

# **Accessing Funding for Wildlife Migration Projects**

## *A Toolkit for Wyoming*

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# ACCESSING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE MIGRATION PROJECTS

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## *A TOOLKIT FOR WYOMING*

The conservation of big game migration corridors is critical to the longevity of the species that utilize those corridors. In Wyoming, wildlife species, and big game species specifically, are essential to the state's economy and sense of identity. It is largely thanks to these wildlife species, and the open spaces that support them, that people live in Wyoming. In an effort to prevent the destruction of migration corridors, western states have invested millions of dollars in land conservation, roadway crossings, and other measures to protect migration corridors and the animals that rely on them. To protect corridors, states and local governments rely heavily on funding from their own budgets. A comprehensive strategy will require more support from federal funding sources, to reduce the burden on state and local coffers. This project examines the dynamic of cooperative federalism with regard to corridor funding and provides a toolkit that state and local agencies can use to help access federal funding for migration corridor conservation.

By providing for the health of big game populations, migration corridors benefit Wyoming's economy through hunting and other recreational opportunities. In 2019, Wyoming sold over 70,000 mule deer hunting licenses, 65,000 antelope licenses and 70,000 elk licenses, accounting for more than \$30 million in state revenue. Further, recreation in Wyoming accounted for more than \$5 billion in consumer spending for 2018. In a 2018 survey of visitors to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, respondents ranked seeing wildlife as the second most common reason to visit both parks. National Park visitors spend a tremendous amount of money in the state, which goes to funding conservation and wildlife restoration projects. The state receives substantial benefits from hunting and recreation related to big game. To maintain that source of revenue, migration corridors must be of the highest priority.

In February 2020, Governor Gordon signed the Wyoming Mule Deer and Antelope Migration Corridor Protection Executive Order to promote and improve state wildlife migration projects. Pursuant to the Executive Order, three Local Area Working Groups addressed ways to refine and strengthen the corridor designation process in their designated areas of Sublette, Baggs, and Platte Valley. The groups considered boundary designations, risk assessments, and impacts on local revenue, jobs, and ongoing or proposed projects. Based on their findings, each working group issued a final report to the Governor summarizing their recommendations. The final reports from the Sublette and Platte Valley Local Area Working Groups together recommend increased funding, ongoing funding, and flexible funding for supporting projects in their areas. However, the reports do not address how to access federal funding, and many Wyoming state and local agencies lack the funding necessary to meet the Executive Order's mandates.

The federal government has set aside significant money for the specific purpose of funding wildlife conservation projects. Wyoming could do better to take advantage of the many federal grants and programs. Surveys conducted across several Wyoming entities, including state agencies, county planning boards, conservation districts, non-profits, attorneys, a private landowner, and policy maker, indicate a number of reasons federal funds are not utilized. Common issues cited are inefficiency and lack of flexibility due to the strings attached to federal grants. There is concern over long time frames, matching requirements, no guarantees of funding reaching the ground, and lack of capacity to handle these factors. Ultimately, Wyoming is not maximizing the opportunity offered by the federal government because the costs seem to outweigh the benefits.

These surveys also reveal that state funds are preferred. State funds are seen as more readily accessible, timelines for securing funds and completing projects more reasonable, there is a higher guarantee of funding approval, and overall less strings attached. Additionally, it is apparent that the ease of local, neighborly trust within these relationships is appealing. Based on this, state and local agencies have found it far more practical to look no further than Wyoming when it comes to funding wildlife migration corridor projects, rather than apply for federal funds.

In order to make federal funds more accessible to Wyoming's wildlife projects, the federal application process needs to be more streamlined. Overall, if the federal government made funds more readily available and with fewer strings attached, particularly those set aside for the specific purpose of wildlife migration projects, State and local governments as well as non-profit groups in Wyoming would be more inclined to apply.

