

# **Agency Presence in COLORADO**

### **Employment**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employs approximately 254 people in Colorado.

The FY 2010 Resource Management Budget for Service activities in Colorado totaled \$40,356,499.

## National Wildlife Refuge System

10 National Wildlife Refuges with 172,908 acres

Volunteer Hours: 12.406

#### Visitation

• 68,930 people visited Refuges in Colorado in 2010

#### Of these:

- 7,662 people fished
- 3,220 people hunted
- 52,005 people visited Refuges to view wildlife.
- 14,828 people attended environmental education programs.

### **Fisheries Program**

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

#### Visitation

47,991 people visited Fisheries facilities in Colorado in 2010.

### Fish Stocking & Eggs

428,527 fish from NFHs across the country were stocked in Colorado in 2010 to support recreational fishing, restore native species, and recover species listed under the Endangered Species Act.

These activities resulted in approximately \$5,042,200 in economic benefits and 74,600 angler days of recreation. Fish from Colorado hatcheries were stocked in both Colorado and New Mexico waters.

Volunteer Hours: 5,424

# Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Working with a variety of partners since 1987, the Service has helped 995 Colorado landowners enhance wildlife habitat on 233,965 acres of private land and restore 344 miles of stream.

## **Ecological Services Program**

The Service's recovery efforts in Colorado include work on the four endangered Colorado River fish, the Preble's meadow jumping mouse, Canada lynx, and 23 other listed plant, invertebrate, vertebrate, and fish species.

The Service also coordinates closely with various land and resource management agencies and State, local, Tribal, Federal, and non-governmental partners in Colorado 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, Colorado received \$8,696,958 for sport fish restoration, 9,518,861for wildlife restoration, and approximately \$1,000,000 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 Colorado counties \$575,433 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.

