



Annual Report  
2008

# Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust



Mullan Pass

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



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## What is the Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust?

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust (Public Law 105-277) was established by the United States Congress in 1998, and was funded 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, included riparian habitat;
- ◆ Restore and conserve wildlife habitat;
- ◆ Enhance public

hunting, fishing and recreation opportunities;

- ◆ Improve public access to public lands.

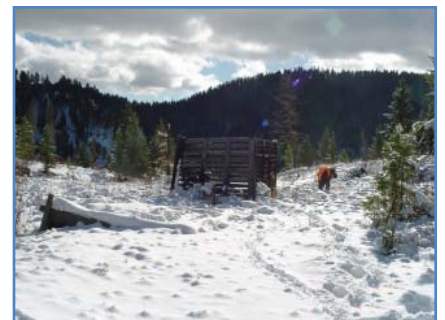
The initial cabin-sale value of this Trust began at **\$14,945,403**. The current Trust value as of 12/31/08 is \$15,000,000.



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Mt. Ascension



Reeb Mining Claim

### Citizen's Advisory Board

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

### Joint State-Federal Board

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

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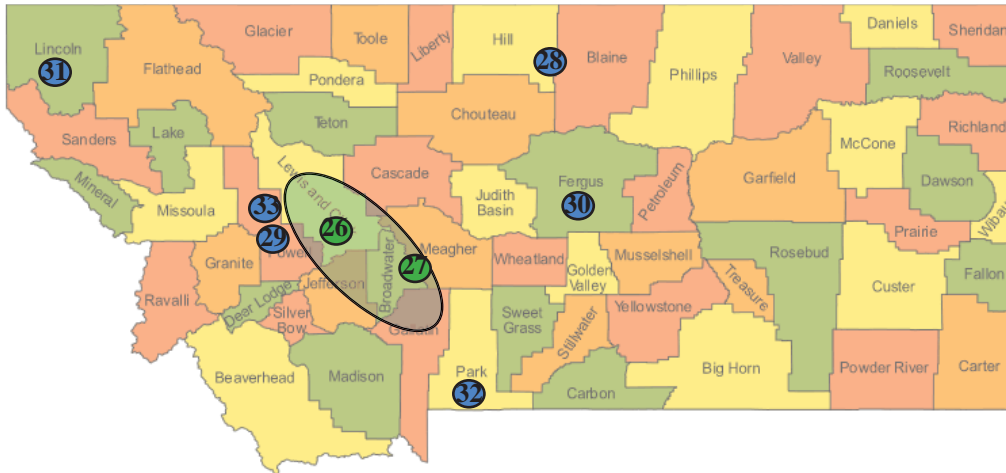
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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”  
- Margaret Mead -

○ Target Area - Upper Missouri River      ● Outside of Target Area      Prior Year Projects: Refer to website

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 Dan upstream to the confluence of the Jefferson River, Gallatin River and Madison River.



Little Doney



Milk River



Milk River

### Projects Awarded in 2008 in the Upper Missouri River Targeted Area

	Awarded	Acres
26. Mt. Ascension - Prickly Pear Land Trust	\$215,000	71
27. Sixteen Mile Creek - John Leeper & Steve Johnson	250,000	7+
<b>Total Within Targeted Area:</b>	<b>\$465,000</b>	<b>80+</b>

### Projects Awarded in 2008 Outside of the Targeted Area

	Awarded	Acres
28. Dugas Farms CE/Milk River/Riverdale CE - Mt Fish, Wildlife & Parks	\$100,000	850
29. Little Doney Lake CE - Blackfoot Challenge	100,000	483
30. Moylan/Wolf Creek - Gallatin Valley Pheasants Forever	50,000	1,100
31. Section 10 Access - Flathead Wildlife, Inc.	14,000	2+
32. Reeb Mining Claims - The Trust for Public Land	80,000	20,000
33. Mullan Pass CE - Prickly Pear Land Trust	44,300	1,565
<b>Total Outside Targeted Area:</b>	<b>\$ 388,300</b>	<b>24,000+</b>

## Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust

### Fiscal Summary: 2008

Funding Year/Amounts:	Trust Balance	Available for Grants	Projects Awarded	Trust Manager	Administration
2008	15,000,000	776,000	903,000	236,135	20,850
Prior Year Carryover		433,000			
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$1,209,000</b>	<b>\$903,000</b>	<b>\$236,135</b>	<b>\$20,850</b>

The assets of the Trust as of 12/31/08 are \$15,000,000 with grants funded from interest generated by the principal. Two independent oversight boards, a Joint State-Federal Board and a Citizen's 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 and forms are available on our website or by contacting:

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