Alternatively, the federal government could look to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust (WWNRT) to disburse federal funding. WWNRT operates as a trust account which disperses money for state wildlife and natural resources projects. By Wyoming statute, WWNRT's trust account is specifically intended to accept and disburse federal funds for these wildlife and natural resources projects. WWNRT could help Wyoming state and local agencies access federal funding by acting as a pass-through for federal grants. This sort of pass-through operation is considered in the statute creating WWNRT. In doing so, WWNRT can address most of the procedural issues that currently deter agencies from pursuing federal funding as well as any procedural issues that may arise when federal funding does flow in.

This toolkit can serve as a resource for WWNRT, or any other state or local agency looking to secure federal funding for a wildlife project in Wyoming. This toolkit aims to address the issues commonly faced in accessing federal funding. It includes reasons why agencies should consider

accessing federal funds over state funds, an overview of what to consider when applying for federal funds, and a discussion on non-federal matching requirements. The toolkit provides the following three reference tools:

[Potential Partnerships\\*](#) for a list of potential non-profits and private foundations for local coordination and partnership opportunities;

[Federal Funding Spreadsheet\\*](#) for a list of federal grants for wildlife projects (including amounts available, estimated timelines, eligibility requirements, and where to apply); and

[Potential Matching Sources\\*](#) for a list of potential sources to meet matching requirements.

By providing information and resources to help streamline the process, Wyoming can begin to maximize the opportunity that the federal government is offering.

## **I. INCENTIVES FOR APPLYING FOR FEDERAL FUNDING**

“People in Wyoming love their wildlife and love their jobs, and we can do both. We are leading the nation in this effort.” - *Governor Gordon, February 14, 2020.*

Wyoming as Leader: Wyoming is a leader in the nation’s wildlife migration corridor efforts and helped inspire the recent increase in available funds specifically for these wildlife-related projects. However, it is other western states taking advantage of these grants. As a leader in wildlife migration initiatives, Wyoming should be benefitting. Also, by showing an interest in these funds Wyoming will demonstrate that there is a demand for wildlife project funding and ensure continued federal funding in the future.

Conservation of State Resources: Tapping into federal funding conserves Wyoming’s resources. This benefits Wyoming in many ways, one being conserving funds for potential non-federal matching requirements (see Non-Federal Matching Funds section below).

Potential Partnerships & Local Coordination: Wyoming values its ability to rely on its local relationships. Accessing federal funding and conserving state resources creates more opportunities for partnerships and strengthening local coordination. WWNRT can facilitate these partnerships and coordination, encouraging Wyoming state and local agencies to diversify grant sources and non-federal matching sources (see “Matching Funds” section below). These concerted group efforts may also provide opportunities to apply for larger federal grants. Finally, partnership and

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local coordination can resolve disconnect within Wyoming, such as between state agencies and local regional offices. See [\*Potential Partnerships\\*\*](#) for a list of potential non-profits and private foundations for local coordination and partnership opportunities.

- *NOTE: Recommendation for Private landowners: Call your local conservation district and Wyoming Game & Fish Department if you are interested in working to conserve corridors on your land. The agencies may help provide direction for partnerships and the local coordination necessary for getting your project off the ground.*

Ongoing Projects Looking for Funding: There are numerous wildlife migration projects across the state, which, with more federal funding, could be pushed across the finish line. Wyoming's Wildlife and Roadways Initiative (WWRI) has produced a [Statewide Priorities List](#) that includes over forty ongoing wildlife migration projects. Some have seen little to no action, others are partially funded, and several are waiting on final grants to push them through. The Governor's Local Area Working Groups relied on WWRI's priority list when analyzing needs and issuing recommendations, acknowledging the need for additional funding. For a general idea on where ongoing projects are focused, see the following maps of the three designated corridors: [Sublette](#); [Baggs](#); and [Platte Valley](#).

## **II. FEDERAL FUNDING**

There are currently dozens of potential federal grants available for Wyoming's wildlife projects. See [\*Federal Funding Spreadsheet\\*\*](#) for a list of potential federal grants. These grants can be used for different purposes, including habitat conservation or improvement, highway crossings, research on wildlife or migration, enhancement of recreation opportunities, and more. Note that the columns can be sorted in any way you prefer, such as by application deadline, average funding, or key words. Visit [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) for current information and to explore all available grants, look under "Assistance Listings."

