



# Updates From Rural America

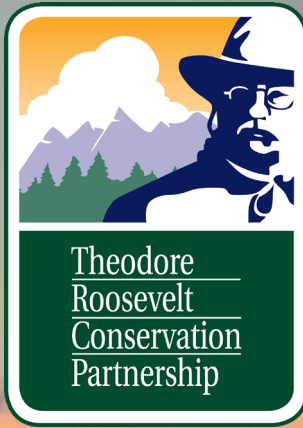
## *BIL/IIJA & Wildlife Habitat Connectivity*

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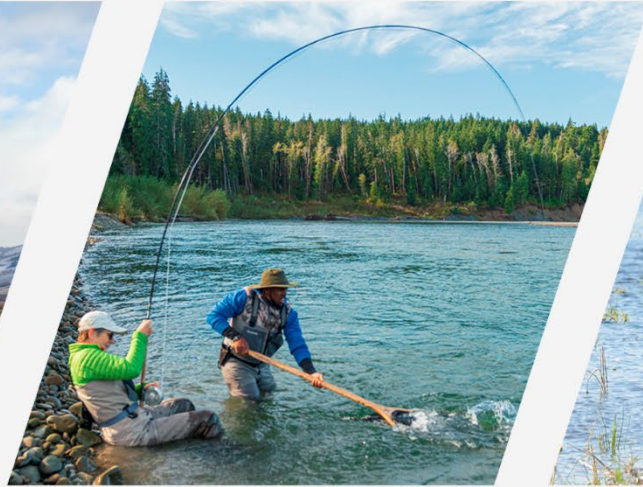
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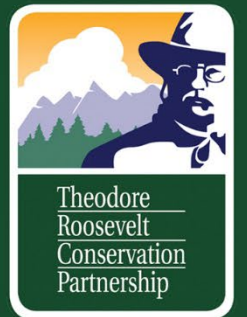


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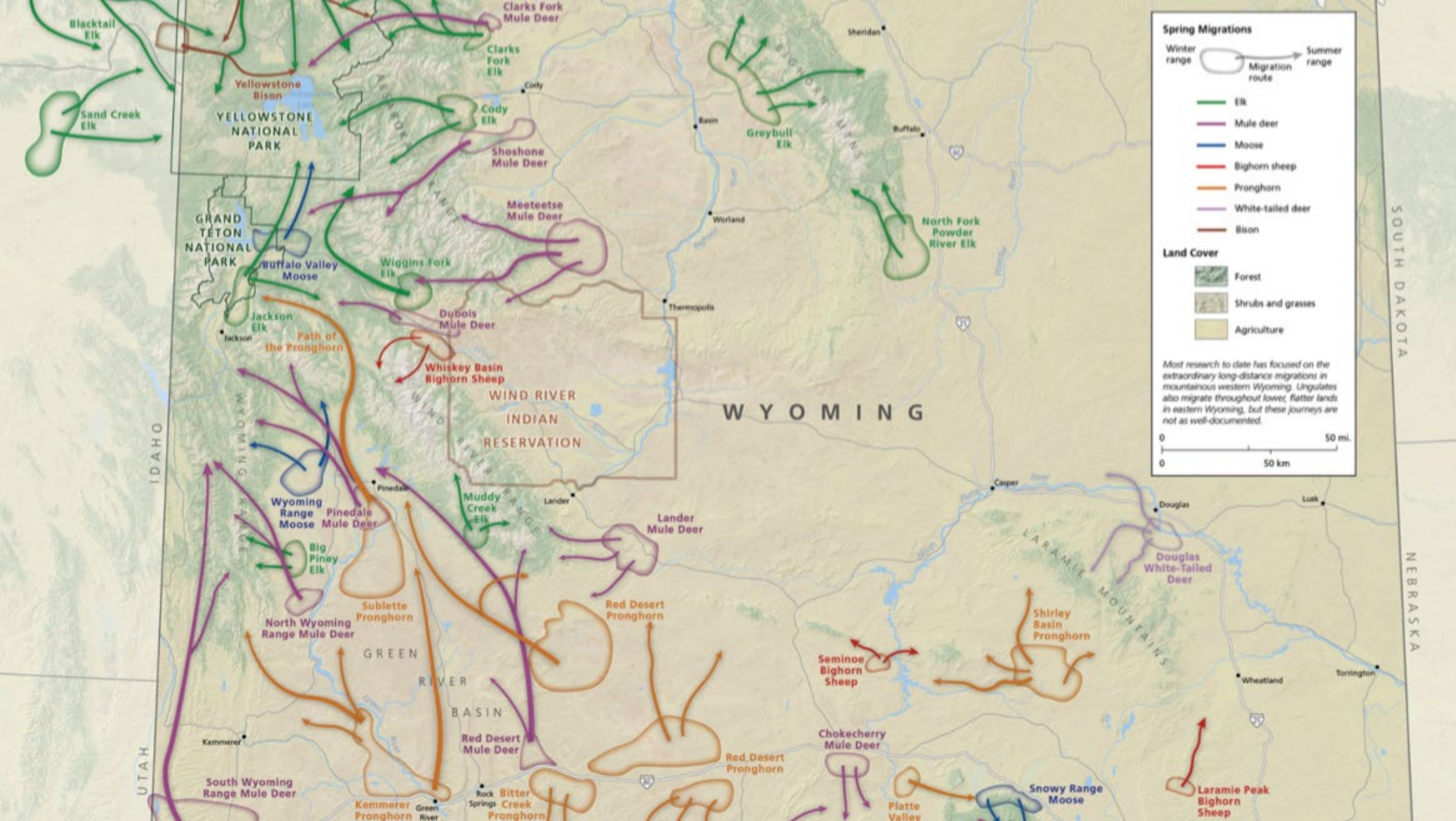


