U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Private Lands Program

Sagebrush / USFWS

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Mission

To efficiently achieve voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of federal trust species.

Efficiently achieving habitat restoration on private lands

The Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) program works to efficiently achieve voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of Federal Trust Species. The Colorado PFW program serves as a bridge for private landowners and managers to develop partnerships which restore and enhance habitat for wildlife and range values. Our approach is simple: **engage willing partners, through non-regulatory incentives, to conserve fish and wildlife habitat on private lands.**

The Colorado PFW program operates in accordance with the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Mountain-Prairie Region Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan guides the program towards:

1. Clearly defined national and regional habitat goals
2. Improved accountability for federal dollars expended in support of the program and its goals
3. Enhanced communication to achieve greater responsiveness to local plans and conservation priorities, and
4. An expanded commitment to serving additional partners.

The Colorado PFW program continues to sharpen its focus on scientifically supported, collaboratively established focal areas to deliver technical and financial assistance.

The PFW program's voluntary, incentive-based approach to improving habitat on private lands in Colorado has led to approximately 1,400 landowner agreements throughout the State. The Colorado PFW program is working together with community-based conservation groups to strengthen on-the-ground delivery and partnerships. The PFW program prides itself in finding common sense solutions to complex ecological problems.

Mule deer / Tom Koerner, USFWS

PFW Restoration Projects in Colorado 1988-2018

1,407 Total Projects | **178,298** Upland Acres | **39,435** Wetland Acres | **386** River Miles

Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife Focus Areas (FY 2017-2021) and Project Locations (FY 1988-2018)

Project Types

- Grassland and sagebrush enhancement
- Seeding native grasses and forbs
- Grazing systems
- Livestock waters
- Wildlife-friendly fencing
- Conifer removal
- Invasive species control
- Big game migration corridor support
- Wetland restoration and management
- Irrigation infrastructure
- Wet meadow enhancement
- Augmentation ponds
- Fish passage improvement
- Fish barriers
- Streambank stabilization
- In-stream structures
- Erosion control (Zeedyk) structures
- and more…

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Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife project site in the San Luis Valley / Brandon Miller, USFWS