



UGBEP Advisory Council Meeting

Baker, Montana

September 18 – 19, 2023

Performance Measurements – Funds



Brief History – Capital Budgets

Prior to FY 2024

- Habitat fund
- Bird Planting fund
 - ✓ Pen-raised pheasants
 - ✓ Wild turkey transplants
 - ✓ Emergency supplemental feeding

Beginning FY 2024

- HB 74 “Eliminates the requirement to release pheasants from UGBEP”
- One fund for Habitat and Bird Planting



UGBEP Habitat Budget Recap – 2023 Biennium

- Beginning Balance: \$600,000
- Obligated: \$599,931
- Current Balance: \$69



UGBEP Budget Recap - 2025 Biennium

Beginning Balance: \$2,508,000

- License revenue: \$1,520,000
- Bird Planting: \$388,000
- Pittman-Robertson: \$600,000

Allocated: \$769,750

Available/unallocated: \$1,738,250

As of August 18, 2023



Partner Contract Statuses (FY24)

Partners / Beginning Date	Current Term	Years	Contract \$	Funding
PF Billings (BLM) 2008	Jul 1, 2023 – Sep 30, 2025	2.25	\$135,000	UGBEP \$67,500 (50%) WMA OPS \$67,500 (50%)
PF Mission Valley (USFWS) 2015	Jul 1, 2023 – Sep 30, 2025	2.25	\$28,125	UGBEP \$28,125
PF Denton (*CMCPF) 2008	Jul 1, 2022 – Jun 30, 2027	4.0	\$200,000	UGBEP \$50,000 (25%) PR \$150,000
PF MT Team (NRCS +) 2016	Oct 1, 2023- Sep 30, 2026	3.0	\$195,000	UGBEP \$30,000 (15%) MBWP \$165,000 (85%)
NWTF (USFWS) 2015	Jul 1, 2022 – Sep 30, 2026	4.0	\$160,000	UGBEP \$61,000 (38%) PR \$99,000
			\$715,125	\$236,625 (33%)

*CMCPF = Central Montana Chapter of Pheasants Forever

UGBEP Budget Recap – Administration

	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2019
UGBEP Ops	\$25,684	\$43,618	\$16,099	\$5,527	\$31,038
Council	\$10,719	\$11,724	\$800	\$6,895	\$10,847
TOTAL	\$36,403	\$55,342	\$16,899	\$12,422	\$41,885



Voluntary Public Access-Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) Grant Balance

Grant Award (late fall 2020): \$1,595,804.20

Successfully secured a one-year no cost extension.

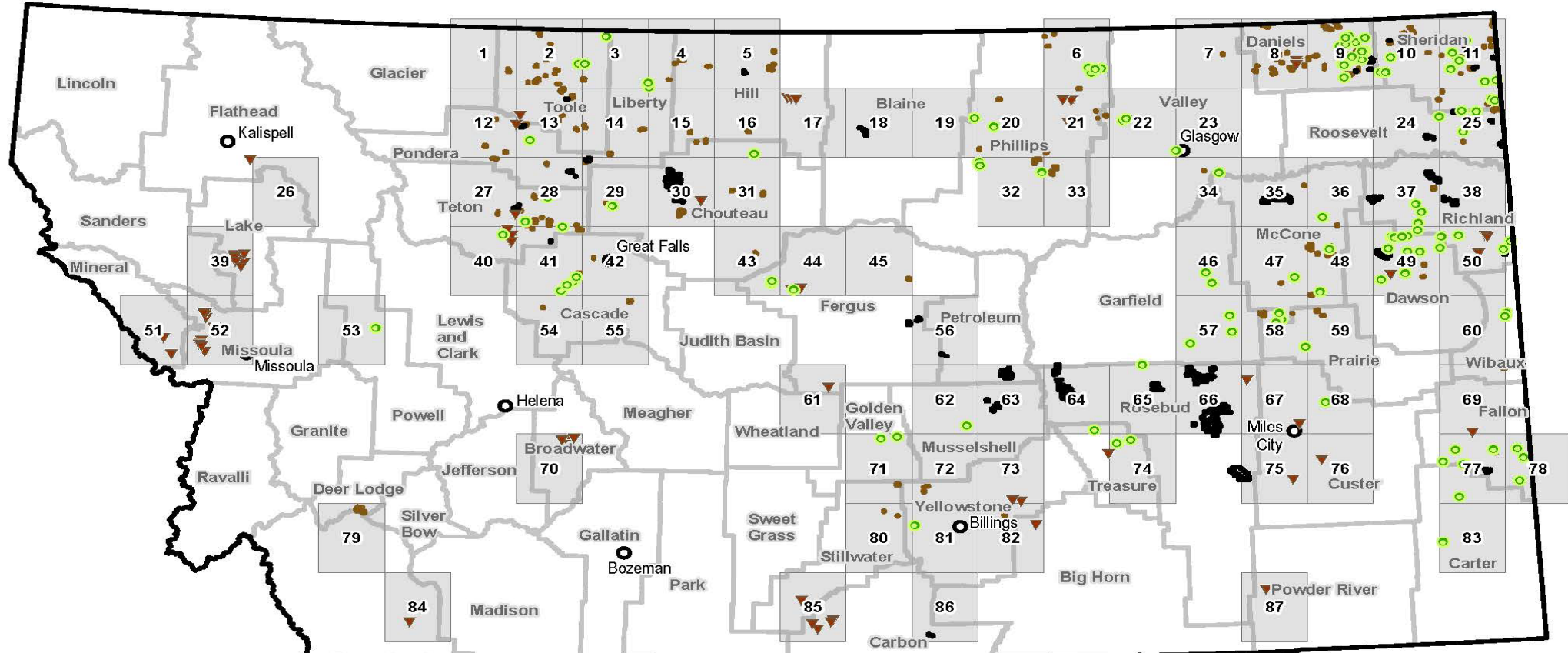
By March 31, 2024, the grant balance will be \$0



