

Left to right, photos by Eric Zamora and Justin Haug.

A New Chapter, Built Together

As I step into the role of Executive Director, I'm filled with gratitude for everyone who has supported Conservation Northwest for nearly four decades. I am inspired by this landscape, this community, and the work ahead.

One month into the job, I stood at a site along Interstate 5 where wildlife may one day cross safely for the first time in generations, reconnecting the Olympic Peninsula and the Cascade Mountains.

That's what this work has always been about: protecting wildlands, connecting habitats, and restoring wildlife so these landscapes can sustain people and nature for generations to come.



This Impact Report celebrates what you've made possible. Thank you for believing in a wilder Northwest: protected, connected, and restored together.

With gratitude and excitement for the future,

Cullen Brady
Executive Director

The People Behind the Mission

Behind every conservation success is a dedicated team working alongside volunteers, Tribal and First Nations, landowners, public agencies, foundations, businesses, and supporters. Thank you for being part of this community.

For a current list of our staff and board please visit our new website: conservationnw.org/about-us/#our-team

Conservation is a shared commitment. Tribal and First Nations, community organizations, public agencies, foundations, businesses, and supporters invest in collaborative, community-driven conservation that protects, connects, and restores the Northwest. We are proud to recognize these partners on our website.

2025 At a Glance

Since 1989, Conservation Northwest has worked to keep the Northwest wild by protecting vital landscapes, reconnecting habitats, restoring wildlife, and protecting our natural heritage for future generations. From the Washington Coast to the British Columbia Rockies, our science-based, collaborative work supports healthy ecosystems and the communities that depend on them.

Together, your support helped:

46 Lynx
relocated through a five-year recovery effort led by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to rebuild a self-sustaining population in the Kettle Range.

180 Acres
returned to the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, advancing Tribal stewardship and the future Cascades to Olympics wildlife corridor.

120 Acres
of important grizzly, salmon, wetland, and wildlife habitat protected in Pemberton Meadows through the acquisition of a key parcel.

100,000+ Acres
habitat secured with virtual fencing

90 Cameras
maintained with 104 community science volunteers to monitor wildlife and important habitat corridors.

14,365 People
reached through Wildlife Ambassador education on coexistence, bear safety, and responsible recreation.

