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TETON COUNTY, WYOMING RECEIVES \$540,556 IN REVENUE SHARING FROM THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

National Elk Refuge Manager Steve Kallin announced that Teton County, Wyoming has received \$540,556 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Fiscal Year 2008 revenue sharing allotment.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service makes revenue sharing payments to counties for the lands they administer. Lands acquired by the Service are removed from the tax rolls, but the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act, as amended, offsets the tax losses to the county or other local unit of government by paying an amount that often equals or exceeds that which would have been collected from taxes had the land been held in private ownership.

Teton County received payment based upon the acreage and current value of National Elk Refuge and Jackson National Fish Hatchery properties, both operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Additional Wyoming counties receiving revenue sharing allotments include Albany County (Bamforth, Hutton Lake, and Mortenson Lake National Wildlife Refuges), Carbon County (Saratoga National Fish Hatchery and Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge), Lincoln County (Cokeville Meadows National Wildlife Refuge), Natrona County (Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge), and Sweetwater County (Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge). A total of \$564,021 was paid to the six Wyoming counties, which may utilize the annual payments for any governmental purpose.

A portion of the funds comes from income generated by the sale of products or privileges on areas administered by the Service, while the remainder comes from funds appropriated by Congress.

A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service brochure is available online at http://library.fws.gov/Pubs9/revenue_sharing02.pdf for more information on revenue sharing payments.

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