Performance Measurements – Contracts FY 23



Active UGBEP Projects (July 29, 2023)



- ▼ Public Land Project
- Project Located on Block Management Area (BMA) - See BMA Guide
- ▨ Private Land Project - No Permission Needed for Game Bird Hunting
- ▨ Private Land Project - Permission Needed
- County Border
- # Map Page



Active Projects Summary

Over 460 active projects

350,000 enhanced habitat acres

Provides 800,000 of enhanced access acres



Open Fields For Game Bird Hunters

- Voluntary Public Access – Habitat Incentive Program Grant
- Expand hunting access on private lands
- Targeted mailing to landowners with CRP, including Block Management cooperators, UGBEP cooperators, and State DNRC lessees. All regions.



Open Fields – 2023 Enrollment Summary (Tentative)

- # Applicants: 66 applications evaluated
 - 42 OF contracts enrolled
 - 16 not eligible for VPA-HIP (14 BMA, 2 DNRC) = reviewed for UGBEP HML eligibility
 - 7 not eligible/already enrolled
 - 1 pending



Open Fields – 2023 Enrollment Summary (Tentative)

Enrolled Acres in 2023, to date

- CRP/HML: 8,558 habitat acres
- Access: 12,992 acres
- Average contract length = 9 years
- Estimated annual hunter-days: 3,150
- Tentative expenditures: \$397,842



UGBHEP– 2023 Contract Summary (Tentative)

Enrolled acres in 2023, to date:

- Contracts: 54
- 2 State Lands Projects
- 38 Block Management Projects
- 12 Walk-in
- 2 by phone



UGBHEP– Project Type Summary

Project Type	# Projects	# Habitat Acres
Cover Crop Mgt Lease	2	165
CRP Add-On Lease	17	4,207
Disking Project	3	680
Diverse Seed Mix	6	323
Grain Stubble Management	1	320



UGBHEP– Project Type Summary—cont'd

Project Type	# Projects	# Habitat Acres
Habitat Management Lease	15	1,802
Habitat Management Management & Fence	2	178
HML + Mig. Bird Wetland Program	2	407
Interseeding Project	2	360
Managed Grazing + Fence	1	160



UGBHEP– Project Type Summary—Cont'd

Project Type	# Projects	# Habitat Acres
Managed Hay Lease	4	593
Shelterbelt(s)	1	3
Standing Grain	2	42
Weed Management	17	2,039
Winter Food / Cover Plots	7	59



UGHBEP– 2023 Project Summary (Tentative)

Enrolled Acres in 2023, to date

- Projects: 82
- Habitat Acres: 11,338
- Access Acres: 48,948



UGBEP– 2023 Field Season Summary (OF + UGBHEP)

Contracts: 96

Projects: 128

Habitat Acres: 19,896

Access Acres: 61,940



UGBEP– Expired Contracts 2023

Expired Contracts: 74

Habitat Acres expired: 11,822

Access Acres expired: 122,188

Renewed Contracts: 39

Habitat: 6,549 acres

Access: 75,679 acres



UGBEP– Active Public Land Projects

Agency	# Projects	Habitat Acres	Access Acres
BLM	5	1,107	26,623
DNRC	8	1,556	16,601
FWP - FAS	4	896	2,124
State Park	1	120	180
USFS	17	179,801	183,216
USFWS	10	1,220	4,227
FWP - WMA	7	595	39,854
	52	185,295	272,825



Pheasant Releases



2023

- **3 Applicants, 2 Contracts**
- **153 pheasants released**
- **Total cost: \$2,145.25**
- **Access: 410 ac + 10K-acre BMA**



**UPLAND GAME BIRD
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

PRIVATE PROPERTY
**PERMISSION
REQUIRED**

Hunters must obtain landowner
permission to hunt game birds before
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THANK YOU

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