



Annual Report  
2012

# Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust



Stimson Forestlands

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





**Tar Head**

### 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 12/31/12 was \$19,253,266.



**Spring Creek**

#### 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  
 Rae Olsen - Bureau of Reclamation  
 Bill Berg - US Fish & Wildlife Service  
 Pat Flowers - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
 John Hagenruber - USDA Forest Service

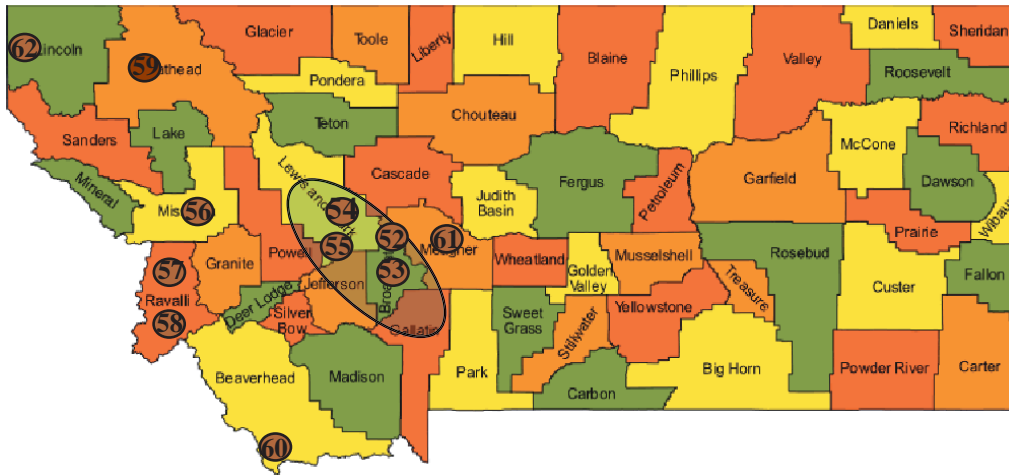
#### Trust Manager

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**Silos**





“We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

Aldo Leopold

○ 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.

**Projects Awarded in 2012 in the Upper Missouri River Targeted Area**



Confluence

	Awarded	Acres
52. Sixteenmile	\$ 250,000	7+
53. Silos	\$ 190,000	74.5
54. Aspen Trails Ranch	\$ 200,000	266
55. Mt. Ascension Lot 16	\$ 90,000	20.5
<b>Total Inside:</b>	<b>\$ 730,000</b>	<b>368</b>

**Projects Awarded in 2012 Outside of the Targeted Area**

	Awarded	Acres
56. Confluence	\$100,000	202
57. Bitterroot Riverfront	\$ 50,000	22
58. Deer Crossing	\$125,000	645
59. Foy's to Blacktail Trails	\$ 40,000	320
60. Garr Canyon	\$100,000	1,096
61. Tenderfoot	\$ 20,000	8,200
62. Stimson Forestlands	\$100,000	28,000
<b>Total Outside:</b>	<b>\$535,000</b>	<b>38,485</b>



Tenderfoot Falls

**Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust**

**Fiscal Summary: 2012**

Funding Year/Amounts:	Trust Balance 12/31	Available for Grants	Projects Awarded	Trust Manager	Administration
2012		698,000	1,265,000	240,661	18,910
Granted but Unused Funds		606,817			
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$1,304,817</b>	<b>\$1,265,000</b>	<b>\$240,661</b>	<b>\$18,910</b>



The assets of the Trust as of 12/31/12 are \$19,253,266 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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