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State-of-science summaries..

Core products and services...

Practical, applied research ...

All addressing rare plants, rare animals, and important habitats in Wyoming

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGERS

... POLICY MAKERS

... **DEVELOPERS**

... CONSERVATIONISTS

WYNDD is "Conservation Extension"...

WYNDD ANNUAL OUTPUT (averaged over the past 3 years):

197 formal information requests fulfilled

131 (67%) from industry or consultants working for industry

48 research reports completed and delivered

14 professional trainings/ workshops conducted by WYNDD staff

A network of similar programs spread throughout the hemisphere...



A brief history of WYNDD ...

1979: WYNDD begins as a cooperative venture between The Nature Conservancy and WY DEQ

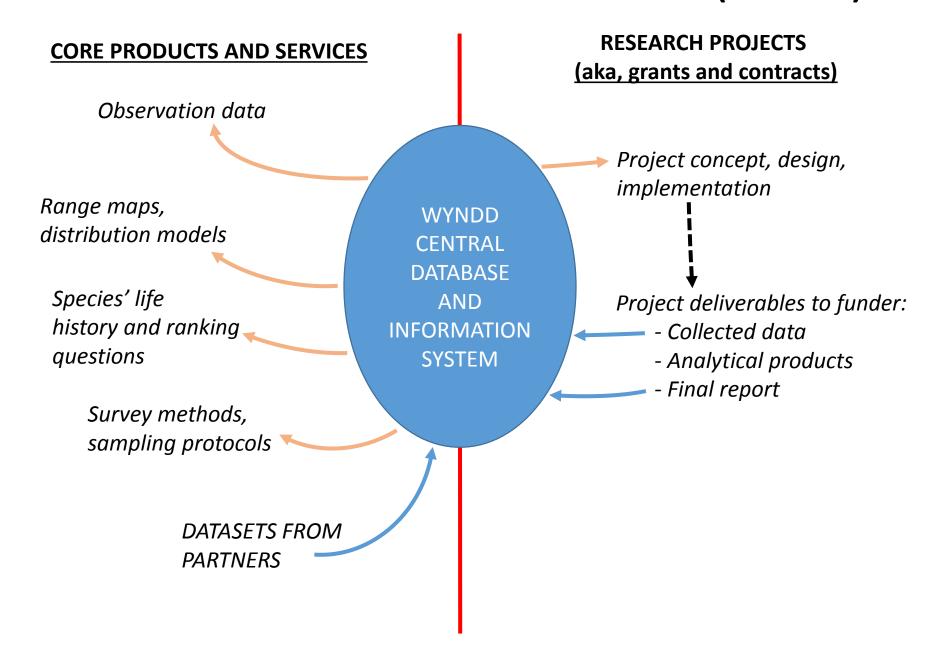
1980's, 90's: As with most Heritage Programs, WYNDD operates largely as a "research branch" of TNC

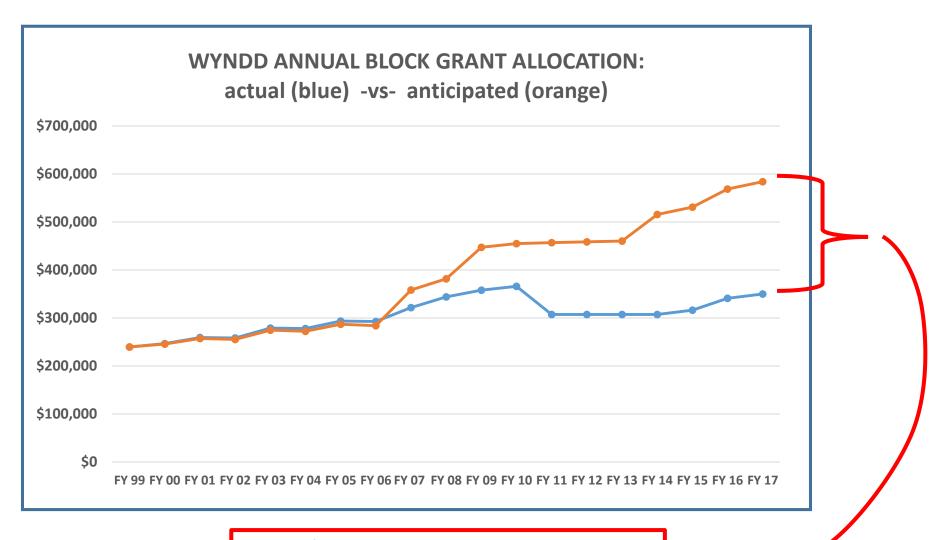
1997: Wyoming legislature and UW consider integrating WYNDD into UW

