

Impact Report 2019



Yellowstone to Yukon
Conservation Initiative



Helping people and nature thrive, together

THINKING BIG IS IN OUR NATURE

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. Your support is integral to our success in connecting and protecting this incredible piece of geography.

Solving the most pressing problems of our time requires solutions and people who buckle down and dig in — thank you for being a part of this work.

From breezy alpine meadows to rich valley bottoms, rushing gravel-bed rivers to rolling foothills, your support is a key part of our success and seeing solutions realized. Your gifts sustain us for campaigns that can be decades-long, such as the one to protect Yukon's Peel watershed, or our ongoing mission to reconnect grizzly bears in the lower 48. By providing your financial support, you give us a stable platform from which to connect with partners, complete necessary research, and build a better future.

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Just as crucial is your public support. That is when you step up to comment, call, and contact decision-makers to be heard when collective action is needed. It truly does make a difference.

Part of how we accomplish our work is through engaging in science. The evidence gathered makes the case for better planning and management, collaborating with the right partners, and making strategic decisions on doing what we need to, when we need to, and in the places that matter. Your support helps us dive deep to discover possible solutions.

No matter how large or small your role, thank you for being a part of our mission to connect and protect habitat so that people and nature thrive.



What we achieved together in 2019

Thank you for believing in this big, bold mission. We couldn't do it without you. Read on for some key progress made and milestones met — with partners — that advance land protection, create much-needed wildlife movement corridors, help people share space with animals, and enable the science needed to support sound policies. Monumental milestones were achieved in 2019 thanks to the tireless work of our partners and your steadfast support.

WITH YOUR HELP, AND WITH PARTNERS, WE:

designated **83%**

OF YUKON'S PEEL WATERSHED AS CONSERVATION AREAS,

by campaigning for protection of an area larger than Nova Scotia or New York state in a landmark Indigenous-led land-use plan



inspired ^{MORE THAN}

1,000

U.S. TEACHERS



about large landscape conservation and Y2Y at a national biology teacher conference, who will now share those learnings via a video and syllabus with their students

enabled more than **2,100 people**

to advance B.C.'s Indigenous-led caribou habitat agreement in the Peace Region, by showing strong support



advanced

14 PARTNER CONSERVATION PROJECTS



that will progress the Y2Y vision

educated **280 visitors**

ON KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

to increase safety for bears and people



reached **30,000 people,**

RESULTING IN ALMOST

300 submissions



to a wolverine sighting community science project in southeastern B.C., helping researchers pinpoint eight potential den locations, boosting knowledge needed to manage and protect habitat for dwindling wolverine populations

Mapping our impact

Since embarking on our big, bold mission in 1993, we are proud to have worked with more than 450 partners. On the map that follows, you will find examples of the conservation advances we have made together in 2019. Each project has an impact not only locally but regionally, and your support is an integral part of these successes. This collaborative work helps communities and wildlife thrive, advances conservation work, inspires advocacy and policy changes, and more.

