



YELLOWSTONE TO YUKON

CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

Imagine a vast network of mountain wilderness areas connected by well managed forests and ranches. A place where abundant herds of elk and antelope move freely, wolverines disappear over a mountain pass, grizzly bears can be spotted turning up cow parsnip tubers, and it is still possible to cast a fly over cold, clear water for native cutthroat trout.

This is the vision of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Y2Y), a network of people and organizations working together to maintain and restore the unique natural heritage of the Yellowstone to Yukon region—the world's finest remaining intact mountain ecosystem.

Our role is that of a connector and guide for the international network of over 240 scientists, community organizations, non-government institutions, foundations, and individuals working collectively to conserve the region. Our goal is simple: combining science and stewardship, we seek to ensure that the world-renowned wilderness, wildlife, native plants, and natural processes of the Yellowstone to Yukon region continue to function as an interconnected web of life, capable of supporting all of its natural and human communities, for current and future generations.

Although much work remains to be done, Y2Y has made great strides to ensure a positive future for North America's premier mountain landscape over the past decade. We have supported dozens of efforts to study and conserve the region's unique wildlife habitats by awarding over \$1.5 million in grants to scientists and conservation organizations since 1997. Throughout the region, Y2Y and its many partners have successfully protected over 20 million acres of wildlife habitat. We are currently working hard in critical areas of the landscape, particularly in the Southern Purcell Mountains of British Columbia and the Cabinet Mountains of Montana, to positively impact key, threatened wildlife habitats.

We are very excited that the American Museum of Natural History in New York City will be highlighting the Yellowstone to Yukon region and our conservation work in a major photographic exhibition that opens this summer. The exhibition will introduce tens of thousands of people from throughout the world to the area's scenic beauty, diverse wildlife, and human communities.

We invite you to join us - our members are the lifeblood of this organization. Your generous support will enable us to continue to connect people, places, and hope, and to guide research, conservation, and action throughout this incredible region.

Many thanks,

Rob Buffer, Executive Director,
Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative



You can become a member by returning the enclosed membership reply form today. The first 100 members who contribute \$1,000 or more will play a critical role in the Yellowstone to Yukon history as one of Y2Y's Stewards, whose generous support will provide the foundation for our efforts to protect critical wildlife habitat in the region.