

Our Accomplishments

Since 2005, the Foundation has achieved many notable milestones that we continue to build upon.

- **SUMMER CAMP:** Each summer, we provide an annual outdoor learning experience that has so far reached over 500 young people and adults from all over the U.S.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Every year, we offer two college scholarships for students to pursue conservation-related studies.
- **WATER QUALITY MONITORING:** In 2006, Montana State University helped us create a water quality monitoring program on Jack Creek. The program continues in partnership with the Madison Conservation District, the Madison River Foundation, Moonlight Basin, and local schools.
- **ARCHERY RANGE:** With help from Ennis business Shedhorn Sports, we built a 3-D archery range used by Preserve visitors.
- **VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT:** Numerous volunteers from conservation organizations and the community help us with summer camp and other programs.
- **WEED MANAGEMENT:** We have initiated an innovative weed spraying and bio-treatment program to benefit the Preserve and the surrounding Wilderness Area.
- **BOWHUNTING:** Special bowhunting opportunities are available for wounded U.S. veterans who served in Afghanistan or Iraq, and for young people, women, or seniors.
- **CABIN USE:** Two cabins in the heart of the Preserve are offered to eligible families for overnight stays.

Our Mission

The Jack Creek Preserve Foundation conserves and protects wildlife and its habitat. We also provide educational opportunities that give young people a deeper understanding of and involvement with:

- Habitat ecology and conservation
- Wildlife management ~ Hunter conservationists
- Ethical hunting ~ Bowhunting

Location

The Jack Creek Preserve is located in the Madison Range in southwest Montana, between Ennis and Big Sky:



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**Wildlife Conservation
Youth Education**

Northern Yellowstone Ecosystem



Conserving Wildlife and Habitat

The Madison Valley and its surrounding mountains in southwest Montana have long been celebrated as a rich and diverse land teeming with wildlife. Its plentiful streams and alpine lakes, protective forests, nourishing meadows, and undeveloped expanses provide critical habitat for nearly every major mammal species within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Yet habitat gaps in this region exist, especially around developing communities like Ennis and Big Sky.

In 2005 the Fossil family of Ennis, MT donated 4,600 acres of ecologically significant habitat spanning private land and connecting two portions of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area. The land became the Jack Creek Preserve, the cornerstone of the Jack Creek Preserve Foundation.

Expanding Education & Outreach

The Foundation plans to build a Conservation Education Center to offer formal and informal outdoor educational opportunities to partner organizations, students, teachers, and people of all ages.

The Center will serve as the educational nucleus of the Preserve's activities. It will offer exhibits on conservation, habitat protection, wildlife management, and the role of hunter conservationists. It will also be the hub for interpretive nature trails that will traverse high alpine habitat, sage meadows and willow creek bottoms.

A capital campaign has been launched to raise funds for the Center. Contact us for more information about how you can be involved.

Fostering Hunter Conservationists

A fundamental part of the Foundation's mission is to promote the important role that hunting plays in wildlife conservation, and to encourage safe and ethical hunting practices. Special emphasis is placed on teaching youth to value habitat, respect wildlife and be safe and responsible hunters. This philosophy serves as a foundation for all our educational programs.

Our Partners

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Madison and Gallatin County Schools
Madison Conservation District
Madison River Foundation
Madison Valley Ranchlands Group
Moonlight Basin
Montana State University



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