Eligibility: See [\*Federal Funding Spreadsheet\\*\*](#) for eligibility requirements.

- **Eligible Applicant:** Look to this column to determine if you are an eligible applicant for a federal grant. Eligible applicants range from private landowners to larger state agencies. "State" includes state subdivisions and agencies. "Non-profits" includes 501(c)(3) organizations.
- **Eligible Areas:** Look to this column to determine what land is eligible for a given grant. Many grants have no stipulations, while others are specific to private lands, Bureau of Land Management lands, or other state or federally owned lands.

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- Eligible/Ineligible Projects: Look to these columns to determine whether your project is, or what must be done, to be eligible for a given federal grant. Considerations include purpose, substance, location, scope, partnerships, matching, community involvement, and meeting statutory requirements.

Time Frame: Average application time, average commitment time, and application deadlines are listed in the [Federal Funding Spreadsheet\\*](#). Based on the current list of federal grants, the average time it takes to process an application ranges from 1-3 years. Once approved, the commitment for a project can be permanent. Commitment time refers to the time following the application during which the sponsoring agency must meet obligations. For projects that are permanent, such as conservation easements under the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, the sponsoring agency must ensure that there are permanent monitoring practices in place. Many grants require no commitment time while others involve a permanent commitment. These time frames are important to consider in determining which grant is most appropriate for you and your project's purposes.

Other Considerations: In determining which federal grant to apply for, or whether federal funding is generally appropriate for your project, eligibility and time frame factors should be weight against the following additional considerations:

- Staff capacity and turnover
- Fiscal year
- Budget process
- Matching (see “Matching Funds” section below)

How to Apply: Follow the links to [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) in the [Federal Funding Spreadsheet\\*](#) to access the online applications. Once you are directed to the webpage, note that you may need to check the box for “closed” (located on the left side of the page) for your specific grant to appear.

Questions: Contact information is provided in the [Federal Funding Spreadsheet\\*](#). Visit [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for more details and contact information.

### **III. NON-FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS**

Many federal grants require non-federal matching. Securing funds to meet non-federal matching requirements can be a relatively easy process. Based on surveys conducted for this toolkit, this is particularly true in Wyoming. Accessing non-federal funds has historically been a relatively efficient process with high guarantees and workable timelines, both benefiting from and

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strengthening local coordination and partnerships. Also, if Wyoming taps into the federal funds available there will be more non-federal funds available for matching purposes.

Matching requirements, listed as a percentage of total project cost, are listed in the [\*\*\*Federal Funding Spreadsheet\\*\*\*\*](#). Currently, non-federal matching requirements range from 20% to 50% of total project cost. There are also a number of federal grants that do not require matching. See below for a non-exhaustive list of potential non-federal matching sources.

State Sources: The State of Wyoming and Wyoming State agencies offer many opportunities for matching. Reach out to your local contacts to see what is available.

Private Sources: There are countless opportunities to coordinate with private entities to secure non-federal matching. Wyoming is home to numerous non-governmental organizations with direct interest in local wildlife-related projects. A wide range of businesses also look for opportunities to engage with these projects. See [\*\*\*Potential Matching Sources\\*\*\*\*](#).

Other Sources: Consider looking to any of the following for non-federal matching. The oil and gas sector and broader energy sector often set aside funds for wildlife mitigation. Insurance companies, car rental companies, and trucking/shipping companies all have an interest in wildlife projects that affect road and highway collisions. See [\*\*\*Potential Matching Sources\\*\*\*\*](#).

