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**United States
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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Introduction

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on non-federal lands. Partnerships with Native American tribes, state and local governments, nongovernmental organizations and private citizens are a critical part of our mission. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, and individual partnership activities are the primary mechanisms for assisting voluntary habitat development on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System of 540 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The Service also manages 78 ecological services field stations, 69 National Fish Hatcheries and 64 fishery resource offices.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The Service also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state wildlife agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges and related projects across America.

The Service employs approximately 7,500 people at facilities across the United States. The Service is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., seven geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.

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Regional Highlights

Great Lakes - Big Rivers

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

Regional Vision Statement

“We will work shoulder to shoulder with states, tribes and our many other partners to achieve our goal of making the Region a better place for fish and wildlife and the people who enjoy them.”

2002 Regional Facts

- Employment: 1,088 people
- Managed Acres: 1.29 million
- The Fiscal Year 2002 Budget for Regional Service activities totals \$75.7 million
- More than 126,000 school children participated in Service educational programs
- More than 7.5 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- Region 3 is the national lead coordinator for recovery efforts of the bald eagle and gray wolf

Refuge Program Facts

- 52 National Wildlife Refuges
- 15 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 280,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- The Refuge System will celebrate “***A Century of Conservation***” on March 14, 2003

Other Regional Programs and Offices

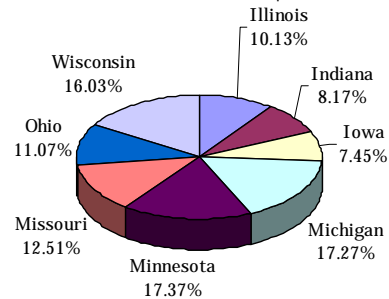
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 10 Fisheries stations
- 10 Ecological Services offices
- 22 Law Enforcement offices

Federal Aid Program

In Fiscal Year 2002, the Region’s Federal Aid Office managed \$96.7 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the states within Region 3.

Federal Aid Apportionments FY2002

Region 3 States’ Share of \$96.7 Million:



The Region is Committed to:

- Expanded partnerships, which offer innovative opportunities to enhance the Region’s fish and wildlife resources
- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species (migratory birds, endangered species and interjurisdictional fish) populations, and habitats that support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- A clearly defined U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation’s rich diversity and providing quality service and decision-making to the resources in our trust



Minnesota

State Highlights

2002 Minnesota State Facts

- The Service employs more than 400 people in Minnesota, and about half of those are at the Regional Office at Ft. Snelling.
- The Fiscal Year 2002 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Minnesota totals \$35.5 million

National Wildlife Refuge Facts

- 12 National Wildlife Refuges totaling 206,993 acres
- Eight Wetland Management Districts totaling 332,694 acres (including easements)
- In 2002, more than 4.2 million people visited refuges and wetland districts in Minnesota to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife
- 43,466 school children participated in Service educational programs

Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

- In 2002 Minnesota received:
 - \$11.0 million for sport fish restoration
 - \$5.7 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education
- Wildlife Restoration Act funds supported the acquisitions of land which provide critical habitat for a wide variety of species, including the state's largest population of Blanding's turtles. Listed as a threatened species in Minnesota, the turtles attract many wildlife watchers during the summer.

Review Shows Minnesota Ranks High in Federal Funds Accountability

A recent Department of Interior review shows the Minnesota DNR is among the most accountable in the nation at ensuring federal conservation monies are being used to benefit fish and wildlife in the state. The review examined a 2000 audit of Minnesota DNR's compliance with federal rules on \$43.6 million in grants provided them during state fiscal years 1998 and 1999. The review showed the agency had "zero questioned dollars," which indicates the agency has the proper systems in place to comply with federal rules.

Recovering the Higgins' Eye Pearly Mussel

In 2000 and 2001, 471 adult Higgins' eye were relocated to the Twin Cities reach of the Upper Mississippi River. Adults were monitored in fall, 2002; survival was high and gravid females were found, indicating the relocation is so far successful. In addition, 180 mussels born last summer and relocated to a marked cage in the Lower St. Croix River had excellent survival and growth.

In 2002, the Mussel Conservation Team constructed host fish cages; collected females; installed 55 cages with inoculated host fish in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois; released 3,300 glochidia inoculated fish in Iowa and Wisconsin; cleaned and stockpiled 547 adult Higgins' eye in Illinois and Wisconsin; and, monitored Higgins' eye mussels in cages and at two adult relocation sites.



Minnesota

Celebrating a Century of Conservation

March 14, 2003 will mark the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Established in 1903 when President Teddy Roosevelt set aside tiny Pelican Island in Florida as a refuge for birds, the National Wildlife Refuge System has evolved to encompass more than 95 million acres in 540 refuges.

There are 52 refuges in Region 3, and 12 in Minnesota. Our nation's most-visited refuge, the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, runs through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa.

The refuge system also includes Wetland Management Districts in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in the Dakotas and Montana. These districts are home to numerous waterfowl production areas that help sustain our nation's waterfowl populations.

Beginning March 14 and continuing through the Centennial year, refuges and wetland management districts in the region will celebrate with special events, including time capsule dedications, open houses, refuge tours, new exhibits and film festivals. More than 150 events are planned in the region.

National Wildlife Refuges are unique in the public lands system in that they are the only parcels of land managed primarily for wildlife. This approach has enabled the refuge system to grow into a network of land and water that provides homes for threatened and endangered species such as whooping cranes, bald eagles and gray

wolves. The refuge system also provides breeding, nesting and feeding grounds for a wide variety of migratory birds.

Refuges are also fantastic resources for educators. During the school year, thousands of students of all ages visit refuges. Rangers and outdoor educators provide on-the-ground education for students from all walks of life.

While refuges are places where wildlife comes first, they offer unparalleled wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities. Many offer hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation.

