



Region 7

Citizen's Advisory Council Meeting
Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program
Spring 2026



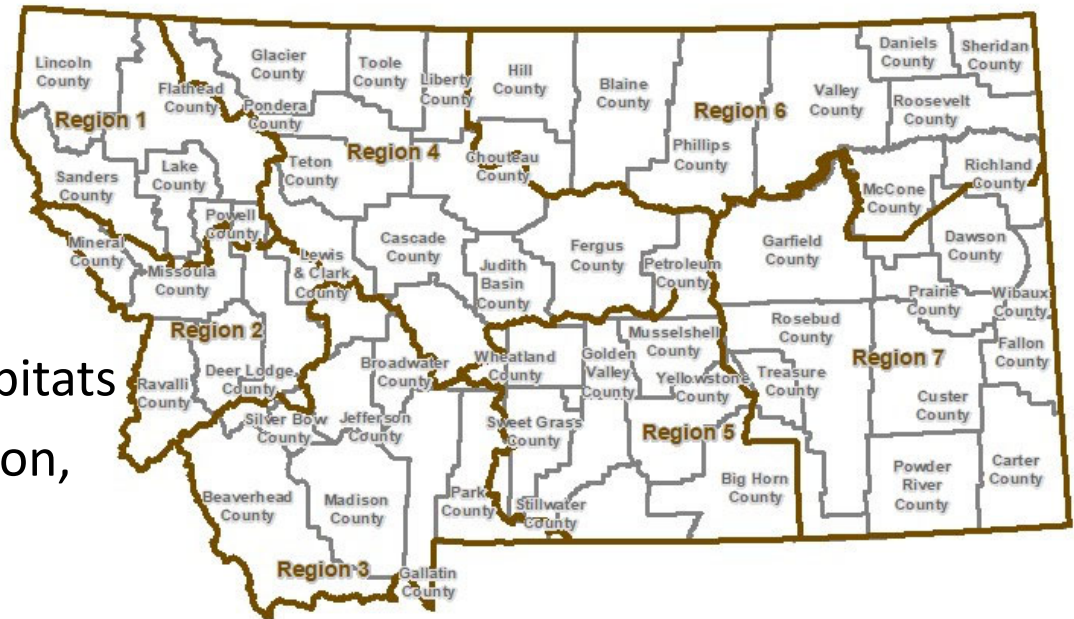
Region 7 by the numbers

- The landscape is a prairie environment with rolling grass-covered hills, badland buttes, ponderosa pine-covered expanses and river drainages with groves of cottonwood trees bordering agricultural fields.
- **75%** of the land base is privately owned.
- The region has **6 state parks, 4 wildlife management areas** and numerous fishing access sites.
- In 2025, there was **247 Block Management Areas (BMA's)** that provide access to more than 2 million acres of private, state, and federal lands.
- **171 active UGBEP projects** across private, state and federal lands.



Region 7 Strategic Plan

- Winter Cover
- Nesting Cover
- Grass stand rejuvenation
- Food plot development
- Grazing Systems
- Wetland Enhancement & Restoration
- Conserve native sagebrush habitats
- Priority counties- Dawson, Fallon, McCone, Prairie, Richland and Wibaux

