

# **Agency Presence in UTAH**

### **Employment**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employs approximately 57 people in Utah.

The FY 2010 Resource Management Budget for Service activities in Utah totaled \$7,463,784.

### National Wildlife Refuge System

Five National Wildlife Refuges totaling 105,840 acres

Volunteer Hours: 11,125

#### Visitation

• 66,474 people visited Refuges in Utah in 2010.

#### Of these:

- 198 people fished
- 10,172 people hunted
- 23,812 people visited Refuges to view wildlife.
- 8,655 people attended environmental education programs.

#### **Fisheries Program**

Utah contains two National Fish Hatcheries (NFH), one Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (FWCO), and one Colorado River Fishery Project Office.

### Fish Stocking & Eggs

In 2010, NFHs stocked 560,000 fish in Utah for recreational fishing

and for the recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act.

These activities produced economic benefits of \$6,423,100 and over 95,000 angler days of recreation. NFHs in Utah stocked fish in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah.

Volunteer Hours: 1,876

#### Visitation

10,430 people visited Fisheries facilities in Utah in 2010.

#### Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Working with a variety of partners since 1987, the Service has helped 144 landowners enhance wildlife habitat on 58,173 acres of private land and restore 64 miles of stream in Utah.

#### **Ecological Services Program**

The Service, in cooperation with over 25 partners, is responsible for the implementation of four endangered species recovery programs, two major Habitat Conservation Plans, and multiple conservation agreements in the state of Utah. Much of this work focuses on issues relevant to three major ecosystems, including the Great Basin, the Colorado Plateau, and the Mojave Desert. These ecosystems provide habitat for 41

threatened or endangered species and 11 candidate species.

The Service also coordinates closely with various land and resource management agencies and State, local, Tribal, Federal, and non-governmental partners in Utah on issues including energy development, water development and wetlands impacts, and environmental contaminants assessment and mitigation.

# Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

In 2011, Utah received \$6,514,181 for sport fish restoration, \$6,830,877 for wildlife restoration, and approximately \$700,000 for the State Wildlife Grants Program.

These funds assist State Fish and Wildlife agencies in conserving, restoring, and managing fish and wildlife species and their habitats for the use and enjoyment of hunters, anglers, and wildlife viewers.

## Refuge Revenue Sharing Payment

In 2010, the Service paid Utah counties \$40,204 under the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act. This payment represents three quarters of one percent of the market value of the property owned in fee title.

