



Impact Report 2018



Enduring conservation

Our vision is to have an interconnected system of wild lands and waters stretching from Yellowstone to Yukon, harmonizing the needs of people with those of nature.

December 2018 marked the 25th anniversary of the Yellowstone to Yukon vision — one that seeks to discover both what nature needs to thrive and how we can support that. Y2Y’s early thinking looked at parks as a conservation framework but moved beyond that to considering how to strengthen the connectivity of the spaces in between protected areas for wildlife.

As a science-based organization we conduct, commission, share or analyze scientific studies to guide our decisions, to tell us what nature needs and how we can help tackle key issues such as climate change.

But science is not enough. Enduring conservation change demands not just sound science, but also cultural support. That is why you, our partners and supporters, matter. Our work is dependent on the political and cultural will of our time — you help shape that will.

We have much to celebrate! Y2Y’s board, leadership and staff are proud to work at various levels, from leading or collaborating on a project, to funding and advising, to achieve our goals. Thanks to everyone, especially you, for being a part of this initiative.

OUR COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

 funded **14** partner projects for conservation efforts

celebrating an increase of more than
50% protected areas in our first **25** years

engaged more than **22,000** people 
to take action on conservation issues raised by us and our partners



Photo: Tristan Brand



**We believe in
the power of a big,
bold idea.**



Photo: National Park Service

Mapping our impact

On the map, you will find 2018's conservation advances, including those made with partners — in no small part thanks to your support. These conservation successes are worth celebrating as they all work in unison to weave together this wonderful landscape from Yellowstone to Yukon.

OUR ROLE

Our role in the projects that follow depends on factors such as the timing, location and opportunity. Partnering in coalitions, leading projects or providing support, we work in the following ways:

- **Advocate:** Organize communities, organizations and experts to advocate for stakeholders, management and policy changes
- **Conduct science:** Contract, collate, conduct and advance science to guide our work
- **Shape policy and strategy:** Build and provide public support for agencies to implement projects and develop policy and practices that support our mission
- **Fund:** Support projects that match our mission and vision
- **Build relationships:** Find and liaise with like-minded communities and organizations working together toward goals consistent with the Yellowstone to Yukon vision
- **Inspire:** Engage local, regional and international people and groups to support large-landscape conservation and Y2Y's work
- **Participate:** Assess whether various developments are consistent with our vision and speak out when they are not; engage in projects such as human-wildlife coexistence



Photo: Jacob W. Frank
National Park Service



Yukon

- A** Helped educate more than 845 people in Yukon Territory by funding WildWise Yukon workshops on living near wildlife and bear safety

British Columbia

- B** Helped the Klinse-za caribou herd grow 8.2 per cent since 2017 by providing funding to an Indigenous-run maternal penning project by West Moberly and Saulteau First Nations
- C** Built the case for protection in B.C.'s Peace Valley's Hart ranges by gathering scientific data during an eight-day bioblitz with biologists from the Royal BC Museum
- D** Supported Valhalla Wilderness Society in building an amphibian underpass to facilitate the migration of approximately 18,000 toads during mating season
- E** Helped inspire construction of an underpass below an existing bridge to make it possible for wildlife to cross under busy Highway 3 near Fernie, B.C.

Alberta

- F** With partners at CPAWS Alberta, motivated more than 5,000 people in 2018 — totaling more than 22,000 during the entire campaign — to ask for new parks and protected areas on the Eastern Slopes of the Rockies in the Bighorn area
- G** Provided scientific corridor expertise and strategy to decision-makers and rallied local citizens who helped make the case to Alberta Parks to reject a development proposal in a Bow Valley wildlife corridor. Alberta Parks turned the developer's initial proposal down in June 2018, deeming it unsatisfactory and too steep for movement
- H** Generated hundreds of letters to Alberta Transportation from citizens and visitors concerned about wildlife-vehicle collisions, progressing Alberta's first wildlife overpass and fencing proposal outside a national park on Highway 1 into the design phase
- I** Supported Waterton Biosphere Reserve's program to reduce wildlife-human conflict through free pickup of dead livestock across a ranchland area in southern Alberta the size of 500,000 football fields or 500,000 hectares (1,235,527 acres)

Idaho

- J** Supported a wetlands restoration project with partners at Idaho Fish and Game and Selkirk Outdoor Leadership and Education aimed at helping various species respond to climate change — a project that engaged dozens of local youth in community science workshops