206 Volunteers

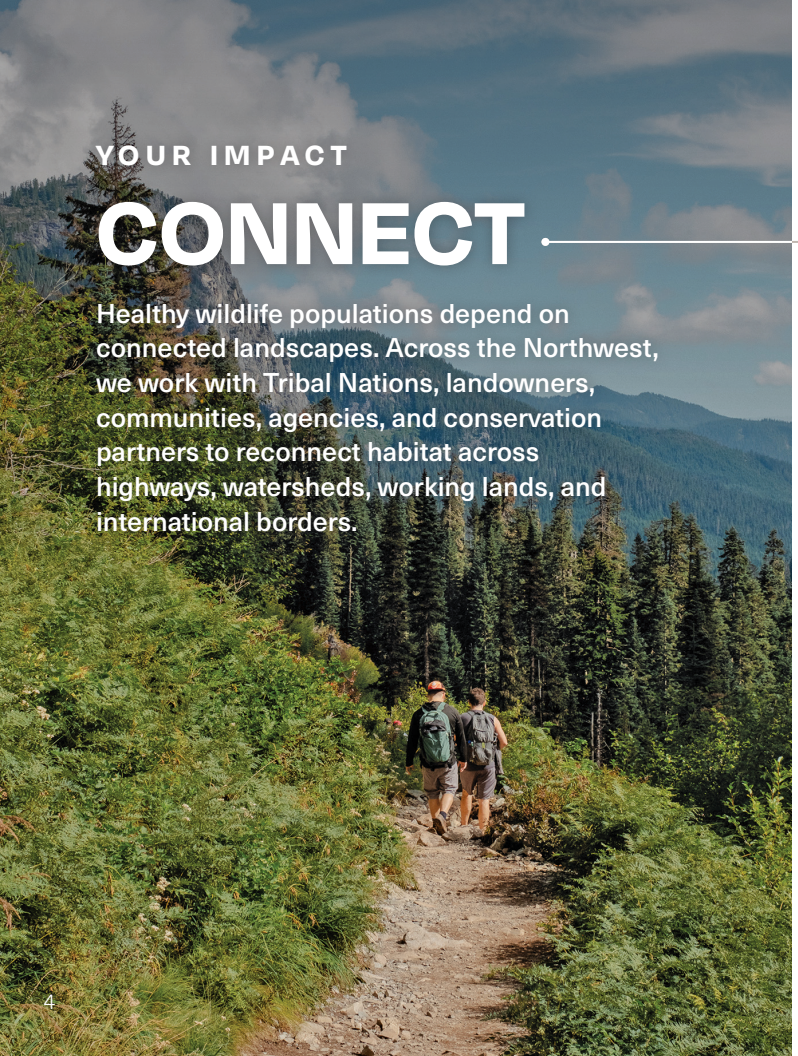
4,515 Volunteer Hours

10 Tribal & First Nations partnerships

260 Wildland Partners provided monthly financial support

39 Foundations & Government Partners

31 Corporate Partners



YOUR IMPACT

CONNECT

Healthy wildlife populations depend on connected landscapes. Across the Northwest, we work with Tribal Nations, landowners, communities, agencies, and conservation partners to reconnect habitat across highways, watersheds, working lands, and international borders.

Cascades to Olympics: Land returned to Tribal stewardship for wildlife

The return of 180 acres to the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation marked more than a conservation milestone: it restored ancestral lands to their original stewards.

Conservation Northwest helped facilitate acquisitions with multiple landowners, including the Erickson family, who had cared for the land for generations and supported the vision for this critical wildlife corridor.

Under Tribal stewardship, the land can support healthy forests, prairies, and wildlife habitat as plans move forward for a future wildlife crossing over Interstate 5. Together with nearly two miles of habitat connectivity advanced across diverse ownership, this partnership is helping reconnect the Olympic Peninsula and Cascade Mountains for wildlife, culture, and community.

180 ACRES RETURNED | NEARLY 2 MILES OF CONNECTIVITY ADVANCED

Coast to Cascades: Connecting grizzly country

The Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative works to protect grizzly bears and strengthen habitat connectivity from British Columbia's Coast Range south toward the North Cascades, while helping communities coexist with bears.

In 2025, we helped expand electric fencing to 25 sites protecting commercial crops in the Pemberton Valley, reducing conflicts in important grizzly habitat between threatened populations. We also helped facilitate the BC Parks Foundation's $2.3 million acquisition of a biodiversity-rich 120-acre property in Pemberton Meadows with extensive wetlands and habitat important to grizzly bears, salmon, ungulates, and other wildlife.

We also reestablished a more cooperative working relationship with the Sekw'el'was community and St'at'imc Nation around recovery of the critically endangered Stein-Nahatlatch grizzly population and continued laying groundwork with the Okanagan Nation Alliance for future grizzly restoration on the British Columbia side of the North Cascades.

25 ELECTRIC FENCES | 25 SITES SECURED | 120 ACRES OF HABITAT PROTECTED

Central Cascades Watershed Restoration

The Central Cascades Watershed Restoration Project is restoring the forests, streams, and wildlife habitat that connect Washington's North and South Cascades, benefiting both people and wildlife.

In 2025, we partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to restore riparian areas, upland forests, and wildlife habitat and completed an ecosystem services assessment to guide future conservation investments in the Green River watershed. This collaborative work is creating healthier, more connected landscapes that support fish, wildlife, and communities for generations.

2,400 LBS TRASH REMOVED | 600 ACRES SECURED | 127 ACRES RESTORED | 600 NATIVE PLANTS INSTALLED

YOUR IMPACT

PROTECT

Protecting the Northwest's natural heritage means finding durable solutions that work for wildlife and communities. In 2025, we helped advance practical approaches on working lands, in recreation communities, and in the transition to clean energy.

