Dear Supporters,

Thanks to your support, CHC accomplished a great deal in Fiscal Year 2017. We hired Andrew Forkes-Gudmundson as Associate Program Director, developed new education and advocacy tools, launched our new website, and continue to hold state and federal government agencies accountable to following environmental and administrative laws and regulations. We have made great strides towards fulfilling our mission of protecting the North Fork Valley and Delta County’s air, water, and foodsheds from the impacts of oil and gas development.

Specifically, under our Protect the North Fork Program we conducted the first economic impact study and cost-benefit analysis of a proposed oil and gas development project in Delta County, developed two interactive maps that highlight the risks of oil and gas activity to the community and food production, enabled 42,000 no-leasing comments on the revised BLM Resource Management Plan, enabled 8,000 public comments on the North Fork Mancos Master Development Plan for 35 new natural gas wells in the upper North Fork Valley watershed, stopped the permitting of an oil refinery disguised as a coal gasification plant that was proposed through a technical revision of an existing coal permit, and helped stop a coal-bed methane extraction project requiring an oil and gas lease disguised as technical revision to a State coal permit. Together, we continue to set new standards for fighting back.

The political and legal landscape surrounding oil and gas activity at the state and federal levels remained volatile with a March 2017 Colorado Court of Appeals decision in the Martinez case alarming the industry, a Presidential Executive Order and Department of Interior Secretarial Orders implementing the Trump Administration’s “Energy Dominance” Agenda, and a tragic house explosion in Firestone Colorado that killed two people due to operational failures on an abandoned gas well and flowline. We can expect a more challenging year ahead as industry and the Trump Administration work to thwart the voices and impact of concerned and impacted citizens.

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, Executive Director (Interim)
2017 Highlights

PROTECT THE NORTH FORK

» October: CHC partners with LOGIC to present Earthwork’s Interactive Oil and Gas Threat Map and discussion of how unmitigated emissions from oil and gas facilities puts communities at risk.

» November: Community organizing and collaboration with regional and national partners led to an unprecedented number of public comments submitted to the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office on the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Uncompahgre Field Office. A total 42,000 no-leasing comments were submitted out of 53,000 total comments on the RMP.

» January: Over 400 comment letters submitted to the Colorado Department Reclamation Mining and Safety together with the efforts by partner organizations led to stopping an oil refinery disguised as a coal gasification plant that was proposed through a technical revision of an existing coal permit.

» February: Invited Ty Ortiz, GeoHazards Program Manager, Colorado Department of Transportation, to present at community meeting to discuss the geo-hazards and risks of rockslides and rockfalls along McClure Pass.

» March: We enabled 8,000 public scoping comments, unprecedented for an Environmental Assessment, against the proposed North Fork Mancos Master Development Plan for 35 new natural gas wells in the upper North Fork Valley watershed;

» May–September: CHC participated in the Delta County Master Plan Revision process, mobilized the community to attend the Vision Workshops and public meetings. CHC also presented to the Planning Commission on the regulatory gaps related to oil and gas that challenge the assumptions of responsible drilling made by the County, state, and federal governments and the industry.
June: CHC launched two new Interactive Maps highlighting the risks of oil and gas production to the community. In partnership with Rocky Mountain Wild, CHC developed the Interactive North Fork Valley Interactive Map of Oil and Gas Activity to identifying proposed and existing development, current and expired federal leases, development potential, and more. CHC and FracTracker Alliance developed the Food-Shale Production Map, the first interactive map that illustrates the intersection of oil and gas production and food production and the potential risks to our food supply.

June: CHC attended the LOGIC Summit on developing priorities for the 2018 Colorado legislative session.

July: CHC’s new study, “Economic Impact of Natural Gas Development on Delta County,” made the front page of the Grand Junction Sentinel. CHC released a first-of-its-kind economic study and cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the proposed North Fork Mancos Master Development Plan on Delta County, revealing a significant potential net-negative annual economic impact to the County budget.

September: over 300 comments were submitted on the Fram Whitewater Environmental Assessment for a proposed 108 wells.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

February: Called out Delta County for prematurely negotiating development terms by signing an MOU with Gunnison Energy over an expired lease without public comment.

July: CHC joined a coalition lawsuit challenging the U.S. Department of the Interior’s move to suspend indefinitely implementation of the Bureau of Land Management Methane Waste Prevention Rule.

July: CHC helped stop a coalbed methane extraction proposal requiring a federal oil and gas lease, disguised as a technical revision to a State coal lease permit.

September: Called out Delta County for sending a comment letter on the Fram Whitewater 108 MDP without public input.
EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND EVENTS

» **February:** CHC launched its new website with countdown clock to the final revised Resource Management Plan, four areas of protective focus—community, food, trails and recreation, community stories — and easy to find resources.

» **July–September:** Economic Report Roadshow. CHC presented its economic impact study to County and local governments, local, regional and national organizations including Delta County, Town of Paonia, the Chamber of Commerce, Delta County Economic Development Board, CU Boulder Environmental Justice Leadership Program, community and business roundtables, and Center for American Progress.

» **October:** CHC launched its first Art Auction with over 30 local artists united against fracking to protect the North Fork Valley. These artists range from world-renown to still yet to be “discovered”. This was the spark to uniting local artists not only for fundraising events but to use their art, whether in song, painting, sculpture, design, or literature to add their voice to the movement and educate the community on the fracking threat in different ways.

» **November:** CHC added quarterly movies to its educational portfolio, called Movie Nights. CHC launched Movie Nights to show fun, inspiring and informative films and documentaries on economic, social, environmental and political issues and dynamics that impact our mission. Movies shown include: Michael Moore’s Where To Invade Next, Pump-Fuel Freedom Movie, We The People 2.0, and TOMORROW.
Thank You!

Thank you to our wonderful members and volunteers who contributed to our success in 2017. 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 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 below who contributed $250 or more during FY2017.

**Foundation Support**

Aspen Skiing Company Environment Foundation  
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CHC would also like to thank the over twenty businesses who support us.

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Fiscal Year 2017 Financials

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

**REVENUE**

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**Our revenues are up 32% from FY2016, while our expenses increased 6.2%. CHC’s reserves funded the net operating loss.**