and Sierra Nevada mountains. This historic measure ensures that habitat, recreation, and other public values of these treasured lands will be protected forever. American Whitewater, through the CHRC, will have a seat on the nine-member land board. On the Swan River, MT, our efforts protect an additional 500 acres of project-adjacent land.

#### North Fork Feather River, CA – A late 2003 agreement on the Upper North Fork Feather supplements an earlier 2001 settlement on the Rock Creek-Cresta section to restore a combined total of more than 20 miles of river. Both agreements increase minimum flows to protect aquatic organisms, as well as providing flushing flows to restore ecological processes and provide whitewater recreation.

#### South Fork American River (CA) – In April, American Whitewater and our coalition partners signed a Settlement Agreement restoring more than an estimated 21 miles of river affected by the El Dorado Irrigation District’s Project 184 hydropower project located on the South Fork of the American River, and affecting its tributaries including Slab Creek, Silver Creek, South Fork Silver, Rubicon, and South Fork Rubicon. The agreement provides for: (1) instream flow regimes to mimic natural river processes and create healthy fish and amphibian species habitat and populations; (2) fish screens to prevent entrainment of trout; (3) enhancement of recreational opportunities including real-time river information; and, (4) a long-term monitoring and adaptive management approach to Project operations.

#### Pit River (CA) – An October settlement agreement on the Pit 3, 4, and 5 hydropower projects provided 22 river miles with improved flows to benefit fisheries, ecological river processes, flow dependent recreation and real-time river flow information. This settlement adds to an earlier settlement restoring flows on an additional 10 miles of river in the Pit 1 section.

#### Swan River (MT) – A November settlement agreement for the Bigfork Project on the 1.5 “Wild Mile” section of the Swan River committed $385,000 in capital improvements to the project that will directly benefit bull trout, west slope cut-throat trout and provide recreational access improvements. In addition, PacifiCorp granted a 30 year conservation and access easement on the non-project lands and first right of refusal to purchase.
this 500 acre parcel which provides habitat for grizzly, mountain lions and other large mammals as well as providing important open space for the community of Bigfork, MT.

**Upper Kern River** (CA) – The Sequoia National Forest filed revised 4(e) conditions for the Kern River No. 3 Hydropower Project on the Kern River, California. New conditions reflect the changes requested in the Settlement Agreement reached between Southern California Edison, American Whitewater, Friends of the River and other parties in December, 2002. Issuance of the Forest Service’s revised conditions marks the end of a seven-year legal battle on the Kern, and provides an additional 39 days of recreational flows on this 17 mile river.

**Dam Removal and Dam Prevention** (National) – In September, American Whitewater, Appalachian Mountain Club, Mt. Washington Valley Paddlers, and Merrimack Valley Paddlers attended a dam removal ceremony on the Bearcamp River near Tamworth, NH. Paddlers were involved in pushing for dam removal on both the Bearcamp and Contoocook Rivers. This second dam was removed later in 2003. AW volunteers in Washington State were successful in stopping new proposed “micro-hydro” dams on Clearwater, Warm Springs, Irene, Rocky, Anderson, and Martin Creeks. American Whitewater continues to work on eventual removal of Marmot Dam on Oregon’s Sandy, Condit Dam on Washington’s White Salmon, Milltown Dam on Montana’s Clark Fork River, two dams on South Carolina’s Twelve-Mile Creek and Dillsboro Dam in North Carolina.

**Whitewater Feasibility and Flow Studies** (National) – American Whitewater also completed 9 new whitewater studies on the Hoosic and High Falls Gorge on the Saranac (NY), on the Spokane River (WA), on three sections of the Upper South Fork of the San Joaquin, Boral section of the Kern, Piru Creek, and on Slab Creek, a tributary of the South Fork American (CA).

This was a landmark year for AW’s Southeastern Conservation program; AW changed the face of recreation in the southeast by restoring flows below dams on the Nantahala, Tuckasegee, and Ocoee.
Whitewater safety has been a central part of American Whitewater’s mission since 1954. While safety is primarily undertaken by expert volunteers (Charlie Walbridge, Tim Kelly, and Lee Belknap), it has recently been given a boost through technology improvements on our website (www.americanwhitewater.or) and greater coverage in the American Whitewater Journal. Accident analysis remains the keystone to our success in focusing awareness on the most current whitewater safety issues and to providing ever evolving, safety guidelines. In addition, we focus on educating our membership on the latest safety equipment and rescue procedures, and regularly advise legislative bodies and river managers on the best ways to educate whitewater users, which helps everyone enjoy our rivers safely. Formal risk management is part all of our program areas enhancing safety and reducing liability risks for all.
2003 Mission Support

Events

American Whitewater’s events play an important part in supporting our mission, and our strategy focused on meeting four goals in 2003:

1. Increasing membership for the organization,
2. Focusing the media and the public on significant conservation, access and safety issues,
3. Motivating passive members to become active stewards, and
4. Serving likeminded groups who support American Whitewater to reach mutually beneficial goals.

