



*Celebrating and Expanding Ten Years
of Community-Based Conservation Success*



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A DECADE OF SUPPORT

Close your eyes. Imagine your favorite Northern Rockies community, rural landscape or natural area in ten, twenty, or thirty years. Like what you see?

The West we know and love—stunning wide-open spaces, historic communities with distinct character, spectacular wildlife and wild places—is changing rapidly. It is now the fastest growing region in the country.

Future West was created in 2009 to help communities, land managers, and activists shape and implement sound, long-term decisions for a host of unprecedented New West challenges.

Based upon the growing demand for our technical and planning assistance, training, and facilitation for communities in transition, **we are excited to announce our “Sustaining the New West” campaign.**

This initiative will:



Help more communities grow in a manner that meets their needs, without sacrificing quality of life and community character;



Broaden our reach as we catalyze and support people and organizations working to conserve working landscapes and healthy wildlife populations;



Highlight and protect the health of public lands that provide a wealth of benefits to communities and their citizens;



And restore a sense of reverence for the intrinsic values of our natural environment.

We are deeply grateful for your investment in our work to keep the Northern Rockies special. In the snowballing, positive impacts that you have made possible, you will recognize why we are so excited about taking our work to another level. We need your continuing partnership as we seek to help a much larger number of communities and organizations.

Please consider a donation to Future West so that together we can make this happen!





Tony Bynum / Images On The Wildside

“Working with Future West on the MSTI project was a real eye-opener. Having a conservation organization be as open minded and willing to learn as Future West was great. I certainly would partner with them again.”

*-Leonard Wortman,
Jefferson County,
Montana, Commissioner*



A DECADE OF POSITIVE IMPACT

Communities grappling with growth have urged us to provide our services more widely. They tell us Future West's collaborative, data-driven approach—focused on proven strategies that have worked in other communities—has been spot-on in bolstering their success. We're especially proud of these accomplishments in our first ten years:



SAFEGUARDING MONTANA'S WILDLIFE

Future West facilitated Montanans for Safe Wildlife Passage, a coalition of organizations working to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and allow wildlife to move safely across the landscape.



MITIGATING POWERLINES

At the request of county officials, Future West organized a team of researchers to review a proposed transmission line that would have stretched from Townsend, Montana to Jerome, Idaho. The review empowered landowners to avoid and minimize negative impacts.



INFORMING THE FRONT'S FUTURE

Leading a team of mapping specialists in cooperation with Teton County, Future West created a comprehensive database for land use planning, conservation, and economic development along the Rocky Mountain Front.



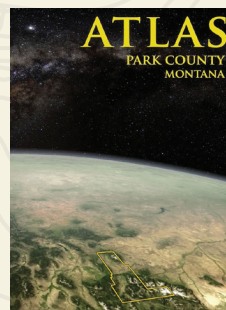
PROMOTING BEST PRACTICES

Future West convened community-based conservation organizations to identify their top lessons learned. In partnership with the University of Montana, this produced the important online toolshed, "Best Practices for Community-Based Collaboration."



INNOVATING ON THE BIG HOLE RIVER

Future West and the Big Hole Watershed Committee developed a first-of-its-kind program compensating landowners for conservation work that provides community benefits such as clean water, healthy fisheries, and flood control.



SHOWCASING COUNTY ASSETS

In collaboration with Park and Beaverhead, Montana county commissioners, Future West produced large-format atlases showcasing and detailing the economic, cultural, and natural assets of these geographically diverse counties.



YELLOWSTONE'S NORTHERN DOORSTEP

Gardiner, Montana is experiencing a full-blown housing crisis. Future West helped residents design and implement the Successful Gardiner initiative to help the community understand its challenges and develop solutions.



HIGH DIVIDE CAPACITY-BUILDING

Dozens of conservation organizations and hundreds of individuals from the High Divide region have participated in Future West's annual workshops, turbo-charging their conservation impact.



