

Annual Report
2009

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 Trust value on 12/31/09 was \$17,769,720.



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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



Mt. Ascension

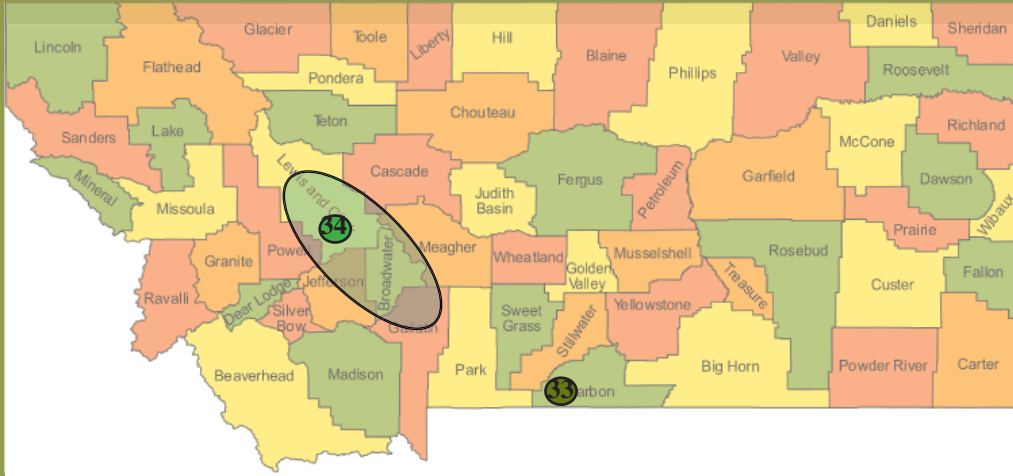
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Reeb Mining Claim



The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value.
 - Theodore Roosevelt -

○ 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.



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Projects Awarded in 2009 in the Upper Missouri River Targeted Area

	Awarded	Acres
34. Mt. Ascension - Prickly Pear Land Trust	\$ 75,000	21
Total Within Targeted Area:	\$ 75,000	21

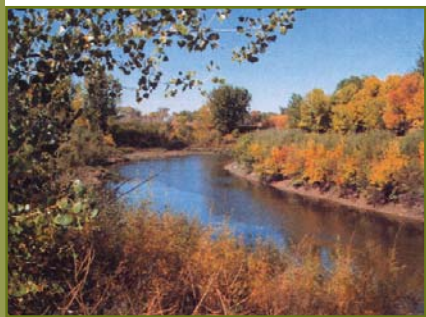
Projects Awarded in 2009 Outside of the Targeted Area

	Awarded	Acres
33. Sage Creek Public Access Easement Mt Fish, Wildlife & Parks	\$ 16,817	46
Total Outside Targeted Area:	\$ 16,817	46



Milk River

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Fiscal Summary: 2009



Milk River

Funding Year/Amounts:	Trust Balance	Available for Grants	Projects Awarded	Trust Manager	Administration
2009	17,769,720	125,000	91,817	188,399	10,744
Prior Year Carryover		420,700			
Total:		\$ 545,700	\$ 91,817	\$188,399	\$10,744

The assets of the Trust as of 12/31/09 are \$17,769,720 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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