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 once-in-a-lifetime  
 opportunity  
 that you can't  
 pass up!!

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Finally, a few days together will foster relationships that will ultimately help the cattle ranchers and the FWS achieve their specific goals most efficiently.



### *Who Can Participate?*

Any cattle rancher or FWS employee can apply for an exchange. The coordinators will help to pair you up in an exchange that is local and relevant to your interests.



### *How Long is the Exchange?*

This is flexible, depending on the availability of the rancher and FWS employee. The average exchanges will be 2-10 days. A minimum of 2 days is recommended in order to get a quality experience.



### *What Can I Do on the Exchange?*

Cattle ranchers can visit an FWS field office, refuge, regional office or travel to the FWS headquarters in Washington DC. They can have the opportunity to shadow biologists, managers, educators, conduct outdoor field activities, attend government meetings and work with other officials. Outdoor activities might include participating in a migratory bird study, doing water control monitoring, sampling fish, or assisting with a telemetry study of an endangered species.

FWS employees can visit a cattle ranch and shadow ranchers in their daily ranch operations. This might include a variety of activities, such as branding and vaccinating calves; moving and feeding cattle; irrigating pastures; mending or building fences; or haying.



### *What Do You Mean When You Say "Walk a Mile in My Boots?"*

This exciting new initiative is actually an exchange program between cattle ranchers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).



### *Why Would I Want to Do That?*

The exchange program will provide an opportunity for cattle ranchers and FWS employees to learn more about each other's lifestyles.

It's important that we both understand where the other is coming from, and the priorities and challenges in our daily lives. This will increase communication between the FWS and ranchers.