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



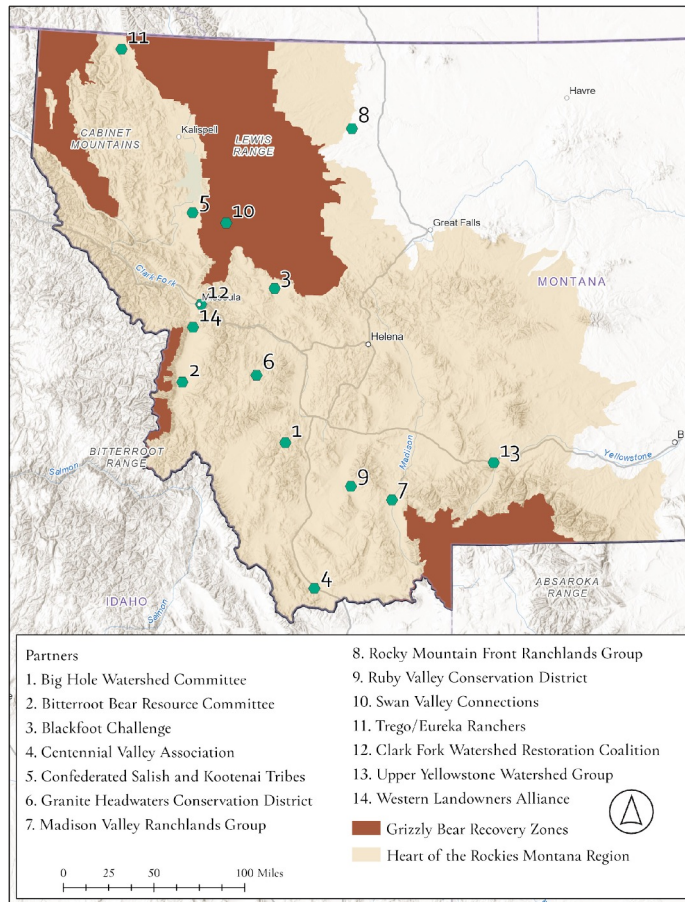
Carnivore Conflict Reduction Montana Updates

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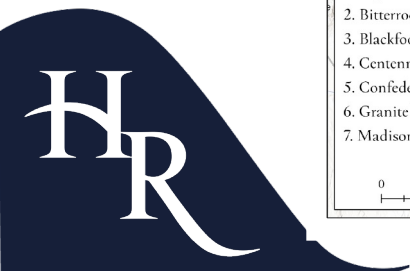
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Carnivore Conflict Reduction



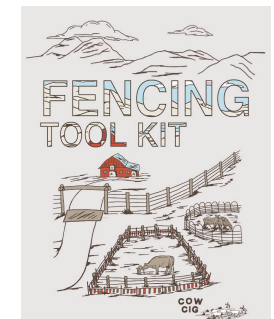
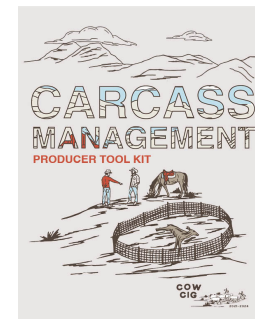
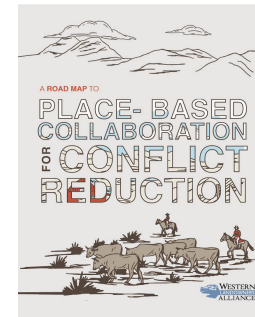
Support working lands and agricultural producers by delivering additional resources to help them prevent conflicts with grizzly bears

- 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

- Range Riding
- Carcass Management
- Electric fencing (including drive-over mats and turbo fladry)



Federal Investments

Department of Interior/ National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant

- Summer/Fall 2024 - July 2027
- Specific to grizzly bears
- \$5M to MT

NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program Grant

- Fall 2024 - May 2029
- Grizzly bears and wolves
- \$6-7M to MT/ \$17M overall
- Individual producer contracts

Range Riding

Carcass Management

Bear-resistant Infrastructure

Electric fencing

Local Capacity



NRCS Updates

Range Riding

- Will be offered in MT under Conservation Practice Standard 645 - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management

Carcass Management

- Will be offered as an Interim Practice Standard
 - > increased flexibility for community-scale implementation
 - > increased urgency to demonstrate broadscale adoption

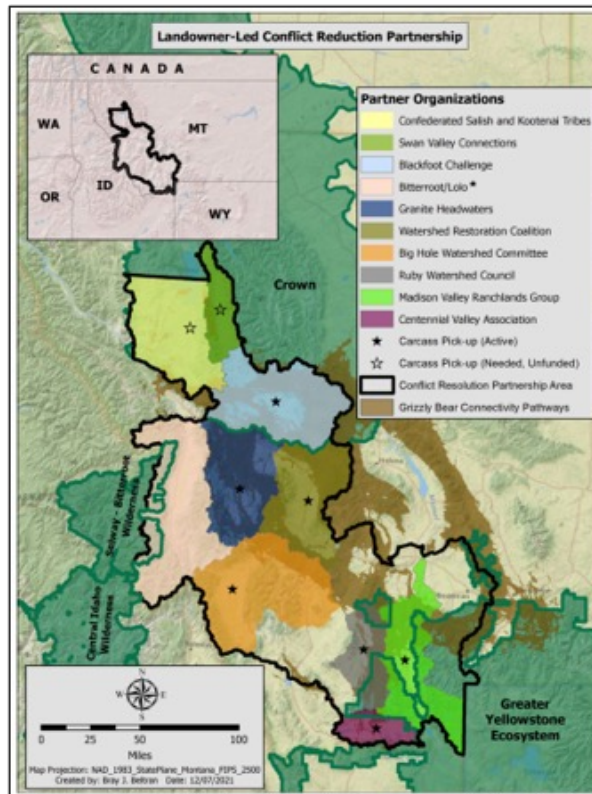


Leveraging Federal Investments with Local Partner Contributions

- Scale
- Timeline
- Contracting and delivery mechanism
- Activity
- Match requirements



Conflict Prevention Needs Mapping and Outreach Strategy



Conflict Prevention Needs Map

1. Visually demonstrate needs
2. Identify areas to focus outreach
3. Document activities not currently supported by grants
4. Facilitate a coordinated funding conversation



Where Do We Go from Here?

- Continued Needs mapping
- Community workshops
- Coordinated funding exploration
- Supporting emerging conversations in other states
- Focused grant delivery



THANK YOU



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