

**Grant Progress Report
Alex C. Walker Foundation**



Prepared by:

Lindsay Stallcup, Executive Director
Monteverde Conservation League

Date: March 8, 2026

Project name: Creating Connections: Mapping biological corridors and facilitating ecological connectivity of the Children's Eternal Rainforest

Project description: This project aims to gather remaining information necessary to implement the creation of successful biological corridors between the Children's Eternal Rainforest, at the heart of the protected Monteverde-Arenal Bioregion, and vital conservation lands more distantly located. We will accomplish this by mapping land ownership, current conservation efforts, and likely future land-use changes within two potential biological corridors. We will develop a long-term plan to protect and enhance the corridors, most likely involving consultation and advisement with landowners and direct purchase of select properties. This effort will contribute to meaningful ecological connections to land that has been successfully protected thus far, helping ensure long-term conservation of forests, biodiversity and ecosystem services. This work will continue to support and enhance the economic well-being, human health, and community strength that has been created in this region through conservation.

Project budget:

Total cost: \$57,485

Walker grant: \$42,886 for 2-year period (June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2027)

MCL counterpart: \$14,599

Project advances:

Stage 1: Determine the land ownership patterns within each corridor and create appropriate maps. We have contracted Doris Rojas, GIS specialist, to begin the first phase of land ownership maps.

- **Stage 2: Determine land-use patterns and plans within each corridor.** Dr. Matthew Moran is working with intern Sasha Nieman on beginning land use analysis and planning for basic biodiversity surveys.

Project timeline:

The new project timeline is from January 2026 to December 2027.