

## 2019 Conflict Prevention Priority Areas

Last year, The Vital Ground Foundation completed an inventory and prioritization of conflict prevention needs across the existing grizzly bear recovery zones. Working with more than 50 professional grizzly bear researchers and managers, we identified and prioritized conflict prevention needs in a report, which can be found at [www.vitalground.org/Partners](http://www.vitalground.org/Partners). Partner grant applications that include projects designed to address the following conflict prevention needs will be prioritized for funding:

- **Increase in agency capacity**  
*(Northeastern Idaho, Upper Clark Fork Valley)*
- **Securing of attractants**  
*(Priest Lake, Whitefish, Eureka, Blackfoot Reservation, Livingston, Madison Valley, Missoula, Seeley Lake, Huson/Ninemile Valley, Upper Clark Fork Valley and Bitterroot Valley)*
- **Agriculture commodities/livestock security and carcass pickup program**  
*(Rocky Mountain Front, Red Lodge, Madison Valley, Ruby Valley and Bitterroot Valley)*
- **Community outreach and education**  
*(Rocky Mountain Front, Whitefish, Flathead Valley Schools, Bigfork/Ferndale, Gardiner, Big Sky, Madison Valley and Upper Clark Fork Valley)*

**Additional needs identified for 2019:** ***Lower Clark Fork** – community outreach and education, agricultural commodities/livestock security*  
***Blackfoot Valley** – securing of attractants, agricultural commodities/livestock security*

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