

*To ensure  
connected  
habitat and  
working lands  
for people  
and wildlife...*

# Carnivore Conflict Prevention Workshop

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*Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Meeting  
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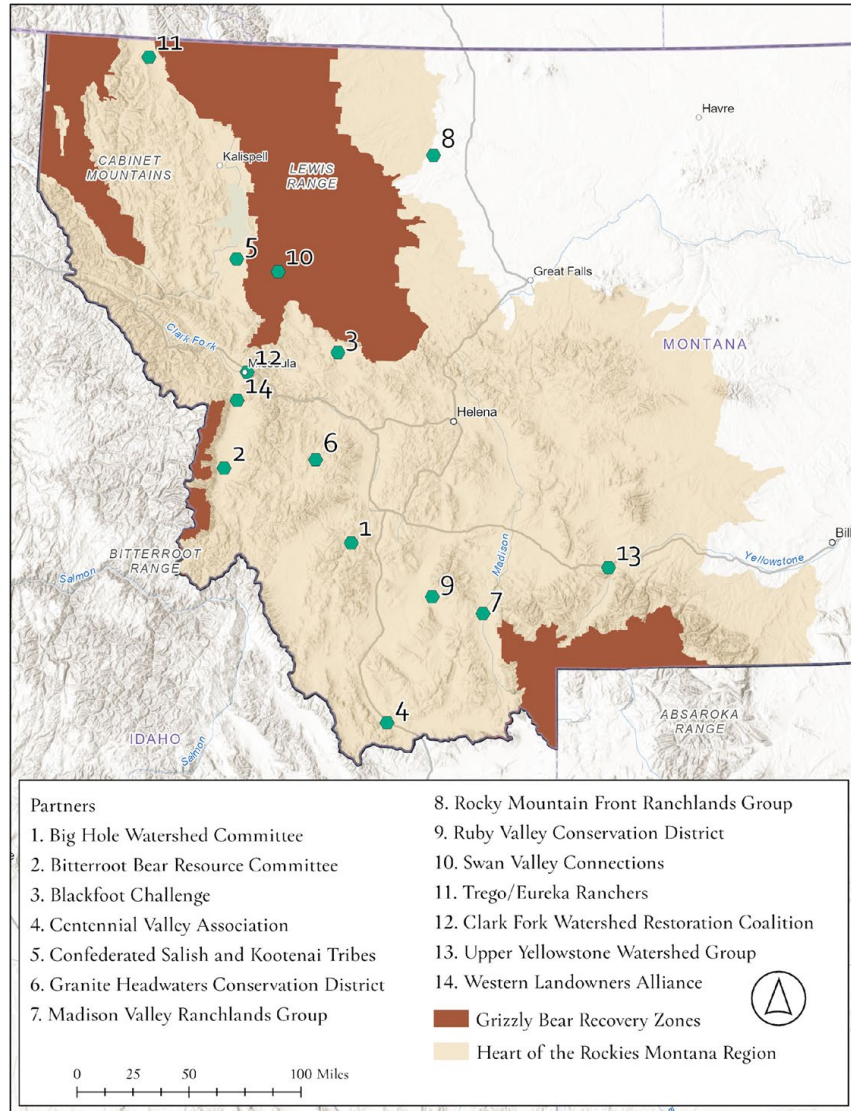


Partnership of 29 independent land trusts spanning the Central Rockies from northern Utah into Alberta and British Columbia





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Support working lands and agricultural producers by delivering additional resources to help them prevent conflicts with grizzly bears

- Maintain viability of agricultural operations
- Maintain and increase the permeability of private lands between grizzly bear recovery zones

# Conflict on Working Lands

## NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG)

- Led by HRI and Western Landowners Alliance
- Evaluating:
  - Range riding
  - Carcass management
  - Electric fencing
- Resulting in:
  - NRCS conservation planning tools
  - NRCS cost-share opportunities
  - Support Toolkit for Livestock Producers

