

So the plan, what are they going to do to restore, maintain, and conserve the habitat and species. These plans are found in the Section boxes. Below are some of their strategies, put very succinctly:

### **Forests**

- a) Restrict/decommission roads for habitat security
- b) Allow lightening to cause fires and let them burn
- c) Improve brush habitat on **private lands, advance placement of private land into conservation easements** with "conservation partners" (NGOs, land trust companies, ka-ching, ka-ching)
- d) Balance road density with amount of habitat, seasonal closure

### **Mountain Brush, Aspen**

- a) Allow natural fires from lightening to burn, prescribed burns
- b) Provide technical assistance to county leaders
- c) Support conservation partners, [NRCS](#), Teton Regional Land Trust in securing financial resources to support ongoing conservation easement acquisitions
- d) Balance road density standards with the amount of secure habitat, restrict or decommission roads

### **Riparian Forest, Shrubland**

- a) Work with Henry's Fork Watershed Council on riparian and water issues (some Board of Directors are affiliated with UN [NGOs](#), and most of whom live out of the state)
- b) "Acquire and/or secure key riparian habitats through conservation easements, fee-title [acquisition](#), landowner agreements, or long-term management rights", restore/stabilize stream reaches that have become unstable (e.g., braided [channels](#), [downcutting](#)) due to land management practices, theirs or yours? (what if it is on your property?)
- c) **Incorporate climate change** into planning, **educate landowners on benefit of beavers for [mitigating climate change impacts](#)** (let's all get one for a pet)

### **Wetlands**

- a) Work with **private landowners** to implement grazing regimes that promote sustaining and recruiting native trees, shrubs, and deeply rooted herbaceous species (those ranchers know more about grazing than any expert ever will), collaborate with federal and state land managers on **allotment reviews and revisions** (don't talk to the ranchers who will be affected)
- b) Protect and restore wetlands on private lands using easements or related programs, with a **focus on Henrys Lake Flat, Henrys Fork River, Teton Basin, Island Park Reservoir, and Shotgun Valley**, provide technical support to land trusts to protect wetlands with **conservation easements**
- c) Provide technical **support to land trusts**

d) Seek public-private partnerships to identify willing landowners and funding to support a conservation easement program in **Shotgun Valley**.

e) Collaborate with land management agencies, landowners, and **NGOs** to implement projects to protect, maintain, and/or improve habitat and hydrologic function

f) Educate landowners...public on benefits of beavers for mitigating climate change impacts (do you believe in climate change?)

### **Henry's Lake Flat**

a) Provide timely technical service to Fremont County...to balance county growth with wildlife and habitat protection (this means reduced availability for living in these areas, more conserved area in the hands of the county, federal government or state, reduced revenue into the county which is compensated by higher property tax rates for others, and decisions about local community growth by citizens is put into state hands which is loss of local representation)

b) (re: rural housing development) Provide timely technical service to Fremont County (don't listen to citizens who they represent), support conservation partners, (NRCS, Teton Regional Land Trust, TNC ) in **securing financial resources to support conservation easement acquisitions**

### **Ungulate**

a) Protect **regional** big game migrations **across a mosaic of land ownership**

b) **Advance public/private partnership through the High Divide Conservation partnership**

c) Implement strategic protection...of lands between Yellowstone National Park and the Frank Church Wilderness to ensure long-term protection of big game winter, transitional, and other habitats (and what if your private property is in the way of this path?)

d) Protect and restore big game habitat on **private lands** (What exactly does this mean?)

e) It means, "**Advance ongoing easement programs protecting wildlife movement on private lands, lands in HLF, Henry's Fork River...**"

f) Expand partner-driven big game protection into **Shotgun Valley**

g) Maximize permeability of highways for ungulates in the Yellowstone Highlands

h) Collaborate with Id Department of Transportation to enable improved function of **ungulate migrations** across US Highways 20, 87, 32, and 33

i) Recommend that roads, trails, other infrastructure, etc., be located to avoid habitat components important to seasonal wildlife use

### **Grizzly**

a) Support local efforts that develop "Bear Smart Communities"

b) Minimize/manage conflicts with rural communities, recreationists, and livestock producers in Grizzly Bear country (what better way to minimize conflicts than have an area off limits to humans)