

People and Carnivores' Conflict Prevention Program

Grizzly bears and black bears, mountain lions, and wolves roam western Montana on lands where agricultural producers raise chickens, cows, sheep, and other livestock, as well as fruit and vegetable crops. These activities can draw in large carnivores looking for an easy meal, which in turn creates the risk of livestock and crop loss.

People and Carnivores works to prevent these potential conflicts. For more than 15 years, we have designed, deployed, and monitored loss prevention tools unique to each situation. When possible, we also help producers utilize simple practices to protect livestock and crops. People and Carnivores is committed to keeping you, your livestock, and your property safe, and large carnivores in the wild.

People and Carnivores:

- Conducts risk assessments on your property
- Designs and implements prevention solutions, including electric fencing, fladry, scare devices, livestock guardian dogs, range riders, and more; and helps monitor results
- Considers cost-sharing on certain projects

"Last year, I had bears getting into my orchard and vineyard and needed to put an electric fence around them. People and Carnivores not only helped me design and install the fence, they helped me find the resources to do it." – Producer, Arlee, MT



If you are concerned about current or future large carnivore presence on your property, contact us to see how we can help: info@PeopleAndCarnivores.org

For resources, manuals, and guides to solutions you can apply on your own, visit:

[PeopleAndCarnivores.org/Learn](https://www.PeopleAndCarnivores.org/Learn)



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Conflict and Loss Prevention for Farmers and Ranchers



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People and Carnivores implements conflict prevention solutions that work for people and wildlife

Electric Fencing

One of the best ways to secure property and prevent conflicts with carnivores is to install an electric fence. Every electric fence project is unique, and it can be permanent or temporary. Whether around a calving pasture or a chicken coop, a grain silo or fruit orchard, properly electrified fences have proven effective at excluding wildlife.

People and Carnivores' Electric Fencing Services:

- Property assessment and consultation on fence design
- Installation assistance
- Help find funding opportunities and cost-share programs
- Monitoring and long-term maintenance



Fladry

Fladry is an effective short-term tool to reduce conflict between wolves and livestock. Fladry—flags interspersed on a single strand of wire—is a portable barrier installed around livestock pastures or holding areas. The flags serve as random movement that deters wolves. By electrifying the fladry, a wolf testing the fence will receive an electric shock.

People and Carnivores' Fladry Services:

- Consultation on fladry deployment
- Equipment loans
- Installation assistance
- Maintenance planning



Livestock Guardian Dogs

Livestock guardian dogs (LGDs) can help with livestock management and predator deterrence. They pair well with riders if you use riders, invisible fencing, and other situations. LGDs are specific breeds of dogs bred and trained to bond to livestock. They keep an eye out for potential threats and use escalating aggression behaviors to deter carnivores.

People and Carnivores' LGD Services:

- Consultation on LGD breeds to fit your situation
- Support finding breeders and cost-share programs for LGDs
- LGD training toolkits
- GPS tracking collars



Loaner Toolkits

If you need tools for a short period of time or need to quickly respond to carnivore presence, temporary use of deterrents can be an effective way to prevent conflict. People and Carnivores can loan you a curated set of tools for your situation.



People and Carnivores' Toolkits Include Items Like:

- Temporary electric fence kits with energizers
- Visual scare devices (Foxlights)
- Audio scare devices (Critter Gitters, Margo Gadflies, outdoor radios, or air horns)

Bear spray and training canisters may also be available, along with additional tools and resources.