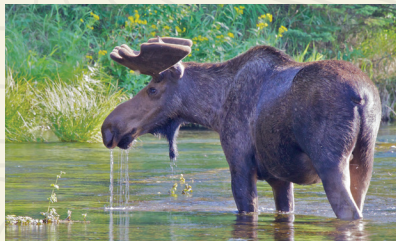
PRESERVING BUTTE'S HISTORY

Butte boasts more buildings on the National Register of Historic Places than any other city in the country. Future West helped citizens create a historic preservation plan for their iconic community.



REDUCING WILDLIFE CONFLICTS

Future West interviewed dozens of ranchers who employ non-lethal practices to minimize wildlife impacts to their operations. We are currently distilling their recommendations about effectively sharing landscapes with wildlife into an Atlas. The atlas will enhance curriculum at the University of Montana Western, encouraging the next generation of ranchers and conservationists to adopt nonlethal tools in preventing conflicts with wildlife.



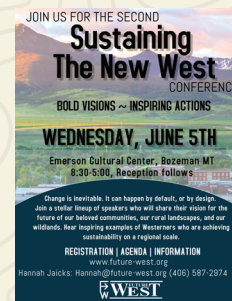
MADISON VALLEY'S PRECIOUS WILDLIFE

Thousands of subdivision lots were created but never built on in a key wildlife corridor in Madison Valley, Montana. Future West partnered with biologists and real estate experts to identify lots with the highest conservation value to inform land protection efforts in this magnificent landscape.



A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Future West teamed up with the Bozeman Area Community Foundation to drive a countywide dialogue on the future of the towns and rural landscapes of Gallatin County. Nearly 1,000 citizens came together to identify top-tier challenges facing Gallatin County, and hundreds of ideas for making it a better place. Now, Future West is collaborating with local governments and citizens to make these solutions happen.



SUSTAINING THE NEW WEST

Our two groundbreaking "Sustaining the New West" Conferences have spotlighted development, lifestyle, and environmental trends affecting the Northern Rockies. Future West is accelerating transfer of critical information and adoption of strategies that communities need to sustain the New West.



*“Future West has established
itself as the go-to player
around community-based,
private land conservation
where creativity, local
credibility and a reputation
for serving and respecting
local needs are paramount.”*

*-Jim Owens,
Brainerd Foundation (retired)*





SUSTAINING THE NEW WEST

With celebrated success, Future West has helped residents and community leaders understand impacts of the region's accelerating growth and identify local solutions to meet the challenges. More of this needs to be done in more places.

Future West proudly announces its “Sustaining the New West Campaign.” While continuing to support local efforts to manage growth and sustain healthy communities, we also aim to bolster a regional sense of place. From one county and valley to the next, our objective is to build and spread sound, localized decisions about growth, development, and even recreation and lifestyle.

Your investment in this campaign will make it possible for us to work directly with more communities that are seeking our assistance, aligning their growth plans with the limits of their natural resources. You will be helping ease and avoid financial and other burdens that residents, especially younger adults, plainly and painfully see mounting under the status quo. You will be shaping more vibrant and sustainable communities for the challenging decades ahead.

In the past, we have accomplished a lot for a little. One foundation officer described us as *“small but mighty.”* However, to meet the growing challenges facing the West, we need your help to become even mightier. We look forward to discussing our objectives and needs with you in greater detail. And thank you for the tremendous, positive difference you have made to date in our region!

Please donate to Future West. Your financial contribution today will pay dividends tomorrow as we work hard to maintain our vibrant communities, conserve our rural landscapes, and protect our public lands.

Contact us today:



Visit our website at www.future-west.org,



call us at **406-587-2974**, or



drop us a line at dennis@future-west.org.



If you are concerned about the future of the communities, landscapes, wild lands and wildlife of the Northern Rockies, you've come to the right organization. We need your support to help us ensure that what we love about this place endures far into the future.

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