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## **Useful Websites:**

- NREX - allows users to see a map of migration corridors and existing conservation efforts.  
→ <https://nrex.wyo.gov/>
- Wyoming Migration Initiative - University of Wyoming team researching migration corridors throughout the state.  
→ <https://migrationinitiative.org/>
- Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust - manages a trust fund to provide money to wildlife and conservation projects around the state.  
→ <https://wwnrt.wyo.gov/>
- Corridor Conservation Strategy - based on Governor Gordon's Executive Order, this is the central location for many conservation efforts, including the Local Working Groups. The Local Working Groups' final reports can be found here as well.  
→ <https://sites.google.com/view/wywildlifemigrationadvisorygrp/home>
- Wyoming Wildlife Roadways Initiative - a collaborative effort by Wyoming Department of Transportation and Wyoming Game & Fish; includes the wildlife project Priority List.  
→ <https://wgfd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ef666ba292b74c56a339efc10fca5332>
- Wyoming Game & Fish Department  
→ <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Wildlife-in-Wyoming/Migration>
  - Wildlife Crossings - a collaborative effort by Wyoming Department of Transportation and Wyoming Game & Fish.  
→ <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/wildlife-in-wyoming/migration/roadways-initiative>
- Wyoming Wildlife Federation - works on many conservation issues, includes a great summary of the process to designate a corridor.  
→ <https://wyomingwildlife.org/how-is-a-corridor-designated/>

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## **POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS**

The following is a list of non-profit organizations that work in Wyoming on wildlife issues. Those marked with an asterisk are more directly involved in the conservation of big game migration corridors. Others might be indirectly related through other conservation priorities. Wyoming State agencies can consider partnering with these organizations for match funding or project implementation.

### **Non-profit Conservation Groups**

- \*Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust <https://wsplt.org/>
- \*Muley Fanatics <https://www.muleyfanatic.org/>
- \*Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation <https://www.rmef.org/>
- \*The Nature Conservancy <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/wyoming/>
- \*The Conservation Fund <https://www.conservationfund.org/where-we-work/wyoming>
- \*Jackson Hole Land Trust <https://jhlandtrust.org/>
- \*Wyoming Wildlife Federation <https://wyomingwildlife.org/>
- \*Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation <https://www.wyomingwildsheep.org/about.asp>
- \*Safari Club International <https://safariclubfoundation.org/>
- Sheridan Community Land Trust <https://sheridanclt.org/>
- Audubon Society <https://rockies.audubon.org/>
- Upper Green River Alliance <https://uppergreen.org/>
- Wyoming Outdoorsmen <https://www.wyomingoutdoorsmen.org/>
- Powder River Basin Resource Council <https://www.powderriverbasin.org/about/>
- Wind River Wilderness Alliance <https://www.windriverrange.org/>
- Wyoming Outdoor Council <https://wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org>
- Friends of the Bridger-Teton <https://www.btfriends.org/>
- Wyoming Wilderness Association <https://www.wildwyo.org/>
- Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation <https://jhwildlife.org/about-us/>
- Plank Stewardship Initiative <https://www.plankstewardship.org/>

The following is a list of private foundations that provide funding for conservation efforts in Wyoming. Those marked with an asterisk either have an existing program to provide funding to corridor conservation or have provided funding for corridor conservation in the past. Wyoming State agencies may be able to partner with these foundations to receive match funding for corridor conservation projects.