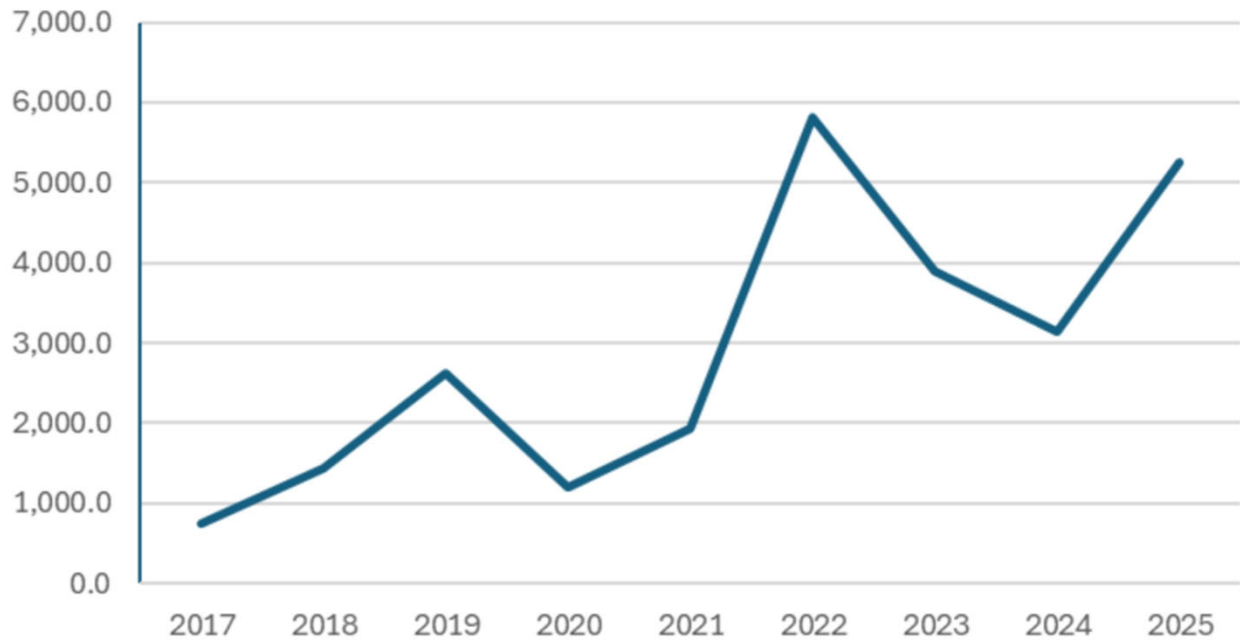


2025 Enrollment Recap

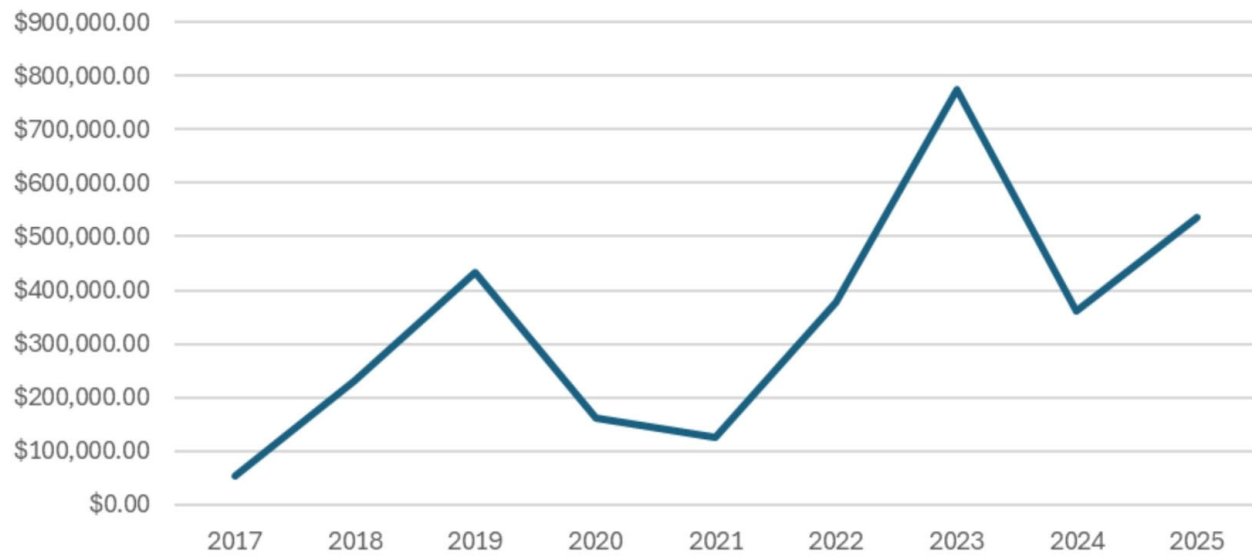


- 8 Food Plots
- 10 Habitat Management Leases
- 8 CRP Add-on or Open Fields
- 2 Cover Crop Management
- Total Enrollment of 28 projects

