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## ***British Columbia Under Pressure to Match Alberta's Stunning Announcement***

September 30, 2015

### **Greetings!**

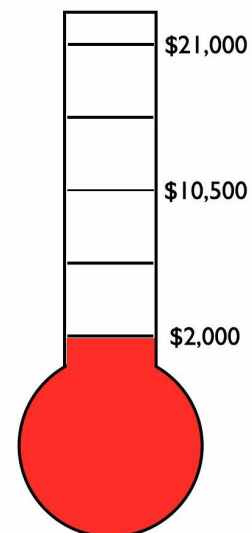
As reported in our last edition, on September 4, the province of Alberta designated the 250,000-acre Castle Provincial Park and Wildland. This historic event begs the obvious observation and question:

***When will British Columbia protect its portion of the Crown of the Continent?***

Here are the "stats"

- Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta (Est. 1895; 124,800 ac. / 50,504 ha)
- Glacier National Park in Montana (Est. 1910; 1.2 million ac. / 485,623 ha)
- Bob Marshall Wilderness (Est. 1964; 1 million ac. / 408,471 ha )
- Great Bear Wilderness (Est. 1978; 286,700 ac / 116, 023 ha)
- Castle Provincial Park and Wildland (Est. 2015, 250,000 ac / 101,171 ha)

### **2015 Fundraising Goal**



***Thanks for Your Support!***

*Headwaters Montana must raise \$21,000 by the stroke of midnight, December 31, in order to meet the IRS required individual donor*

The Akamina-Kishinena Provincial Park in BC immediately north of Glacier Park protects only 26,986 ac (10,921 ha).

**Total protected acreage in Alberta: 374,800 ac (151,676 ha)**

**Total protected acreage in Montana: 2,486,700 ac (1,006,332 ha)**

**Total protected acreage in B.C.: 26,986 ac (10,921 ha)**

The map below best illustrates the gaping hole in this regional and growing conservation success story.

The good news is that the B.C. government is finally beginning to move. They have agreed to "find options" to protect the wildlife corridor. *Headwaters Montana* as part of the Flathead Wild Team has a voice at the table. We are very optimistic for resolution of this issue in 2016!

Cheers!



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match. Will you please [donate](#) today!

Here's what's on our plate for 2016:

~ Help our Flathead Wild campaign complete the Wildlife Management Area and Waterton Park expansion

~ Get the [Whitefish Range Wilderness proposal](#) introduced in Congress

~ Protect the North Fork Flathead from logging in BC

~ Resolve Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area issue

~ Achieve Kootenai Forest "Common Ground" wilderness recommendations

~ Protect wildlands through Flathead Forest planning

~ Protect open space in the Flathead Valley

~ And lots more!!

