



Rocky Mountain Rangelands

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ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) works with partners to foster sustainable and impactful conservation solutions so that people and nature thrive together. Chartered by Congress in 1984, NFWF has grown to become the nation's largest conservation foundation. Since its founding, NFWF has funded more than 23,300 projects that have generated a total conservation impact of \$11.3 billion.

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Pronghorn

OVERVIEW

The Intermountain West stretches from the Colorado Rockies to the Sierra Nevada and includes much of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. The Rocky Mountain Rangeland program was established in 2019 to support voluntary conservation efforts in the human-wildlands interface of the region that maintain robust wildlife populations in a working landscape.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), Capri Holdings, Cargill, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Yum! Brands announced the fifth round of funding for Rocky Mountain Rangelands projects. Five grants were awarded for nearly \$1.8 million, which leveraged \$1.6 million in matching contributions from the grantees to generate a total conservation impact of \$3.4 million.

The following projects address three key categories identified as a priority by the Rocky Mountain Rangelands Program: 1) improving management and restoration of sagebrush rangelands to benefit sagebrush-obligate and other associated species; 2) securing important ungulate migrations across the landscape with specific focus on transportation conflicts, winter range and stopover sites; and 3) restoring habitat and expanding occupancy of wetland birds and native fish.

This slate will:

- Remove or improve more than 200 miles of fencing
- Restore 569 acres of rangelands with native grasses, forbs and brush
- Improve grazing management across 307,318 acres
- Install 521 beaver dam analog structures to restore mesic habitat
- Restore 535 acres of mesic habitat
- Protect 2,000 acres through conservation easements

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A Collaboration to Conserve and Restore a High Priority Watershed, the Bear River (ID, UT, WY)

Grantee: Sageland Collaborative

Grant Amount:..... \$744,700
 Matching Funds:..... \$829,200
 Total Project Amount:.....\$1,573,900

Conserve and restore mesic and wet meadow wetlands, enhance grazing and wildlife habitat, increase wildlife migrations, provide technical assistance to landowners, and improve water quality and habitat in relation to dairy farms in the Bear River watershed. Project will use a collaborative partnership to increase habitat resilience for pronghorn, mule deer, greater sage-grouse and cutthroat trout while encouraging regenerative agricultural systems in the Bear River watershed.

Enhancing Wildlife and Riparian Habitat with Adaptive Grazing Improvements (ID)

Grantee: Western Landowners Alliance

Grant Amount:..... \$556,700
 Matching Funds:..... \$627,300
 Total Project Amount:..... \$1,184,000

Implement grazing improvements — including virtual fencing, riparian and mesic meadow pasture enhancements, wildlife-friendly fence modifications and range riding — to support sage-grouse, anadromous fish and big game habitat across priority rangelands in Idaho. Project will manage grazing on 285,600 acres of land, improve 202 miles of fencing to improve rangeland health and maximize conservation outcomes.

Optimizing Rangeland Health via Virtual Grazing (UT)

Grantee: Summit Conservation District

Grant Amount:..... \$104,800
 Matching Funds:..... \$106,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$210,800

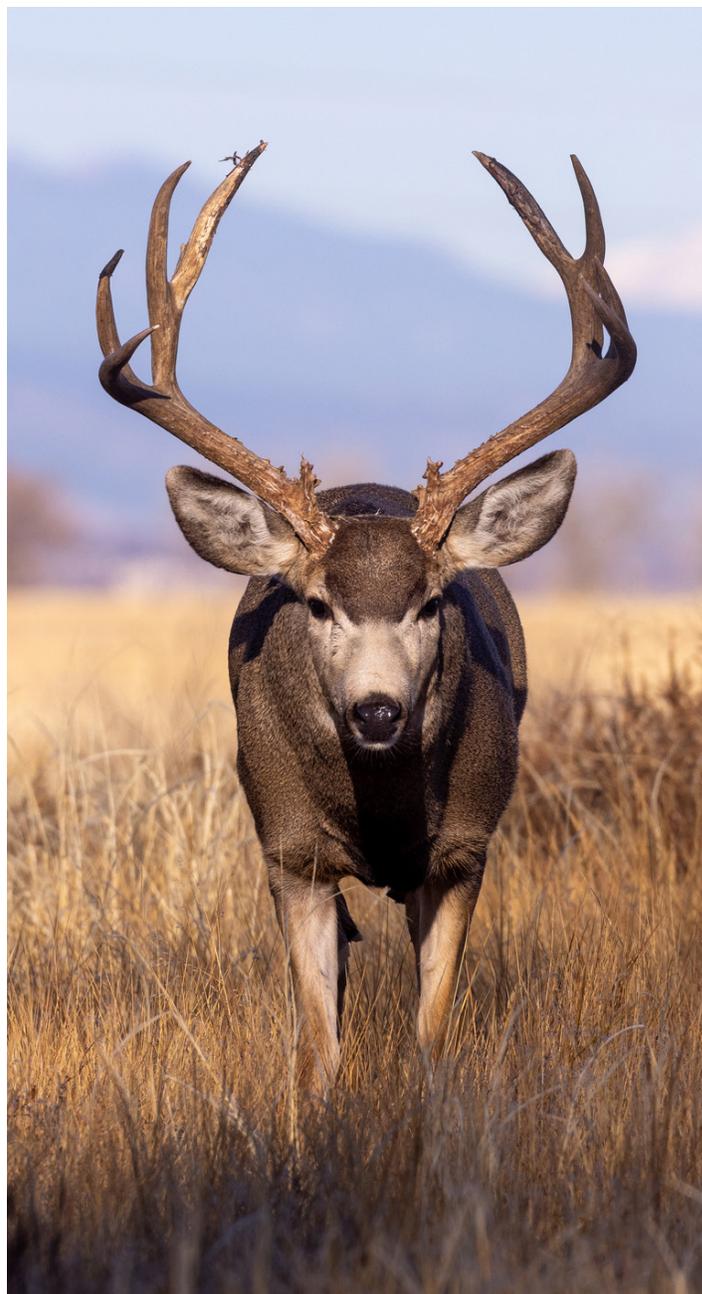
Implement virtual grazing towers to advance sustainable livestock grazing and optimize rangeland health for producers in Utah’s Summit Soil Conservation District. Project will manage grazing on 10,000 acres of land resulting in increased rotational grazing efficacy, reduced overgrazing, enhanced soil health, improved water infiltration, and ultimately, a more abundant habitat directly benefiting big game populations.

Supporting and Accelerating Effective Wet Meadow Restoration across Rangelands (UT)

Grantee: Multiplier

Grant Amount:..... \$310,900
 Matching Funds:..... \$20,500
 Total Project Amount:..... \$331,400

Bring together trusted partners to restore vital wet meadow systems across Utah, including in the Green/Bear priority area. Project will use low-tech, process-based restoration to restore hydrology on 459 acres of mesic habitat and track benefits for water, soil, vegetation and wildlife to inform adaptive management.



Mule deer

Telford Angus Virtual Fence Grazing Management (ID)

Grantee: Butte Soil and Water Conservation District

Grant Amount:..... \$54,600
 Matching Funds:..... \$54,600
 Total Project Amount:..... \$109,200

Protect riparian areas and downstream water quality through improved grazing management on Bureau of Land Management rangelands. Virtual fencing will be used to encourage cattle movement along ridgelines and limit access to canyon bottoms and riparian zones. By preventing overgrazing in these areas, the project will preserve riparian vegetation, reduce erosion and sedimentation, and support healthier riparian ecosystems.