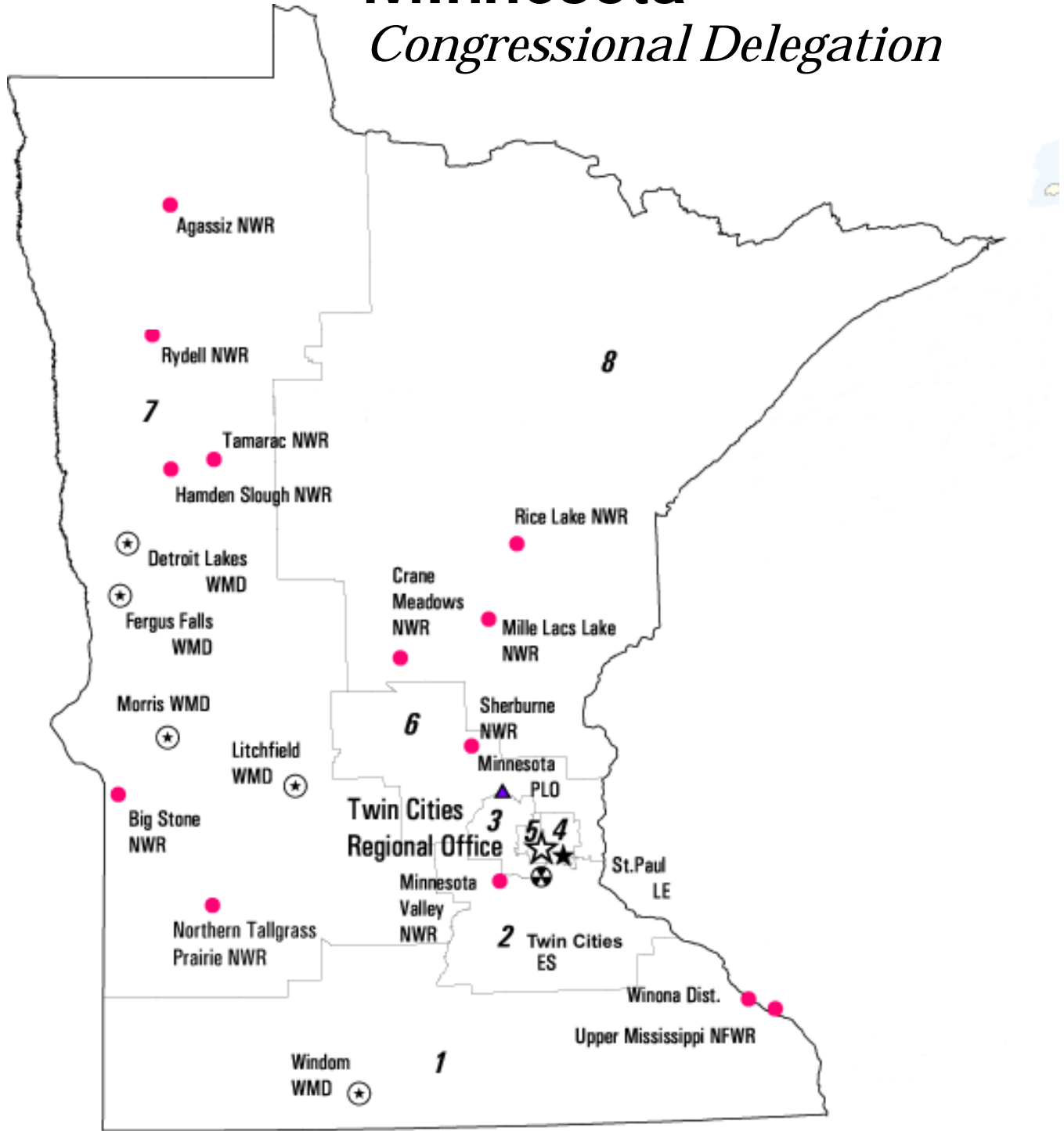
Centennial events in 2003 will be great opportunities to visit your local refuges. Each state in Region 3 has at least one major Centennial event scheduled. For information on attending a refuge event, contact your local refuge manager.





Minnesota

Congressional Delegation



Minnesota Senators and Representatives

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Sen. Norm Coleman (R)
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MN-1 Gil Gutknecht (R)
MN-2 John Kline (R)
MN-3 Jim Ramstad (R)

MN-4 Betty McCollum (D)
MN-5 Martin Olav Sabo (D)
MN-6 Mark Kennedy (R)
MN-7 Collin Peterson (D)
MN-8 Jim Oberstar (D)



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Agassiz

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

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Middle River, MN 56737
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Margaret Anderson
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Located 12 miles north of
Thief River Falls and
11 miles east on County Road 7



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1937
- Acres: 61,500 (4,000 in wilderness)
- Refuge name changed from Mud Lake Migratory Waterfowl Refuge in 1961
- Maintains a resident moose herd

Natural History

- First drainage district organized to convert the marshes into arable land in 1909
- Approximately \$1 million had been spent on the drainage system by 1933
- Tax assessments forced the state legislature to absorb the drainage taxes and authorize the land to be purchased as a wildlife refuge
- The refuge lies in the bed of glacial Lake Agassiz in a transition zone between coniferous forests and the prairie pothole region
- Supports 280 species of birds and 49 species of mammals

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Nine-person staff
- 20,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$682,950

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education
- Conduct research

Management Tools

- Wetland vegetation management
- Prescribed burning
- Water management
- Grassland management
- Wetland restoration

Public Use Opportunities

- Wildlife observation
- Environmental education
- Auto tour route
- Hunting (big game)
- Two hiking trails
- Visitor center
- Minnesota Moose Mystery Website
<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/agassiz/moose.html>





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Big Stone

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

Rural Route 1, Box 25
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TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Brett Wehrle
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*Located three miles southeast of
Ortonville, Minnesota, on Highway 7*