## **Foundations**

- \*Knobloch Family Foundation <http://www.knoblochfamilyfoundation.org/about.html>
- \*Gates Family Foundation <https://gatesfamilyfoundation.org/>
- \*George Storer Foundation <https://storerfoundation.org/>
- \*PEW Charitable Trusts <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/projects/us-public-lands-and-rivers-conservation>
- \*Wyss Foundation <https://www.wyssfoundation.org/>
- Whitney MacMillan Foundation <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/48-1286405>
- Walton Family Foundation <https://www.waltonfamilyfoundation.org/>
- Doris Duke Foundation <https://www.ddcf.org/>
- Community Foundation of Jackson Hole <https://www.cfjacksonhole.org/>
- Wyoming Community Foundation <https://wycf.org/>
- McMurry Foundation <http://www.mcmurryfoundation.org/>
- Homer and Mildred Scott Foundation <https://www.scottfoundation.org/>
- Northern Laramie Range Foundation <http://www.nlrfoundation.org/>
- Snake River Fund <https://snakeriverfund.org/>
- Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation <https://wynaturalresourcefoundation.com/>
- Snake River Conservancy Foundation <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/83-0314580>
- Meg and Bert Raynes Wildlife Fund <https://www.rayneswildlifefund.org/>
- Foundation For North America Wild Sheep <https://www.wildsheepfoundation.org/>
- Winter Range Foundation <https://winterrange.org/>
- Yellowstone Recreations Foundation <http://www.yellowstonerecfoundation.org/>
- Gretchen Swanson Family Foundation <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/47-6024650>
- Cleveland Dodge Foundation <https://www.chdodgefoundation.org/>
- Fanwood Foundation <https://www.fanwoodcommunityfoundation.org/>
- First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation  
<https://www.firstinterstatebank.com/company/commitment/grants.php>
- Norcross Wildlife Foundation <https://www.norcrosswildlife.org/>
- Wolf Creek Charitable Foundation <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/83-0310959>
- Forrest E. Mars, Sheridan Charitable Foundation <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/81-6869526>
- Wayland Cato Jr. Foundation <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/57-0988435>
- Rocking Chair Foundation <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/13-3639647>

## **POTENTIAL MATCHING SOURCES**

### **CORPORATE FUNDING SOURCES**

#### **Car Insurance Companies**

Allstate Insurance - <https://www.allstatesustainability.com/>

Farmers Insurance - <https://www.farmers.com/corporate-responsibility/>

Geico - <https://www.geico.com/about/in-the-community/environmental-safety/>

Liberty Mutual - <https://www.libertymutualgroup.com/about-lm/corporate-information/sustainability/corporate-sustainability>

Safeco - <https://www.safeco.com/>

State Farm - <https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/environmental-programs>

The Hartford - <https://www.thehartford.com/about-us/environment>

USAA - <https://www.usaa.com/inet/wc/about-usaa-environmental-commitment?akredirect=true>

#### **Energy Companies:**

##### **Wind Energy:**

Power Company of Wyoming LLC - <http://www.powercompanyofwyoming.com/>

##### **Oil and Gas Companies:**

*A-List (Companies who are most likely able to provide funding):*

Amplify Energy- [Amplify Energy Corp. - Responsibility](#)

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC- Anadarko was acquired by Occidental Petroleum in August 2019. They have donated land and other assets in the past for wildlife protection.

[OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION COMMITS 1.8 MILLION ACRES TO LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN CONSERVATION EFFORTS](#)

They would be a likely candidate for private funding for environmental and wildlife protection. [Occidental | NFWF](#)

Anschutz Oil Company/Anschutz Corporation - Anschutz Corporation has invested highly in Wyoming Wind as well as the Transwest energy line from Wyoming to California.

<https://www.anschutz-exploration.com/>

Apache Corporation- [Sustainability](#)

Ballard Petroleum Holdings LLC - 6th largest oil producer in the Powder River Basin.

[Ballard Petroleum - Ballard Petroleum Holdings LLC](#)

Black Hills Energy - [Black Hills Energy: 12 ways to cook up a smaller energy bill](#)

BP America Production Company - [BP America Production Company Company Profile | Houston, TX | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Breitburn Operating, LP - Breitburn is now Maverick Natural Resources. [Maverick Natural Resources: Home](#)

Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company L - [Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company L | Wyoming Oil & Gas Producer Profile](#)

BXP Operating, LLC - <https://bxpltd.com/management.php>

Carbon Creek LLC - [Carbon Creek Energy, LLC](#)

Chaco Energy Company - [Chaco Energy Company Company Profile | Denver, CO | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Chesapeake Operating, LLC - [Chesapeake Energy Corporation](#)

Chevron USA Inc - [Protecting the Environment — Chevron.com](#)

