

Protecting Earth's wildest large mountain landscape for all



Imagine a vast, breathtaking landscape where grizzly bears roam freely, wolves track through ancient forests, and rivers flow wild as they have for millennia. This is the Yellowstone to Yukon region — and we're working to keep it thriving for people and wildlife.

Discover Y2Y: Conservation through connection

Since 1993, the Yellowstone to Yukon (Y2Y) Conservation Initiative has led an ambitious effort to stitch together the world's most intact large mountain region.

Guided by science and strengthened by more than 790 partnerships — from local landowners to governments and Indigenous Nations — Y2Y is recognized globally for its bold, collaborative approach to mountain conservation at a continental scale.

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

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



Yellowstone to Yukon
Conservation Initiative

*Above: Yukon's Wind River. Credit: P. Mather.
Inset: Canada lynx. Credit: Tom McDonald.*

Why the Yellowstone to Yukon region matters

This incredible landscape is:

Wildlife-rich: Home to iconic species that have roamed here for thousands of years

Vital: The source of fresh, clean water for millions across North America

Unique: The world's most intact large mountain region

Vast: Spanning 1.3 million sq. km (502,000 sq. miles) — three times the size of California

Our distinct approach

Y2Y is the only organization with a vision that spans this entire wild corridor. We connect ecosystems and communities through:

- The conservation and restoration of wildlife movement corridors
- Bringing together diverse voices to create solutions that work for nature and people
- Cross-sector and cross-border collaboration to achieve lasting impact
- Strategies that scale from local to international conservation action

How we work: 3 pillars



Landscape protection

Guided by leading science and Indigenous knowledge, we work with partners to safeguard core habitats — critical for wildlife survival and thriving communities, especially as we experience a changing climate.



Landscape connection

We conserve and restore key wildlife movement corridors — through wildlife crossings, restoration efforts, and voluntary private land conservation — ensuring animals can roam, breed, and survive across great distances.



Communities & conservation

We believe conservation succeeds when people are part of the solution. We collaborate on efforts with local communities — from wildlife-friendly ranching to managing recreation and reducing conflict with wildlife — building a future where both can flourish.

Strong foundations

Science & Indigenous knowledge

We rely on the best available Western science and Indigenous knowledge to guide wildlife corridor design, conservation strategies, and identify areas for protection.

Policy

We collaborate with governments to advance wildlife-friendly legislation, support sustainable land-use planning, and shape policy that protects this iconic landscape.

Our impact over 30 years

Thanks to your support, Y2Y has helped:



Increase protected areas in the region by **more than 80%**



Conserve **550,000+ acres (222,000 hectares)** of key private lands with willing landowners



Supported planning and construction of **177 wildlife crossings**



Reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions by up to **96% on busy highways**

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Every action you take helps connect and protect this extraordinary landscape — and create a future where people and nature can flourish together.



Inset: Black bear cub. Credit: Shutterstock.