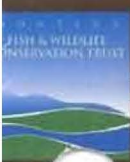


Annual Report  
2007



# Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust



Restoring and Conserving Fish & Wildlife Habitat  
Improving Access to Public Lands





**What is Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust?**

Winston Livestock Phase II

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust (Public Law 105-277) was established by the United States Congress in 1998, and was funded by proceeds from the sale of federally leased cabin sites on Canyon Ferry Reservoir. The purpose of this trust is to provide a permanent source of funding for the acquisition of publicly

accessible land in Montana in order to:

- Restore and conserve fisheries habitat, including riparian habitat;
- Restore and conserve wildlife habitat;
- Enhance public hunting, fishing

and recreational opportunities;

- Improve public access to public lands.

The initial cabin-sale value of this trust began at **\$14,945,403**. The current trust value is approximately **\$20,343,566** as of 12/31/07.



Oyler



Selway Creek



Mullan Pass

**Citizen's Advisory Board**

- Bill Orsello - Represents Hunting
- John Gibson - Represents Fishing
- Chuck Hahn - Represents Landowners
- Jay Erickson - Represents Conservationists

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**Joint State-Federal Board**

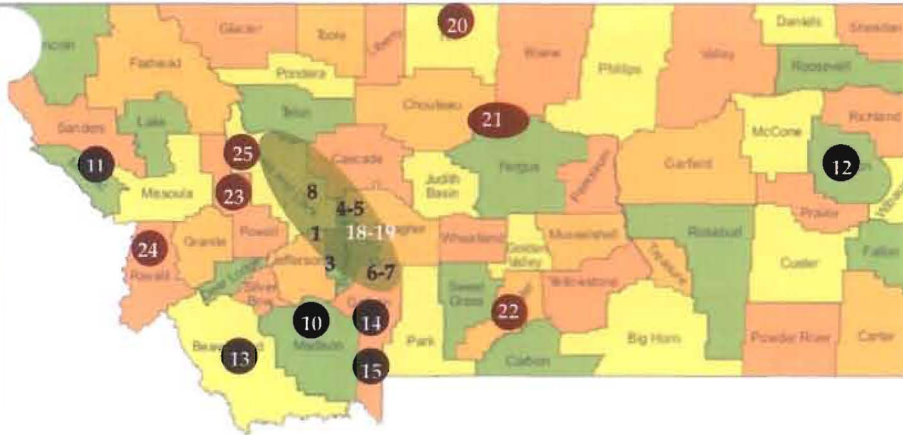
- Mike Cole - USDA Forest Service
- Bill Berg - US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Pat Flowers - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
- Rick Hotaling - Bureau of Land Management
- Dan Fritz - Bureau of Reclamation

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“A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers but borrowed from his children.”  
Audubon



**● Target Area—Upper Missouri River**      **● Outside of Target Area**      **● Prior Year Projects**  
*Not more than 50 percent of the income from the Trust in any year shall be used outside the watershed of the Missouri River in the State, from Holter Dam upstream to the confluence*

**Projects Awarded In 2007 in Target Area Upper Missouri River**

	Awarded	Acres
18. Winston Livestock Phase II— Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)	\$ 7,000	29
19. <u>Winston Livestock Phase III—RMEF</u>	<u>\$ 146,000</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Total Inside Target Area</b>	<b>\$ 153,000</b>	<b>129 +</b>

**Projects Awarded In 2007 Outside of Target Area**

	Awarded	Acres
20. Milk River Initiative— Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (MFWP)	\$ 100,000	undetermined
21. Moline Ranch Conservation Easement— MFWP	\$ 100,000	4,902
22. Riverside Fishing Access Site—MFWP	\$ 25,000	3.67
23. Blackfoot Challenge—Nature Conservancy	\$ 200,000	5,600
24. Skalkaho—Trust for Public Lands	\$ 60,000	160
25. Mullan Pass Conservation Easement— Prickly Pear Land Trust	\$ 100,000	1,565
<b>Total Outside Target Area</b>	<b>\$ 585,000</b>	<b>12,070.67 +</b>

NOTE: Prior Year Activity available on our website: [www.mt.conservationtrust.org](http://www.mt.conservationtrust.org)

**Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust**

**Fiscal Summary: 2007**

Funding Year/ Amounts:	Trust Balance 12/31	Available for Grants	(1) Projects Awarded	(2) Trust Mgr	(3) Admin istration
2007	\$20,343,556	852,000	738,000	253,664	7,532
Prior Year Carryover		61,000			
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$913,000</b>	<b>\$738,000</b>	<b>\$253,664</b>	<b>\$7,532</b>



Blackbridge FAS



Mountain Dude



Ascension



The assets of the trust as of 12/31/07 are \$20,343,556 with grants funded from interest generated by the principal. Two independent oversight boards, a Joint State-Federal Board and a Citizen Advisory Board, are responsible for ensuring the goals of the Trust are met. The Trust manager ensures that Trust funds are used for projects that meet the intent of the legislation. Board meetings are open to the public and public participation is encouraged.

Grants are considered and awarded annually. Granting cycles begin in February with awards announced in June. Information on the application process is available by contacting :

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Blackfoot River Valley

## Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust

Citizen's Advisory Board  Joint State-Federal Board



Total Grants Awarded—\$2,193,000

Helping to Restore and Conserve Important Fish & Wildlife Habitat!