Citation Oil and Gas Corp - <http://www.cogc.com/community/>

ConocoPhillips Company - <https://www.conocophillips.com/sustainability/managing-local-environmental-risks/biodiversity/>

Contango Resources, Inc - [Environmental Health & Safety - Contango Oil & Gas Inc.](#)

Crowheart Energy LLC - [Crowheart Energy – Crowheart Energy](#)

Denbury Onshore, LLC - [Sustainability - Health, Safety and Environmental - HSE Management - HSE Compliance & Environmental Protection](#)

Earthstone Operating, LLC- [Earthstone Environment – Focused on the growth and profitability](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

EOG Resources Inc - [Sustainability – EOG Resources, Inc.](#)

Exxon Mobil Corporation - [Operating in sensitive environments](#)

FDL Operating, LLC - [Corporate Responsibility](#)

Helis Oil and Gas Company LLC Estate - [Helis Oil & Gas Company Llc Estate | Wyoming Oil & Gas Producer Profile](#)

HRM Resources III LLC - [Emissions Reduction & Safety | HRM Environment](#)

Impact Exploration and Production LLC - [Impact Exploration and Production LLC Company Profile | Greenwood Village, CO | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Jonah Energy, LLC - <https://www.jonahenergy.com/sustainability/#1579806584424-494675b0-bc9c>

Kaiser-Francis Oil Company - [Kaiser-Francis Oil Company - Tulsa](#)

Kerr-McGee Oil and Gas Onshore LP - [KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP :: Arkansas \(US\)](#)

Marathon Oil Company - [Environmental Sustainability Overview](#)

Merit Energy, LLC - <https://www.meritenergy.com/impact/>

Northwoods Operating LLC - [Home - Northwoods Energy, LLC](#)

Ovintiv USA Inc - <https://sustainability.ovintiv.com/> (Operates mostly in Texas)

Oxy USA Inc - [Oxy | Zero In](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

P. O. & G. Operating, LLC - [PO and G. – Creating Value From Opportunity](#)

Peak Powder River Resources LLC - [Peak Exploration and Production | United States](#)

Petro-Hunt LLC - [Petro Hunt | Petro Hunt](#) (Operates mostly in North Dakota)

Qep Energy Company- [Investor Overview](#) (Operates mostly in North Dakota)

Rim Operating, Inc - [Rim Operating, Inc. Company Profile | Englewood, CO | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Samson Exploration LLC - [Samson Exploration, LLC Company Profile | Tulsa, OK | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Southland Royalty Company LLC - [Southland Royalty Company LLC](#)

Southwestern Production Corporation - [Southwestern Production Corp](#)

Titan Exploration LLC - [Locations - 99designs-5a56e41d9d660](#)

Ultra Resources, Inc - [https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.ultra\\_resources\\_inc.7d1829ec8eaa162a6a7bf8c7ea9fd13f.html](https://www.dnb.com/business-directory/company-profiles.ultra_resources_inc.7d1829ec8eaa162a6a7bf8c7ea9fd13f.html)

Urban Oil and Gas Group LLC - [Home | Urban](#)

Vermilion Energy USA LLC - [Vermilion Energy: Home](#)

Wesco Operating Inc - [Wesco Operating, Inc. Company Profile | Casper, WY | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Wexpro Company - [Wexpro Company Company Profile | Salt Lake City, UT | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

WPX Energy Rocky Mountain LLC - [WPX Energy Rocky Mountain](#)

***B-List (Companies who most likely could donate but not as strong as A-List companies):***

NRG- [Environmental Conservation](#)

Abraxas-[Corporate Governance](#) (Operates mostly outside of Wyoming)

ATX Energy Partners - [ATX Energy Partners – ATX Energy Partners](#)

Balidor Oil and Gas LLC- [Emissions Reduction & Safety | HRM Environment](#)

Black Bear Oil Corporation - [Black Bear Oil | Grade A Petroleum](#)