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1975
- Acres: 11,521
- Part of the Big Stone-Whetstone River Project of Minnesota and South Dakota
- Land originally purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and transferred to the Service

Natural History

- Refuge consists of wetlands and grasslands located in the tallgrass prairie life zone
- Contains more than 6,000 acres of grassland, including large tracts of native prairie
- Major waterfowl production and migration area
- Maintains the only population of ball cactus in Minnesota
- Refuge serves as a wintering area for as many as 1,200 whitetail deer
- Unique features include the lichen covered granite outcrops for which the refuge was named
- Maintains a population of reintroduced river otters

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Nine-person staff
- 30,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$405,000

Refuge Objectives

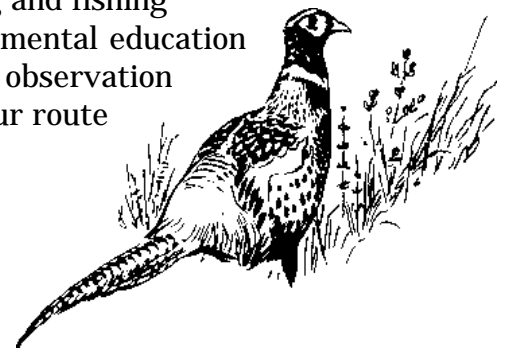
- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Prescribed burning
- Outreach and education
- Water level management
- Wetland and grassland restoration
- Cooperative farming
- Acquisition from willing sellers
- Private landowner partnerships
- Grazing
- Wildlife food plots

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Auto tour route





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Hamden Slough

National Wildlife Refuge

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Audubon, MN 56511
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Refuge Manager: Michael Murphy
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*Located one mile
northeast of Audubon on
Township Road 440*

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1989
- Acres: currently 3,170
- Authorized 5,944 acres
- Inter-agency team completing private land habitat improvements adjacent to refuge
- The refuge is the culmination of a 50-year effort to protect and restore the area

Natural History

- Refuge consists of rolling hills, grassland and small wetlands
- Located in a transitional zone between flat tallgrass prairies and rolling hardwoods
- Restoration efforts have attracted a very high concentration of waterfowl and shore-birds

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Three-person staff
- 5,400 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$246,000

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Restore prairie wetland ecosystem of native grass and wetlands
- Serve as educational model for land and water stewardship
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Prescribed burning
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Wetland and grassland restoration
- Acquisition from willing sellers
- Private landowner partnerships
- Wildlife food plots

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation



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Minnesota Valley *National Wildlife Refuge*

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Refuge Manager: Rick Schultz
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*Located near the intersection of
Interstate 494 and 34th Avenue in
Bloomington, Minnesota*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1976
- Acres: 12,000
- Planning to expand to 14,000 acres
- The refuge was established as a result of the effort of a local citizen group
- Includes a visitor/education center featuring an 8,000-square foot exhibit space, a 125-seat auditorium, two multi-purpose classrooms, a bookstore and an observation deck

Natural History

- The refuge is a greenbelt of large marsh areas bordered by grain terminals, highways, residential areas, office buildings and fields
- Minnesota Valley NWR and the Minnesota State Trail and Recreation Area are located along 72-miles of the Minnesota River from Ft. Snelling to Le Sueur, Minnesota
- Refuge lands are scattered in eight separate units
- Minnesota River Valley is a major migration corridor for waterfowl, songbirds and raptors

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 24-person staff
- 300,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,600,000

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Prescribed burning
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Wetland restoration

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Wildlife observation and photography





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Northern Tallgrass Prairie *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Brett Wherle
e-mail: brett_wehrle@fws.gov



*Located three miles southeast of
Ortonville, Minnesota, on Highway 7*

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1998
- Authorized Acres: 77,000
- Establishing Legislation: Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956

Natural History

- Native prairie was originally North America's largest ecosystem, but today it is one of the rarest and most fragmented
- Many believe the prairie ecosystem is functionally extinct
- More than 99.5 percent of the original tallgrass prairie in Minnesota and Iowa is gone
- Fragmentation of the prairie ecosystem has led to the reduction of numerous migratory songbirds, other wildlife, plants and insects
- 243 bird species rely on the remaining prairies of Minnesota and Iowa -- 152 of these species breed within the project area
- Estimates suggest that over 1,850 different species of insects live in one square meter of tallgrass prairie

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Units are managed by existing Service personnel located at Minnesota and Iowa field offices
- FY 2000 land acquisition budget: \$1 million from Land and Water Conservation Fund appropriations

Refuge Objectives

- Conserve, restore, manage and enhance the fragmented northern tallgrass prairie and aspen parkland ecosystems, and their associated native fish and wildlife populations in project area
- Develop partnerships with landowners, communities, educational institutions, local and state governments and non-profit groups that will permanently protect our nation's biological and cultural prairie heritage

Management Tools

- Permanently protect and enhance native prairie through partnerships, incentives, education, and cooperative agreements
- Acquisition of permanent easements and fee-title interests in prairie lands from willing sellers
- Manage native prairie using state-of-the-art techniques such as prescribed burning, prescribed grazing, native prairie reconstruction and wetland restoration methods.

