Montana’s Outdoor Legacy Foundation

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CAMPAIGN

A project to expand the wildlife rehabilitation capabilities of MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks

January 2021
THE CAMPAIGN FOR MONTANA’S WILDLIFE

Montana’s Outdoor Legacy Foundation is the private fundraising partner of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department. One of our key priorities for 2021 is The Campaign for Montana’s Wildlife Rehabilitation. Through this campaign we hope to impact the following areas:

1. Providing quality care and rehabilitation for native Montana wildlife that have been injured or orphaned.

2. Educating the public about the need for conservation and protection of wildlife habitat.

3. Providing solutions to problems that arise from coexisting with wildlife to prevent human/wildlife conflict.
CAMPAIGN CHALLENGES

Current Fish, Wildlife and Parks Rehabilitation Challenges:

- **Limited number of animal enclosures and lack of space for additional enclosures.**
  - Each year, the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department’s Montana Wildlife Center in Helena (Center) turns away wildlife because there are a limited number of enclosures and a lack of space to provide additional enclosures.
  - If the current Center in Helena is full, the sad reality is that other animals found in the field and in need of rehabilitation, may be left in the field to let nature take its course or humanely euthanized at the Center. We can do better, we must do better by expanding our facilities.

- **Lack of a hawk flight barn.**
  - The existing flight barn provides the space for eagles to work on building their flight strength in the last stages of rehabilitation.
OUR SOLUTION: PART ONE

Develop bear rehabilitation habitat in partnership with the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center

Develo detail about the habitat:

Bear rehabilitation habitat | West Yellowstone, MT
Raise Goal: $3,100,000

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The current bear enclosures at MT Wildlife Center were designed for orphaned black bears and can hold no more than four grizzly bear cubs.

Grizzly bears are incredibly inquisitive and active. We propose to build additional enclosures and new habitat in West Yellowstone that will provide space for up to 12 grizzly bear cubs and ensure the physical and mental health of these cubs while finding suitable placement.
OUR SOLUTION: PART TWO

Develop a new facility for Raptor rehabilitation.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The new raptor rehabilitation facility includes:

- Build educational bird enclosures that will allow students and visitors to view and learn about various Montana bird species that cannot be released into the wild due to injury & will live out their days at the wildlife center.

- Build new and expanded bird rehabilitation enclosure for birds that will be rewilded once recovered from their injuries.

- Build a hawk barn at the current facility
ASKING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

With more Montanans enjoying the outdoors and the expansion of our wildlife populations, more human/animal conflicts are occurring. We need expanded capacity to help our wildlife, educate the public and rewild these animals at the appropriate time.

**Ways to Contribute:**

- Consider a multi-year pledge (up to 5 years)
- Consider a one-time gift
- Speak to us about gifts of stock, or a planned gift

**Recognition Opportunities:**

- Permanent recognition on our donor wall starting at gifts of $5,000
- Corporate recognition opportunities and press release announcements at appropriate levels
- Permanent naming recognition of facilities at leadership gift levels

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$4,000,000 Campaign Goal

$3,100,000 Goal

$1,000,000 Raised

$900,000 Goal

$300,000 Raised

Raptor Rehabilitation

Grizzly Rehabilitation
OUR TEAM

Our Campaign Committee Volunteers

- Jeff Hagener (former FWP Director)
- Brian Yablonski (PERC)
- Marilyn Evans (Foundation for Animals)
- Allison Skidmore (Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center)
- Stuart Strahl (Brookfield Zoo CEO)

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