



Annual Report  
2013

# Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust



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



Lazy J Cross CE

## 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 12/31/13 was \$22,596,336.



Ray 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

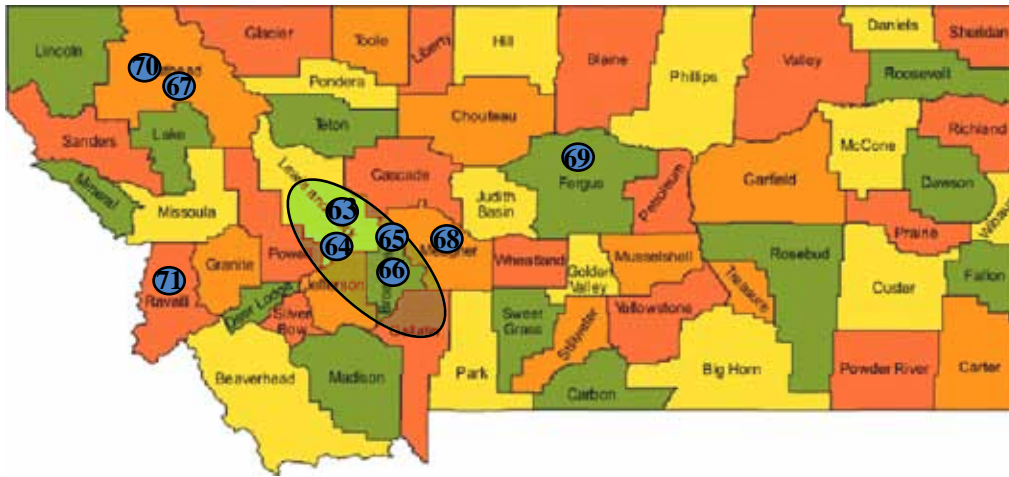
### Trust Manager

Montana's Outdoor Legacy Foundation  
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 Helena, MT 59620-0701

Mt. Ascension



[www.mtconservationtrust.org](http://www.mtconservationtrust.org)



“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:



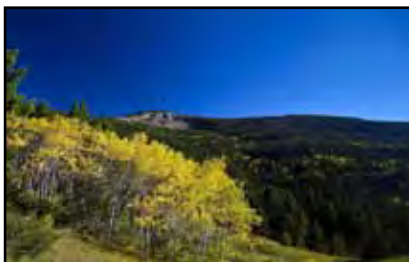
Metcalf Lake

**Projects Awarded in 2013 in the Upper Missouri River Targeted Area**

	Awarded	Acres
63. York Gulch	\$ 50,000	287
64. Charles Van Hook Wetlands	\$ 50,000	2.2
65. Mt Ascension Lot 17	\$ 57,000	23
66. Ray Creek	\$ 250,000	250
<b>Total Inside:</b>	<b>\$ 407,000</b>	<b>562.2</b>

**Projects Awarded in 2013 Outside of the Targeted Area**

	Awarded	Acres
67. Metcalf Lake	\$150,000	644
68. Tenderfoot	\$ 75,000	8,220
69. Big Spring Creek	\$ 60,000	19.7
70. Foys to Blacktail Trails	\$ 32,650	320
71. Lazy J Cross CE	\$ 50,000	1,080
<b>Total Outside:</b>	<b>\$367,650</b>	<b>10,283.7</b>



Tenderfoot

**Montana Fish & Wildlife Conservation Trust**

**Fiscal Summary: 2013**



Foys to Blacktail Trail

Funding Year/Amounts:	Trust Balance 12/31	Available for Grants	Projects Awarded	Trust Manager	Administration
2013		734,750	774,650	255,713	17,015
<b>Granted but Unused Funds</b>		<b>39,817</b>			
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 774,567</b>	<b>\$ 774,650</b>	<b>\$255,713</b>	<b>\$17,015</b>

The assets of the Trust as of 12/31/13 are \$22,596,336 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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**Rock Creek Confluence**