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2023 ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Your support makes our community-based conservation work possible. Here are highlights from 2023.

➔ In January, Pat Nissen and his son Jake partnered with us to permanently conserve their 24-acre property near the Stillwater River northwest of Whitefish. The property is adjacent to and compliments another 27-acre property already conserved with a Flathead Land Trust easement. This block of protected open space serves as a wildlife movement corridor for bears and other animals between the Whitefish Range and the Stillwater River.

➔ In May, Ed Goldberg conserved his 40-acre property along the Swan River near Bigfork with Flathead Land Trust. The protected parcel contains a mosaic of riparian forest and wetlands supporting a myriad of birds and wildlife. The property's natural, largely intact riparian forest provides quality wildlife habitat for grizzly bear, black bear, mountain lion, coyote, fox and deer that visit the area, along with at least 114 species of birds.

➔ On September 22, Flathead Land Trust, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land and Montana Land Reliance, opened the Harrell Forest Community Trails to the public. The 238-acre recreational oasis near Bigfork, which is owned and managed by Flathead Land Trust, was permanently protected through a conservation easement in 2022. Since its opening last fall, community members have enjoyed access to over 6 miles of new hiking and biking trails, a new trailhead and awe-inspiring vistas overlooking the pristine waters of Flathead Lake and the majestic Swan Mountain Range. For more info and a trail map, visit our website at flatheadlandtrust.org.

➔ We continued working with partners Flathead Audubon, Flathead Lakers and MT DNRC towards the permanent conservation of the 405-acre Owen Sowerwine property east of Kalispell. In November, we reached our fundraising goal and received approval of the conservation easement from the MT Land Board, which finally led to the completion of the project in February of 2024.

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