



Blackfoot Challenge - MT
Dept. of Natural Resources
and Conservation (DNRC)

A long-standing partnership



Blackfoot Challenge

Incorporated as an NGO – 1993

Mission: To coordinate efforts to conserve and enhance the natural resources and rural way of life in the Blackfoot watershed for present and future generations.

Summary: 10 Fulltime staff, 30 person board, 1.6 million annual budget (including fulltime a forester and prescribed fire coordinator)



Since 2011

Over 200 different projects /
landowners across the
watershed – supported by
DNRC funding

- ▶ Over \$1 million in grant funding since 2011
- ▶ Recent: 1.43 million in a Community Wildfire Defense Grant
(fuels reduction and Rx fire)



▶ Approx. \$ 500,000 million in Match (cash and in-kind)



▶ Over 3,000 acres treated



- Average cost to the grants = \$500 / acre for treatments