

**Conservation Programs in Montana – Overview 2015**

<b>Conservation Objective</b>	<b>Conservation Tool or Action</b>	<b>USFWS</b>	<b>NRCS</b>	<b>FSA</b>	<b>FWP</b>
<b>Land Protection</b>	Conservation easements	Refuges/Realty	ACEP		Habitat Montana, MBWP, UGBEP
	Fee-title acquisition	Refuges/Realty			
	Conservation leases		WRE		MBWP, UGBEP periodically
<b>Range improvements</b>	Grazing management plans	PFW	EQIP		Habitat Montana, MBWP, UGBEP
	Ranch infrastructure	PFW	EQIP		Habitat Montana, MBWP, UGBEP
	Native species plantings	PFW	EQIP	CRP; CRP grasslands	Habitat Montana; UGBEP
	Conifer and invasive species control	PFW	EQIP		Habitat Montana; UGBEP
	Domestic grain plantings				UGBEP
	Cover crops			CRP	UGBEP
	Shelterbelts			CRP; CRP SAFE pheasants	UGBEP
	Erosion control			EQIP; CRP; CRP grasslands; CRP SAFE	
<b>Wetland creation/restoration</b>	Dikes/dams, water control structures	PFW			MBWP; Habitat Montana
	Invasive species control/native seedings	PFW	EQIP		MBWP; Habitat Montana
	Riparian fencing	PFW	EQIP		MBWP; Habitat Montana
<b>Landowner Assurances</b>		CCAA; HCP; Safe Harbor			
<b>Special Initiatives</b>			SGL; PPWGRP		

Conservation Objective	Conservation Tool or Action	Ducks Unlimited	The Nature Conservancy	Pheasants Forever	National Wild Turkey Federation	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Mule Deer Foundation
<b>Land Protection</b>	Conservation easements	Easement holder	Easement holder	Donated easements			
	Fee-title acquisition	Revolving lands					
	Conservation leases						
<b>Range improvements</b>	Grazing management plans		Grass bank				
	Ranch infrastructure		Grass bank				
	Native species plantings						
	Conifer and invasive species control						
	Domestic grain plantings				Public lands		
	Cover crops				Public lands		
	Shelterbelts				Public lands		
	Erosion control						
<b>Wetland creation/restoration</b>	Dikes/dams, water control structures	Technical expertise					
	Invasive species control/native seedings						
	Riparian fencing						

**Definitions:**

ACEP - Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Contains 2 options Agricultural Lands Easement or Wetland Reserve Easement  
 CCAA - Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (for ESA candidate or at-risk species)  
 CRP - Conservation Reserve Program  
 CRP grasslands - Conservation Reserve Program for native grasslands/rangeland  
 CRP SAFE - CRP State Acres for Wildlife; 3 options in MT - Pheasant winter cover, Prairie Pothole, Sagebrush

EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentive Program  
 Habitat Montana - FWP's signature habitat program  
 HCP - Habitat Conservation Plan (for ESA listed species)  
 MBWP - Migratory Bird Wetland Program  
 PFW - Partners for Fish and Wildlife  
 Safe Harbor - Safe Harbor agreement (for ESA listed species)  
 UGBEP – Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program

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