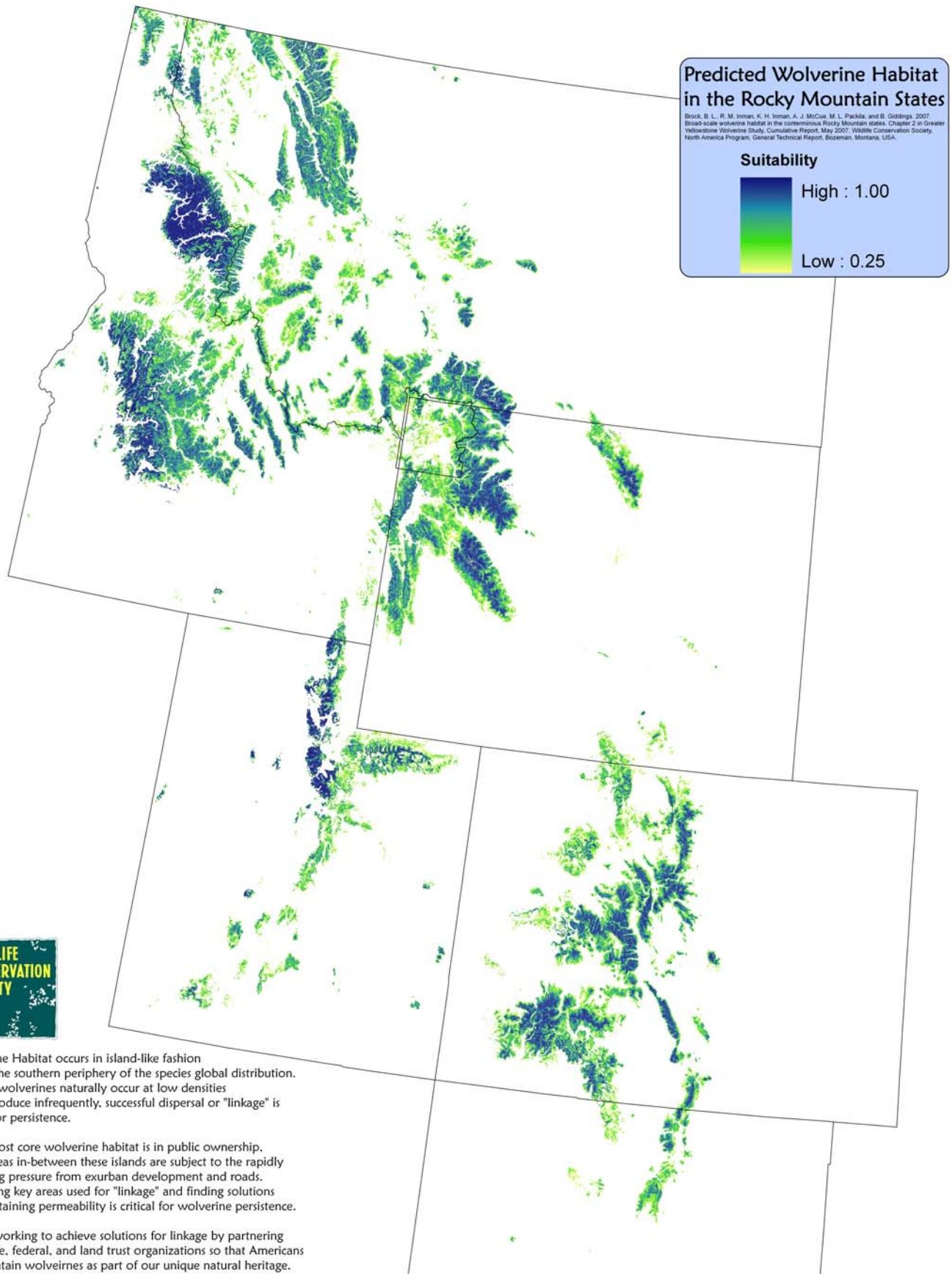


# *Wolverines (Gulo gulo): A Metapopulation Dependent on "Linkage."*



Wolverine Habitat occurs in island-like fashion here at the southern periphery of the species global distribution. Because wolverines naturally occur at low densities and reproduce infrequently, successful dispersal or "linkage" is critical for persistence.

While most core wolverine habitat is in public ownership, many areas in-between these islands are subject to the rapidly increasing pressure from exurban development and roads. Identifying key areas used for "linkage" and finding solutions for maintaining permeability is critical for wolverine persistence.

WCS is working to achieve solutions for linkage by partnering with state, federal, and land trust organizations so that Americans can maintain wolverines as part of our unique natural heritage.