Bridwell Oil Company - [Bridwell Oil Management LLC Company Profile | Wichita Falls, TX | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Bta Oil Producers - [BTA Oil Producers, LLC: Home](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Burnett Oil Co - [Burnett Oil Co., Inc. - Fort Worth](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Coterra Energy - Cimarex Energy merged with Cabot Oil and Gas to form Coterra Energy. Substantial Production. [Land Management](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Cobra Oil and Gas Corporation - <https://www.cobraogc.com/about> (Operates mostly outside of the state)

Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. - <https://www.devonenergy.com/sustainability/environment> (Operates mostly in Texas)

E & B Natural Resources Management - [Community – E&B Natural Resources](#)

Endeavor Energy Resources, LP - [Community Impact - Endeavor Resources](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

EP Energy E & P Company, LP - <http://www.epenergy.com/> (Mostly operates in Utah and Texas)

Extraction Oil and Gas LLC - Extraction Oil and Gas merged with Bonanza Creek and formed Civitas Resources. [Sustainability: Protecting Colorado's Environment](#) (Operates mostly in Colorado)

Finley Resources, Inc - [Finley Resources, Inc. – Utah Industrial Wax](#) (Mostly operates in Utah and Texas)

Hilcorp Energy Company - <https://www.hilcorp.com/social-responsibility/> (Operates mostly outside of Wyoming)

Hunt Oil Company - [Hunt Energy](#) (Operates mostly in North Dakota)

Huntington Energy LLC - [Huntington Energy, LLC Company Profile | Oklahoma City, OK | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Hyperion Oil and Gas LLC - [Hyperion Oil & Gas, LLC – Oil & Gas Exploration and Production Company](#)

Kentex Worland LLC - [Kentex Worland | Developing Hidden Value in Oil & Gas Producing Properties](#)

Legacy Reserves Operating LP - <https://www.legacyreserves.com/rocky-mountain/> (Operates mostly in Texas)

M & K Oil Company LLC - [Oil and Gas | MKOil.net | United States](#)

Matrix Production Company - [Matrix Production Company Company Profile | Sugar Land, TX | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Maximus Operating, LTD - [Maximus Operating, Ltd | Longview, TX](#)

Merrion Oil and Gas Corp - [Merrion Oil & Gas: Home](#)

Mustang Resources LLC - [Mustang Resources: Home](#)

Navigation Powder River LLC - [Navigation Petroleum: Oil and Gas Exploration | Houston](#)

North Shore Exploration and Prod LLC - <http://www.northshoreenergyllc.com/>



North Silo Resources LLC - [North Silo Resources Llc | Wyoming Oil & Gas Producer Profile](#)

Petrox Resources Inc - [Petrox Resources Corp.](#)

Prima Exploration Inc - [Prima Exploration, Inc.](#)

Prime Operating Company - [Eastern Oil Well Service Company](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Rebellion Energy II LLC - [Rebellion Energy: Home](#)

Richardson Operating Company - [Richardson Operating Company Company Profile | Denver, CO | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Rki Exploration and Production LLC - <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rki-energy-resources/about/>

Rock Creek Resources LLC - [Rock Creek Resources – Focusing on Success...](#)

Signal Hill Company LLC - [Signal Hill Company, LLC Company Profile | Cody, WY | Competitors, Financials & Contacts - Dun & Bradstreet](#)

Slawson Exploration Company Inc - [Slawson Companies - Community Building and Development](#) (Operates mostly in North Dakota)

SM Energy Company - [SM Energy – Building open, honest and transparent relationships](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Stroud Petroleum Inc - [Stroud Exploration Company, LLC](#) (Operates mostly in Louisiana)

Team Operating LLC - [Team Operating: Home](#)

Texas American Resources Company - [Texas American Resources Company | Experienced Oil & Gas Professionals](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Unit Petroleum Company - [Unit Petroleum Company | Unit Corporation](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Valkyrie Operating LLC - [Valkyrie Operating, LLC Company Profile | Denver, CO | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Vaquero Big Horn LLC - [Vaquero Big Horn Llc | Wyoming Oil & Gas Producer Profile](#)