Montana

- K** Along with partners at Vital Ground Foundation, advanced protection of a wildlife corridor near Troy through the purchase of 42.5 acres (17 hectares) on land primed to be subdivided and developed at the confluence of northwestern Montana's Kootenai and Yaak rivers. This protects a bottleneck for wildlife, including grizzlies, between the Cabinet and Purcell mountain ranges
- L** Planned and co-hosted Montana's first wildlife transportation summit. The summit included the Office of the Montana Governor; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Montana Department of Transportation; and the Western Transportation Institute, helping set the stage for future transportation solutions to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions
- M** Enabled construction by Defenders of Wildlife of 15 new electric fences in the Cabinet-Yaak, helping people protect their livestock, fruiting trees, chicken coops and other attractants from bears
- N** Decreased conflicts with wildlife in campgrounds and trailheads near the eastern edge of the Flathead Indian Reservation by funding People and Wildlife's construction of seven bear poles in collaboration with Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal members. Bear poles provide a way for backcountry campers to suspend food and attractants out of a bear's reach
- O** Initiated the first on-the-ground efforts to help animals cross under an I-90 bridge in Montana by purchasing private land in partnership with Vital Ground. This 52-acre (21-hectare) purchase safeguards wildlife use of an underpass beneath a major highway, helping secure the path for grizzlies to move back into the Bitterroot Mountains

Wyoming

- P** Reached more than 22,000 people over 79 days with Invisible Borders, a wildlife migration exhibit at National Museum of Wildlife Art, educating the public about the challenges animals face and are helped to overcome during migration

2018 Financial Highlights

The Yellowstone to Yukon (Y2Y) group is comprised of three organizations; Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative Society, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative and Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative Foundation.

Each organization is governed by an independent Board of Directors. All three organizations strive to work seamlessly to fund, facilitate and operate programs and activities to fulfill the Y2Y mission. The accompanying financial highlights presents the information of the Y2Y group.

We are supported by a broad network of foundations, government agencies, businesses and individuals from around the world. Thanks to their generosity, we completed the year in a strong financial position. In 2018, 83 per cent of Y2Y's revenue directly supported conservation projects and campaigns across the region.

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 2018 (USD)

ASSETS

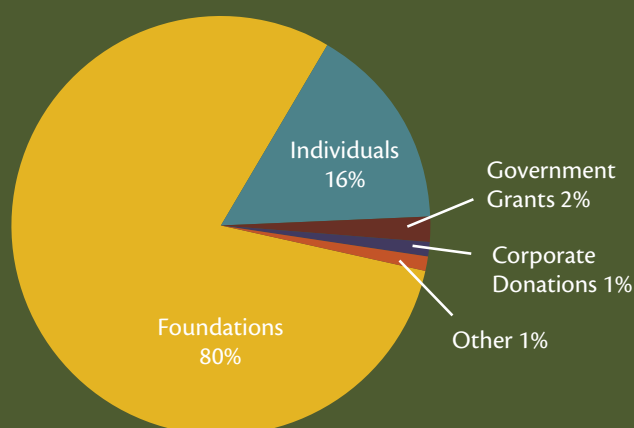
Cash in the Bank	3,928,411
Investments	1,242,777
Accounts Receivable and Prepaids	213,859
Total Assets	5,385,047

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	163,350
Deferred Revenue	3,012,397
Net Assets	2,209,300
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	5,385,047

