



IMPACT REPORT 2022



Greater Yellowstone Coalition's recent accomplishments protecting the wild heart of North America.

OVERVIEW

Greater Yellowstone is home to an astounding array of native wildlife and its wild rivers are the headwaters of the West. It is of deep importance to more than four dozen Tribes with historic and cultural ties to the ecosystem. **Those who live here – and those who visit – know there is no place like it in the world.**

Our success stems from our ability to address the complex challenges facing the region and act on opportunities when they arise. We consistently engage a wide range of people who care about Greater Yellowstone, create space to find solutions and build consensus, and bring new ideas and innovation to the table.

Our donors help us achieve this vision through their dedication and generous financial support.

KEY CONSERVATION WINS

Since 2015, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition has achieved enormous success working with people to protect the lands, waters, and wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Our supporters and partners have helped us realize these significant conservation wins.

LANDS

- **1,173,235 acres** of habitat on public and private lands protected or restored
- **524,735 acres** of grazing allotments retired or converted
- **256,000 acres** secured for migrating bison
- **One toxic gold mine** stopped on Yellowstone's border
- **Two additional mining projects** delayed

TRIBAL

- **One Tribal Conservation Program** launched
- **Three Indigenous staff** hired
- **Two Inter-Tribal Gatherings** hosted
- **One new office** on the Wind River Indian Reservation opened

WATERS

- **380 river miles** in southwest Montana poised for protection
- **20 river miles** permanently protected
- **30 additional streams** administratively protected
- **66 river miles** secured as a climate stronghold for Yellowstone cutthroat trout
- **One proposed dam** stopped
- **One regional climate assessment** published

COMMUNITY

- GYC raised and invested more than **\$10 million over five years** to keep bears wild, people safe, and livelihoods in place.
- We launched or participated in **43 coalitions** to build partnerships in key areas across the ecosystem.
- GYC delivered **more than 100,000 comments** to agencies and decision makers to advocate toward our conservation goals.

WILDLIFE

- **1,246 bear-resistant bins and containers** distributed
- **56 Yellowstone bison conflict reduction projects** completed
- **12 grizzly bear conflict reduction projects** completed
- **30 miles of fencing** removed or modified
- **182 Yellowstone bison** saved from slaughter
- **\$100 million secured** in county, state, and federal funding for wildlife conservation and connectivity in Wyoming

