

SOMETHING VENTURED  
SOMETHING GAINED



CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN JOINT VENTURE



*“The Canadian Intermountain  
is a landscape that supports  
healthy populations of birds,  
maintains biodiversity and  
fosters sustainable resource use.”*

-CIJV VISION



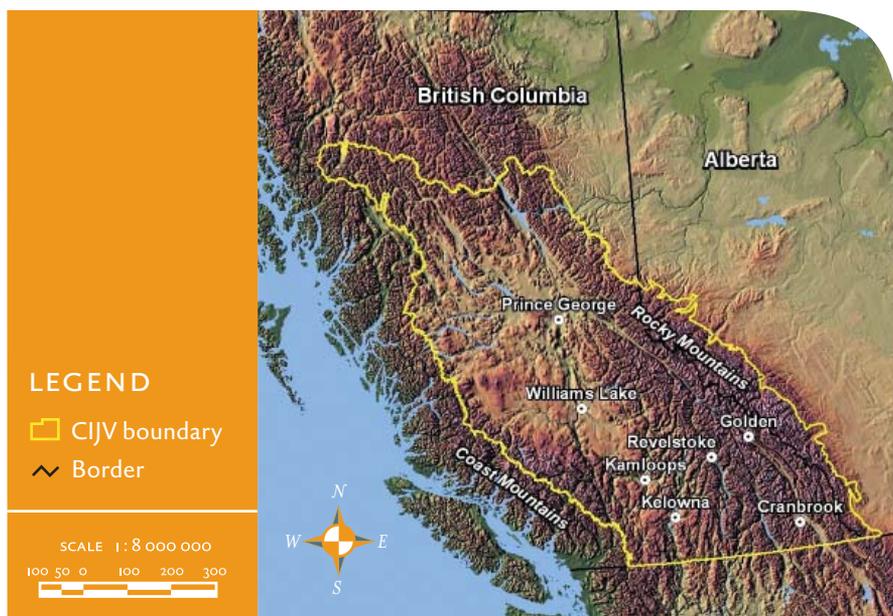
Grasslands - Bruno Delesalle, Grasslands Conservation Council

*“Working together to maintain, enhance, restore  
and manage habitat for the benefit of wildlife  
and people in the Canadian Intermountain.”*

-CIJV MISSION STATEMENT

Wood Duck - John Innes, UBC





Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture

## REGION

THE CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN IS ONE OF CANADA'S MOST ECOLOGICALLY DIVERSE REGIONS.

The habitat ranges from moist coniferous forests to desert. This diversity supports a strong resource economy and abundance of wildlife. The forestry, agriculture, and mining industries, as well as the energy sector and tourism, have created a high quality of life for the region, and provide benefits elsewhere. This prosperity, however, has come with considerable land development and conversion.

Wildlife species are extremely vulnerable to these alterations. About 70 species that inhabit the region are now designated nationally at risk of extinction. For wild species to recover and thrive, the region must balance wildlife and human needs.

This is the role of the Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture (CIJV).



Interior Douglas Fir - Larry Halverson, Parks Canada



Cedar Waxwing - Tomohiro Kuwai, Canadian Wildlife Service

## PARTNERSHIP

The Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture (CIJV) is a dynamic partnership of government agencies, Aboriginal groups, nongovernmental organizations, industry, universities and landowners. The CIJV operates under the umbrella of the North American Bird Conservation Initiative, which advocates bird conservation through regional partnerships. The CIJV provides regional implementation of: The North American Waterfowl Management Plan, The Canadian Shorebird Plan, Partners in Flight (Landbirds), and Canada's Conservation Program for Seabirds and Waterbirds (Wings over Water). The CIJV complements, augments and facilitates existing conservation initiatives, conserving habitat for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Great Horned Owl - Larry Halverson, Parks Canada

## WILDLIFE

THE CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN IS ABUNDANT WITH WILDLIFE.

The region hosts a diverse range of taxa: over 1,500 species of native vascular plants, 373 bird species, 43 species of native freshwater fish, 29 species of amphibians and reptiles and 94 species of native terrestrial mammals. As many as 24 waterfowl species occur here, totalling an estimated 1.6 million breeding birds. The region is frequented by 198 types of landbirds, 17 waterbird species and 18 breeding shorebird species. These species contribute to the region's identity, lifestyle and economy.



Birdwatchers - Saul Schneider, Canadian Wildlife Service

## CHALLENGES

MUCH OF THE CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN SUPPORTS THE RESOURCE ECONOMY.

Significant areas have been converted for agriculture and most of the Crown-owned forest is under commercial harvesting tenure. About 90 percent of Crown open grassland and a large portion of forested lands are under grazing tenures. Wildlife conservation depends on resource-based industries adopting environmentally sustainable land-use practices. CIJV partners are working to facilitate this process.

*“Our goal, along with other CIJV partners, is to find creative and innovative ways to ensure we preserve B.C.’s valued species and spaces for generations to come.”*

-BC HYDRO PRESIDENT AND CEO, BOB ELTON



Osprey - DUC, Blachas & Piché

## APPROACH

### THE CIJV TAKES A HABITAT-BASED APPROACH TO CONSERVATION.

Priority species have been identified for each of the region's habitat types, and wildlife experts are determining the habitat requirements of these species. Partners are also developing best management practices for resource users. CIJV conservation strategies include: securing high priority areas through purchase, lease, donations, easements/covenants, land transfer or legislation; site-specific restoration, enhancement and management of habitats to improve carrying capacity for birds; land stewardship and extension within and among the resource sectors; influencing policy and legislation; initiating education and outreach initiatives.