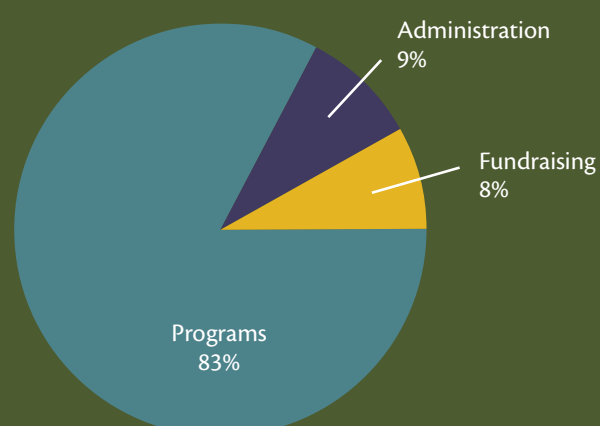
HOW Y2Y IS FUNDED

Income: 4,310,609



HOW YOUR DONATION IS USED

Total Expenditures: 3,739,062



People who make it possible

Abe and Pat Levy	Galvin Family Fund at Calgary Foundation	Mind on Development	The Schad Foundation
Alberta Real Estate Foundation	Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	The Mitsubishi Corporation Foundation for the Americas	Scotlyn Foundation
Alpine Club of Canada		Money/Arenz Foundation, Inc.	Shugar Magic Foundation
Banff Canmore Community Foundation	Government of Canada, Canada Summer Jobs	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Sitka Foundation
Boreal Songbird Initiative	Grant MacEwan Nature Protection Fund at Calgary Foundation	The New York Community Trust	Stephanie and Andrew Towell
Bunting Family Foundation		Otis Booth Foundation	Steven and Patty Glover Family Fund at Edmonton Community Foundation
Burnet, Duckworth and Palmer LLP	Harold Neufeldt Gifting Fund	Otten Foundation	Temper of the Times Foundation
Calgary Foundation	Heymann Foundation	Palmer Family Foundation	Turner Foundation, Inc.
The Chawkers Foundation	Hiram Blauvelt Wildlife Art Museum	Patagonia	Volgenau Foundation
Chicago Zoological Society and Brookfield Zoo	House Family Foundation	Patagonia Elements Banff	Walton Family Foundation
The Cinnabar Foundation	J.N. Fyvie Family Fund at the Calgary Foundation	Peter Bachman and Janet Rice Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation	Weeden Foundation
Conservation Alliance	Jackson Family Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation	The Pew Charitable Trusts	Wilburforce Foundation
Country Walkers	Joe Albright and Marcia Kunstel Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole	Pumpkin Hill Foundation	Wildlife Conservation Society Climate Adaptation Fund, supported by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Cross Charitable Foundation	John A. Mills and Susan K. Mills Charitable Fund	The Rachel J. Lamorte Fund for Progress	William P. Wharton Trust
The Crown Goodman Family		Ralph and Gay Young Family Capital Fund at Edmonton Community Foundation	Winkler Family Foundation
Donner Canadian Foundation	John Jr. and Laurie Chester	RBC Foundation	Woodcock Foundation
Eddie Knight	The Johnson Family Fund at the T Rowe Price Program for Charitable Giving	Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia	
Edmonton Community Foundation	The Kendeda Fund	Resources Legacy Fund	
Eleanor and Fred Winston — The Longview Foundation	Loveridge Family Charitable Fund		
Enterprise Holdings Foundation	Mary and Charles Sethness Charitable Foundation		
Ernest J. Abele Fund of the Columbus Foundation	M-E Squared Foundation		
Fanwood Foundation			
Franklin Philanthropic Foundation			

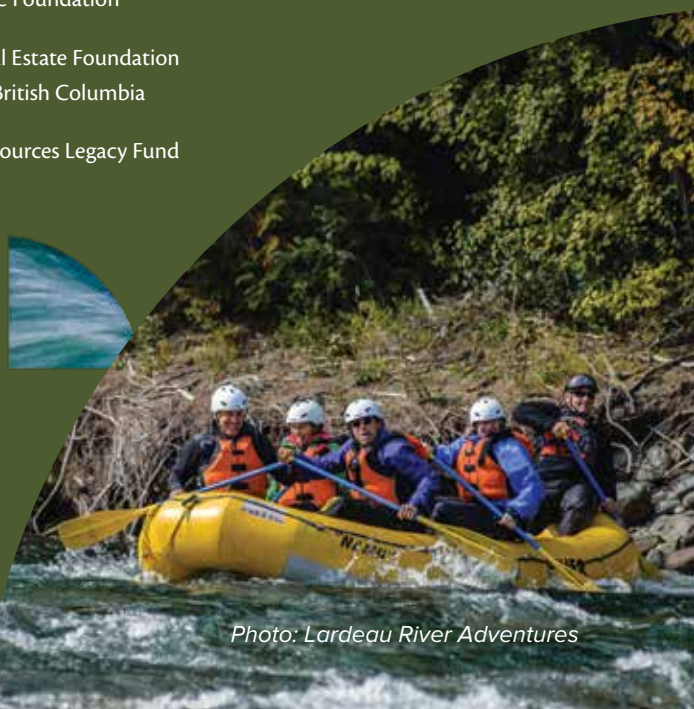


Photo: Lardeau River Adventures

Contact us

CANADA

Unit 200, 1350 Railway Avenue
Canmore, AB T1W 1P6

UNITED STATES

P.O. Box 157
Bozeman, MT 59771-0157

TEL 403-609-2666

FAX 403-609-2667

TOLL-FREE 1-800-966-7920

EMAIL info@y2y.net

Y2Y.NET



Copyright 2019 Yellowstone to Yukon
Conservation Initiative. All rights reserved.

Cover photos from National Park Service.
Design and illustration by Natasia Designs.
Copy and proofing by Kelly Zenkewich
and Sasha Roeder Mah.



Yellowstone to Yukon
Conservation Initiative

Continue to
create an impact

Get involved by advocating on a campaign,
donating or hosting a fundraiser.

LEARN MORE AT
Y2Y.NET/YOURIMPACT

