



2026

Midyear Report

Every fence modified, every bird banded and conserved, and every volunteer trained is a direct result of your generosity.

Summer in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem means our team is at full speed: early mornings, boots on the ground, and science-driven work to restore landscape permeability so wildlife can move freely. From moose to Mountain Bluebirds, every project is about giving animals room to roam, restoring their habitat, and continuing to learn and address threats to their survival.

None of this happens without you. Our volunteers, donors, and partners are the heart of Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation, investing time, sweat, and dollars in a connected, thriving ecosystem. As we head into the second half of the year, there are more fences to modify and more data to gather, and our commitment is unwavering. Thank you for supporting and working alongside us in wildlife conservation.

Renee Seidler, Executive Director

Habitat Program: Fence and Weeds

**3.9 MILES OF FENCE
REMOVED**

**2,480 WEEDS
REMOVED**

In June, we adopted two new weed pull locations at wildlife underpasses along Highway 89. While the underpasses provide important connectivity for wildlife, infrastructure construction creates areas of disturbed soil which provide ideal conditions for invasive weeds to establish and spread.

We have done 11 fence projects this year (removal and raise/lower). On July 25th, we did our biggest fence removal of the year on Game Creek Mesa. Our crew removed 1.5 miles of fence from this critical migration route for elk and other wildlife. We also celebrated 30 Years of Fence at The Bird after the project.



Wildlife Friendly–Fence Certification Training

In partnership with Teton County, we hosted the first Wildlife Friendly Fence (WFF) Certification Training in April. Landscape and fence companies learned about WFF best practices, county regulations, and agreed to follow best-practice principles when constructing fences to make them friendlier to wildlife. To keep their certification, companies will have to attend the annual training.

COMPANIES CERTIFIED:

Boreal Property Management, Fence Me In LLC, Inside Out Landscape Architecture, Jorgensen Associates, MD Landscaping, Mountainscapes, Valley Landscape Service Inc, Wyoming Landscape Maintenance



Nature Mapping Jackson Hole

2,330 VERIFIED OBSERVATIONS

4 VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

28 NEW NATURE MAPPERS



by John Norton

JHWF's verified wildlife data shape conservation decisions across the region. These data aren't just numbers; they're powerful evidence that helps wildlife keep their place on the landscape. These data are currently being used to identify and prioritize locations of wildlife-highway conflict on Teton County, Idaho's roads.

Bird Banding: Mountain Bluebirds and MAPS*



American Kestrel

125 BABY MOUNTAIN
BLUEBIRDS BANDED

19 ADULT MOUNTAIN
BLUEBIRDS BANDED

576 BIRDS BANDED AT KELLY
AND BOYLES SITES

At our two MAPS sites, we have banded over 30 different bird species this summer, including surprising captures like an American Kestrel and a Townsend's Solitaire. We have also banded a record 125 nestling bluebirds so far this summer! Long-term monitoring programs like our bird banding projects allow important insights into the health and protection of our local bird populations here in Jackson.

**Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS)*

Give Wildlife A Brake



Along with our partners, we published the [2023-2024 Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Database Summary](#) for Teton County, WY and ID. The analysis found that there has been a 67% reduction in annual reported WVCs after construction of wildlife crossing structures on South US 89 - geographic distribution of remaining incidents have helped point partners to a few locations that need follow-up investigation and modification.



We are providing expertise as a member of Teton County Idaho's Study Advisory Team. This team is creating a plan to mitigate wildlife-vehicle collisions and restore landscape connectivity for wildlife in Idaho. JHWF's wildlife-vehicle collision data will be used to inform the planning.



Moose Day

103 MOOSE
RECORDED

155 VOLUNTEERS
(record turnout!)



Jackie Arnal

After combining these data with Wyoming Game and Fish aerial surveys and removing duplicate counts, we estimate there are **289 individuals in the Jackson Moose Herd**.

Bigger Team & A New Truck!



This summer, JHWF has grown with the addition of Rae Kevin, Habitat Restoration Technician. Dakota Vaccaro and Martina Nordstrand have returned for their third summer on our bird-banding team. We now have 5 full-time staff, and 3 full-time seasonal staff for field seasons.

We also got a new truck in June! The Ford F-150 is already getting a lot of use between fence pulls and bird-banding days.

Ways To Get Involved

Leaders in the Wild August 18th at 5:30 – 8 PM | JH History Museum

Join us in honoring the leadership of four women whose tireless work and scientific vision have fundamentally advanced JHWF's mission and conservation in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Volunteer Opportunities

Nature Mapping Projects

- Black-footed ferret surveys
- Shadow a Biologist
- NMJH Training (Next: 8/17)

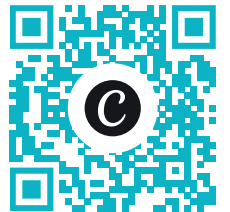
Questions? Email zoe@jhwildlife.org

Habitat Projects

- Riparian restoration project
- Native seed collection
- Fence & weed projects

Questions? Email cody@jhwildlife.org

Tickets:



Volunteer here:



Old Bill's Fun Run

Join us on September 12th for Old Bill's Fun Run! Want to run for JHWF? We'll give you a hat (while stocks last)!

Email ash@jhwildlife.org to get involved!

