MONTANA BEAVER CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROJECT

IMPACT REPORT 2019-2024

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Program and USFS staff build a pond leveler intake fence on Lolo National Forest

NOTABLE NUMBERS

39 hands-on trainings and workshops

87 completed projects to date

PARTNERS ENLISTED

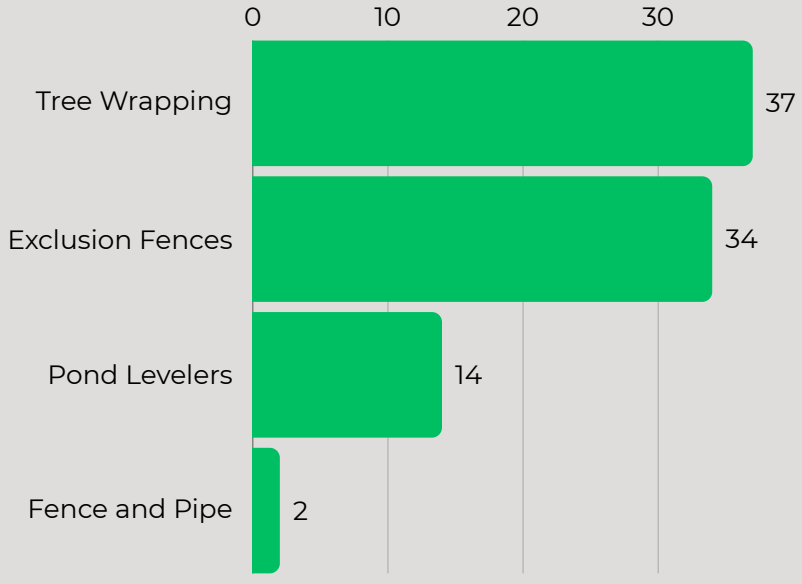
- FWP: game wardens, biologists, land managers
- County and state road departments
- Watershed groups and NGOs
- Private Landowners and HOAs
- Railroad companies
- Agencies: DNRC, USFS, Conservation Districts, BLM
- Municipalities

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Beaver Conflict Resolution Project addresses landowner concerns with beaver activity such as flooding or tree felling. Our program assists with site assessments, device design, permitting, installation, and cost-share funding. Programmatic goals include:

- building greater tolerance for beavers on the landscape
- reducing beaver conflicts via nonlethal methods
- training partner organizations to implement nonlethal methods
- increasing awareness about the benefits beavers provide for riparian and aquatic health

COMPLETED PROJECTS BY TYPE



AREA OF FOCUS

Completed Projects

2019 (8) 2021 (17) 2023 (15)
2020 (6) 2022 (15) 2024 (26)

TYPES OF DEVICES

Tree fencing prevents beaver browsing

TESTIMONIAL

" The Beaver Conflict Resolution project provided an innovative, and nonlethal, alternative to an age-old problem of beavers plugging road culverts. As manager, I like to see beaver on the landscape, but I also have to look out for the park's infrastructure. I think the beaver culvert fence served both needs admirably."

—Mike Kustudia
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

↓ **Pond levelers** reduce flooding from free-standing dams

↑ **Exclusion fences** protect culverts and other pinch points from damming

For more information: www.nwf.org/en/Northern-Rockies-and-Pacific-Region/Conservation/Beavers/MT-conflict-resolution

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