

A Win-Win Program

We help landowners maintain or improve wildlife habitats on private lands, while avoiding and reducing conflicts.

Our goals are to:

- Increase appreciation and tolerance of wildlife on private lands.
- Take proactive measures to avoid or reduce wildlife damage.
- Help wildlife migrate and find the shelter and food they need to survive.
- Assure a bright future for Montana's hunting and wildlife heritage.
- Preserve and enhance traditional agriculture on the landscape.

For more information or assistance, contact your local FWP office, wildlife biologist, or warden.

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Landowner/ Wildlife Resources

Wildlife-friendly Practices
for Landowners and Land Managers



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Wildlife Knows No Boundaries

Wildlife crisscross private and public lands to find food and shelter. Two-thirds of Montana is in private ownership. That means landowners play a key role in supporting wildlife and providing hunting and fishing access. Yet, wildlife can cause damage and interfere with ranching, farming and other uses. The challenge is to turn a problem into a solution that benefits landowners and wildlife alike.



Cory Loecker

Rest-Rotation Grazing System To take pressure off adjacent private lands where elk frequently concentrate, FWP staff worked with Sieben Livestock to design and test a rest-rotation grazing system across borders. They gave some private lands rest from grazing and rejuvenated lands in need of grazing on the WMA.

What Do We Do to Help?

We seek win-win solutions for landowners to coexist with wildlife. We offer:

- Technical assistance and staff support on projects designed to reduce wildlife impacts, improve habitat, and resolve conflicts with wildlife.
- Help for municipalities to reduce urban wildlife conflicts.
- Support through the Living with Wildlife Grants Program, the Game Damage Wildlife Incident Information System, and a technical library.
- Resources for Montana, Fish, Wildlife & Parks land managers, wardens and biologists.



Tools for the Whole Community

Montana is one big community of people and wildlife all sharing its magnificent mountains, plains, forests and rivers. The Landowner/Wildlife Resources Program lends a helping hand across private and public land boundaries. We also share and promote wildlife-friendly solutions through community tours and demonstration areas.



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Wildlife-Friendly Fence Landowners are saving time and money from frustrating repairs caused by elk, deer and other animals breaking through fences. More wildlife are surviving by safely negotiating wildlife-friendly fences. Many fence improvements are low-cost and designed or adapted by landowners.



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Testing New Products An eagle-shaped kite flying from a pole proved an effective and simple way to scare off Canada geese from congregating where they aren't welcome.