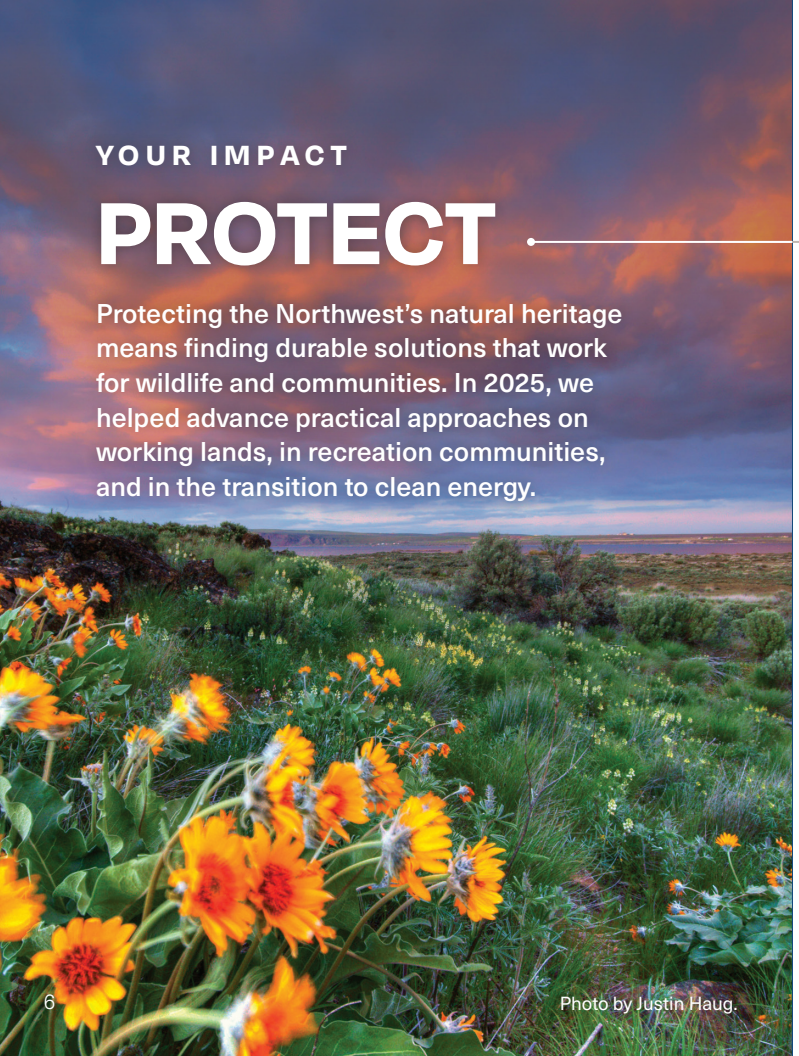


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Landowners and ranchers partnered to protect connected landscapes

Stretching from British Columbia's Okanagan Valley south through Washington's shrub-steppe country, the Connected Backbone is a network of critical habitats and wildlife corridors that sustains the ecological health of the interior Northwest. Protecting this landscape means working across property boundaries and finding practical ways for wildlife and working lands to coexist.

Hard fencing can create barriers to wildlife movement across this landscape. Conservation Northwest is working with ranchers and farmers to expand the use of virtual fencing, allowing livestock to be managed with fewer physical barriers while supporting rotational grazing and protecting important wildlife habitat. In collaboration with landowners and conservation partners, we're helping build a network of wildlife-friendly ranching practices with the potential to benefit hundreds of thousands of acres across the Connected Backbone.

Together, these efforts support working agricultural communities while maintaining the habitat connections wildlife need to move, adapt, and thrive.

100,000+ ACRES HABITAT SECURED WITH VIRTUAL FENCING

Public agencies advanced collaborative clean-energy solutions

Washington is working to meet clean energy goals while protecting wildlife, supporting communities, and honoring Tribal rights and resources.

