

Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative

"Conserving world-class wildlife resources. Facilitating responsible development."



The Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) works to maintain, improve or restore ecological health within focus habitat communities by addressing key landscape issues such as habitat fragmentation, non-native invasive species, and water quality and quantity.

The WLCI has identified priority areas for conservation, which can be used to guide project placement. The WLCI website provides information on wildlife species, science, and habitat



The WLCI is based in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) High Desert District Office. If you are interested in working with or contributing to the WLCI mission, please contact:

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Industry Partnership FAQs

Why work with the WLCI?

The WLCI is well-suited to provide science and management support through partner collaboration with industry. Collaborative opportunities include conducting research and monitoring, implementing habitat enhancement and restoration projects, and participating in tours and workshops. The WLCI partnership includes:

- Federal
- State
- Local government
- Non-government agencies
- Industry
- Private landowners

Where does the WLCI work?

The WLCI works in five major focus areas within southwestern Wyoming that provide crucial habitat for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, greater sage-grouse, and a variety of fish and non-game species:

- Sagebrush
- Mountain shrub
- Aspen
- Riparian
- Aquatic communities

How can the WLCI help meet conservation goals?

The WLCI is a well-established multi-agency partnership that works closely with local field teams to identify and support conservation activities.

Your conservation goals can more easily be achieved through the WLCI's extensive partnerships and by tapping into science and conservation expertise.

Who funds the WLCI?

The WLCI is funded from multiple sources. These include the federal government, which supports base operations for the BLM, US Geological Survey and US Fish and Wildlife Service and provides n-kind support for state and local governments. Additional funding and support comes from industry, private land owners and entities, and non-governmental organizations.

How would the WLCI use my funds?

The WLCI consists of a vast network of collaborators working together as partners to meet conservation needs. Because of its existing capabilities, the WLCI has successfully designed and implemented conservation actions for numerous species and habitats at landscape scales.

The WLCI primarily accomplishes conservation actions through science, leveraging of funds, equipment and resource materials from WLCI partners and sponsors. This greatly increases our success on the ground.

The WLCI is partnering with the Wyoming Community Foundation to create unique financial tools that support the needs of sponsors and landscape conservation.

The WLCI is a long-term, science-based program to assess and enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitats at the landscape scale in southwestern Wyoming, while facilitating responsible development through local collaboration and partnerships.



Get Involved!

The partnerships represented by the WLCI are most effective if they include the individuals and groups who live and work in southwest Wyoming. Three great ways to get involved are project development, information sharing, and making a contribution.

Industry Affiliations Support Species and Protect Habitat

Key to accomplishing the mission of the WLCI is the participation of local landowners, conservation groups, state and federal agencies, and the generosity offered by our industry partners through **donations**, **sponsorships** and **collaboration**.

Industry Donations and Sponsorship

To improve habitat for sage-grouse and pronghorn antelope, **Encana Corporation** and **Devon Energy** donated over 13,000 feet of drill pipe and **Knight Oil Tools** and **M & N Trucking** volunteered to haul the donated pipe to the project site to date. This pipe was used to enclose the wellhead and riparian area created by a well at Buckhorn Flowing Well.

In another effort to support sage-grouse, the **Bridger Coal Company** and local Boy Scout troops placed markers on 24 miles of fencing to reduce sage-grouse fatalities.

Ruby Pipeline, LLC sponsored a voluntary conservation agreement to address the conservation of wildlife resources along the route of the **Ruby Pipeline** by providing funding to the WLCI.

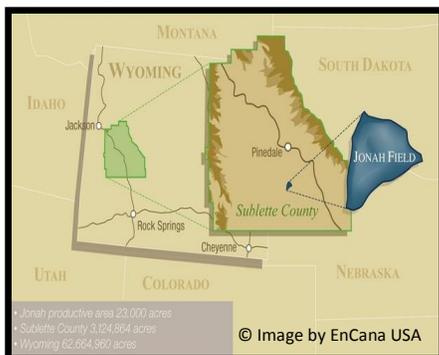
The WLCI facilitated the formation of a stakeholder group to identify and prioritize assessments and habitat treatments. This effort focused on addressing sage-grouse and pygmy rabbits. Current activities include:

- ◆ A study evaluating raven predation associated with sage-grouse nesting and brood rearing.
- ◆ An inventory and condition assessment of springs, seeps and reservoirs, limited resources in arid environments.
- ◆ An assessment of pygmy rabbit occupancy and habitat condition.

These voluntary conservation agreements have proven to be a substantial means to multiply and leverage existing funding to achieve conservation within WLCI focus areas.

Industry Collaboration

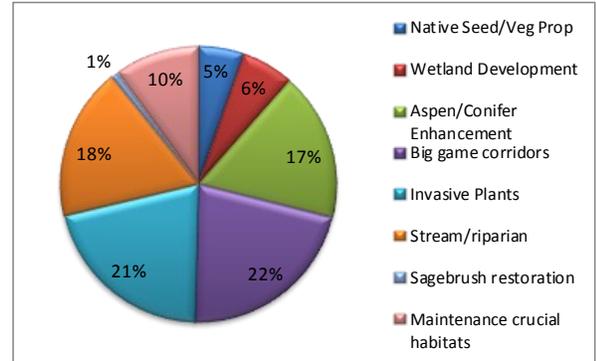
Encana Corporation collaborated with the WLCI on the third WLCI Science Workshop in 2012. The workshop addressed scientific findings that have yielded efficient management actions in southwest Wyoming.



A tour of **Encana's** Jonah Field and proposed Normally Pressured Lance (NPL) development project, which included presentations from experts in safety, drilling, completions, production, and reclamation, was provided.

The employees of **Encana** also made several presentations at the workshop, including an "Overview of Encana's Jonah Field and Proposed NPL Project" and "Restoration of Sagebrush Landscapes - Jonah Field."

2012 Funded Projects by Focus Area



If you would like to learn how your organization could benefit from WLCI conservation tools, science capabilities and through our extensive partnerships, please contact us and we will be happy to provide additional information specific to your needs.

Donate!

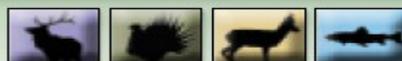
The WLCI has an agreement with the Wyoming Community Foundation/WLCI of Wyoming to manage contributions for WLCI work. Donations can be made through www.wlci.gov or send a tax-free contribution to:

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Partnerships

The WLCI partnership formally includes the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, National Park Service, National Resource Conservation Service, local conservation districts, and local county commissions. Additional groups and individuals participate as well.



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