## Guaranteeing All Americans Quality Places to Hunt and Fish

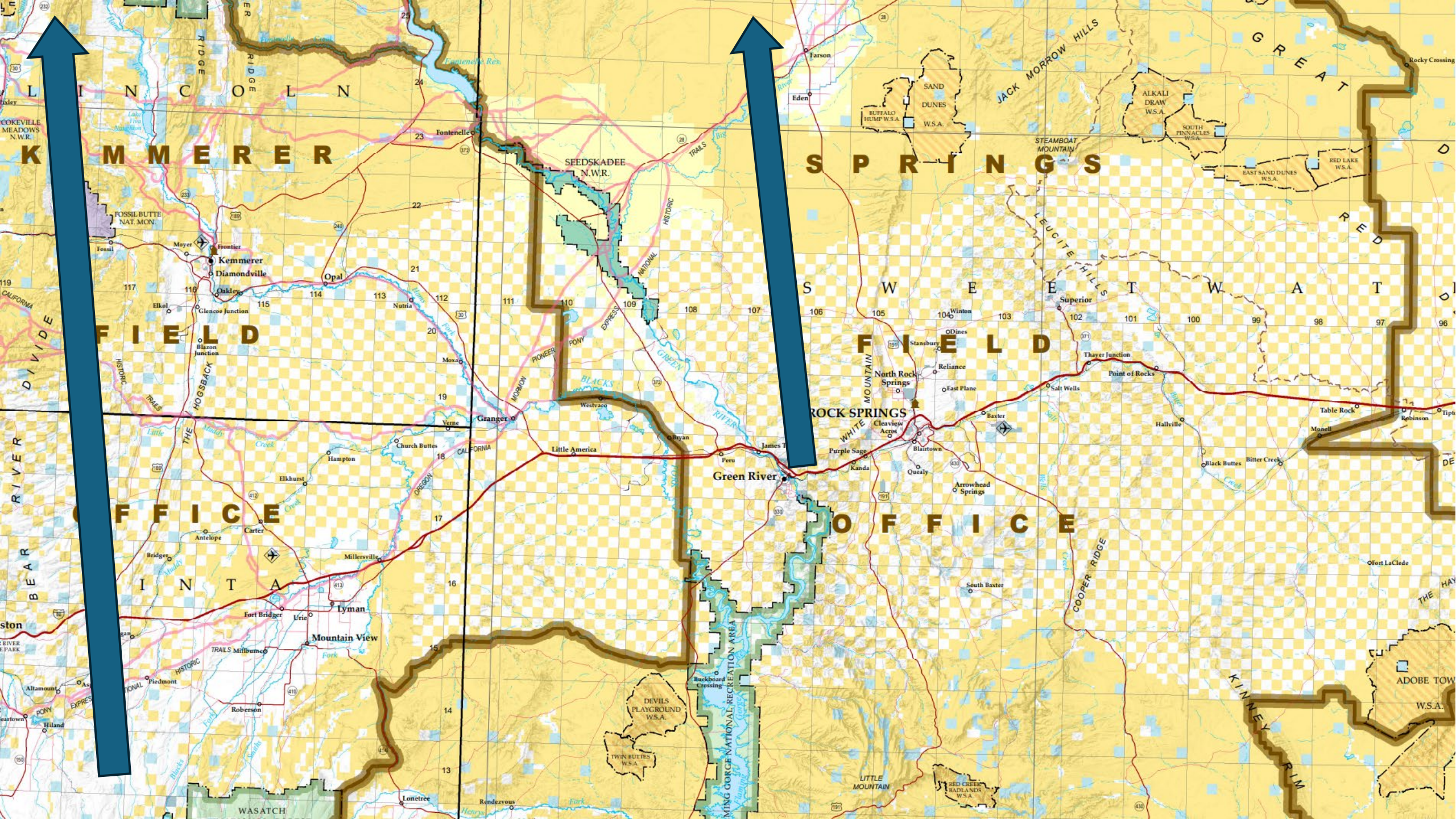
- **Public Lands**
- **Private Lands**
- **Water Resources**
- **Climate Solutions**
- **Marine Fisheries**











