

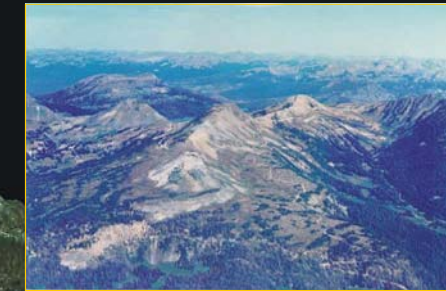
Gallatin National Forest Land Consolidation: 1984-2004

Twenty Years of Progress in Preparing for the Future

The Northern Yellowstone Elk Project and Royal Teton Ranch Purchases preserved wildlife habitat.



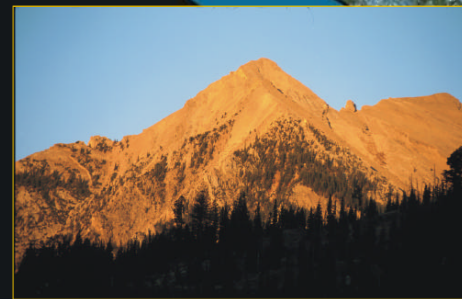
Lands near Cooke City were protected via the New World Consent Decree, saving prime alpine habitat.



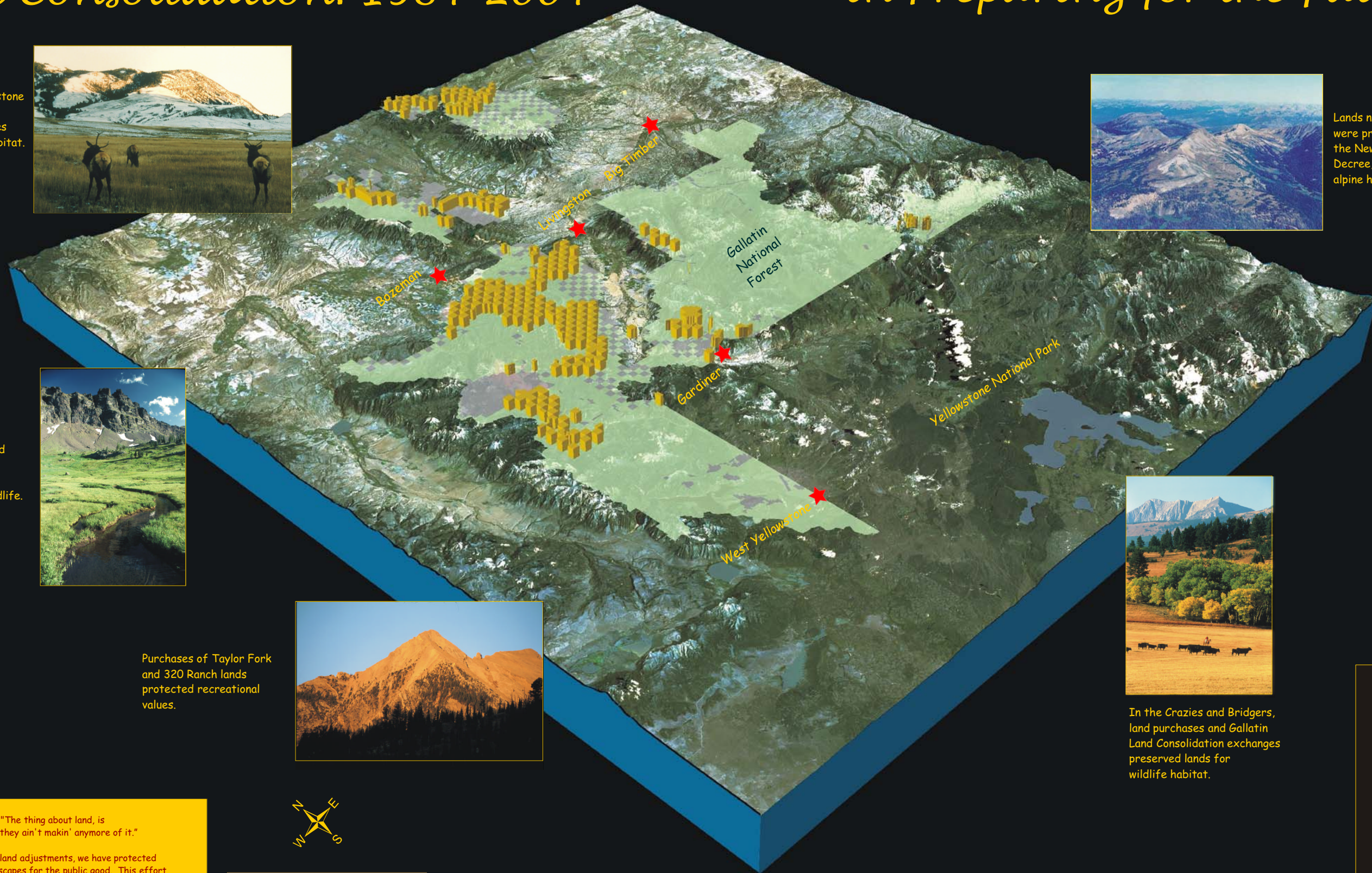
South Cottonwood and Porcupine Purchases protected lands vital to recreation and wildlife.



Purchases of Taylor Fork and 320 Ranch lands protected recreational values.



In the Crazies and Bridgers, land purchases and Gallatin Land Consolidation exchanges preserved lands for wildlife habitat.



Mark Twain said: "The thing about land, is they ain't makin' anymore of it."

Through these historic land adjustments, we have protected ecosystems across landscapes for the public good. This effort required all of us to work harder in more creative ways and required active support from our partners and the public. We should all take tremendous pride in this work. It will benefit generations to come.

Becki Heath, Forest Supervisor March 2004



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Land ownership data are from the Gallatin National Forest library. For clarity, some small parcels are not shown. Locations of acquired lands are approximate.

Poster by Gina Gahagan, Jackie Riley, and Henry Shovic, Gallatin National Forest. Photography from Gallatin National Forest files and individuals.

This landscape is derived from LANDSAT satellite imagery, with relief added from a digital elevation model. Gallatin National Forest lands are shown in light-green with acquired lands shown in gold. The gray areas represent lands within the Forest boundary that are not in public ownership. Over a period of twenty years, the Gallatin National Forest has acquired over 143,000 acres for the American people.