In 2025, Conservation Northwest worked in coalition to advance the Energy-Ready Lands Program, a community-led framework for identifying places where clean energy development can move forward with fewer conflicts for wildlife habitat, Tribal resources, agricultural lands, and local communities.

We are now preparing to apply lessons from this work through a pilot project in Central Washington while helping inform responsible clean energy policy in Olympia.

Education inspired a conservation community

Conservation ethics begin with education. In 2025, our Wildlife Ambassador Project brought hands-on bear safety, wildlife coexistence, and recreation stewardship directly to rural and wildlife-adjacent communities across Washington.

Through 36 volunteers stationed at three trailheads from late June through early September, we engaged more than 14,365 people, helping recreationists understand how simple choices can reduce wildlife disturbance and keep people and animals safe. Every interaction helps build a culture of stewardship and lasting support for healthy wildlands and wildlife.

14,365 PEOPLE REACHED

YOUR IMPACT

RESTORE

Restoring wildlife takes patience, science, and long-term commitment. From returning lynx to the Kettle Range to supporting wolf recovery and monitoring rare species across Washington, these efforts help rebuild resilient wildlife populations and the connections they need to thrive.

Lynx returned to the Kettle Range

A five-year recovery effort led by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation culminated in the successful relocation of 46 Canada lynx from southern British Columbia to release sites on Tribal lands in the Kettle Range.

Conservation Northwest supported the Tribes in this ambitious effort to rebuild a self-sustaining lynx population in northeast Washington. The project brought together Tribal leadership, wildlife science, international coordination, and years of persistence to restore a native carnivore to an important part of its historic range.

46 LYNX RELOCATED OVER FIVE YEARS



Photo by David Moskowitz

Wolf recovery advanced through coexistence

Since wolves began returning naturally to Washington, the state's population has grown to more than 230 wolves in 43 packs, including 18 successful breeding pairs at the end of 2024.

Conservation Northwest continues working to ensure wolf recovery succeeds over the long term by supporting nonlethal conflict prevention and collaboration with ranching communities. Our advocacy helped increase state funding for range riders in conflict hotspots, including the Kettle River Range, where a large range-riding effort continues today.

As a member of Washington's Wolf Advisory Group, we also help improve non-lethal deterrence practices and other approaches that allow wolves and working lands to coexist.

230+ WOLVES | 43 PACKS | 18 BREEDING PAIRS

Community scientists monitored wildlife

Our Community Wildlife Monitoring Program engages volunteers in snow tracking and remote camera monitoring to better understand the presence and movement of rare and sensitive wildlife including Canada lynx, Cascade red fox, gray wolf, and wolverine.

In 2025, 104 community science volunteers maintained 90 remote wildlife camera stations across Washington. Volunteers also completed 28 snow-tracking surveys along I-90, helping document wildlife presence and behavior around highway crossing structures.

Program data contributes to state and federal monitoring and recovery efforts and helps inform wildlife habitat protection, crossing structures, and other investments in landscape connectivity.

90 CAMERA STATIONS | 104 VOLUNTEERS | 28 SNOW-TRACKING SURVEYS

22 CAMERA STATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO CANADA LYNX MONITORING | 3 CONTRIBUTING TO WOLVERINE MONITORING.

Investing in What Matters Most

In FY26, **$1.91 million** was invested directly into conservation programs. We focus on three areas: Connect, Protect, and Restore.

CONNECT — $1,126,668

PROTECT — $454,390

RESTORE — $327,495

Connected Landscapes. A Future We Build Together.

Conservation is measured not in months, but in generations.

The connected landscapes we celebrate today, and the wildlife that depend on them, are the result of years of persistence, collaboration, and shared commitment.

Because of your support, we're building a future where connected landscapes support thriving wildlife, resilient communities, and the people who care for them.

Whether you volunteered, donated, partnered, invested, or advocated, you are part of the Conservation Northwest story. Thank you.











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