KEMMERER

ROCK SPRINGS

Green River

FIELD

FIELD

OFFICE

OFFICE

BEAR RIVER DIVIDE

KEMMERER

S W E E T W A T

COKEVILLE MEADOWS N.W.R.

FOSSIL BUTTE NAT. MON.

SEEDSKADEE N.W.R.

TRAILS NATIONAL HISTORIC

BLACKS RIVER

GREEN RIVER

WHITE MOUNTAIN

LEUCITE HILLS

JACK MORROW HILLS

ADOBE TOWNSHIP W.S.A.

WASATCH

DEVILS PLAYGROUND W.S.A.

TWIN BUTTES W.S.A.

LITTLE MOUNTAIN

RED CREEK BACKLANDS W.S.A.

COOPER RIDGE

KINNEY RIM

GREAT

RED LAKE W.S.A.

ROCKY CROSSING

ALAMOUNT

PIEDMONT

ROBERSON

LONETREE

RENDZVOUS

BUCKBOARD CROSSING

SOUTH BAXTER

ARROWHEAD SPRINGS

QUALEY

BLAIRTOWN

BLAZON JUNCTION

GLENCREE JUNCTION

ELKHURST

ANTLOPE

CARTER

BRIDGER

MILLERSVILLE

LYMAN

MOUNTAIN VIEW

VERNE

GRANGER

LITTLE AMERICA

PERU

JAMES TOWN

BLAINTOWN

QUALEY

BLAINTOWN

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QUALEY

WINTON

STANSBURY

ODINES

RELIANCE

EAST PLANE

SALT WELLS

POINT OF ROCKS

THAYER JUNCTION

TABLE ROCK

ROBINSON

ROCKY CROSSING

RED LAKE W.S.A.

EAST SAND DUNES W.S.A.

ALKALI DRAW W.S.A.

SOUTH PINNACLES W.S.A.

STEAMBOAT MOUNTAIN

JACK MORROW HILLS

GREAT

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## State & Federal Action

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- Wyoming Game and Fish Ungulate Migration Corridor Strategy (2016)
- DOI Secretarial Order 3362 (2018)
- WGA Policy Resolution: Wildlife Migration Corridors and Habitat (2019)
- USDA-Wyoming Migratory Big Game Pilot (2022)
- America the Beautiful Challenge (2022)





# IJA Investments

- DOT Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) **\$350M**
- FWS National Fish Passage Program (NFPP) **\$200M**
- DOT Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants (AOP) **\$1B**
- DOT Bridge Investment Program **\$12.5B**
- DOT PROTECT Grants **\$1.4B**
- DOT Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund **\$120M**
- DOI/USFS Ecosystem Restoration & Resilience Programs **\$1.4B**





# IRA Investments

- USDA Farm Bill Conservation Title Programs
  - EQIP **\$8.5B**
  - RCPP **\$5B**
  - CSP **\$3.25B**
  - ACEP **\$1.4B**
  - Conservation Technical Assistance **\$1B**
- DOI Western Drought Mitigation & System Resilience **\$4B**





# WCPP Grants

- Reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity
- Competitive grants to states, tribes, federal land management agencies and local governments administered by FHWA
- \$110 million initial grant awards for FY22-23
  - **\$24M to AZ DOT**
  - **\$22M to CO DOT**
  - **\$8M to CA DOT**
  - **\$8.5M to Stillaguamish Tribe**
  - **\$1.2M to KY TC**





# IIJA Fish Passage Funding

- **\$2B** provided for aquatic ecosystem restoration, infrastructure improvement, and culvert removal.
- **\$531M** funded so far across eight federal agencies





# USDA Migratory Big Game Initiative

- Supported by **\$20B** IRA funding.
  - **\$21.4M** in FY24 across WY, MT, and ID.
- Innovative application of Farm Bill Conservation Title programs to better meet producer's needs
  - ACEP - conservation easements
  - EQIP - support for fence conversion, invasive species treatment, habitat restoration
  - Grassland CRP – long-term stewardship with continued agricultural production





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# Barriers

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- Limited capacity
- Lack of dedicated match funds
- Extensive pre-project development

# Opportunities

- Farm Bill
- WRDA
- Authorizing Legislation





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