# FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS, INC.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, Inc. Eugene, Oregon

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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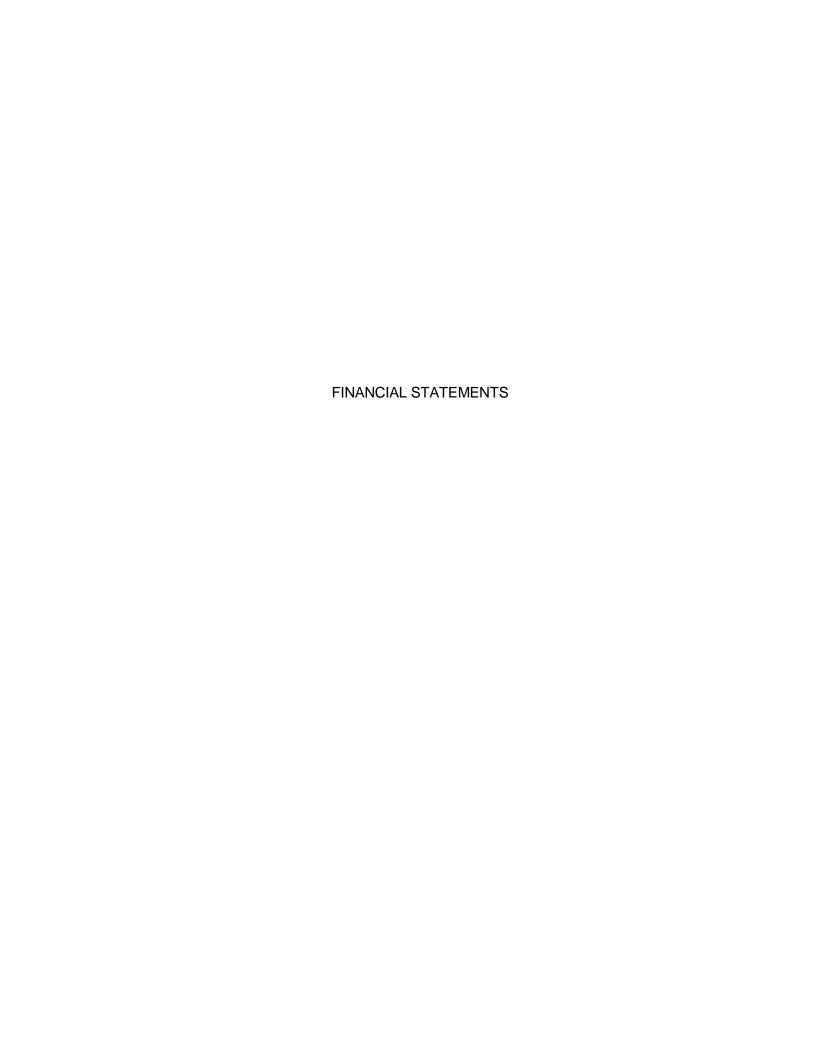
## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, Inc. as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Jones & Roth, P.C.

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Eugene, Oregon March 22, 2018



## FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2017 and 2016

	_	2017	2016
	Assets		
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$	303,831	\$ 348,695
Restricted litigation fund Accounts receivable	·	37,569 24,791	100,755 19,711
Bequest receivable Prepaid expenses		15,000 16,104	9,516
Total current assets	_	397,295	478,677
Property and equipment			
Equipment and furnishings Accumulated depreciation	_	14,672 (13,367)	14,672 (12,705)
Property and equipment, net	_	1,305	1,967
Other assets			
Deposits Endowment fund investment	<del>-</del>	2,564 1,172	2,534 1,171
Total other assets	_	3,736	3,705
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	402,336	\$ 484,349

	 2017	 2016
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued payroll taxes and withholdings Accrued vacation payable	\$ 1,603 1,653 20,655	\$ 8,933 1,322 24,034
Total current liabilities	 23,911	34,289
Net assets Unrestricted Temporarily restricted Permanently restricted	233,243 144,182 1,000	 293,336 155,724 1,000
Total net assets	378,425	 450,060
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 402,336	\$ 484,349

# FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS, INC. STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017							
	Ur	restricted		emporarily estricted		nanently stricted		Total
Support								
Donations	\$	381,477	\$	121,323	\$	-	\$	502,800
Bequests		15,000		<u> </u>		<u>-</u>		15,000
Total support		396,477		121,323				517,800
Revenue								
Investment revenue		672		328		-		1,000
Miscellaneous		55						55
Total revenue		727		328				1,055
Net assets released from restrictions								
Satisfaction of program restrictions		133,193		(133,193)				
Total support and revenue		530,397		(11,542)				518,855
Expenses								
Program services:								
Forest protection and whistleblowing		196,270		-		-		196,270
Membership services		183,509		-		-		183,509
Education		68,379						68,379
Total program services		448,158		-		-		448,158
Fundraising		51,253		-		-		51,253
Support services		91,079						91,079
Total expenses		590,490						590,490
Change in net assets		(60,093)		(11,542)		-		(71,635)
Net assets, beginning of year		293,336		155,724		1,000		450,060
Net assets, end of year	\$	233,243	\$	144,182	\$	1,000	\$	378,425

