As part of One Landscape, Vital Ground collaborated with wildlife professionals to identify crucial habitat and conflict prevention opportunities.

By contributing now to One Landscape, you can help connect grizzly populations while safeguarding bears and other species.

153
habitat areas identified

33
top-priority areas for habitat protection

188,000
total acres of top-priority areas

200-5,000
size of habitat areas in acres

21
crucial conflict prevention opportunities

One last, great opportunity exists to create a permanently connected landscape ensuring the long-term survival of grizzly bears and the many native species that share their range in the Lower 48.

You can join Vital Ground in answering this urgent charge.

One Landscape™ is our bold initiative to strategically increase the rate and effectiveness of habitat conservation on private lands and step up community bear-awareness in the Northern Rockies and Inland Northwest.

By contributing, you will help us secure key habitat. You will connect America’s most majestic and intact mountain landscapes and wildlife communities. You’ll save open space for future generations of wildlife and people.

For more information and to make a donation, visit us at VitalGround.org
The West is Losing its Wild

When Lewis and Clark explored the American West 200 years ago, grizzly bears in the Lower 48 numbered about 50,000. Since then, their range has diminished to approximately 4 percent of its historical reach. Now, fewer than 800 bears live in and around Yellowstone National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

In northern Idaho and the northwest corner of Montana, grizzly populations have dwindled to less than 50 bears each. In Washington’s North Cascades, sightings are exceedingly rare, and in central Idaho the population has completely vanished.

With your support, we can protect vital habitat, re connecting these isolated areas while also backing community work to prevent bear-related conflicts. Will we act now, or will we doom the Great Bear to a confined future in national parks, with none of the broad freedom it once knew?

It’s a time of rapid change in the Mountain West. In ever-greater numbers, people are drawn to the region’s majestic mountain scenery, iconic wildlife and recreational opportunities. But accelerated growth comes at a cost. Residential and commercial development carve deeper into wild country every day, altering it forever.

At the same time, climate change is causing warmer winters, earlier springs and massive wildfires, disrupting animals’ food supplies and seasonal clocks. Forced to travel farther, wildlife like the threatened grizzly bear are stumbling into conflicts with the growing human population at record rates. To make it through the next century, we all need room to roam and adapt.

The Grizzly’s Predicament

The Vital Ground Foundation was founded in 1990 on the belief that the grizzly bear is one of nature’s best barometers of a healthy landscape. Because a single bear can travel a home range of several hundred square miles, grizzlies are a biological umbrella species—protecting their habitat benefits entire plant and animal communities in some of the wildest, most scenic places left on Earth. As Vital Ground co-founder Lynne Seus says: “Where the grizzly can walk, the earth is healthy and whole.”

One Landscape

Vital Ground’s Conservation Vision

One Landscape is an ambitious initiative to protect key habitat, support bear-aware communities, and build a linked landscape throughout the Northern Rockies and Inland Northwest.

With the help of more than 50 wildlife professionals, Vital Ground has pinpointed 188,000 crucial acres of habitat in need of protection. From Wyoming to Washington, these vital places form landscape links on private land, connecting the grizzly’s existing strongholds.

Protecting them will benefit far more than bears. It will save open space for all walks of life, from Canada lynx and bull trout to hikers and anglers. Within this landscape, we also identified 21 conflict hotspots where supporting bear-aware communities through education, outreach and technology will allow people and wildlife to share the land.

Join us in protecting One Landscape for future generations!