Public Use Opportunities

- Provide quality, priority wildlife-dependent recreational activities



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Rice Lake

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

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McGregor, MN 55760
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Mary Stefanski
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*Located five miles south of McGregor,
Minnesota, on Highway 65*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1935
- Acres: 18,281
- Administers Mille Lacs NWR (.5 acre) and Sandstone Unit (2,045 acres)
- Early development of the refuge was accomplished through a resident Civilian Conservation Corp Camp

Natural History

- Abundant natural food, particularly wild rice and wild celery, have attracted wildlife to the area for centuries
- The refuge is noted for fall concentrations of up to 100,000 ring-necked ducks
- Refuge history centers around the 4,500-acre Rice Lake
- Native Americans continue their traditional gathering of wild rice from the lake
- Abundant songbird populations thrive in the diverse refuge habitat

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Seven person staff
- 23,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$432,800

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Prescribed burning
- Outreach and education
- Water and timber management
- Wetland restoration
- Moist soil management
- Haying

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking and cross-country skiing
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Auto tour route





Rydell

National Wildlife Refuge

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Erskine, MN 56535-9253

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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Vacant



*Three miles west of Erskine on US 2,
then two miles south on county 210*

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1992
- Acres: 2,180
- Refuge Friends group received "Group of the Year" award from national Friends Association in 2000

Natural History

- Refuge is a combination of maple, basswood, oak forest, 700 acres of wetland, tallgrass prairie and bog
- At least 19 old farmsteads make up the refuge lands. Five partial log buildings remain.
- 600 acres of prairie have been restored

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Five-person staff
- Fiscal year 2001 Budget: \$325,000
- More than 6,200 visitors a year

Refuge Objectives

- Provide nesting, feeding and resting habitat for waterfowl and other migratory woodland and grassland birds
- Serve as a regional destination for environmental education opportunities
- Provide woodland and prairie habitat for resident wildlife
- Provide opportunities for wildlife observation and outdoor recreation

Management Tools

- Outreach and education to local schools
- Wetland and grassland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Management deer hunts for persons with disabilities and youth

Public Use Opportunities

- Environmental education and interpretation
- Hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Electric golf carts available for the disabled
- Seven miles of trails, four of those are blacktop accessible
- Visitor Center with bookstore



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Sherburne

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

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Zimmerman, MN 55398
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<http://midwest.fws.gov/sherburne>

Refuge Manager: Charles Blair
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*Located five miles west of
Zimmerman, Minnesota*

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1965
- Acres: 30,600
- Administers Crane Meadows NWR
- Supported by a large volunteer program

Natural History

- Refuge lies in the transition zone of deciduous hardwood forest and tallgrass prairie
- Located in the St. Francis River Valley, which is known as one of the finest wildlife areas in the state
- Historic wetland, oak savanna habitat was degraded by settlement practices of fire suppression and farming
- Management emphasizes restoring the native habitat
- Important waterfowl area
- Bald eagles and sandhill cranes nest on the refuge

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 14-person permanent staff, five seasonal
- 100,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,100,000

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity through oak savanna restoration
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Prescribed burning
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Wetland restoration
- Moist soil management
- Native prairie and oak savanna restoration

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking and cross-country skiing
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Auto tour route



Tamarac

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

35704 County Highway 26
Rochert, MN 56578
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Fax: 218/847 9141
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Jay M. Johnson
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*Located six miles east of Detroit
Lakes, Minnesota, on Highway 34 and
nine miles north on Highway 29*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1938
- Acres: 42,724 (2,180 wilderness acres)
- The majority of the refuge was logged of red and white pine between 1890-1922
- The north half of the refuge lies within the original White Earth Indian Reservation boundary
- White Earth Tribal members retain wild rice harvest and trapping privileges
- Early refuge development was started by a Civilian Conservation Corp Camp in the late 1930's and further enhanced in the 1960's by a Job Corps Center

Natural History

- Refuge lies within the transition zone of deciduous hardwood forest, coniferous forests, and tallgrass prairie
- Refuge has tremendous wildlife diversity due to the varied habitat
- Waterfowl, bald eagles, loons, bear, trumpeter swans, deer, fish and songbirds reside in the refuge
- One of two refuges in Minnesota with a resident gray wolf pack
- Many refuge lakes and rivers contain large beds of wild rice

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Ten-person staff
- 50,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$792,000

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Grassland management
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Wetland restoration
- Forest management

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Auto tour route
- Visitor center
- Wildlife photography



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge *Headquarters*

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Complex Manager: Don Hultman

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*Office is located in
downtown Winona, Minnesota*

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 233,000
- Refuge covers 261 miles of the Mississippi River Valley from Wabasha, Minn., to Rock Island, Ill., and is divided into four districts
- The refuge includes land owned by both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 19 counties across four states

Natural History

- Scenic river area with broad pools, braided channels, islands and bluffs rising several hundred feet
- Critical migratory bird corridor for waterfowl, songbirds and raptors
- Hundreds of bald eagles and thousands of tundra swans are present during migration
- Over 50 active bald eagle nests and up to 18 active heron rookeries exist in the refuge
- Refuge and river support many fish species valuable for both commercial and recreational fishing



Financial Impact of Refuge

- Six-person staff at Refuge Headquarters
- 3,000,000 visitors annually (refuge-wide)
- FY 2002 budget: \$1,335,632 at headquarters
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region
- Commercial fishing industry

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and preserve one of America's premier fish and wildlife areas
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants, resident wildlife and endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-oriented recreational public use opportunities
- Conserve a diversity of plant life

Management Tools

- Resource monitoring and protection
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Environmental Management Program
- Federal and state partnerships
- Prescribed burning

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking, boating and camping
- Hunting, trapping and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation



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Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge *Winona District*

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Winona, MN 55987
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<http://midwest.fws.gov>

District Manager: Robert Drieslein
e-mail: bob_drieslein@fws.gov



Office is located in
downtown Winona, Minnesota

District Facts

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 32,000
- The district covers 50 river miles from north of Nelson, Wisc., south to Trempealeau, Wisconsin
- District covers Navigation Pools 6, 5A, 5 and Lower Pool 4

Natural History

- Scenic river area with broad pools, braided channels, islands and bluffs rising several hundred feet
- Critical migratory bird corridor for waterfowl, songbirds and raptors
- Hundreds of bald eagles and thousands of tundra swans are present during migration
- More than 16 active bald eagle nests and up to four active heron rookeries exist on or near the district
- Refuge and river support many fish species valuable for both commercial and recreational fishing

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Eight person staff
- 3,000,000 visitors annually (refuge-wide)
- FY 2002 Budget: \$558,000
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region
- Commercial fishing industry

