



Water Marketing in Montana Today: Buying Water for Fish

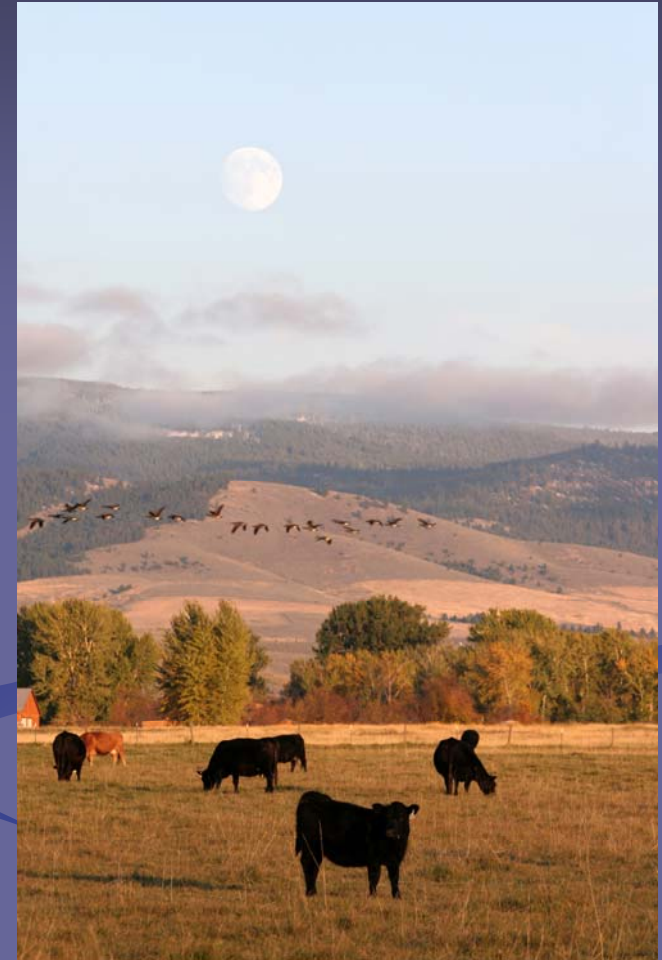
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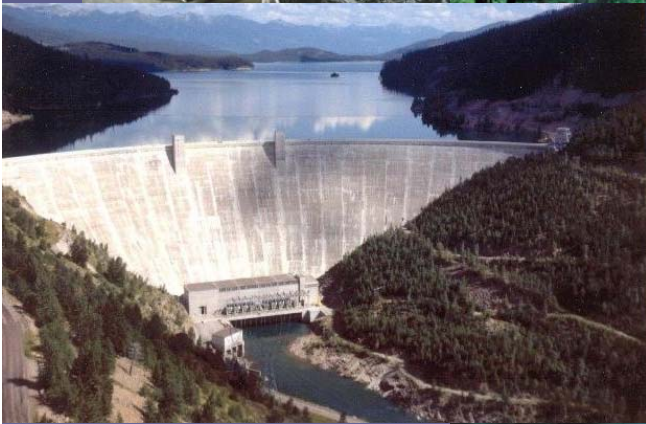
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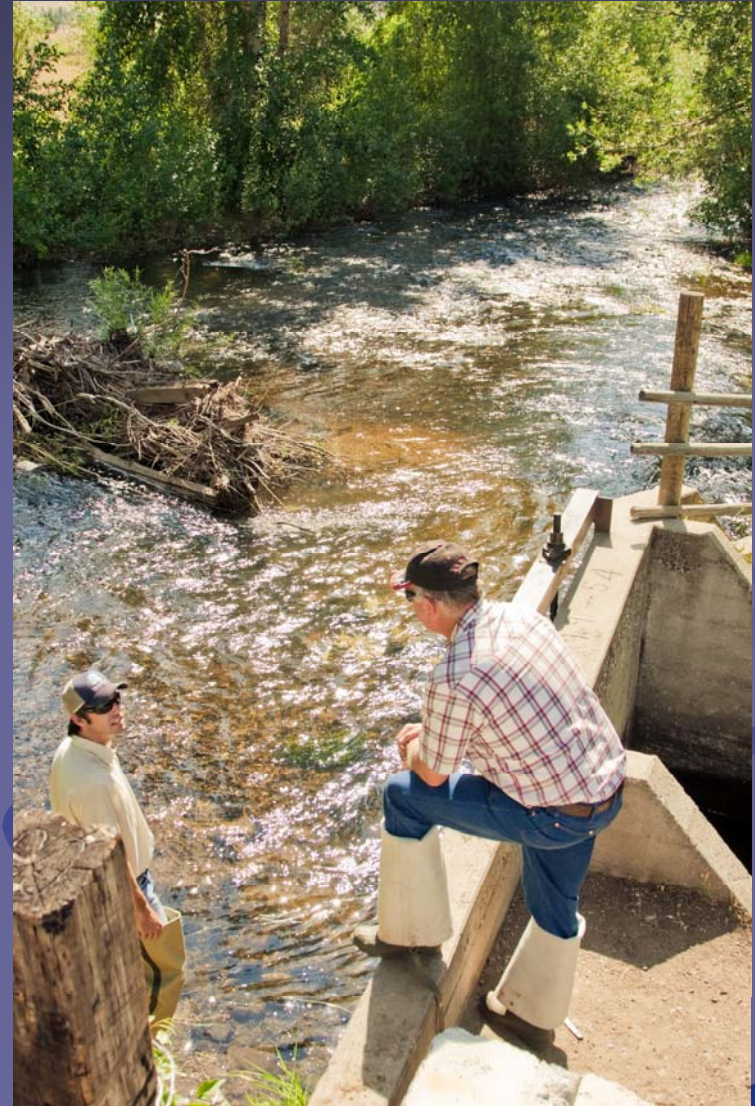
Outline

- The basics
- The water trust movement
- The process
- The results
- The money
- The future





The Private Water Trust Movement



The Water Transaction Process

- identify priority streams
- outreach to landowners
- water rights due diligence
- negotiate agreement w/landowner
- secure funding and finalize contract
- DNRC administrative process
- financial closing
- compliance monitoring
- reporting to funder
- communications/marketing



The Results



The Money

\$ Federal regulation

\$ State restoration funds

\$ Private foundations

\$ Individual and corporate donations

\$ Private sector (?)



The Future

- Allow permanent changes!
- Establish incentives
- Step up enforcement
- Support water conservation and efficiency projects
- Close loopholes

