The Benefit of a Compelling Shared Vision: Yellowstone to Yukon

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Grizzly bear range loss
Movements of PLUIE the wolf 1992-93

TELEMETRY DATA COURTESY OF WOLF AWARENESS INC.

LEGEND
- Green: Protected Areas

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Historic and Current Distribution of Carnivores and Ungulates

Number of Species

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Historic

Current

Source - Range Contractions of North American Carnivores and Ungulates - Andrea S. Laliberte and William J. Ripple
1.3 million km²  
(500 sq mls)
3200 km long
5 American States
2 Provinces
2 Territories
Conservation Partners – TOGETHER
MOVING FORWARD Y2Y VISION

• Land Trusts
• Advocacy/litigation/lobbying groups
• Scientists (academics, think tanks)
• Land and wildlife managers (government)
• Funders – individuals, foundation, corporate
11% protected

1% other conservation designations
21% protected

31% other conservation designations
Non-extensive Conservation

Banff
Flathead Indian Reservation, MT
Behind one of the Nature Conservancy's largest ever forest purchases

Backing a $134m land acquisition is a financial institution which wants to raise money from investors who care about the environment.

The Nature Conservancy bought land in Montana's Blackfoot River Valley, backed by a bank whose purpose is to protect nature. Photograph: The Nature Conservancy
1st USA Federally Designated Wildlife Corridor
Currently grizzlies are within 100 miles of each other in western Central Montana – the closest they have been in over 100 years.
INSPIRE and ENGAGE

- > 100 million people expose to Y2Y vision
- > Half a dozen books/full magazines focused on Y2Y
- Dozens art and film projects

Wildways – PBS Nova film 2016

Environment

Home on the Range: A Corridor for Wildlife

The Rockies are among the last refuges of animals like the bighorn sheep.
Next steps
Connecting and protecting The Flathead Valley: the single most important area Canada could protect for global biodiversity.
Immigration and associated sprawl

Outside's Best Towns 2013

These are the best places to live in America.

By: Kyle Dickman Aug 12, 2013
Diavik Gold Mine, NWT, 8 million karats annually.

Copper-Gold Mine, Indonesia, 1 mile wide crater, underground, etc.
It’s a battle long fought, but seldom won: Fights over use of lands.