



HOAS & HABITAT

Conserving wildlife habitat in HOA open spaces.

Project Partners |



**PORCUPINE
PARK HOA**

10 | Years

69 | Landowners

179 | Landowner Hours

315 | Acres Treated

497 | Pounds of Weeds Pulled

\$95,525 | Value to HOAs



2023 EFFORTS

THREATS TO WILDLIFE

In the Big Sky area, habitat fragmentation and loss are fundamental threats to wildlife survival. Widespread disturbance to ecosystems, like the impacts caused by development, significantly reduces the ability of wildlife to find the food, water, cover, and places to raise young that they need to survive.

The threat of invasive species to wildlife habitat (forage reduction, changes in water quality and availability, and disruption of seasonal migration patterns) is only increasing as Big Sky continues to grow.

TIME TO ACT

In response, Grow Wild initiated our Habitat Owners Association program to manage invasive plants in HOA open space for the benefit of wildlife.

Partnering with HOAs and the Gallatin County Weed District, Grow Wild aims to enhance wildlife habitat in HOA open space by leading an invasive species management effort for a three-year period. The goal is to provide the HOA with education and technical assistance to kick start habitat improvement.

PORCUPINE PARK

Porcupine Park is a 460-acre subdivision with 160 acres of total open space.

Preserved in perpetuity, these open spaces are traditional migration paths for the Porcupine Park elk herd and are critical calving sites in the spring.

Landowners see elk, deer, black and grizzly bears, moose, and other wildlife year round throughout the development.

2023 EFFORT

On July 18, four landowners joined three Grow Wild team members and two Weed District staff to treat approximately 51 acres or prime year-round elk habitat. The treatment value of this effort totaled \$4,160.

2023 marks the end of the three year effort to assist Porcupine Park HOA in improving this critical elk habitat. The landowners have seen the transformation and are dedicated to continue managing invasive species for the benefit of the beloved local elk herd.