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In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service policy, an environmental assessment and land protection plan have been prepared to analyze the effects of expanding the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Area in western Montana.

- The environmental assessment analyzes the environmental effects of expanding the project boundary of the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Area.
- The Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Area expansion land protection plan describes the priorities for acquiring 125,000 acres in conservation easements within the expanded project boundary.

Both documents, which stand alone, are contained within this volume.

Note: Information contained in the maps within these documents is approximate and does not represent a legal survey. Ownership information may not be complete.

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Abbreviations

BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BMU	bear management units
CA	Conservation Area
CoCE	Crown of the Continent Ecosystem
EA	environmental assessment
FONSI	finding of no significant impact
Front	Rocky Mountain Front
FTE	full-time equivalent
GNLCC	Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative
LCC	landscape conservation cooperative
LPP	land protection plan
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
MFWP	Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
MTNHP	Montana Natural Heritage Program
NCDE	Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem
NEAT	National Ecological Assessment Team
NEPA	National Environmental Protection Act
NHPA	National Environmental Protection Act
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
PFW	Partners for Fish and Wildlife
Service	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
SHC	strategic habitat conservation
SWAP	Small Wetlands Acquisition Program
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey