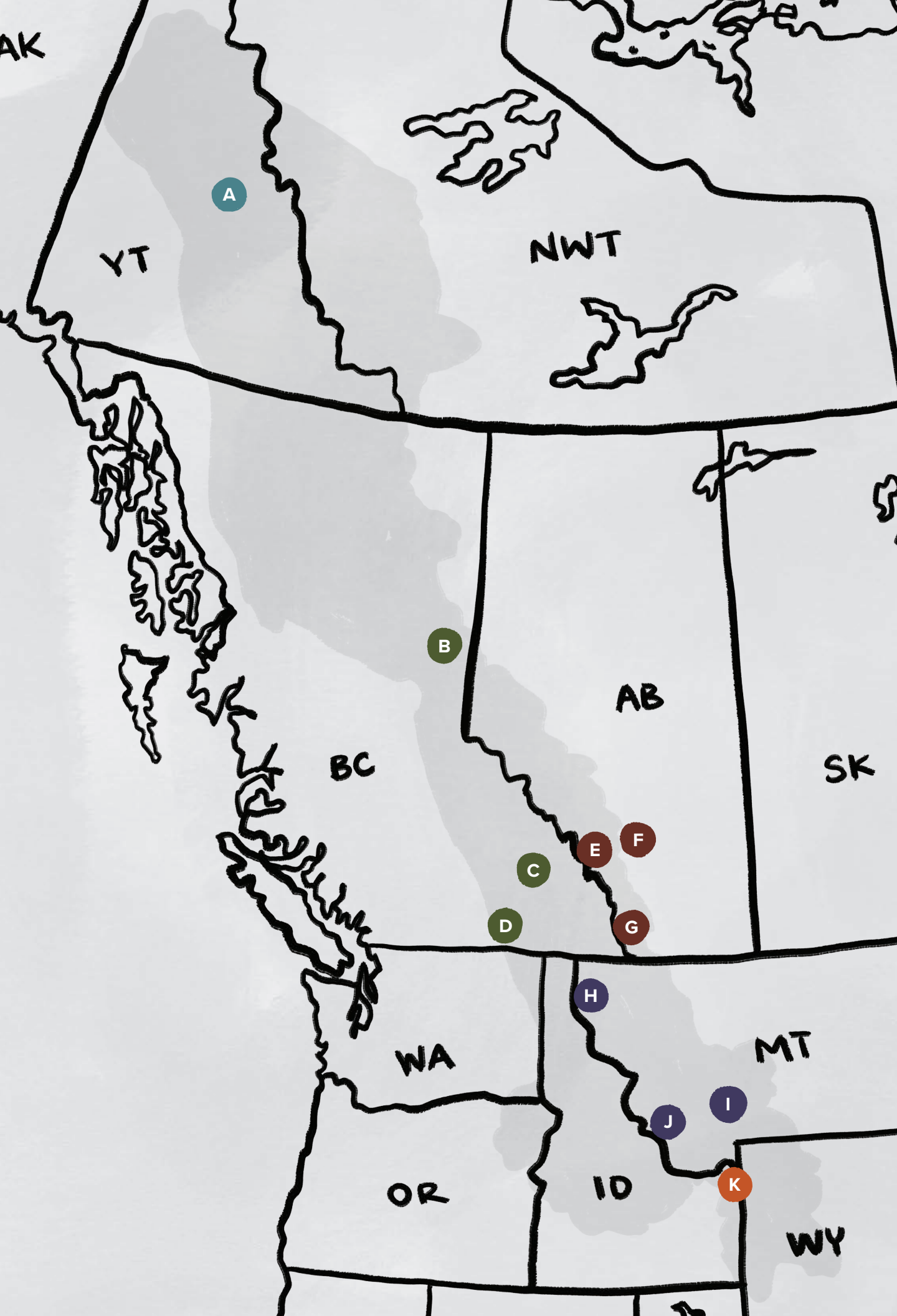
OUR ROLE

We make sure conservation advances by ensuring that all that is required to successfully move work forward gets done. What is shown is just a sampling of our work for the year, see more at y2y.net/2019. Thanks to partnerships and our network of collaborators, we are able to work in coalitions, lead projects, or provide support in the following ways:

- Deliver credible, accessible science and knowledge through creating, commissioning, synthesizing and communicating it;
- Strengthen partners and networks by providing capacity support that includes building relationships and solutions, funding, convening, and providing strategic support;
- Inspire and mobilize influencers, including individuals and communities, to take action on conservation issues, through sharing the Y2Y vision, organizing, advocating, and creating replicable models;
- Work in a targeted way across four scales: local, regional, national and global, addressing both bottom-up and top-down levers to advance conservation.

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In partnership with many groups, including but not limited to non-governmental organizations, communities, Indigenous governments and entities, land trusts, biologists, ranchers and more, collectively we:

Yukon

- A** Secured an agreement signed by five Indigenous and non-Indigenous governments to protect Yukon's Peel River watershed. In August 2019, 83 per cent of the Peel was designated as conservation areas: 55 per cent permanently protected, 25 per cent interim protection, and 3 per cent protected for boreal caribou.

