

Agency Presence in WYOMING

Employment

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employs approximately 49 people in Wyoming.

The FY 2010 Resource Management Budget for Service activities in Wyoming totaled \$8,661,450.

National Wildlife Refuge System

Eight National Wildlife Refuges with 86,424 acres

Volunteer Hours: 11,558

Visitation

 356,335 people visited Refuges in Wyoming in 2010

Of these:

- 5,824 people fished
- 2,960 people hunted
- 51,805 people visited Refuges to view wildlife.
- 1,653 people attended environmental education programs.

Fisheries Program

Wyoming contains two National Fish Hatcheries (NFH) and one Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (FWCO).

Fish Stocking & Eggs In 2010, NFHs stocked 2,044,800 fish in Wyoming to support recreational fishing and restore native fishes.

These activities produced \$24,451,400 in economic benefits and 361,700 angler days of recreation. Wyoming NFHs stocked fish in both Wyoming and Idaho waters. These NFHs produced 5,222,200 eggs that were provided to hatcheries for growout in 13 states. Additionally, Wyoming NFHs produced and stocked Wyoming toad tadpoles, contributing to recovery efforts for that endangered species.

Visitation

5,727 people visited Fisheries facilities in Wyoming in 2010.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Service

Working with a variety of partners since 1987, the Service has helped 300 Wyoming landowners enhance wildlife habitat on 128,932 acres of private land and restore 242 miles of stream.

Ecological Services Program

The Service is the lead agency on recovery efforts for the endangered Wyoming toad and nine other listed plant, invertebrate, vertebrate, and fish species. The Service is also the lead in Wyoming for the greater sagegrouse, a candidate species.

The Service coordinates closely with various land and resource management agencies and State, local, Tribal, Federal, and nongovernmental partners in Wyoming 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, Wyoming received \$5,495,945 for sport fish restoration, \$6,757,027 for wildlife restoration, and approximately \$450,000 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 Wyoming counties \$529,861 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.

