Dear Supporters,

This was a difficult transition year for CHC due to unexpected leadership changes. Nonetheless, thanks to your support CHC accomplished a great deal in Fiscal Year 2016 in our mission of protecting the North Fork Valley and Delta County’s air, water and foodsheds from the impacts of oil and gas development. We continue to hold state and federal government agencies accountable to following environmental and administrative laws and regulations. We grew our membership to 500 members and our email subscriber list to over 1200. We were a founding member of the newly-formed statewide organization League of Oil and Gas Impacted Coloradans (LOGIC) launched in January 2016 to support organizations like CHC at the state level by creating a unified voice for citizens impacted by oil and gas development, and prioritizing public health and safety. We published the first guidebook for conducting community-based air quality testing. We built new relationships with regional and national organizations. We won our State Director’s Review of the approved 108-well Whitewater Master Development Plan along the Grand Mesa. We mobilized the community and our partner organizations to respond to the Bureau of Land Management’s Draft Resource Management Plan for our planning area, which is the single biggest driver in the potential oil and gas industrialization of the North Fork Valley. Together, we are setting new standards for fighting back.

In May 2016 the USGS released a report stating that with improved technologies, the Mancos Shale is now the 2nd largest natural gas reserve in the country. This, along with support for the Jordan Cove LNG terminal in Oregon by our Governor, US Senators, and County Commissioners, will make the Western Slope of Colorado and the North Fork Valley a battleground for increased natural gas extraction. In addition, as residential drilling gains more momentum and regulatory and legislative attention on the Front Range, we can expect more pressure to develop Western Slope reserves. We can also expect an onslaught and rollback of environmental laws and regulations under the new Administration. We have our work cut out for us in 2017.

You are the source of CHC’s power. We will face these challenges with confidence knowing that you are here to keep us going.

Sincerely, Natasha Léger, Interim Executive Director
2016 Highlights

2016 STRATEGIC PLAN:

» CHC conducted a strategic planning review process in the Spring. We held a community planning meeting for input on concerns and priorities in March, a strategic planning workshop in May, and completed our strategic plan in June.

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

» March: CHC released the findings of its comprehensive citizen-based air quality baseline testing program, and published the first guidebook for conducting community-based air quality testing—How Oil & Gas Impacted Communities Can Test Air Quality On A Small Budget: A Step-By-Step Guidebook Based On The North Fork Valley Air Sampling Program. CHC partnered with The Endocrine Exchange (TEDX), the leading research organization on health impacts of environmental contaminants to the human endocrine system, to test 74 chemicals associated with oil and gas development and known to have adverse impacts on human health. Delta County residents now have a baseline record to measure

Thank You!

Thank you to our wonderful members and volunteers who contributed to our success in 2016. Whether you made a financial contribution, dedicated your time as a volunteer, or made an in-kind donation, we are so very appreciative. Though space and cost constraints prevent us from listing all of our 500 members who made a financial contribution, we are sincerely grateful! We would like to extend a special thank you to our foundation funders and the individuals who contributed $250 or more during FY2016.
the impacts of chemicals from oil and gas extraction on air quality. The 45 chemicals detected were all below Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) safety thresholds. Community nonprofits now have a step-by-step guide to implementing such a program.

PROTECT THE NORTH FORK

» **March:** CHC traveled to Lakewood, CO for the BLM’s public meeting on the BLM’s Methane Rule to prevent waste from natural gas production. CHC submitted comments and identified the regulatory gap in pipeline safety regulations related to rural gas gathering pipelines.

» **March:** CHC provided written testimony in support of House Bill 16-1310 to hold oil and gas companies strictly liable for earthquakes caused by hydraulic fracturing and the consequent damages.

» **March:** CHC provided oral and written testimony in support of House Bill 16-1355 respecting the power of local government and county zoning and land use authority in siting oil and gas facilities, as is the case for any other industry.

**Foundation Support**

Aspen Skiing Company Environment Foundation
Boettcher Foundation
Civil Society Institute
New-Land Foundation
Wolcott Family Foundation
Wilderness Workshop
May: CHC attended the LOGIC Legislation Working Group Meeting on developing priorities for the 2017 legislative session.

June –September: The BLM released its long-awaited draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Uncompahgre Field Office. The preferred alternative calls for opening 95% of BLM lands and minerals to oil and gas leasing. CHC organized the community and partner organizations around a no-leasing alternative. CHC mobilized turnout to BLM’s public meetings in Hotchkiss, Delta and Montrose, held 3 public meetings in Paonia, Hotchkiss and Crawford, a series of community meetings, provided comment writing guidance, and developed a series of fact sheets, comment letter templates and resources to empower the community to submit substantive comments. CHC also conducted a radio and ad campaign to bring awareness to the RMP and importance of participating in the public comment period. While the comment period on the RMP ended in November 2016, after the end of FY2016, it is important to note that this

Individual Support
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CHC would also like to thank the over twenty businesses who support us.
community organizing and collaboration with regional and national partners led to an unprecedented number of public comments submitted to the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office. A total 42,000 no-leasing comments were submitted out of 53,000 total comments on the RMP.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

» **May:** BLM confirmed 39 leases in Delta County totaling approximately 66,000 acres are closed to further action and terminated pursuant to BLM rules.

» **May:** We won our State Director Review of BLM’s approval of Fram Operating LLC’s proposed 108-well master development plan in Whitewater along the Grand Mesa. Western Environmental Law Center filed a State Director’s Review on behalf of CHC, Citizens for Clean Air, and Western Colorado Congress. The decision was remanded to the Grand Junction Field Office for failure to consider the impacts of hydraulic fracturing.

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Fiscal Year 2016 Financials

The CHC Fiscal Year runs from October 1-September 31.

### REVENUE

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**Our revenues are down from FY2015 due to transition, while our expenses increased 5.7%. CHC’s reserves funded the net operating loss.**

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**PAYROLL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES 82%

**OPERATIONS, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT 14%

**TRAVEL AND MEETINGS 4%**