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

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.

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.
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.

**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.