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Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness of Monta

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The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in Wyoming.

These are some of America's most iconic, and most revered, public lands. They represent some of the best of our nation's commitment to protecting and conserving our natural heritage-our land, water and wildlife

Yet, as grand as these individual places are, the science of conservation biology tells us that, by themselves, they are not big enough. In order to maintain all of their wildlife and natural functions, they must be connected to other wild country. As the well-known naturalist and conservationist Aldo Leopold once wrote, "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community." For American Wildlands, the "thing" that will keep these grand places "right" is keeping them ecologically connected to each other, as part of a greater whole and intact U. S. Northern Rockies region.

American Wildlands is the regional organization working to restore and maintain the connections between key habitats for healthy populations of native fish and wildlife - whether it is a large landscape habitat like the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, or a smaller scale watershed like the Ruby River in southwest Montana. For almost Year own reconstitute, or a suamer scale waterstool life the entry NAV4 as solutiones sometime to real most 30 years, American Wildlands has used science, represent a dooseay NAV4 as solutiones sometime to pursue vision of a region with interconnected abuilding the support healthy populations of bears, wolves, elk, trout and the other magnificent Rocky Monrech abuilding wildlife.

Working from our offices in the heart of the region (Bozeman and Missoula, Montana), American Wildlands has a staff of eleven with a combined 56 years of conservation experience, and a Board of Directors that live throughout the region. Through our four programs, Corridors of Life, Safe Passages, Living Waters and Community GIS Services, we partner with a diversity of conservation interests, including non-government organizations, federal and state agencies, county planners, citizens groups and private landowners.

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Corridors of Life

LINKING THE "STRING OF PEARLS"
OF THE NORTHERN ROCKIES' BEST HABITAT

esponding to increasing habitat fragmentation, American Wildlands' Corridors of Life program is designed to keep the large protected areas—the core habitats—connected within the U.S. Northern Rockies. AWL works to restore and maintain wildlife movement corridors between these protected core habitats for the benefit of wolves, bears, elk, cougars, and other wide-ranging or migratory animals.

Within our targeted regional corridors American Wildlands addresses on-the-ground threats to habitat connectivity on:

- Public lands: logging, road building, oil and
- Private lands: county planning, residential development, reducing conflicts with wildlife
- Major highways: providing ways for wildlife to safely cross roads

We do so by organizing and facilitating local working groups that consist of state and federal wildlife and land ages highway departments, railroad companies, county planners, land trusts, conservation groups, ranchers and others. We then provide the science and expertise needed to help inform, guide and strengthen the conservation efforts of these working groups.

Ultimately, our Corridors of Life program plays a critical role in onserving the habitat links between the "string of pearls" that are our national parks, wilderness and roadless areas, wildlife refuges and other protected habitats.





Safe Passages

MAKING HIGHWAYS SAFER FOR WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE

Every year, there are thousands of collisions between vehicles and wildlife on the highways of the U.S. Northern Rockies. These accidents are usually lethal for wildlife, and can result in death, injury and millions of dollars in property damage for people. Many of these accidents occur on highways located in important wildlife movement "corridors," thus hindering the ability of wildlife to safely travel between prime habitat areas.

American Wildlands established our Safe Passages program to help improve the policies and practices that guide the development of highway crossing structures and other wildlife vehicle mitigation measures. Our goal is to protect the elk, deer, moose, bears, wolves, lynx and other wildlife that end up as road kill every year.

We are the lead regional conservation organization promoting the economic, ecological and human safety benefits of safe passage structures and other mitigation measures; advancing he research and best management practices for these measures; influencing state and federal safe passage laws and policies; and increasing the public's understanding of, and support for, ighway safe passages for wildlife.