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and preserve one of America's premier fish and wildlife areas
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-oriented recreational public use opportunities
- Conserve a diversity of plant life

Management Tools

- Resource monitoring and protection
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Environmental Management Program
- Federal and state partnerships
- Prescribed burning

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking, boating and camping
- Hunting, trapping and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation





Detroit Lakes

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

26624 North Tower Road
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-7959
Phone: 218/847 4431
Fax: 218/847 4156
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

District Manager: Mark Chase
e-mail: mark_chase@fws.gov



District Facts

- Established: 1968
- Staff of 14
- Waterfowl Production Areas: 163 units totaling 40,678 acres
- Wetland Easements: 326 totaling 12,200 acres
- Counties in district: Becker, Clay, Mahnomon, Norman and Polk

Natural History

- Landscape dotted with thousands of small wetlands or “prairie potholes,” created by glaciers
- Prior to settlement, this area was a paradise for waterfowl, prairie chickens, whooping cranes, bison, wolves and other prairie wildlife
- Agriculture changes to the landscape included the loss of most native prairie and the drainage of over 80 percent of the small wetlands
- The area remains a critical waterfowl production and migration area

Financial Impact

- 16,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,000,000

District Objectives

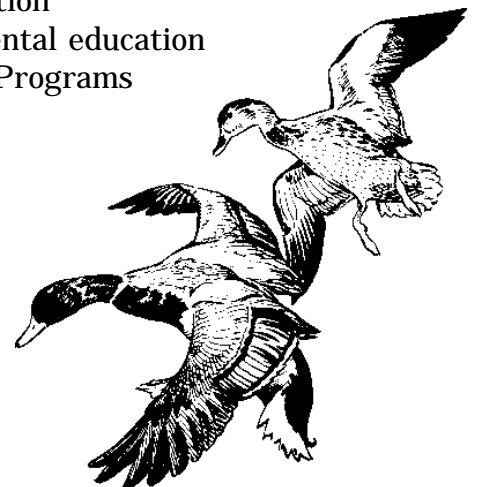
- Acquire, develop and manage habitat for waterfowl production
- Provide habitat for native plants and animals, especially prairie songbirds
- Assist private landowners with restoration of wetlands and grasslands
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreation and education

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Acquisition from willing sellers
- Wetland and grassland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Private landowner agreements

Public Use Opportunities

- Trapping, hunting and fishing
- Wildlife observation
- Interpretation
- Environmental education
- Volunteer Programs





Fergus Falls

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

21932 State Highway 210
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Phone: 218/739 2291
Fax: 218/739 9534
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

District Manager: Kevin Brennan
e-mail: kevin_brennan@fws.gov



District Facts

- Established: 1962
- Staff: 16 permanent; 9 temporary
- Waterfowl Production Areas: 215 units totaling 43,962 acres
- Wetland easements: 1,101 totaling 21,909 acres
- Grassland easements: 6 totaling 782 acres
- FmHA easements: 30 totaling 2,567 acres
- Counties in district: Otter Tail, Grant, Douglas, Wilkins and Wadena

Natural History

- Landscape dotted with thousands of small wetlands or “prairie potholes,” created by glaciers
- Prior to settlement, this area was a paradise for waterfowl, prairie chickens, whooping cranes, bison, wolves and other prairie wildlife
- Agriculture changes to the landscape included the loss of most native prairie and the drainage of over 80 percent of the small wetlands
- The area remains a critical waterfowl production and migration area - the highest nesting density in Minnesota was recorded here (3.5 nests/acre)

Financial Impact

- 43,100 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,667,000

District Objectives

- Acquire, develop and manage habitat for waterfowl production
- Provide habitat for native plants and animals, especially prairie songbirds
- Assist private landowners with restoration of wetlands and grasslands
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreation and education

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Acquisition from willing sellers
- Wetland and grassland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Private landowner agreements

Public Use Opportunities

- Trapping
- Hunting
- Wildlife observation
- Interpretation
- Environmental education

Prairie Wetlands Learning Center

- Built through a cooperative effort between the city of Fergus Falls, the state of Minnesota and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Promotes wetland and prairie stewardship
- Provides day and residential environmental education programs for students



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Litchfield

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

22274 615 Avenue
Litchfield, MN 55355
Phone: 320/693 2849
Fax: 320/693 7207
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

District Manager: Vacant



District Facts

- Established: 1978
- Staff: 11
- Waterfowl Production Areas: 146 units totaling 32,828 acres
- Easements: 417 totaling 33,283 acres
- Counties in district: Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Nicollet, Renville, Stearns, Todd and Wright

Natural History

- Landscape dotted with thousands of small wetlands or “prairie potholes,” created by glaciers
- Prior to settlement, this area was a paradise for waterfowl, prairie chickens, whooping cranes, bison, wolves and other prairie wildlife
- Agriculture changes to the landscape included the loss of most native prairie and the drainage of over 50 percent of the small wetlands
- The area remains a critical waterfowl production and migration area

Financial Impact

- 100,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,200,000

District Objectives

- Acquire, develop and manage habitat for waterfowl production and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for native plants and animals, especially endangered species
- Assist private landowners with restoration of wetlands and grasslands
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreation and education

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Acquisition from willing sellers
- Wetland and grassland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Private landowner agreements

Public Use Opportunities

- Trapping
- Hunting
- Wildlife observation
- Interpretation
- Environmental education
- Wildlife photography





Morris

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

43875 230th St.
Morris, MN 56267
Phone: 320/589 1001
Fax: 320/589 2624
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov/morris>

District Manager: Steve Delehanty
e-mail: steve_delehanty@fws.gov



District Facts

- Established: 1964
- Staff: 16
- Waterfowl Production Areas: 244 units totaling 50,615 acres
- Wetland Easements: 618 totaling 20,606 acres
- Counties in district: Big Stone, Lac Qui Parle, Pope, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Yellow Medicine and Chippewa

