



Ensuring Habitat Protection in the Bridger Teton National Forest Plan Report

Grant Money Use

The \$1570 awarded to Wyoming Wildlife Federation by Meg and Bert Raynes Wildlife fund was used for supportive outreach and educational materials around the Wyoming Range Migration Corridor Mule Deer population information, Bridger Teton National Forest Planning (BTNF), and the designation corridor process.

WWF Project Objective Achievements

- WWF developed and manages a Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) database to build support for the WY Range MC designation, increase awareness around the BTNF planning, and *aid our organizing and networking efforts overall.*
- WWF organized and co-hosted with Wyoming Outdoor Council (WOC) a Governor Gordon field tour of the Northern Red Desert and RD2H corridor.
- WWF improved, removed, and/or modified 35+ miles of unfriendly wildlife fencing this year. We brought together 60+ volunteers and ten conservation partners. Projects included Miller Creek in the WY Range MC, Highway 28 in Sublette Pronghorn and RD2H corridors, Dubois area elk/deer migrations, and Willow Creek the RD2H.
- WWF created a comprehensive MC webpage, MC Brochure, and an MC Designation Infographic to explain the MC designation process laid out in Gov. Gordon's EO. WWF distributed MC materials to members & supporters, legislators, and County Commissioners along with holding eight advocacy training - Camo at Capitol (15), UW Monteith Shop (40), & 6 high school gov't class (15-30 each). WWF hosted WGFD re: MC EO w/ Conservation Ambassadors.
- WWF drafted GIS maps of the WY Range corridor, habitats, and conservation efforts to be used at regional meetings and for overflights: <https://arcg.is/1yefKb>.
- In coordination with the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, WWF built and developed relationships with influential leaders and grassroots community members in the southern areas of the BTNF (Lincoln and Sublette Counties, WY) through targeted conversations, community events, and on-ground projects so that this diverse constituency can act as a voice for wildlife and pro-wildlife policies such as significant game winter range protections, migration corridor protections, and riparian habitat and native fish protections through the upcoming BTNF planning processes.
- *The coronavirus has limited our ability to have in-person communication as well as community events. However, WWF has been able to move the following action*

items forward: developing a road tour that starts in Alpine traverses the Bridger-Teton National Forest, includes the Wyoming Range migration corridor, and ends in Kemmerer for a total tour time of about four hours.

- *WWF mapped an aerial route for the Wyoming Range migration corridor and wrote a flight script to give people/decision-makers/community members a different view of the corridor and the forest. The aerial tour occurs out of the Big Piney/Marbleton airport and has a flight time of about 50 minutes.*
 - *WWF led this Wyoming Range mule deer migration corridor aerial tour, which included Pinedale Wyoming Game and Fish habitat biologist Luke Shultz, a woman hunter whose hunt area is within the Red Desert to Hoback mule deer migration corridor, the President of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Peter Dube, and with WWF staff who need to be familiar with the Wyoming Range and its mule deer migration corridor so that we may organize, advocate, and build our network of support for corridor designation.*

- Engage in a meeting with BTNF representatives, in coordination with partners, to convey support for conserving big game migration corridors and other Forest Plan components that will safeguard important, intact wildlife habitats.
- *WWF sits on two subgroups within the BTNF planning team - wildlife and recreation.*
 - *For the wildlife subgroup, WWF is in charge of highlighting critical ungulate winter ranges throughout the BTNF and parturition and stopover areas that ungulates use when moving between winter and summer ranges.*
 - *For the recreation subgroup, WWF is responsible for showing the number of hunters and anglers that use the BTNF annually during the summer and fall months.*

- Communicated and coordinated with local Pinedale area agencies, landowners and decision-makers regarding the BTNF, the Red Desert to Hoback mule deer migration corridor, and the Wyoming Range mule deer migration corridor.

- *During the volunteer workdays near LaBarge and Farson, we had individuals from the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Lower Green River Valley Stock Growers Association, and Bowhunters of Wyoming, Muley Fanatics Foundation, and Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, all with the goal of improving wildlife movements.*

- *WWF regularly posts information on our social media pages related to the big game migration corridors, and the Wyoming Range mule deer migration corridor within the BTNF.*

Due to Covid WWF intends to fulfill these deliverables in 2021:

- *WWF is scheduling a virtual meeting with the BTNF to introduce ourselves, discuss the upcoming land-use plan revision, and topics they may want extra support on.*
- Host one (1) public event in Sublette County regarding the BTNF to spearhead

Provider's engagement with the towns of Bondurant, Daniel, Pinedale, and others on migration corridor protection issues. *WWF hopes to host this public event in 2021 when the coronavirus isn't as much of a concern.*

- Host local coffee house conversations, and other meetings with local sportsmen/sportswomen, landowners, clubs, and businesses in the communities of Bondurant, Daniel, Pinedale, and others located around the BTNF, the Red Desert to Hoback mule deer migration corridor, and the Wyoming Range mule deer migration corridor.

Project Effectiveness

Wyoming Wildlife Federation made great strides with our efforts around Migration Corridor Designation and the Bridger Teton National Forest Planning. As our team was able to organize meetings with Wyoming sportsmen, influential community leaders, landowners, and key decision-makers through our overflight and habitat project of the Wyoming Range. WWF continued educating the public through WWF's place-based multi-media campaign around migration corridors including website, informational brochures, film, and social media all featuring local people in support of migration conservation. In addition, WWF's expanded outreach through the use of the Conservation Ambassador's Program has seen growth with the transition to virtual advocacy training and informational sessions.