

# MONTANA BEAVER CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROJECT

IMPACT REPORT 2019-2023



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Volunteers work to ready the site for an exclusion fence on Lolo National Forest

## NOTABLE NUMBERS

25 hands-on trainings and workshops

61 completed projects to date

## PARTNERS ENLISTED

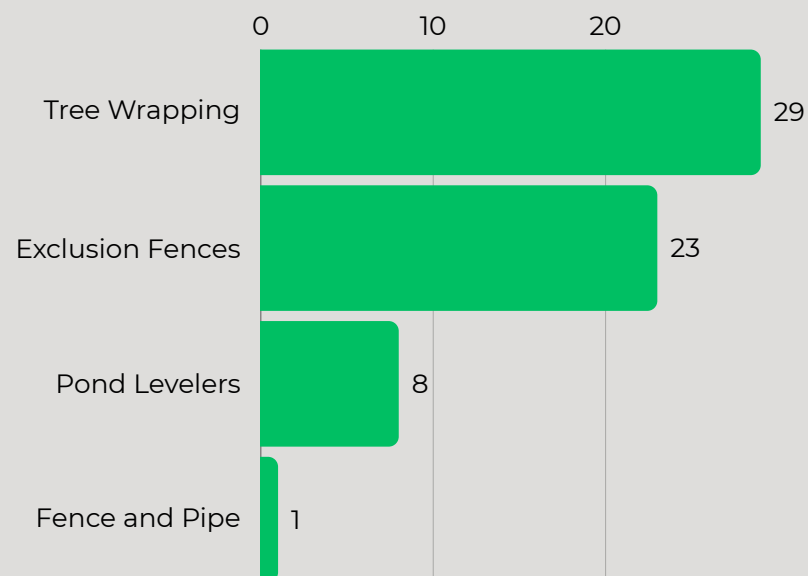
- FWP: game wardens, biologists, land managers
- County and state road departments
- Watershed groups and NGOs
- Private Landowners and HOAs
- Railroad companies
- Agencies: DNRC, USFS, Conservation Districts, BLM
- Municipalities

## 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

## COMPLETED PROJECTS BY TYPE





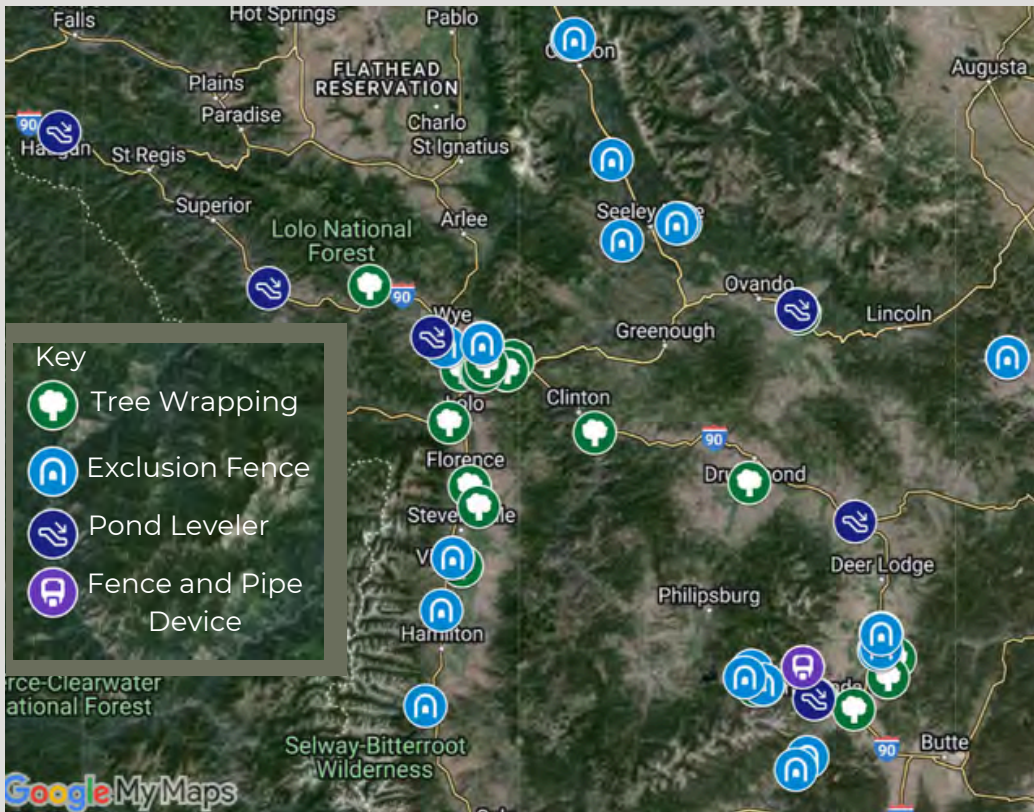
# AREA OF FOCUS

## Completed Projects

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

# TYPES OF DEVICES

**Tree fencing** prevents beaver browsing



# TESTIMONIAL

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



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

“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

**For more information:** [www.nwf.org/en/Northern-Rockies-and-Pacific-Region/Conservation/Beavers/MT-conflict-resolution](http://www.nwf.org/en/Northern-Rockies-and-Pacific-Region/Conservation/Beavers/MT-conflict-resolution)

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