FIRE LEARNING NETWORK

Centennial Valley FLN
& Gravelly Landscape

Partner Agencies & Organizations

Bureau of Land Management
Centennial Valley Association
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Montana Department of Natural Resources and
    Conservation
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Montana State University
Private ranch operations
Ruby Watershed Committee
The Nature Conservancy
Trout Unlimited
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service—Red Rock Lakes
    NWR
University of Montana Western
USDA Forest Service—Beaverhead-Deerlodge
    NF (Madison RD)
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Wildlife Conservation Society

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Beyond Our Borders

The work of our partnership has built grassroots momentum for collaborative, proactive solutions to ecological issues, and led pioneering science and stewardship across broad range of habitats including sandhills, sagebrush, Douglas-fir, aspen and willow. This has resulted in increased opportunities to allow fires—both prescribed and wildfire—to burn across 40,000 acres of wilderness and other public lands.

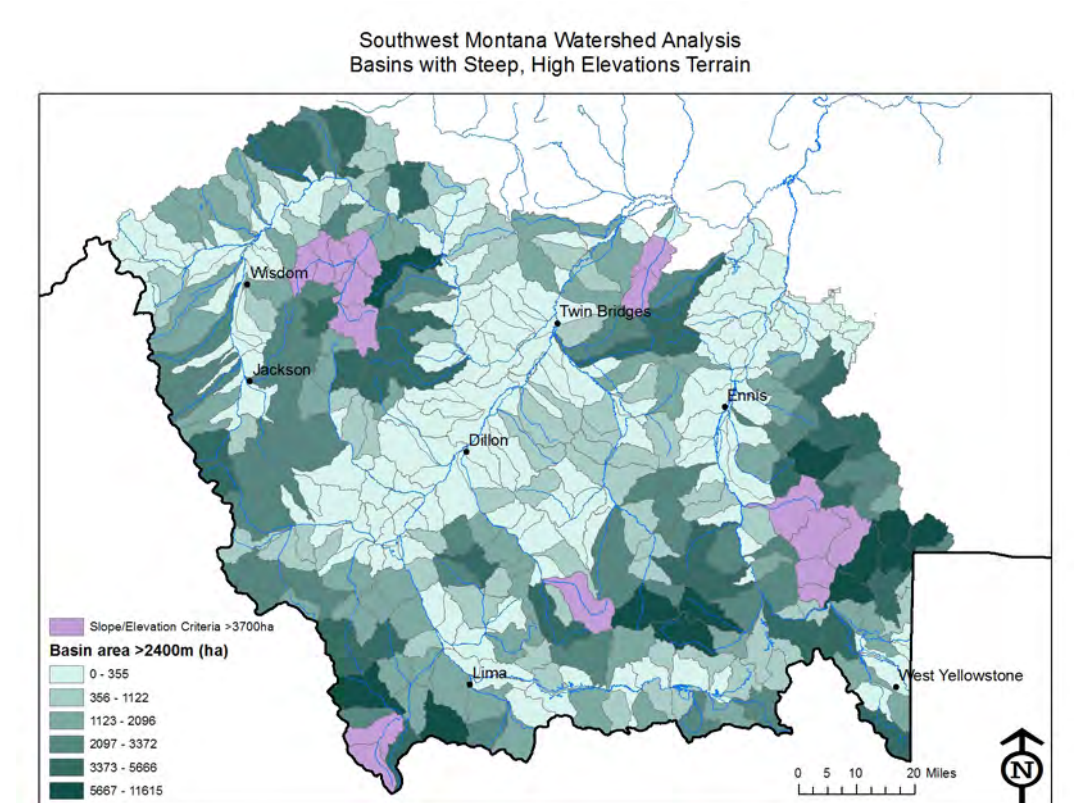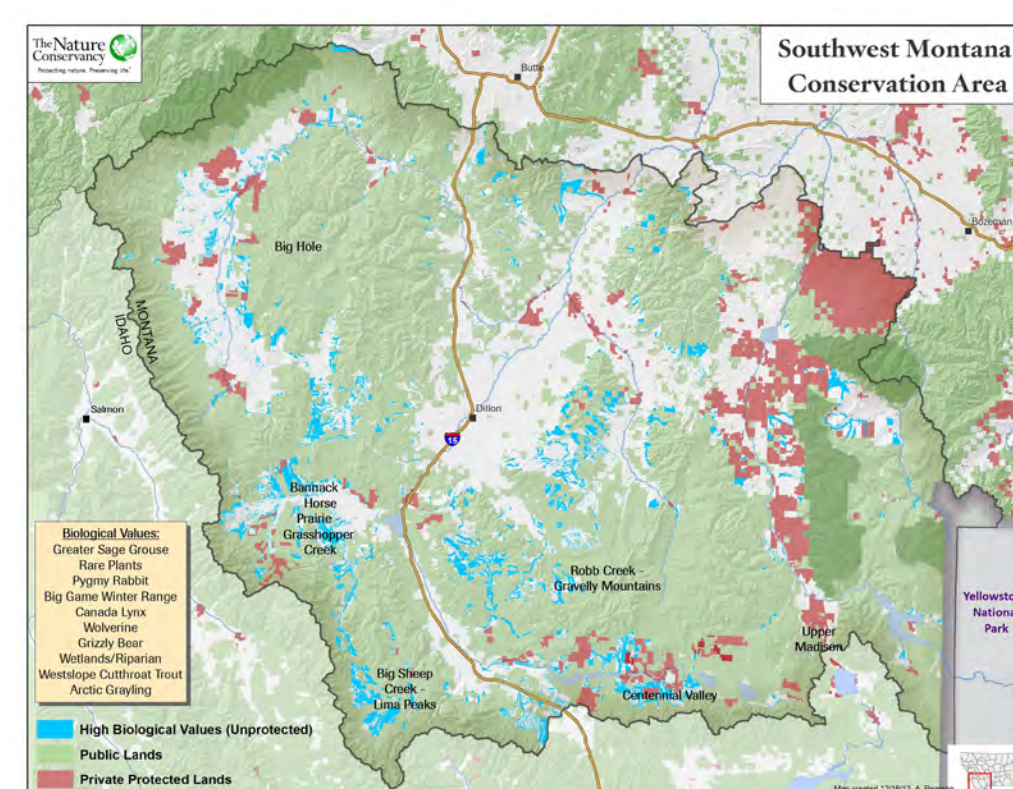## Success in Restoring Fire-Adapted Ecosystems

We've worked together to create strategic, widespread, consistent management of Douglas-fir/aspen forests across private, state, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service lands in our landscape.

The key to doing this has been building a diverse coalition of people who sincerely care about the long-term health of forests and who are willing to learn from one another.

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What We're Learning

In the past year we've been able to hone our strategies to address focused, specific questions: How do we shift the understory over a significant portion of the Douglas-fir forests without killing all the trees? How do we conserve a broad freshwater system with high uncertainty from climate change?

Adaptive Management

We're trying to direct science to provide us with quantitative evaluations of the effects of our conservation actions on target species to accelerate learning and deeply engage both management and research communities in this endeavor.

Looking Ahead

We're looking forward to doubling the scope of our program, expanding from the Centennial and Big Hole Valleys to encompass numerous basins within the Upper Missouri Headwaters.

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