Natural History

- n Landscape dotted with thousands of small wetlands or “prairie potholes,” created by glaciers
- Prior to settlement, this area was a paradise for waterfowl, prairie chickens, whooping cranes, bison, wolves and other prairie wildlife
 - Agriculture changes to the landscape included the loss of most native prairie and the drainage of over 50 percent of the small wetlands
 - The area remains a critical waterfowl production and migration area - the highest nesting density in Minnesota was recorded here (3.5 nests/acre)

Financial Impact

- 64,500 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,550,000

District Objectives

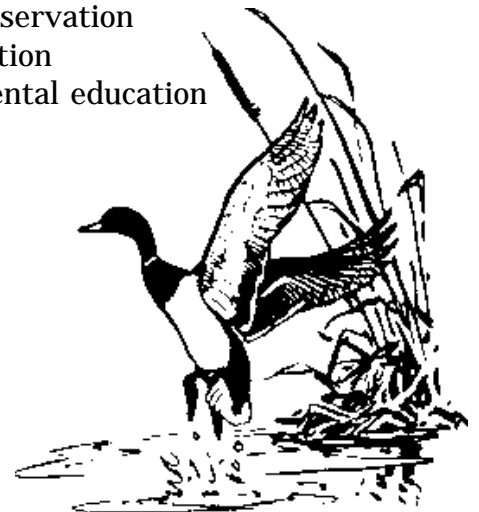
- Acquire, develop and manage habitat for waterfowl production
- Provide habitat for native plants and animals, especially prairie songbirds
- Assist private landowners with restoration of wetlands and grasslands
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreation and education

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Acquisition from willing sellers
- Wetland and grassland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Private landowner agreements

Public Use Opportunities

- Trapping
- Hunting
- Wildlife observation
- Interpretation
- Environmental education





Windom

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

Route 1, Box 273A
Windom, MN 56101-9663
Phone: 507/831 2220
Fax: 507/831 5524
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

District Manager: Steve Kallin
e-mail: steve_kallin@fws.gov



District Facts

- Established: 1990
- Staff: seven
- Waterfowl Production Areas: 61 units totaling 12,310 acres
- Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR: 594 acres
- Wetland/Habitat easements: 53 totaling 2,684 acres
- Counties in district: Cottonwood, Jackson, Faribault, Freeborn, Martin, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Watonwan, Brown, Redwood and Rock

Natural History

- Landscape dotted with thousands of small wetlands or “prairie potholes,” created by glaciers
- Prior to settlement, this area was a paradise for waterfowl, prairie chickens, whooping cranes, bison, wolves and other prairie wildlife
- Agriculture changes to the landscape included the loss of most native prairie and the drainage of over 50 percent of the small wetlands
- The area remains a critical waterfowl production and migration area

Financial Impact

- 11,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$601,000

District Objectives

- Acquire, develop and manage habitat for waterfowl production
- Provide habitat for native plants and animals, especially prairie songbirds
- Assist private landowners with restoration of wetlands and grasslands
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreation and education
- Assist the state with the Heron Lake Restoration Project

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Acquisition from willing sellers
- Wetland and grassland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Private landowner agreements

Public Use Opportunities

- Trapping
- Hunting
- Wildlife observation
- Interpretation and environmental education
- District headquarters with visitor contact station built in 2001





Minnesota

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Private Lands Office

Contacting the office:

Federal Building
720 St. Germain
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: 320/253 4682
Fax: 320/253 0710
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

State Coordinator: Lori Wolff (Acting)
e-mail: lori_wolff@fws.gov



Local Coordination Offices

Agassiz NWR	218/449 4115
Big Stone NWR	320/273 2191
Crane Meadows NWR	320/632 1575
Detroit Lakes WMD	218/847 4431
Fergus Falls WMD	218/739 2291
Litchfield WMD	320/593 4600
Minnesota Valley NWR	952/854 5900
Morris WMD	320/589 1001
Rice Lake NWR	218/768 2402
Rydell NWR	218/687 2229
Sherburne NWR	763/389 3323
Tamarac NWR	218/847 2641
Twin Cities ES Field Office	952/725 3548
Upper Mississippi River NW&FR	507/452 4232
Windom WMD	507/831 2220

Opportunities on Private Lands

Habitat Restoration

- Wetland and associated uplands
- Migratory bird habitat
- Watersheds of National Wildlife Refuges
- Voluntary participation

Technical Assistance

- Wetland and Conservation Reserve Programs
- Wetlands Conservation Provisions
- Farm Service Agency Conservation Easements
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- Minnesota River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

Partnerships

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Private conservation organizations
- Pheasants Forever
- Minnesota Waterfowl Association

Wetland Restorations (1987-2002)

- 13,916 sites
- 50,699 acres

Upland Restorations (1987 - 2002)

- 804 sites
- 20,170 acres





Twin Cities

Ecological Services Field Office

Contacting the office:

4101 East 80th Street
Bloomington, MN 55425
Phone: 612/725 3548
Fax: 612/725 3609
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Field Supervisor: Dan Stinnet
e-mail: dan_stinnet@fws.gov



Office Facts

- Established: 1959
- FY 2001 Budget: \$950,000
- Staff: 13

Office Goals

- Implement listing, recovery, permit and Section 7 consultation activities for 12 endangered and threatened species in Minnesota
- Conserve, protect and enhance Service trust resources and their habitats
- Identify and restore drained wetlands in partnership with private landowners
- Investigate, prevent and remediate effects of toxic pollution to maximize quality habitat for Service trust species

Services Provided To

- National Wildlife Refuges and other Service programs
- Federal and state agencies
- Native American Tribes
- Local government and community groups
- Private citizens