American Wildlands is striving to make the states of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho a national showcase for Safe Passages projects that demonstrate how highways can be designed or reonstructed to allow for the migratory needs of wildlife, while providing increased safety for people

Living Waters

CONSERVING NATIVE FISH, CONSERVING AQUATIC INTEGRITY

ike its big landscapes and large mammals, the U.S. Northern Rockies is also known for its abundant rivers and streams that provide cold, clean water for people and wildlife alike. And because the best science tells us that conserving native fish has far reaching benefits for other coldwater species and the watersheds in which they live, American Wildlands focuses its Living Waters program on establishing large connected populations of native fish as a strategy for conserving the region's overall aquatic integrity.

Since 1996, American Wildlands has advocated for the restoration of the westslope cutthroat trout—the state fish for both Montana and Idaho. Our efforts have resulted in a substantial increase in agency resources and political momentum devoted to the conservation of this native fish. Based on this success, American Wildlands has expanded our aquatic program to meet the conservation and restoration needs of multiple native fishes and their habitat—whether it be improving management policies or supporting on-the-ground restoration projects.

throughout the Northern Rockies, there are few organizations focusing on aquatic species conservation. American Wildlands is proud to be one of those few, and our Living Waters program





1 Community GIS Services

ough our Community GIS Services program, American Wildlands is building connections within the greater conservation community too. We start by connecting conservation organizations from across the U.S. Northern Rockies with the benefits of Geographic Information System (GIS) computer modeling, analysis and mapping. Then, by sharing our GIS expertise and products, we create a network of information and services that supports conservation activities throughout the region. And we provide all of this at belowmarket cost or on a pro-bono basis.

The costs of commercial GIS services, or establishing one's own GIS lab, are prohibitive for most conservation groups. AWL's Community GIS Services program provides this valuable technical service, one that helps strengthen an organ conservation and communications programs, at a cost every organization can afford. Our staff's combined experience in GIS modeling and conservation policy means we are able to create GIS products that are not only strategically conceived and scientifically defensible, but are visually compelling as well. And our new GIS Apprentice program provides on-the job training and experience for the next generation of conservationists. What I admire particularly about American Wildlands is what a domine particularly about vaniential wild and in that they combine science-driven conservation efforts with community engagement. Connectivity is everything, as we know, and connecting with local people for or-the-ground action is no less crucial than connecting patches of landscape via corridors.

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~ David Quammen; Award-Winning Nature Writer

ECOLOGICALLY INTACT BY RESTORING AND MAINTAINING

FOR HEALTHY POPULATIONS OF NATIVE FISH AND WILDLIFE

"We joined American Wildlands a while ago because we we joined American wildiands a winie ago because we liked what we saw on the organization's webpage. Our support for the organization was strengthened based on the dedication and competence of staff we met during a recent visit, and the focus they have developed for addressing critical issues in the region."

- Carolyn Dobbs and Russell Fox. Member of the Faculty and Academic Dean, The Evergreen State College, WA

"It is encouraging to see an environmental organization not simply focused on the marquee issues (bears, wolves and Bush) and using scientists before lawyers. Good Luck." - Bob von Pentz: Washington, DC

"I can still remember my first cutthroat.... I strongly support American Wildlands" efforts to help save Montana's and Idaho's state fish—the westslope

~ Bud Lilly, Flyfishing Pioneer and AWL Director-At-Large

"True sustainable development can be achieved when all key elements—community, economy, environment—are respected throughout a reality-based growth process. We will continue to support AW. in its efforts to promote a positive and balanced outcome for all of us."

- Andrea & Bruce Tyson; Naples, FL

"I am impressed that AWL takes member outreach so seriously, especially considering I'm living here in the east! Their publications hammer home just how small (relatively) a group AWL is, making the group's achievements all that much more impressive."

~ Christopher Reiger: Astoria, NY

American Wildlands recently won the Independent Charities of America's "Best in America" Seal of Approval—placing ANL in a distinct group of 1,500 non-profit organizations that provide the most "bang for the buck." AWL is proud to be recognized with this award, because it affirms our vital role in Northern Rockies conservation and the effective way in which we carry out our programs.