British Columbia

- B** Supported Indigenous partners in negotiating a ground-breaking conservation agreement signed in February 2020 that will protect caribou habitat and place a moratorium on industrial activity in 759,000 hectares (1.875 million acres) of land.
- C** Inspired more than 1,300 people to go wild for wolverines at screenings of Chasing a Trace, a film about wolverine research in southeastern B.C., and encouraged them to take action through support of management policies.
- D** Installed 11 electric fences to discourage grizzly bears in Selkirk and Purcell of southeast B.C. from feeding on attractants.

Alberta

- E** Successfully made the case to government for better connectivity in the Bow Valley, advancing to the design phase for the province's first overpass and fencing proposed outside a national park east of Canmore.
- F** Introduced interpretive signage to educate residents and visitors on wildlife and coexistence measures to keep people and animals safe.
- G** Encouraged government to commit to mitigation efforts at Rock Creek on Alberta's Highway 3 by advocating for an underpass and fencing.

Montana

- H** Built stronger connectivity in Montana's Yaak Valley by purchasing an additional three land parcels in a grizzly bear corridor.
- I** Installed bear proofing at a waste transfer station, helping secure it from wildlife.
- J** Encouraged better coexistence by installing signs alerting Montana's Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest visitors to bear-proof their food in this place bears are returning to.

Idaho

- K** Reduced potential human-bear conflicts by supporting a summer bear educator position, who reached more than 3,400 people.

Sharing the vision elsewhere in the world

- Led the International Union for Conservation of Nature Beyond Aichi task force, to guide the next global conservation targets under the Convention for Biological Diversity to conserve biological diversity and halt biodiversity loss.
- Continued building the case for large landscape conservation and addressed climate change at University of Pennsylvania's Design with Nature Now symposium, in a book, and related exhibit.
- Advanced critical science by conducting, collaborating on, publishing, sharing, and communicating research aimed at solving urgent conservation problems, such as habitat loss or species declines, and advocated for related action and policy change.



For more of our work with partners, head to y2y.net/together

2019 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 combine information across all three Y2Y organizations.

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 2019, 81 per cent of Y2Y's expenses directly supported conservation projects and campaigns across the region.

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 2019 (USD)

ASSETS

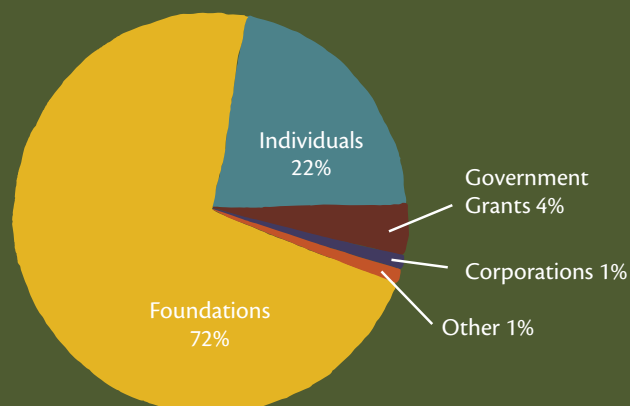
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,504,933
Investments	613,314
Accounts Receivable and Prepaids	196,093
Property and Equipment	50,182
Total Assets	5,364,522

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	122,384
Deferred Revenue	2,665,196
Net Assets	2,576,942
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	5,364,522