Activity Highlights

- Leads recovery efforts for endangered Higgins' eye pearly mussel and Winged mapleleaf mussel; coordinates prelisting recovery for the Dakota skipper butterfly; supports state effort to protect Minnesota's last nesting site of the endangered piping plover; and leads gray wolf and prairie bush-clover recovery efforts
- Annually reviews over 800 federally funded, licensed, or permitted projects for impacts on fish and wildlife
- Represents fish and wildlife interests in navigation-related issues on the Upper Mississippi River
- Under Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) provisions of the Superfund, restoring natural resources lost at three hazardous waste sites
- Assisting Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge in watershed land use planning to protect water quality
- Assisting Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge in evaluating potential water quality problems causing heavy metal exposure to wildlife



Duluth

Law Enforcement Field Office

Contacting the office:

228 Federal Building

515 West 1st Street

Duluth, MN 55802

Phone: 218/720 5357

Fax: 218/720 5358

TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)

<http://midwest.fws.gov>



Office Facts

- Established: 1971
- Staff: one Special Agent
- The Duluth Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota Field Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

- To protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- To promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

Law Enforcement Priorities

- To investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- To investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- To provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage
- To promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage



Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Minneapolis

Wildlife Inspection Program

Contacting the office:

7150 Humphrey Dr. Suite 2186
Minneapolis, MN 55450
Phone: 612/726 6302
Fax: 612/726 6303
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>



Office Facts

- Established: 1986
- Staff: one Wildlife Inspector
- In addition to the airport, the inspection program is responsible for seven land border points with Canada
- The Minneapolis WI program is administered by the Chicago WI Field Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

- To protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
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Law Enforcement Briefs

- Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport is both a non-designated and border port of entry for the import and export of wildlife
- The airport is the 10th largest in the United States in terms of airline operations and the 13th largest in terms of the number of passengers using the facility
- Approximately 800,000 arriving international passengers are processed annually through the port
- The airport is a significant port of entry for United States residents returning from hunting trips into Canada

Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- Lacey Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)



St. Paul

Law Enforcement Field Office

Contacting the office:

445 Etna Street, Suite 61

St. Paul, MN 55106

Phone: 651/778 8360

Fax: 651/778 8672

TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)

<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Resident Agent in Charge: Patrick C. Lund

e-mail: pat_lund@fws.gov



Office Facts

- Established: 1989
- Staff: three Special Agents
one LE Support Assistant
- The St. Paul Field Office also administers the following Law Enforcement Offices in Minnesota and Wisconsin:
 - Duluth, Minnesota
 - Green Bay, Wisconsin
 - Madison, Wisconsin
 - Onalaska, Wisconsin

Law Enforcement Objectives

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- Wild Bird Conservation Act





Region 3

Regional Office

Contacting the office:

BHW Federal Building
1 Federal Drive
Ft. Snelling, MN 55111
Phone: 612/713 5360
Fax: 612/713 5280
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Regional Director: Robyn Thorson
e-mail: robyn_thorson@fws.gov

Deputy Regional Director: Marvin Moriarty
e-mail: marvin_moriarty@fws.gov



Purpose

The Regional Office provides a central headquarters to facilitate partnership, administrative, budgetary, operational, personnel and policy execution between the National Office in Washington, D.C., and field offices located throughout the region.

Office Facts

- Regional Office Staff: 206
- Entire Regional Staff: 1,088
- FY 2002 Regional Budget: \$75.7 million

Offices

Administration.....	612/713 5306
Computer Support.....	612/713 5115
Contracting.....	612/713 5200
Diversity/Civil Rights.....	612/713 5380
Ecological Services.....	612/713 5350
Engineering.....	612/713 5250
External Affairs.....	612/713 5360
Federal Aid.....	612/713 5130
Finance.....	612/713 5240
Fisheries.....	612/713 5111
Law Enforcement.....	612/713 5320
Personnel.....	612/713 5230
Refuges and Wildlife.....	612/713 5400
Safety.....	612/713 5236
Solicitor.....	612/713 7100
State Programs and Migratory Birds.....	612/713 5326

Organization

The Region is managed by the Regional Director with the assistance of a Deputy Regional Director, six Program Assistant Regional Directors (Budget and Administration, Ecological Services, External Affairs, Fisheries, Migratory Birds and State Programs, and the National Wildlife Refuge System), a Special Agent in Charge of Law Enforcement and a Special Assistant to the Regional Director for Partnerships.

Assistant Regional Directors

Administration.....	Barbara Milne
Ecological Services.....	Charles Wooley
External Affairs.....	Brian Norris
Fisheries.....	Gerry Jackson
Law Enforcement.....	Mary Jane Lavin
Migratory Birds and State Programs.....	John Christian
National Wildlife Refuge System.....	Nita Fuller
Special Assistant (Partnerships)	Theresa Woods





Minnesota

North American Waterfowl Management Plan



Contacting the program:

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Fax: 612/713 5393
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Joint Venture Coordinator: Barbara Pardo
e-mail: barabara_pardo@fws.gov

State Contact

Ray Norrgard
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: 651/296 0701
FAX: 651/297 4961
Email: ray.norrgard@drn.state.mn.us

About the Plan

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970's
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and three species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal government agencies
- Tribal governments

Habitat Accomplishments

- Over 80,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat

Minnesota Projects

Wetland and grassland restorations within:

- Northern Tallgrass Prairie, phase III
- Great River Corridor
- Centennial Pothole Venture
- Comprehensive Bird Conservation -- Red River of the North Watershed
- Federal, state and county lands
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$48.2 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 39 grants totaling over \$14.2 million

Public Benefits

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting voluntary wetland preservation





Minnesota

Federal Aid

Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration

Contacting the program:

BHW Federal Building
 1 Federal Drive
 Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056
 Phone: 612/713 5130
 Fax: 612/713 5290
 TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Chief: Bradley Johnson
 e-mail: bradley_v_johnson@fws.gov



Where the money comes from

Federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

What the money can be used for

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, technical assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of areas and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