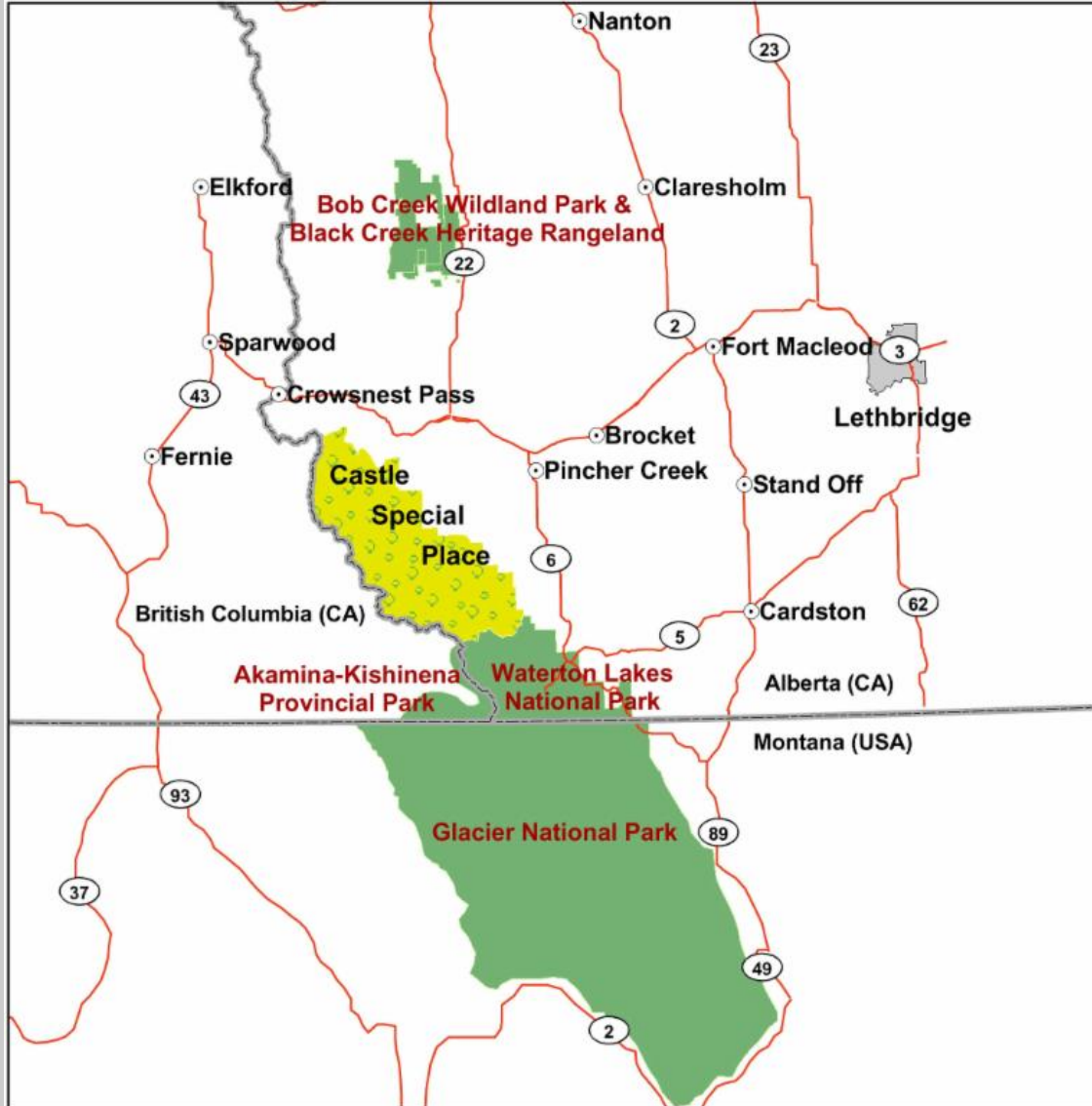
Your [donation](#) will get us to our goal!

***Thank you!***

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## ***The Context of Conservation***

### ***British Columbia Failing to Meet Regional Conservation Opportunity***



(Map Source: Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative [www.y2y](http://www.y2y))

This map demonstrates how British Columbia continues to fall farther and farther behind in protecting biodiversity and Nature in the Crown of the Continent. The "Castle Special Place" represents the new 250,000 acre (101,171 ha) Castle Provincial Park and Wildland. The U.S. and Montana have protected over 2.5 million acres (1,011,714 ha)

*Headwaters Montana* continues to work with the [Flathead Wild Team](#) to fill in the mission piece of Waterton Lakes National Park, and establish a legislated Wildlife Management Area (WMA) from the border to Banff National Park in Alberta.

The BC government has begun to address this major gap in conservation. The government committed in early 2015 to protecting the wildlife corridor. Flathead Wild and other stakeholders are directly engaged with the BC government to determine the boundary and management of the WMA.

# Thank You!

*Please [click here](#)  
to help us reach our 2015  
fundraising goal of \$21,000!*



**The Flathead Wild Map:** This map depicts the WMA and new national park in the BC Flathead. Not shown are the proposed Whitefish Range Wilderness or three additional wilderness areas proposed for B.C. *(We are working on a revised map that shows these additional conservation protections.)*

**The Flathead Wild conference room**  
~ 2015 in the Elk Valley, BC

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