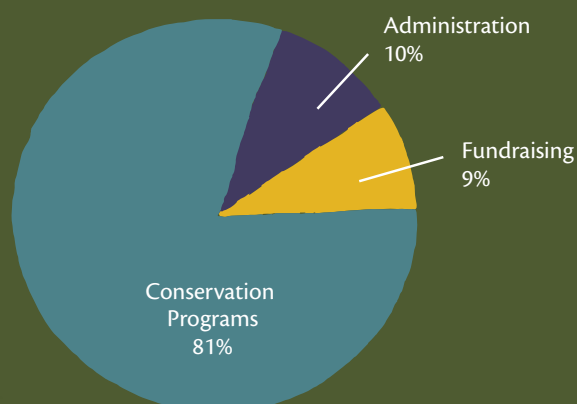
HOW Y2Y IS FUNDED

Revenue: 3,999,355



HOW YOUR DONATION IS USED

Total Expenses: 3,697,097



Donors and funders whose generous support makes it all possible

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Alberta Ecotrust Foundation

Banff Canmore Community Foundation

Bergmann and Filakosky Donor Advised Fund

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Otis Booth Foundation

Sarah Palmer

Patagonia

Patagonia Banff (Elements)

Peter H. Bachman and Janet Rice Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation

Ralph and Gay Young Family Capital Fund at Edmonton Community Foundation

RBC Foundation

Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia

Resources Legacy Fund

Ruby Fund, held at Vancouver Foundation

Shane McMullen Legacy Foundation

Shaw Communications Inc. / Global Corus Entertainment

Shugar Magic Foundation

Sitka Foundation

Thoroughfare Fund

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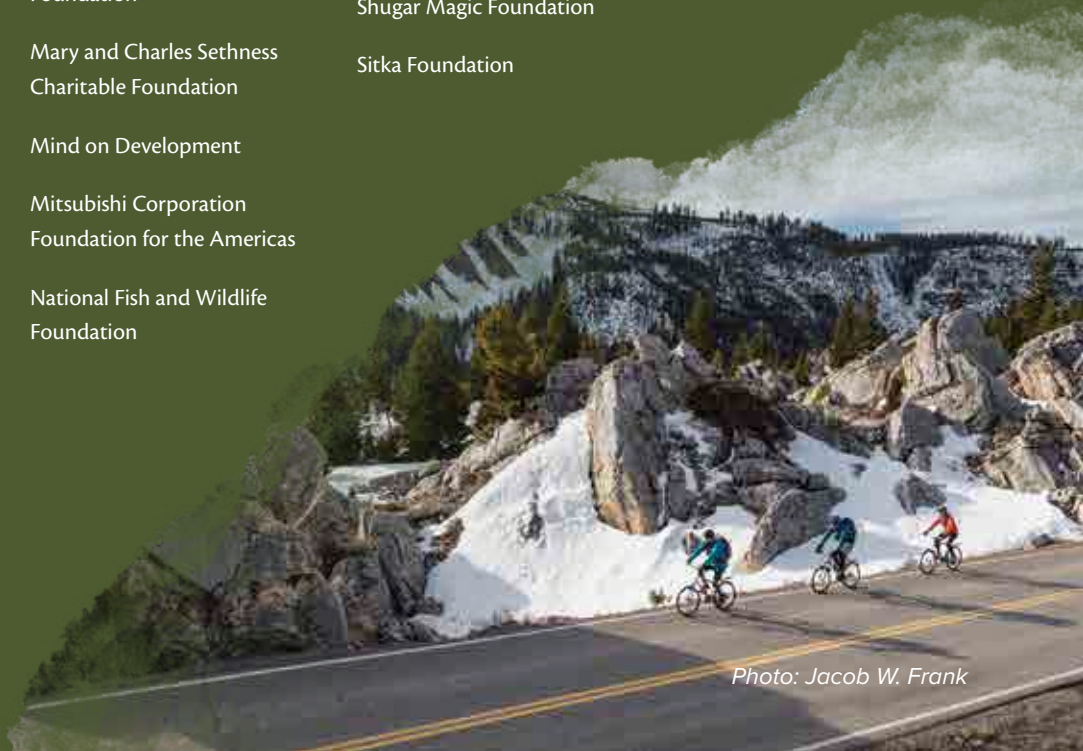


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