WE ENGAGE PEOPLE WHO CARE

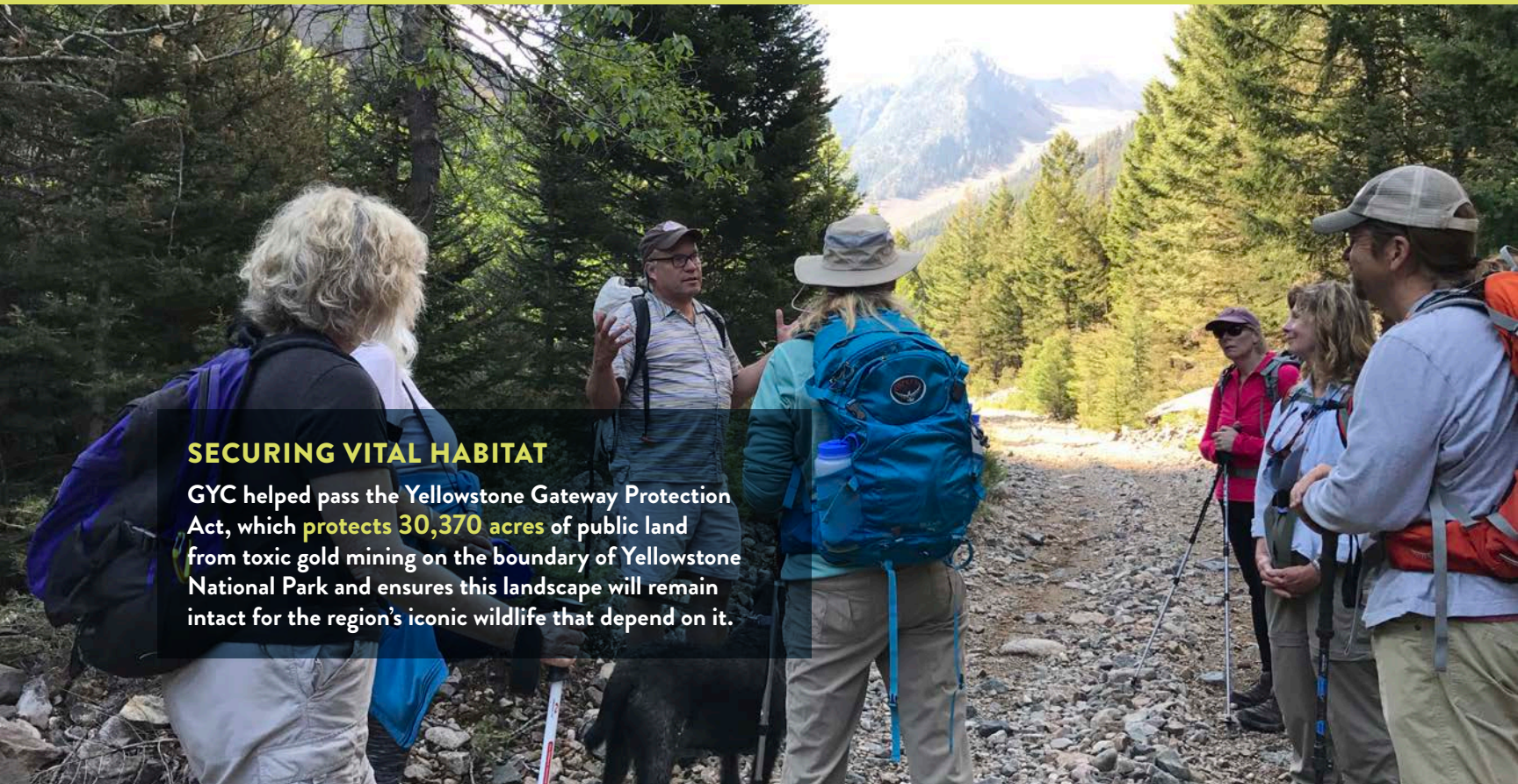


REDUCING REGIONAL CONFLICTS

Since 1983, GYC has worked with ranchers, federal agencies, and nonprofit partners to buy out, retire, or convert grazing allotments totaling more than **897,000 acres**. These retirements are a win-win for wildlife and ranchers.

PROTECTING RIVERS AND STREAMS

GYC organized more than **1,300 businesses and organizations** to support the proposed Montana Headwaters Legacy Act, which would permanently protect **380 river miles** in southwest Montana and secure their free flow, water quality, and unique, outstanding values.



SECURING VITAL HABITAT

GYC helped pass the Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act, which **protects 30,370 acres** of public land from toxic gold mining on the boundary of Yellowstone National Park and ensures this landscape will remain intact for the region's iconic wildlife that depend on it.

WE ARE CONSENSUS BUILDERS



ENHANCING WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY

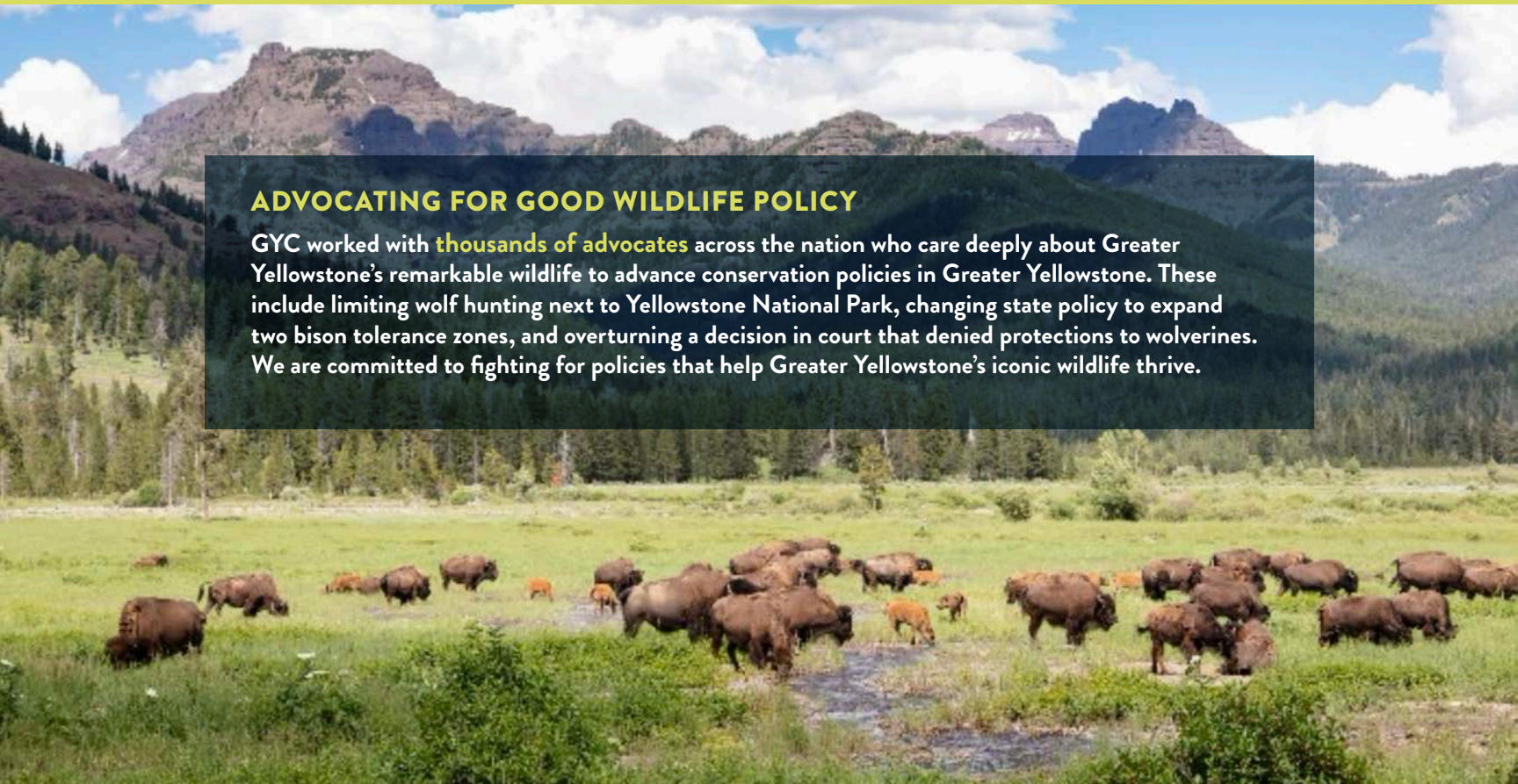
GYC partnered with researchers, engineers, biologists, stakeholders, and others to advocate for the planning and construction of **23 wildlife crossing structures or projects** throughout Greater Yellowstone. This work reduces wildlife-vehicle collisions by up to **90 percent** in critical locations where animals routinely cross roadways, making travel safer for both animals and humans.