Number of participants and economic benefits to Minnesota

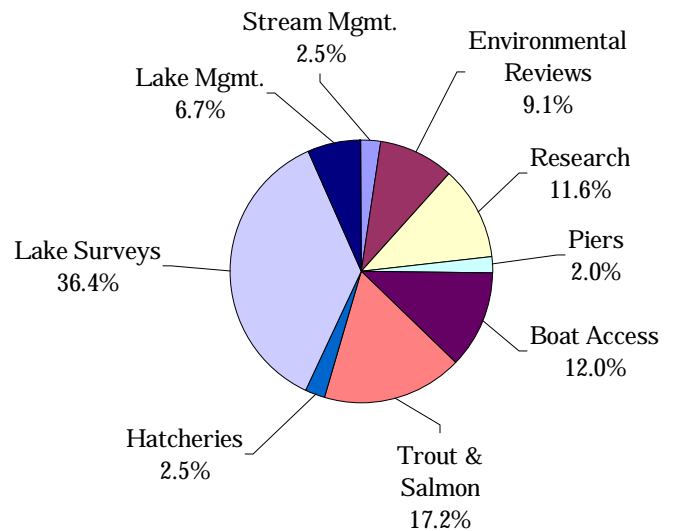
- Fishing
 - Number of anglers.....1.62 million
 - Fishing expenditures.....\$2.6 billion
- Hunting
 - Number of hunters.....597,000
 - Hunting expenditures.....\$477 million

How much money is involved (2002 apportionments)

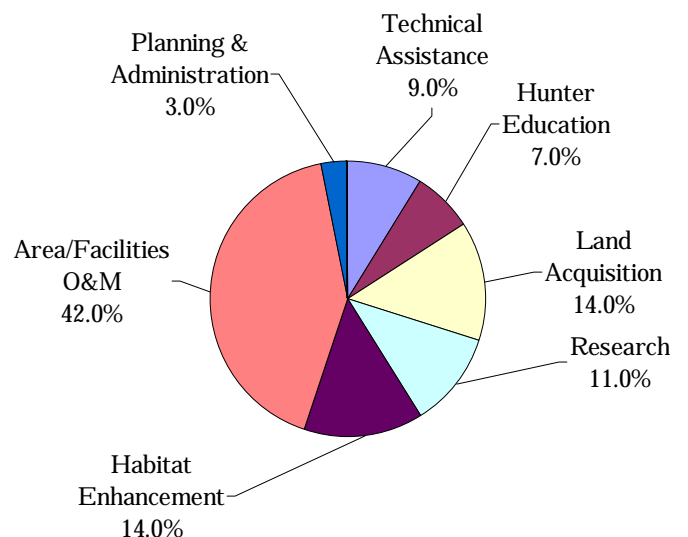
Sport Fish restoration.....\$11.1million
 Wildlife Restoration.....\$5.7 million

Federal dollars at work in Minnesota

Use of Sport Fish Restoration Funds



Use of Wildlife Restoration Funds





Minnesota

Migratory Bird Conservation

Contacting the program:

USFWS Division of Migratory Birds
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Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056
Phone: 612/713 5480
Fax: 612/713 5393
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov/midwestbird>

Chief: Steve Wilds
e-mail: steve_wilds@fws.gov



Inventory and Monitoring

- Waterfowl Breeding Pair Survey
- Four Square-Mile Breeding Duck Survey
- Resident Canada goose breeding population survey
- Woodcock Singing Ground Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Waterfowl Banding Program
- Great Lakes Colonial Waterbird Survey
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands
- Golden-Winged Warbler Atlas Project

Research

- Study of American bittern habitat use and population dynamics at Agassiz NWR
- Study to determine length of stay of shorebirds in western Minnesota
- Study of marbled godwit distribution and habitat use
- Study of fall mortality factors of the American woodcock
- Delineation of restorable wetlands in the prairie pothole region

Management

- Wetland and grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Hunting regulations development
- Issue of migratory bird permits
- Shorebird management workshop
- Integrated bird conservation planning at the state and Bird Conservation Region levels

Partnerships

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- U.S.G.S.
- University of Minnesota
- Ducks Unlimited
- Partners in Flight
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan
- Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology

Outreach

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest
- Detroit Lakes and Big Stone Birding Festivals
- Fact sheets on double-crested cormorants
- Prairie Wetlands Learning Center



Minnesota

Division of Realty

Contacting the program:

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TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Chief: Patrick Carroll
e-mail: patrick_carroll@fws.gov



Ascertainment and Planning

- Before a new refuge is established, or the boundary of an existing refuge is significantly revised, the Service completes a detailed planning process to consider the effects of the proposed actions. A team of biologists and planners identify potential new lands to be acquired or preserved in some other way. The team works with local communities, landowners, state agencies, private conservation groups, and other interested parties to carefully plan where new lands and waters should be protected or restored for endangered species, migratory birds or other nationally important fish and wildlife conservation purposes.
- The Service is also required to prepare management plans for existing refuges. These Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) detail management direction on refuges for a 15 year period. The Planning staff ensures that all planning efforts comply with National Environmental Policy Act requirements.
- Public involvement is an important component of all these planning processes.

Realty Management

- Once properties are acquired, the Realty Management staff is responsible for managing real estate records for over one million acres of Service owned lands throughout Region 3.

The Realty Management staff also:

- Works to assure that counties receive revenue sharing payments
- Processes non-funded land acquisition such as exchanges, donations, transfers and withdrawals
- Processes right-of-way permits across Service owned land
- Provides surveying capabilities for land acquisition and boundary retracement
- Produces cartographic products for Service use

Land Acquisition

- The Realty Division's staff of appraisers and realty specialists works with landowners who have indicated an interest in selling their property, or property interests, to the Service. The appraisers determine fair market value and the realty specialists make the fee-title or easement purchases from these willing landowners. Lands are acquired by using funds from:
 - The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (received from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps)
 - The Congressionally appropriated Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessments

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