BC Hydro employees help students install an Osprey nest box - John Pitcher, Parks Canada



# BENEFITS

A HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO A STRONG COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY.

The Canadian Intermountain is a working landscape that sustains a growing human population. Numerous communities dot the landscape, a testament to the thriving resource-based economy. Ranching and crop agriculture generate hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue. The forestry, energy, mining, tourism and recreation sectors are multi-billion dollar industries. Wildlife viewing, hunting, hiking, fishing, canoeing and biking are tremendously popular. Bird watching, in particular, is one of Canada's fastest-growing recreational activities. The region's industries have a history of integrating wildlife management into their operations. Through the CIJV partnership, industry and conservation organizations are working together to broaden and improve conservation practices.





Cariboo-Chilcotin Region Wetland - Jonathon Thompson, Ducks Unlimited Canada

## SUCCESS

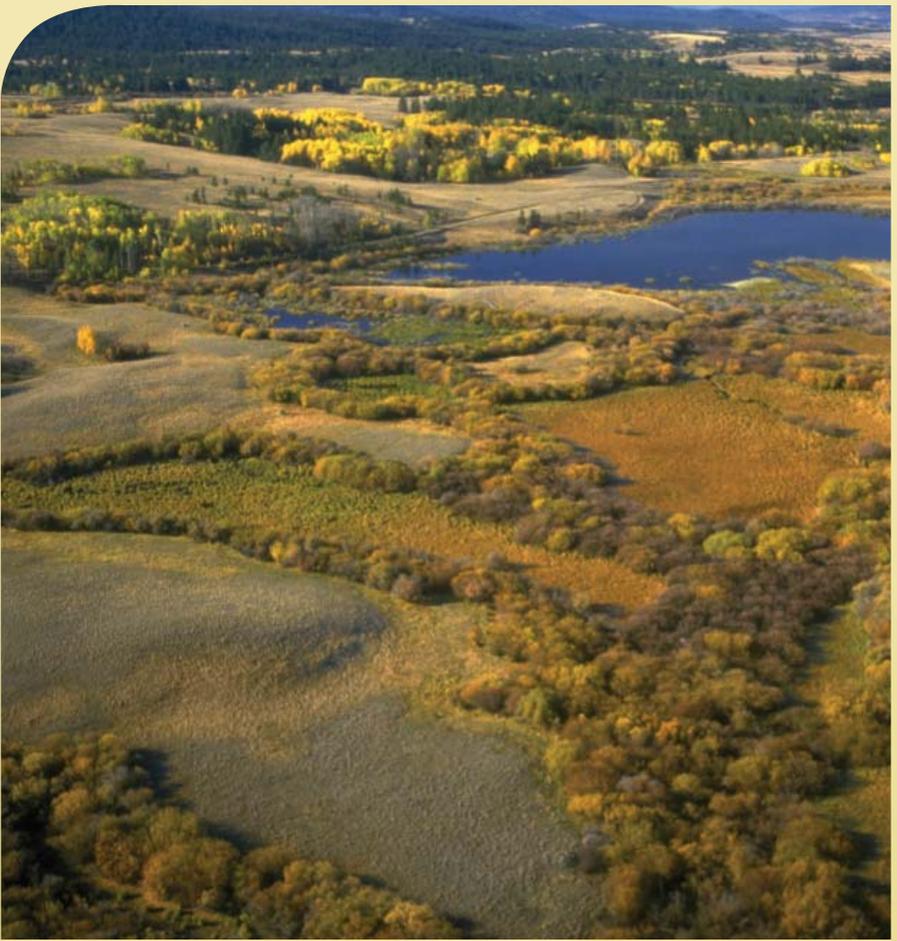
In the first 2 years, CIJV partners contributed over \$12 million to secure over 114,000 hectares of wetland and associated habitat in the Canadian Intermountain. The partnership is continuing to track its accomplishments. This support has come from partners in both Canada and the United States, with assistance through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. CIJV partners have undertaken significant conservation measures: habitat acquisitions, stewardship and protection programs, development and implementation strategies and communications and outreach programs. In the Columbia Valley, for example, conservation organizations and government agencies have secured sizeable acreages of prime wildlife habitat through acquisitions and covenants.



Bob Haywood-Farmer - Kathleen Haywood-Farmer

*“CIJV membership provides a forum for exchanging ideas about wildlife conservation and ranching. It encourages us to plan our grazing practices and manage our cattle in ways that make good conservation sense, good business sense and enhances our enjoyment of the land.”*

-BOB HAYWOOD-FARMER,  
BC CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



Prairie Pothole - Ducks Unlimited Canada

## VISION

THE CIJV IS WORKING FOR THE LONG-TERM BENEFIT OF THE WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE LIVING IN THE CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN. The CIJV partnership provides opportunities for the efficient use of resources and expertise. Individuals can support the CIJV by joining or contributing to one of our many partner conservation organizations and/or by taking part in local initiatives. These efforts are critical to conserving the region's wealth of natural habitat and wildlife diversity.



Waterfowl Banding - Larry Halverson, Parks Canada

## PARTNERS:



Long-billed Curlew - DUC, B. Wolitski

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 BC FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS  
 BC HYDRO  
 BC MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
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*North American Waterfowl  
Management Plan  
Plan nord-américain de  
gestion de la sauvagine  
Plan de Manejo de Aves  
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