

The Tracks You Leave Behind

LEGACY AND FINANCIAL PLANNING NEWS
FOR FRIENDS OF DEFENDERS

Living with Wolves

Since its inception 23 years ago, Defenders' landmark Wolf Compensation Trust has paid out more than \$1.4 million to ranchers for verified losses of livestock to wolves.

"Our livestock compensation program has been a resounding success," says Defenders' President Rodger Schlickeisen. "Without it, recovery of wolves in the western United States would not have been possible."

With new federal legislation that provides funding to help states initiate their own compensation programs however, Defenders is now focusing our resources on conflict prevention through our Wolf Coexistence Partnership.

Working with ranchers, we are implementing a number of nonlethal techniques to prevent wolves from preying on livestock, including supporting range riders or cowboys whose presence discourages wolves from getting too close to livestock; guard dogs to alert herders and range riders when wolves are nearby; portable fencing called fladry to secure livestock overnight; nonlethal hazing techniques such as shining bright lights or firing loud starter pistols to drive off wolves; and moving livestock to grazing pastures away



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from wolf dens to avoid conflicts.

By funding these and other nonlethal practices, Defenders saves wolves by helping safeguard livestock.

And to help smooth the transition to state-run compensation programs, Defenders' staff in Montana and other regional offices are offering their expert guidance to help design and implement the state programs. Defenders will also continue to offer livestock compensation in Oregon, Colorado, Utah, and with certain tribes for one year while those states and tribes adopt measures necessary to get their own programs up and running.

Meanwhile on other fronts, Defenders continues to press for an end to attacks on wolves in Alaska and Idaho.

Visit www.defenders.org for more on our comprehensive efforts to help wolves.



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2010 Year-End Giving Opportunities That Be



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DON'T FORGET TO USE THIS LEGAL LANGUAGE...

...when remembering Defenders in your will, trust, or beneficiary designation forms.

Defenders of Wildlife (Tax ID #53-0183181) a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia with its principal office at 1130 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036

If you have included Defenders in your estate plans, please let Ann Felber, Director of Gift Planning, know by calling her at 1-800-915-6789 so that we can thank you and welcome you into the Wildlife Legacy Society.

We recommend you seek the advice of an estate or tax professional in connection with any gift

Year-end is the time most individuals focus on their charitable giving. Here are some ideas that will provide you with 2010 income tax savings. Some will also provide you with other financial benefits, such as increased lifetime income. Please give as generously as you can. Defenders needs your help more than ever to protect the wildlife you love.

1. Give cash

Most charitable gifts to Defenders of Wildlife and others are made with cash. An outright gift of cash by December 31 will entitle you to a 2010 income tax deduction for the amount you donate. If you have recently sold appreciated securities, real estate or other assets, consider donating some of the cash proceeds to mitigate the impact of your capital gains tax. Cash gifts are deductible up to 50% of your adjusted gross income, with a five year carry-over for any excess.

2. Donate appreciated stock or mutual fund shares

This is considered the smartest way to give from a tax standpoint since it offers two tax benefits. You will get an income tax deduction for the full fair market value at the time of your gift. And, you will completely avoid the capital gains tax that would otherwise be due on a sale. Do not, however, donate stock that has declined in value since you purchased it. You should instead sell the stock, write off the capital loss and donate the cash proceeds. Gifts of appreciated securities are deductible up to 30% of your adjusted gross income with a five year carry-over for any excess.

3. Make a gift that will pay you income for life

A charitable gift annuity or other life income gift is a great way to secure an attractive return for life from a gift of cash, marketable securities, real estate, artwork or other collectibles. See the box at the right to learn more about

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Benefit You...and Wildlife, Too

establishing a charitable gift annuity with cash or marketable securities. We would also be pleased to provide information to you on charitable remainder trusts that can be used for gifts of real estate or fine collectibles. You will get an income tax deduction for part of the value of the assets you donate to either type of life income gift.

4. Create an income stream for a loved one

In this economy, a loved one may need help “making ends meet.” You can establish a charitable gift annuity to make payments to any individual (minimum age 60) you wish to assist. Your loved one would get the income and you would get the income tax deduction. Consider establishing a gift annuity for an elderly parent, sibling, adult child or even a close friend.