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		20	10		
Un	restricted	mporarily estricted		manently estricted	Total
\$	337,475 38,855	\$ 88,321 -	\$	- -	\$ 425,796 38,855
	376,330	 88,321			464,651
	702 161	 412 -		- -	 1,114 161
	863	 412			1,275
	108,421	 (108,421)			 <u>-</u>
	485,614	 (19,688)			465,926
	185,238 161,922 82,269	- - -		- - -	185,238 161,922 82,269
	429,429	-		-	429,429
	59,062 93,845	 - -		- -	59,062 93,845
	582,336	 			582,336
	(96,722)	(19,688)		-	(116,410)
	390,058	 175,412		1,000	566,470
\$	293,336	\$ 155,724	\$	1,000	\$ 450,060

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

## FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

		Forest						Total
	Pro	tection and	M	lembership				Program
	Whi	stleblowing		Services		Education		Services
Wages	\$	131,173	\$	29,559	\$	37,124	\$	197,856
Payroll taxes		11,076		2,608		3,122		16,806
Employee benefits		26,212		8,417		6,082		40,711
Professional services		2,900		2,113		4,400		9,413
Depreciation		220		206		77		503
Fees and licenses		1,373		4,822		-		6,195
Insurance		922		862		321		2,105
Mailing and shipping		2,572		66,211		4,286		73,069
Maintenance and garbage		869		812		303		1,984
Meetings		1,908		-		-		1,908
Printing and production		1,311		57,468		8,662		67,441
Promotional expenses		-		-		63		63
Rent and utilities		8,942		8,361		3,115		20,418
Supplies and subscriptions		4,252		321		56		4,629
Telephone		1,869		1,747		651		4,267
Travel		671		2		117		790
Total functional expenses	\$	196,270	\$	183,509	\$	68,379	\$	448,158
Total functional expenses	Ψ	130,270	Ψ	100,009	Ψ	00,373	Ψ	440,130

		Support			
<u>Fu</u>	ındraising	Services	Total		
\$	19,042	\$ 52,841	\$ 269,739		
	2,039	4,538	23,383		
	5,327	12,462	58,500		
	196	8,910	18,519		
	57	102	662		
	-	3,411	9,606		
	241	428	2,774		
	9,531	442	83,042		
	227	403	2,614		
	-	1,032	2,940		
	11,631	256	79,328		
	-	-	63		
	2,335	4,150	26,903		
	26	984	5,639		
	488	868	5,623		
	113	 252	1,155		
\$	51,253	\$ 91,079	\$ 590,490		

# FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

		Forest						Total
	Pro	tection and	Me	embership				Program
	Whi	stleblowing		Services	E	ducation		Services
Wages	\$	125,142	\$	32,088	\$	40,653	\$	197,883
Payroll taxes	Ψ	10,491	Ψ	2,811	Ψ	3,368	Ψ	16,670
Employee benefits		24,899		9,601		7,298		41,798
Professional services		-		3,062		10,987		14,049
Depreciation		183		160		81		424
Fees and licenses		865		5,925		-		6,790
Insurance		849		742		377		1,968
Mailing/shipping		2,740		49,178		5,330		57,248
Maintenance and garbage		718		628		317		1,663
Meetings		2,663		-		-		2,663
Printing and production		679		48,117		9,109		57,905
Promotional expenses		-		-		40		40
Rent and utilities		8,117		7,095		3,604		18,816
Supplies and subscriptions		3,949		451		30		4,430
Telephone		2,362		2,064		1,049		5,475
Travel		1,581		-		26		1,607
Total functional expenses	\$	185,238	\$	161,922	\$	82,269	\$	429,429

	Fundraising	Support Services			Total		
\$	27,819	\$	58,280	\$	283,982		
	2,334		4,723		23,727		
	7,165		12,173		61,136		
	382		8,650		23,081		
	58		92		574		
	-		2,291		9,081		
	271		429		2,668		
	7,452		410		65,110		
	229		364		2,256		
	-		404		3,067		
	9,817		-		67,722		
	-		-		40		
	2,588		4,112		25,516		
	132		721		5,283		
	753		1,196		7,424		
_	62				1,669		
\$	59,062	\$	93,845	\$	582,336		

# FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

		2017		2016
Cash flows from operating activities		_		_
Change in net assets	\$	(71,635)	\$	(116,410)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets				
to net cash used by operating activities:				
Depreciation		662		574
Unrealized loss on investments		-		212
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:				
Accounts receivable		(5,080)		(3,123)
Bequest receivable		(15,000)		-
Prepaid expenses		(6,588)		(2,013)
Deposits		(30)		6
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		( /		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(7,330)		4,396
Accrued payroll taxes and withholdings		331		(442)
Accrued vacation payable		(3,379)		4,981
Net cash used by operating activities		(108,049)		(111,819)
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of equipment		-		(700)
Net proceeds from endowment fund investments		-		99,418
Deposit to endowment fund investment		(1)		(2)
Net withdrawls from (deposits to) restricted litigation fund		63,186		(260)
Net cash provided by investing activities		63,185		98,456
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(44,864)		(13,363)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		348,695		362,058
Cook and each equivalents, and of year	\$	202 921	\$	249 605
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>Ψ</u>	303,831	Ψ	348,695
Supplemental disclosure of noncash transactions				
Donation of stock	<u>\$</u>	9,110	\$	9,151

