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THE ROCKIES' WILD CORRIDOR

FROM YELLOWSTONE TO YUKON

150th ANNIVERSARY OF YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

A 4x52' & 4x43' Documentary Series
Directed by Stéphane JACQUES





In 1872, Yellowstone National Park was created. It was **the first natural park in the world**. To-day, as **we celebrate the 150th anniversary of this park in 2022**, we must once again turn our eyes to this part of the world to observe the deployment of a revolutionary initiative, a new concept of nature conservation, the Yellowstone to Yukon corridor, which preserves the heritage of Yellowstone Park.



Through the success stories of **four emblematic animals** (bison, grizzly, woodland caribou, wolf), we follow this immense 2000 mile corridor of life through the four episodes of this series and discover how this corridor is working to preserve the Rocky Mountain ecosystem, in close collaboration with Canadian Indian and First Nations tribes.



On a continental scale

The Yellowstone to Yukon - Y2Y - initiative aims to preserve **the world's largest remaining functioning mountain ecosystem**, the Rocky Mountain ecosystem, from Yellowstone National Park in the U.S. states of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho to the Yukon Territory in the far northwest of Canada.



“What we have with the Rockies is rare, the almost complete presence of all the large mammals that evolved there before the arrival of European settlement. If you look at the large mountain ecosystems on the planet, this is really the last one to still be in this condition”

Paul Paquet International specialist in large carnivores,
University of Victoria, IUCN, WWF

The series

Each episode will take place in a different part of the Y2Y, with distinctive landscapes that are deeply rooted in the collective imagination. Each episode will highlight a specific issue to which this new conservation policy, the giant corridors, is trying to respond. Connectivity, climate change, taking into account economic interests...

Each episode will also highlight the key to the success of such initiatives: the participation of local populations. Here, in first place: the Native American tribes and the Canadian First Nations.

With these 4 episodes, each time centered on a «hot spot» and a success story of the «Y to Y», we will go up from the South to the North of this giant corridor.

In the southern part of the corridor, in the middle of the high plateaus and geyser-strewn prairies, researchers, together with the «Y to Y» and the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes, are expanding the space allocated to the Yellowstone Park bison to allow them to once again play their role as great engineers of the ecosystem.



On the U.S.-Canadian border in the Cabinet Mountains area, scientists, along with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, have been reuniting fragmented grizzly bear populations for nearly 20 years to ensure the sustainability and genetic diversity of the species.

In the Canadian forests around the Peace River Break in British Columbia, the West Moberly and Saulteau First Nations and scientists are working to ensure the survival of one of the last remaining woodland caribou herds by restoring critical forest habitat for the species.

Finally, in the far north of the Yukon, in a landscape of steppe and tundra, the «Y to Y» with the Na-Cho Nyäk Dun and Gwich'in First Nations, is helping to protect a **huge climate refuge** where the fauna and flora of the Yukon will be able to withstand the accelerated warming that is occurring in the boreal regions and where the wolf will once again be able to play its role as a regulator of the entire ecosystem.



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