5. If you have done a Roth IRA conversion, make a charitable gift to offset the income tax

For the first time this year, anybody – regardless of income – can convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. But the catch is that the full amount converted is generally reportable as taxable income. For a 2010 conversion, you can report the full amount converted on this year’s taxes or you can report half in 2011 and half in 2012. Many advisors are suggesting reporting the full amount this year, because there is a strong chance that income tax rates will go up next

year. You can help to offset this tax with a charitable gift that will provide a 2010 income tax deduction. This can be an outright gift or a life income gift, such as a Defenders of Wildlife charitable gift annuity.

6. Cash in your old E bonds and make a gift.

Did you know that this is the last year that E bonds (issued between 1941 and 1980) are earning interest? Cash in your E bonds or other government savings bonds and use some or all of the proceeds to make a charitable gift to Defenders to offset some of the income tax on accrued interest. If you establish a charitable gift annuity with the proceeds, you will receive income for the rest of your life from your gift.

7. Before taking your required minimum distribution from a traditional IRA, check on the status of the IRA rollover legislation

There is a chance that individuals who are 70 ½ or older will once again be able to make a direct tax-free transfer of up to \$100,000 from their IRA to Defenders of Wildlife or other qualified charities this year. And, the amount transferred would count toward your required minimum distribution for the year. We can provide the latest information to you. But remember that your required minimum distribution must be taken by December 31.

Low Interest Rates Getting You Down?

Build Up Your Lifetime Income with a Defenders Annuity



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“A charitable gift annuity gives you income plus a tax deduction—and lets you help a worthy cause.”

—CNN Money

Sample Gift Annuity Rates

Age	Rate
65	5.5%
70	5.8%
75	6.4%
80	7.2%
85	8.1%
90	9.5%

Example: Give \$10,000 at age 80 and receive \$720/year (7.2%) for the rest of your life.

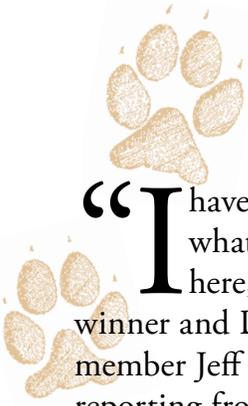
To receive a free personal illustration showing the payments and tax benefits you would receive, based on your age and gift amount, please contact Jim Luerssen at 1-800-915-6789 or legacy@defenders.org.

Establish your new gift annuity by December 31 for a 2010 tax deduction.



Meet Wildlife Defender Jeff Corwin

EMMY-WINNING BOARD MEMBER COVERS OIL SPILL



“I have never witnessed what I am witnessing here,” said Emmy winner and Defenders board member Jeff Corwin while reporting from the Gulf of Mexico in June.

As a correspondent for science and the environment for NBC, Jeff was the perfect person to bring this story to millions of viewers. Jeff met up with Defenders Executive Vice President Jamie Clark and National Geographic photographer Joel Sartore as they documented the damage to the region’s wildlife and habitat.

“I want to look at this as an ecosystems event,” said Jeff, mentioning some of the species we should be concerned about, like the iconic Louisiana brown pelican. “What scares me is what we don’t see, but what I believe will resonate through nature for generations to come.”

As host and executive producer for wildlife documentaries and other series on Discovery Networks,

MSNBC, NBC, and The Food Network, Jeff has dedicated his life to traveling around the world to promote conservation.

In 2008, Jeff was named Defenders of Wildlife Ambassador for Global



Defenders’ board member Jeff Corwin.

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Warming and Wildlife. The next year he hosted the Defenders web series “Feeling the Heat,” showing how warming temperatures are harming some of Earth’s most vulnerable creatures.

He also released a book

to accompany his MSNBC documentary, “100 Heartbeats,” which investigates the plight of our planet’s most endangered wildlife. Recently Jeff published a series of books for younger readers focusing on wildlife, ecology and conservation.

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“I’m sobered by what I see,” Jeff says of his Gulf travels, but I do think there’s hope. We are incredible stewards of nature when we step up, and when given the opportunity, we shine.”

For additional information...

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