

MONTANA'S STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN

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State Wildlife Action Plan Progress Update

Fourteen work sessions were held across the state April through June to develop a process that will help identify areas where conservation efforts should be focused in Montana.

Many different factors were considered in this process. These included Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) presence and persistence; presence of other important species; current impacts; future threats; intact landscapes; corridors and connectivity; restoration opportunities; land protection status; watershed integrity; existing or future partnerships; existing investments; and uniqueness of an area.

Identifying areas to focus conservation efforts is very important to the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) revision. While we know that every habitat and species has a role and serves a purpose, we understand that not every habitat or species need the same amount of attention. Furthermore, if species and habitats are not prioritized, funding may not be used or allocated effectively. With the limited funding that Fish, Wildlife & Parks

***SWAPs help
prevent endangered
species listings,
and keep common
species common.***



Newly hatched trout fry

and other agencies and non-profit organizations receive, it is critical that priority habitats and species are identified.

For the most current list of Species of Greatest Conservation Need, please visit the SWAP update page at <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/conservationInAction/resources.html>

We will post the prioritized areas on this webpage as soon as we have them drafted.



Juvenile great gray owl