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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Staff Attend Casper Expo



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife booth was one of approximately 75 indoor exhibits.

The National Elk Refuge Visitor Services staff teamed up with personnel from the Wyoming Ecological Services office to sponsor a booth at the Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo on September 10–12 in Casper, representing the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at the popular event celebrating the state’s wildlife and wild lands.

The Expo is sponsored by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and was established in 1998 to perpetuate the state’s hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing heritage. The annual three-day event provides participants with learning opportunities that teach outdoor

skills, communicate the relevance of wildlife and habitat management, and encourage ethical behavior and stewardship. One of the goals of the Expo is to build community through understanding and recognition of mutual goals among citizens, government agencies, educational entities, businesses, special interest groups, and landowners throughout Wyoming.

Last year, the event drew over 13,000 people, including 8,300 students that came on the two weekdays the event was held. Indoor exhibits, demonstrations, and outdoor skill areas make the event a learning experience for attendees of all ages.



A group of students enjoy the array of hides, skulls, and other hands-on items at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s touch table.