ELEVATING TRIBAL INTERESTS & RIGHTS

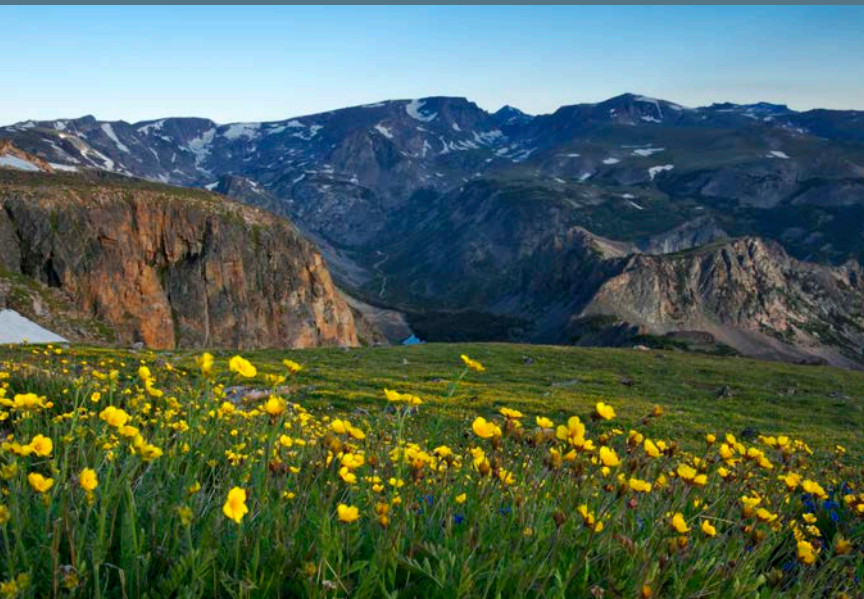
GYC, along with the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation, hosted **two Inter-Tribal Gatherings** in partnership with Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, nonprofits, agencies, and Tribal Nations. More than **350 people** came together to receive cultural sensitivity training, elevate Indigenous voices in conservation, and build better government-to-government relations.

ADVOCATING FOR GOOD WILDLIFE POLICY

GYC worked with **thousands of advocates** across the nation who care deeply about Greater Yellowstone's remarkable wildlife to advance conservation policies in Greater Yellowstone. These include limiting wolf hunting next to Yellowstone National Park, changing state policy to expand two bison tolerance zones, and overturning a decision in court that denied protections to wolverines. We are committed to fighting for policies that help Greater Yellowstone's iconic wildlife thrive.