1998: WYNDD becomes a research and service unit of UW

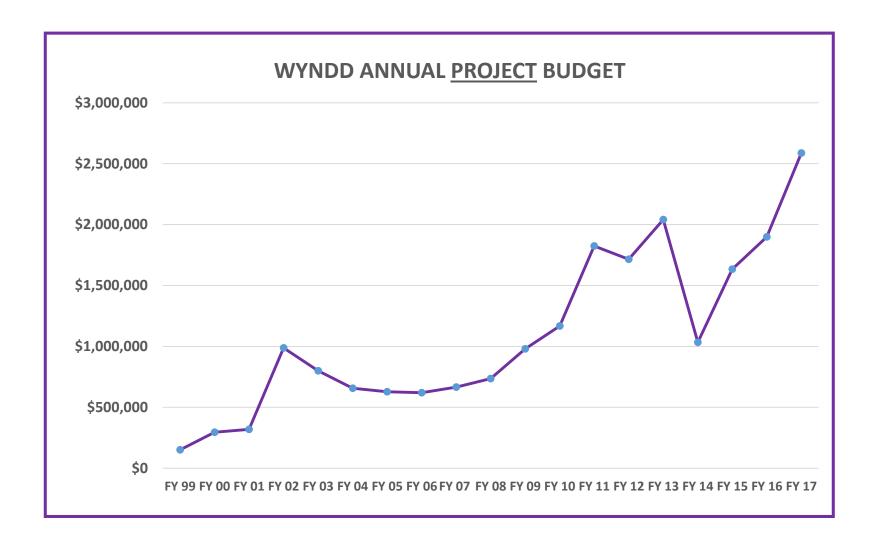
- -- Core operational funding added to the recurring UW budget
- -- 14-member Advisory Committee established to advise on WYNDD operations

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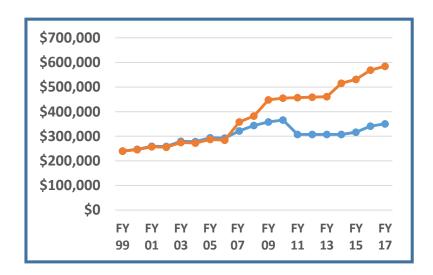




About \$282,000 annual deficit in blockgrant allocation; aka, reduced capacity for core products and services



CORE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES



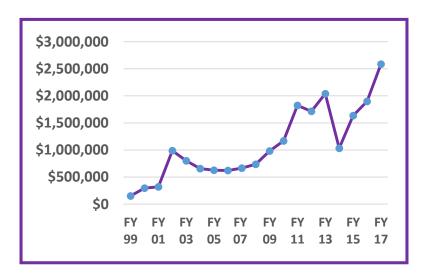
Starting annual deficit = \$282,000

Supplemental core funds:

Gov office	\$132,000	
USFS Region 2	\$	11,500
USFS Region 4	\$	5,000
TNC	\$	6,000
NatureServe	\$	4,000
Data requesters	\$	-0-

Effective annual deficit = \$123,500

RESEARCH PROJECTS (aka, grants and contracts)



ca. \$2 million per year in project funds...

... but project funds support project work only, and cannot support core work...

... and many projects require match, which has to come from core funds, which increases the core deficit.