After nurturing competitive freestyle paddling from its infancy in 1987, American Whitewater shifted emphasis and concentrated on the Gauley (WV) and Deerfield (MA) River Fests, two flagship events that best communicate our critical conservation, access and safety messages. American Whitewater has a long history with the Gauley River, from the first Gauley River Festival in 1986 to meetings this summer to discuss the recent Development Concept Plan for the Gauley River National Recreation Area. The Deerfield River Fest celebrates a successful 1994 hydropower settlement (similar to the Moose, Feather and Tallulah festivals) that dramatically restored the river and created a new and economically successful recreation destination for whitewater boaters, anglers, and others.

American Whitewater was also involved in a number of Champion Events that directly support our conservation, access and safety mission. These include the Coosa Whitewater Festival (AL), French Broad River Festival (NC), Potomac Whitewater Festival (MD), Ohiopyle Falls Race (PA), and the Russell Fork Rendezvous (VA). Another Champion Event, the BigFork Festival (MT) is now in its 28th season and this year celebrates the recent settlement on the “Wild Mile” of the Swan River.

Another Champion Event was the 21st annual National Paddling Film Festival hosted in February by the Kentucky Bluegrass Wildwater Association. This paddlesport film, video and image competition benefits American Whitewater, American Canoe Association, and the West Virginia Rivers Coalition.
First published in May, 1955 the American Whitewater Journal is the oldest continuously published whitewater magazine in the world. The bi-monthly Journal is a benefit for each membership in American Whitewater. Written by and for whitewater paddlers, the Journal is the voice of the whitewater paddling community.

Each issue contains stories of first descents, conservation volunteers making the difference, and the information necessary to improve your safety skills. During 2003, the Journal ran a series of river safety articles written by nationally recognized safety experts (Charlie Walbridge, Clay Wright, and others). These included articles on acceptable risk, how to safely outfit a creek boat, entrapment on the Chattooga River, the results of a whitewater injury survey filled out by more than 300 whitewater paddlers, and the annual American Whitewater Accident Summary.

The Journal also ran a series of articles on the growing involvement of women paddlers, their history in the sport, the need for gender specific boats and gear, confidence and frustration, river trips and all women video reviews. The Journal also ran articles on watershed conservation efforts and profiling many of our affiliate club members from around the country.
### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### ASSETS

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### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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#### Net (decrease) increase in net assets

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<td>(decrease) increase in net assets</td>
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#### Net assets, beginning of year

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Cash is stated on the balance sheet as follows:
- Cash and cash equivalents, unrestricted: 129,934
- Cash and cash equivalents, restricted: 47,089

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:
- As of December 31, 2003, AW has $47,089 in temporarily restricted assets for the purpose of access.

Land:
- Kentucky: 32,050
- Virginia: 19,040
- West Virginia: 3,339
- Tennessee: 12,520
- Total: 66,949

Functional Expenses:
- Access & Conservation: 303,465
- Public Education: 444,465
- Total: 747,930
- Management & General: 88,208
- Fundraising: 101,851
- Total: 190,059
American Whitewater Members

American Whitewater members are the lifeblood of this organization. Without the volunteer efforts, technical input, and financial support of our 8,000 full members and 80,000 affiliate members our professional staff would be able to affect very little clout or make significant improvements to whitewater rivers and watersheds.

Workplace Giving

Federal employees, including federal civilians, military personnel, and U.S. Postal Service workers, can now donate to AW through the federal government’s Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC is a once-a-year charitable fundraising program. If you are a federal employee, please look for AW (Agency #2302) in the official CFC listing of eligible donors. Many companies provide matching gift programs for their employees, which doubles your gift while including your employer in river conservation, access and safety issues. Check with your employer when it comes time to support or renew your American Whitewater membership.

Planned Giving

You can save a river forever by planning a gift for American Whitewater. Please consider a bequest of stock, real estate, insurance or trusts for American Whitewater in your estate planning. For more information about bequests and other planned gifts, please contact Ken Ransford, attorney and CPA, (970) 963-6800 or by email at ransford@vanion.com

Foundation Support

American Whitewater would like to thank the following foundations for supporting our mission goals and priorities.

Chester County Community Foundation
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