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

#### 1. Nature of Activities

The mission of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, Inc. (FSEEE) is to protect national forests and to reform the U.S. Forest Service by advocating environmental ethics, educating citizens, and defending whistleblowers.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Net assets, revenue, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of FSEEE and changes therein are classified as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Expense Allocation**

FSEEE allocates its expenses on a functional basis among its various programs and support services. Expenses that can be identified with a specific program and support service are allocated directly according to their natural expenditure classification. Other expenses that are common to several functions are allocated based on actual direct expenses as a percentage of total expenses.

#### **Income Tax Status**

FSEEE is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). In addition, FSEEE qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2). FSEEE files required informational returns with both the U.S. federal jurisdiction and the state of Oregon.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, cash equivalents include time deposits, certificates of deposit, and all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents include savings and checking accounts and money market funds.

#### Accounts Receivable

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, accounts receivable consisted of unpaid amounts due to FSEEE of \$24,751 and \$19,711, respectively. Management considers all receivables fully collectible; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### **Property and Equipment**

Depreciation of property and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets using the straight-line method. Donated equipment is recorded at its fair market value at the date of the donation. Purchased equipment is recorded at cost. FSEEE does not use a dollar threshold as a capitalization policy, but rather looks at the useful life to determine capitalization.

#### **Restricted Litigation Fund**

During the year ended December 31, 2013, FSEEE received a donation with the restricted purpose of establishing a reserve fund that is to be used to reimburse FSEEE for litigation costs incurred when proceeding with environmental litigation projects. Earnings on the fund are also considered temporarily restricted for the same purpose. The fund is owned by FSEEE; however, the fund is to be held by a designated third party for investment. The fund is invested in cash equivalents. FSEEE may request distributions from the fund for eligible costs related to project litigation.

#### **Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue and Support**

Contributions, grants, and bequests received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The endowment fund investment is permanently restricted by the donor.

#### **Non-Cash Donations**

#### **Donated Goods**

Donated marketable securities and other non-cash donations are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair values at the date of donation. Equities with a value of \$9,110 and \$9,151 were recorded as unrestricted contributions during the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. It is the policy of FSEEE to convert donated equities to cash as soon as practicable after acquisition.

#### **Donated Services**

No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated services, other than services requiring specific expertise or which create or enhance non-financial assets.

Donations of services requiring specific expertise or that create or enhance non-financial assets are recorded as in-kind contributions at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as unrestricted contributions. There were no donated services that met the criteria for recognition for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

#### 3. Lease Commitment

In June 2011, FSEEE entered into an operating lease for a space located in Eugene, Oregon. The lease was last renewed in July 2017 and now expires June 30, 2020. The extended lease calls for monthly payments of \$1,779 for the first year, increasing 2.5 percent each year thereafter. Rental expense for operating leases for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$21,090 and \$20,580 respectively.

Minimum payments over the term of the agreement are as follows:

#### For the Year Ending December 31,

2018 2019 2020	\$ 21,615 22,155 11,214
	\$ 54,984

#### 4. Concentration of Deposit Risk

FSEEE maintains its cash and cash equivalent balances in three financial institutions. A portion of these deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 at each institution. Balances may periodically exceed FDIC insured limits. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, there were no amounts uninsured by the FDIC.

#### 5. Accrued Vacation Payable

Vacation pay is charged to expense when earned. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, accrued vacation payable was \$20,655 and \$24,034, respectively.

#### 6. Restrictions on Net Assets

At December 31, temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes or periods:

	2017		2016	
Appeal donations available for subsequent years Restricted litigation fund Grants available for subsequent years' activities	\$	103,887 38,740 1,555	\$	43,165 101,057 11,502
Total temporarily restricted net assets	\$	144,182	\$	155,724

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, permanently restricted net assets consisted of \$1,000 in an endowment fund that was established December 24, 2004. The income from the assets can be used to support FSEEE's general activities. The net assets are invested in a certificate of deposit.

#### 7. 403(b) Retirement Plan

FSEEE has a 403(b) retirement plan covering all employees on the first month of employment. Employees may elect to contribute an amount determined by the plan's contribution formula. In July 2002, FSEEE began providing a matching contribution to the employee's contributions up to a maximum FSEEE contribution of 5 percent of the employee's salary. For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, it was determined FSEEE would provide a matching contribution to employees. The total contribution for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$13,656 and \$13,950, respectively, and is included in employee benefits.

Under the 403(b) plan, contributions are made directly to participants' individual accounts. After the funds have been distributed to these accounts, FSEEE has no fiduciary responsibility or control over the accounts.

### 8. Subsequent Events

Management evaluates events and transactions that occur after the statement of financial position date as potential subsequent events. Management has performed this evaluation through the date of the independent auditor's report.