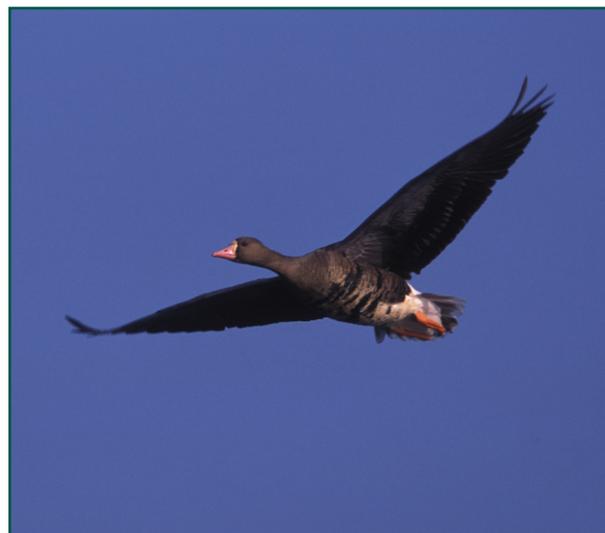


Washington, D.C., March 9, 2011—Based on recommendations from the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission today approved funding for 26 U.S. projects in 17 states and nine Mexican projects in 13 Mexican states under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Standard Grants Program. The tables below contain summary data on each project.

The Act is nonregulatory and calls for voluntary partnerships to develop and implement wetlands conservation projects to benefit migratory birds and other wildlife. To be considered for funding, projects must meet certain biological criteria, and grant requests must be matched 1:1 with partner funds.

U.S. and Mexican Projects Approved



Greater White-fronted Goose/Gary Kramer, USFWS

North American Wetlands Conservation Act

Acres that are protected, restored, enhanced and/or established may be paid for with grant, matching or nonmatching funds, or a combination of these funding sources. Matching funds must come from non-federal sources. However, federal partners may participate in NAWCA projects by providing nonmatch contributions, which do not count toward the required match amount but help support project goals and activities.

Activity: P = Protection, H = Habitat Management (e.g., Restoration and/or Enhancement), and O = Other

Standard Grants Program: United States						
State/ District	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
AR/1,2,4; LA/5	Ark-La-Miss Wetlands Conservation II	\$999,917	\$1,944,675	\$108,367	1,753	H,O,P
AR/1	White and Cache Rivers Wetlands Conservation Project	\$985,000	\$2,146,750	\$4,400	1,290	H,P
CA/6	Coastal Marin Wetlands Restoration Project II	\$998,900	\$1,998,852	\$524,100	552	H,O,P
CA/2,4	Klamath Basin Wetlands II	\$1,000,000	\$2,063,939	\$186,284	11,515	H,O
CA/20,21	Southern San Joaquin Valley Wetland Habitat Project I	\$1,000,000	\$1,071,931	\$12,600	4,189	H,O
CO/3	San Luis Valley Rio Grande Initiative III	\$1,000,000	\$3,218,850	\$5,000	1,977	H,O,P
CO/4; WY-At Large	Platte River Wetlands Partnership III	\$999,945	\$2,098,132	\$0	6,942	H,O,P
IA/4,5	Upper Iowa Prairie Pothole Partnership II	\$1,000,000	\$2,005,000	\$20,000	762	H,O,P
LA/3,7	Vermilion Bay Coastal Wetlands Restoration	\$1,000,000	\$2,782,531	\$0	7,605	H,O
LA/6	West Ponchartrain-Maurepas Swamp IBA Habitat Conservation Effort	\$1,000,000	\$2,215,000	\$6,587,280	1,939	H,P
ME/2	Cobscook Bay-Bold Coast Project Area II	\$1,000,000	\$2,187,240	\$15,000	974	O,P
ME/2	Piscataquis River/Alder Stream II	\$1,000,000	\$2,115,000	\$22,900	6,019	O,P

Standard Grants Program: United States Continued						
State/ District	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
MA/4	Buzzards Bay: Little River	\$925,025	\$4,240,000	\$0	133	O,P
MA/4	Buzzards Bay: Lower Weweantic	\$796,306	\$806,100	\$0	128	O,P
MA/8	Chelsea Creek Wetlands and Habitat Conservation Project	\$1,663,150	\$5,604,100	\$0	24	H,P
MA/6	Great Marsh Habitat Protection	\$1,000,000	\$2,116,000	\$0	209	P
MN/7	Glacial Ridge Prairie Landscape Expansion	\$1,000,000	\$2,482,689	\$0	4,758	H,P
MT/1	Lower Yellowstone Wetlands Conservation Project - I	\$785,951	\$1,705,439	\$99,300	3,006	H,O,P
NY/25,26,29	Lake Ontario Watershed and Coastal Wetland Protection I	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$7,793,502	7,162	O,P
ND/1; MN/7	Glaciated Wetlands and Prairies of ND and MN	\$1,000,000	\$1,038,172	\$30,825	11,717	O,P
OR/1,3,5	Living Floodplains of NW Oregon and SW Washington III	\$1,000,000	\$2,065,551	\$0	875	H,O,P
SC/6	ACE Basin: Edisto River Corridor V	\$979,320	\$11,934,400	\$0	2,220	O,P
SD/1	Harvey Dunn Grassland Preservation Project - IV	\$1,000,000	\$1,064,527	\$0	2,397	O,P
TX/2,8,14	Texas Chenier Plain Wetland Restoration and Enhancement III	\$999,900	\$2,127,773	\$0	1,525	H,O,P
WI/1,2,5,6	Southcentral Wisconsin Prairie Pothole Initiative V	\$1,000,000	\$4,477,920	\$31,000	3,654	H,O,P
WI/1,4,5,6,8,9	Southeast Wisconsin Coastal Habitat Initiative V	\$1,000,000	\$3,082,988	\$12,000	1,891	H,O,P
Totals		\$26,133,414	\$70,593,559	\$15,452,558	85,216	
Average Match Ratio		1:2.7				

Standard Grants Program: Mexico						
State	Project	Act \$	Partner \$ Match	Other Federal \$	Acres	Activity
Baja California South	Conservation of the Pacific Brant Wintering Habitat in the Vizcaino Wetlands	\$250,000	\$1,675,144	\$0	226,314	O,P
Baja California South	Habitat Protection for Migratory Birds in Bahia Magdalena-Almejas Wetland Complex, II	\$450,829	\$1,292,636	\$0	1,134	P
Chihuahua	Protection and Management of Laguna Babicora II	\$285,064	\$393,005	\$0	493,715	H,O,P
Nine Northern States	Inventory and Classification of Mexican Wetlands VI	\$352,032	\$391,120	\$0	0	O
Quintana Roo, Yucatan	Priority Wetland Conservation in the Yucatan Peninsula II	\$700,000	\$892,580	\$0	0	P
Tamaulipas	Freshwater Wetland Restoration and Creation Adjacent to the Laguna Madre	\$179,156	\$195,382	\$0	721	H
Tamaulipas	Protection and Restoration in Rio Bravo Delta, Laguna Madre II	\$493,165	\$14,141,600	\$0	12,350	H,P
Veracruz	Restoration and Alternatives for the Sustainability of the Alvarado Lagoon System	\$259,978	\$417,343	\$0	0	H,O,P
Yucatan	Strengthening the Management and Sustainable Use of a New Wetland Reserve	\$51,916	\$51,916	\$0	0	0
Totals		\$3,022,140	\$19,450,726	\$0	734,234	
Average Match Ratio		1:2.8				

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