



INTRODUCING Y2Y

Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y)

What is Y2Y?

Y2Y connects and protects habitat from Yellowstone to Yukon so people and nature can thrive. We work in Canada, the United States and at the global level by taking a scientific and collaborative approach to conservation. We have worked with more than 730 partners since 1993, including conservation groups, landowners, businesses, scientists, agencies, and many Indigenous governments, communities and organizations. **Today, Y2Y is recognized as one of the planet's leading mountain conservation initiatives.**

The Y2Y Initiative works in a region that still provides intact habitat at a scale that nature needs. The Yellowstone to Yukon region is:

- 502,000 miles² (1.3 million km²) or equivalent in size to twice that of Texas or Alberta.
- Home to a full suite of wildlife that have been present since the ice age.
- The source of clean, safe drinking water for millions of people.
- The most intact mountainous region on the planet.

How is Y2Y different from other conservation initiatives?

Y2Y is the only organization dedicated to securing the long-term ecological health of this entire region and our continental-scale perspective makes Y2Y's approach unique. We highlight and focus on local, regional, national and global issues that have implications for the region, and work with key people to connect and protect this landscape while helping to ensure its human communities can thrive.

How has Y2Y's work progressed in the past 30 years?

The actions of Y2Y, our partners, and others in the region, have resulted in a **more than 80 percent increase in key protected area growth**. Working with willing landowners, Y2Y has specifically contributed to the protection of wildlife corridors through the acquisition of more than **550,000ac (~222,000ha) of private land** with partners and the addition of **more than 126 wildlife-crossing structures** on busy roads. In Banff National Park alone, crossing structures have reduced wildlife-vehicle collisions by **more than 80 percent**, saving lives and keeping animals moving.

Our Vision

An interconnected system of wild lands and waters stretching from Yellowstone to Yukon, harmonizing the needs of people and nature.

Our Mission

Connecting and protecting habitat from Yellowstone to Yukon so people and nature can thrive.

How can I get involved with Y2Y?

- Sign-up for our e-newsletter at y2y.net/join.
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or X.
- Make a gift at y2y.net/donate.
- Host a fundraiser. Contact us to get the details.



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Here are some of the ways you are helping make a difference for people and nature:

LANDSCAPE PROTECTION:

Using the best science and Indigenous knowledge, we work with partners to identify and protect core habitat in this awe-inspiring landscape. Protecting this important region is critical for both people and wildlife, especially in the face of a changing climate, where animals need room to roam and protecting our headwaters is even more crucial.

LANDSCAPE CONNECTION:

We connect important habitats that are vital for wildlife. Animals need enough room to sustain a healthy population. We maintain and restore key corridors and improve wildlife movement across some of the busiest roads in the Yellowstone to Yukon region.

COMMUNITIES & CONSERVATION:

Y2Y engages a wide range of communities for solutions that benefit nature AND people. This includes working with residents and decision-makers to support key planning decisions, partnering with recreation and tourism organizations to limit impacts of their industries, and collaborating with local communities to listen, learn, and implement solutions that promote human-wildlife coexistence.

SCIENCE, KNOWLEDGE & POLICY:

We collaborate on and deliver the best available science and/or knowledge to power decision-making and expand understanding of species.



- Yellowstone to Yukon region
- Protected areas before 1993
- Protected in 1993 and after

A peer-reviewed paper published in *Conservation Science and Practice* shows not only is the uniquely collaborative Yellowstone to Yukon vision working, but it is also achieving conservation goals at an accelerated rate.

Each year we move closer to achieving our bold mission thanks to YOU, our community of supporters and partners.

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