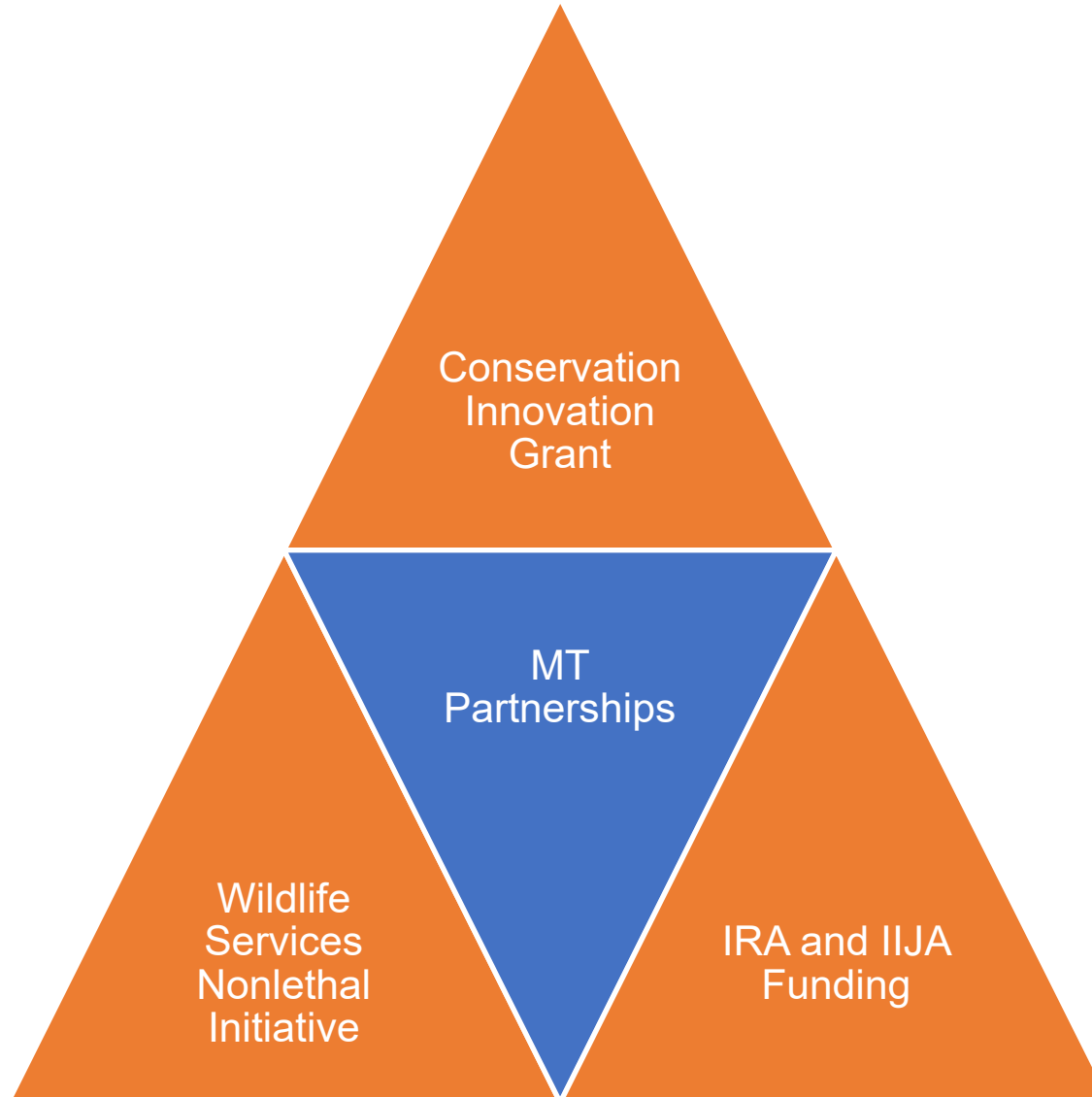


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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Wildlife Services



# Generating Momentum



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**Save the Date: June 14-15, 2023**

University of Montana, Missoula

## Delivering Carnivore Conflict Prevention: A Workshop to Advance Partnerships and Solutions

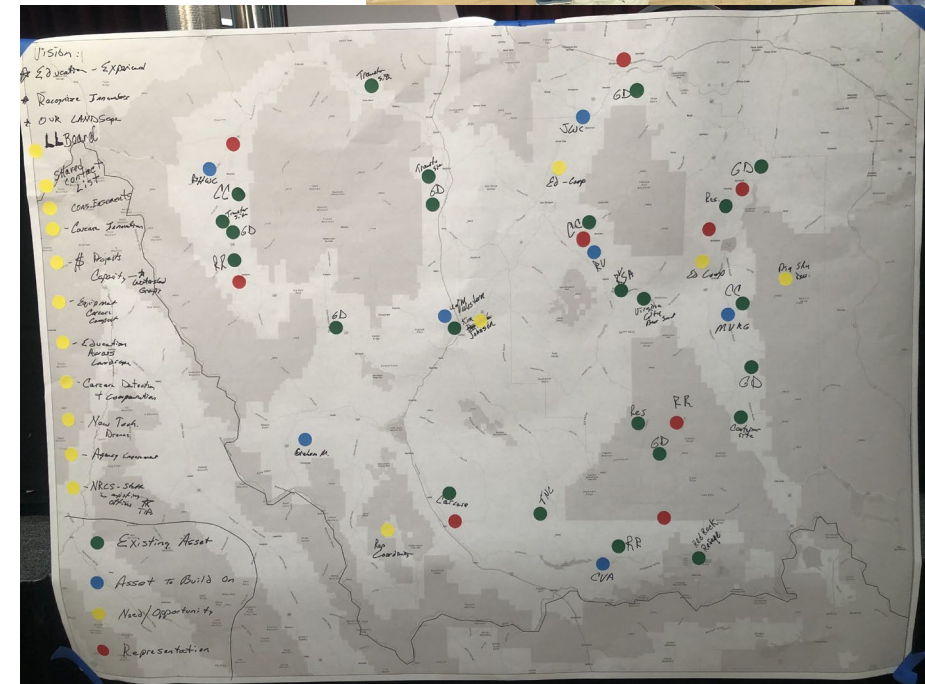


A workshop to explore and advance coordination, funding, and technical assistance for carnivore conflict prevention. Join landowners, Tribes, state and federal agencies and NGOs collaborating to support the West's wild and working lands. Emphasis will be placed on how these solutions can benefit grizzly bears and working lands in Montana.

- Day 1: Share and discuss innovative solutions and partnerships that have emerged to support working lands and carnivores, including grizzly bears.
- Day 2: Explore opportunities to apply lessons learned and expand conflict prevention solutions to more communities in Montana and throughout the West.
- *Optional Social on June 13*



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## Main Highlights:

- Connections are important
- Increased resources can significantly expand already effective locally-led and Tribally-led programs in Montana
- Coordination will be critical
- Research needs and opportunities exist
- Sentiments of hope and optimism





# New Opportunities

National Fish and Wildlife  
Foundation (NFWF) Grant

NRCS Regional Conservation  
Partnership Program (RCPP) Grant

~\$12M to MT over next five years

Electric fencing

Carcass Management

Range Riding

Bear-resistant Infrastructure

Local Capacity



# THANK YOU



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