Whiterock Oil and Gas LLC - [White Rock Oil & Gas](#) (Mostly operates outside of the state)

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation - [Whiting: Progress Meets Value - Whiting Petroleum Corporation](#) (Mostly operates in North Dakota)

Wold Energy Partners LLC - [Wold Oil Properties, LLC](#)

XTO Energy Inc- [XTO Energy Inc.](#) (Mostly operates outside of the State)

***C-List Companies (Companies that have potential to donate but cannot donate as much as the other companies):***

Boaz Rockies Operating LLC - [Main Home - Boaz Energy II, LLC](#)

Bright Rock Energy LLC - [Environment and Sustainability - Deutsche Rohstoff](#)

Buffalo Resources LLC - [BUFFALO RESOURCES, LLC :: Kansas \(US\)](#)

Century Oil and Gas LLC - [Century Oil And Gas Llc | Wyoming Oil & Gas Producer Profile](#)

Chemily Management Company - [Chemily Information Management Company](#)

Cody Energy, Inc - [Cody Energy Inc Company Profile | Cody, WY | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Coleman Oil and Gas Inc - [Coleman Oil and Gas | Coleman Oil and Gas](#)

Evertson Operating Company, Inc - <https://evertson.com/>

Foundation Energy Management LLC - [Employee & Community Engagement | Foundation Energy Management](#)

GMT Exploration Company LLC - <https://www.gmtexploration.com/community/>

Grayson Mill Operating LLC - [Grayson Mill Energy, LLC – a Houston-based exploration and production company](#)

Great Western Drilling Company - [Great Western Drilling Company](#)

Green Reserve Energy Holdings LLC - [Green Reserve Energy Holdings LLC :: Wyoming \(US\)](#)

Gulf Exploration, LLC - [Gulf Exploration, LLC | Gulf Exploration, LLC](#)

Jay Management Company, LLC - [Jay Management Company, LLC Company Profile | Houston, TX | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Lario Oil and Gas Company- [Lario – 100 years of Industry Knowledge](#) (Operates mostly in Texas and Kansas)

Liberty Resources Management Co LLC - <http://www.libertyresourcesllc.com/> (Operates mostly in North Dakota)

Mega Energy LLC - [Mega Energy Home Page](#)

Mid-Con Energy Operating, LLC - [Mid-Con Energy Partners, LP](#)

Moncrief W A Jr - [Moncrief, WA, Jr. Oil / Gas Wells and Leases | Operator #575000](#)

Mull Drilling Company - [Mull Drilling Company - Wichita](#) (Operates mostly in Kansas and Colorado)

Murex Petroleum Company - [Murex Petroleum Corporation](#) (Operates mostly in North Dakota)

Osborn Heirs Company LTD - [Osborn Heirs Co Ltd - Company Profile and News](#)

Pine Havens Resources LLC - [Pine Haven Resources Llc | Wyoming Oil & Gas Producer Profile](#)

Red Tiger Oil and Gas - [Red Tiger Oil and Gas LLC :: Wyoming \(US\)](#)

Redbud E&P - [Home - Redbudinc](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Sabine Oil and Gas Corporation - [Oil & Gas | Sabine Oil & Gas | Houston, TX](#) (Operates mostly in Texas)

Seven Sisters Oil and Gas LLC -

<https://www.mineralanswers.com/wyoming/producers/seven-sisters-oil-gas-llc/4975>

Sunshine Valley Petroleum - [Sunshine Valley Petroleum | Wyoming Oil & Gas Producer Profile](#)

Synergy Offshore LLC - [Synergy Offshore |](#)

Three Forks Resources, LLC - [Three Forks Resources, LLC Company Profile | Wheat Ridge, CO | Competitors, Financials & Contacts](#)

Toc Oil Inc. - [TOC Oil Inc.](#)

Wellstar Corporation - [Home - Wellstar Corporation in Westminster, Colorado](#)