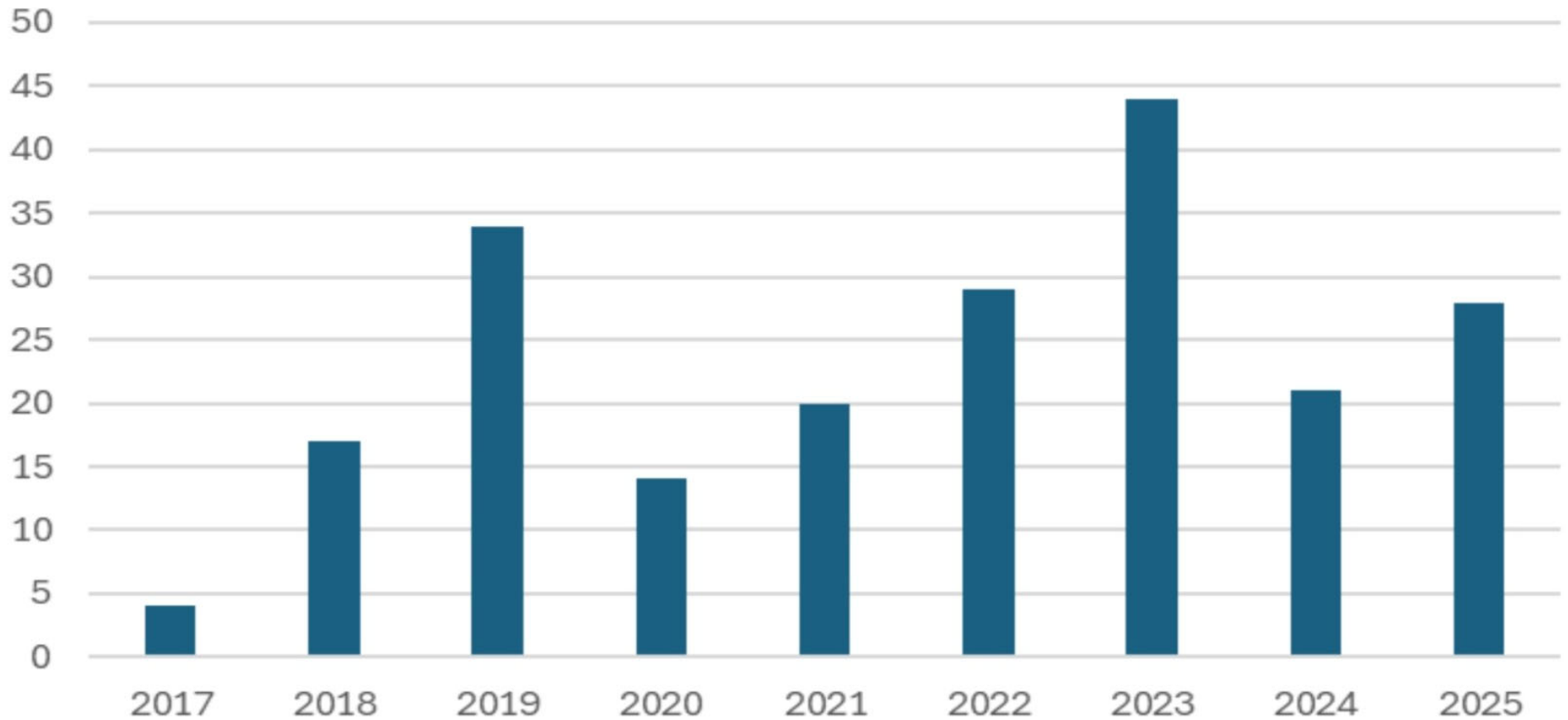
Total R7 Habitat Acres by Year



Total UGBEP Funds Obligated in R7 by Year



Total Projects Funded by Year



2026 Enrollments

Proposed at Fall of 2025 and Spring of 2026 proposal meetings.

HML Contracts

- 10 new leases & 8 renewals
- 2,129.3 habitat acres
- 14,864 access acres
- 6 on Block Management, 1 DNRC publicly accessible, 11 walk-in permission free access.



2026 Enrollments

Winter Food & Cover Plots

- 1 new project and 4 renewals
- 85 habitat acres
- 35,527 access acres
- 3 on Block Management, 1 DNRC & 1 walk-in permission free access.

Standing Grain Food Plot

- 1 new project and 6 renewals
- 260 habitat acres
- 40,198 access acres
- 5 on Block Management, 1 DNRC & 1 walk-in permission free access



2026 Enrollments

Cover Crop Incentive Project

- 1 new project
- 100 habitat acres
- 646 access acres
- 1 walk-in permission free access.

Managed Haying Project

- 1 renewal project
- 320 habitat acres
- 640 access acres
- 1 DNRC publicly accessible land.



2026 Enrollments

Grazing System Project

- 2 new projects
- 4,727 habitat acres
- 4,727 access acres
- Block Management access





2026 Enrollments

- 34 contracts
- 11,718.30 habitat acres
- \$758,967.20 Total
- 3-10 year contracts
- 6 new cooperators



Current Habitat Conditions



- A lot of ice early, dry late with some areas receiving March snow
- Good amounts of residual cover
- Overall mild winter but did have some periods of tough weather.
- Extreme temp swings
- Lots of wind lately
- Spring has arrived!





Upcoming Habitat Projects

- Working on multiple Habitat Management Lease (HML)
- Shelterbelt planting and replanting
- Grazing System design
- Rejuvenating native sagebrush rangeland using drones & virtual fence





QUESTIONS?