WE ARE CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE

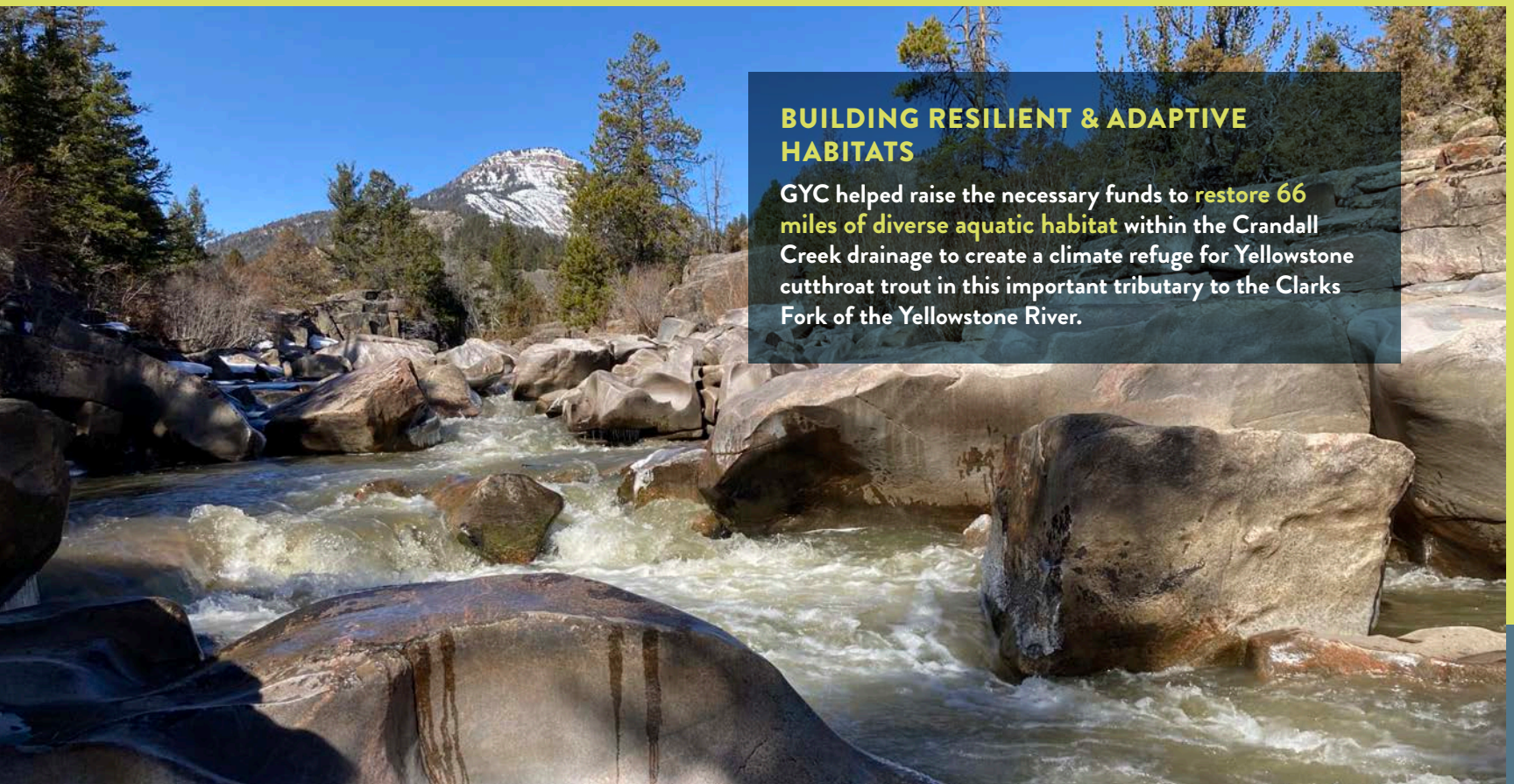


PROTECTING WILD LANDSCAPES

GYC and our partners protected more than **one million acres of habitat on public and private lands** through administrative protections, conservation easements, land purchases, elk occupancy agreements, and forest restoration projects.

BALANCING RECREATION & NATURE

GYC partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to protect grizzly bears and people by analyzing the needs of 164 campgrounds on five national forests and providing financial support to **bearproof 102 of the locations**, helping keep bears wild and people safe.



BUILDING RESILIENT & ADAPTIVE HABITATS

GYC helped raise the necessary funds to **restore 66 miles of diverse aquatic habitat** within the Crandall Creek drainage to create a climate refuge for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in this important tributary to the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River.

OUR MISSION

To work with all people to protect the lands, waters, and wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, now and for future generations.

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY

We build authentic and trusting relationships, which is demonstrated by honesty, accountability, and respect for all. Integrity is the foundation of our work internally and externally.

INNOVATION

We lead the way in thinking big and creatively to advance new and inspiring ways to achieve our goals and mission.

COLLABORATION

We believe in the power of working together. We strive to respectfully partner with and engage diverse communities and viewpoints, including those often excluded from the conservation movement.

EXCELLENCE

We believe in what we do, which means we are committed to continuous improvement while contributing to a positive work culture and achieving impactful outcomes.

INCLUSION

We welcome all and value individual differences within our team, on our board, and in the communities where we work.

We are continually humbled by our supporters who help us meet our mission.



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