



Tribal Highlight



Colville Tribes Restoring Canada Lynx to the Kettle Range



Colville Tribes
Mark Major Milestone
in Lynx Restoration

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The goal at the beginning of the project in 2021 was to relocate up to 50 wápupxn (Canada lynx) to the reservation within the five years allocated.



To date, 46 wápupxn have been released onto reservation land. This spring, the lynx team confirmed live lynx kittens in the Kettles for the first time in 40 years, a momentous event.

Steps to Lynx Recovery



The Colville Tribes, with Canadian trappers and conservation partners, are relocating live Canada lynx from British Columbia to the Kettle Range, tracking each with GPS collars to monitor movement, habitat use, and breeding.

1. Live-trap in B.C. with local trappers
2. Relocate to the Colville Reservation release sites
3. GPS-track movements, habitat use & breeding
4. Augment population — goal 50 lynx in 5 years
5. Long-term monitoring & protection by Colville Tribes



Why it Matters

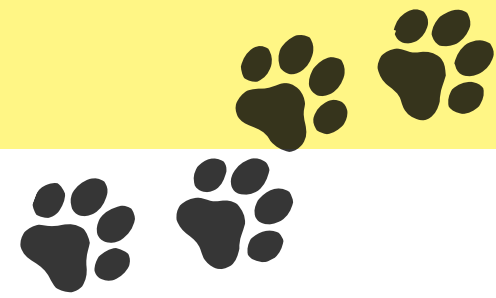
Bringing wápupxn (lynx) back to the Kettle Range restores balance to the ecosystem, supports a self-sustaining population, and honors the Colville Tribes' cultural heritage. This project shows how collaboration can recover threatened species while protecting ancestral lands.



This baseline data will inform future conservation and management strategies, especially as climate change intensifies environmental pressures on the watershed.

What Else?

The Colville Tribes consider it a priority to contribute to the recovery and management of threatened and endangered and other priority species by conducting feasibility studies and re-establishing wildlife populations throughout their historic native range on the Reservation, North Half and Aboriginal Territories.



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