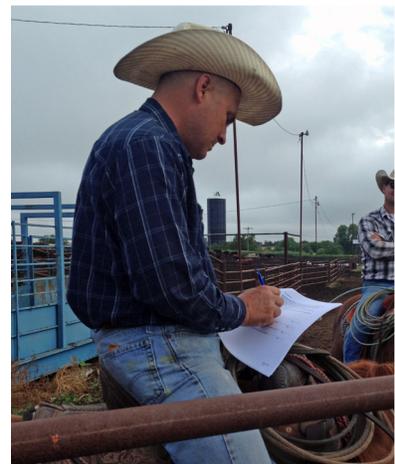
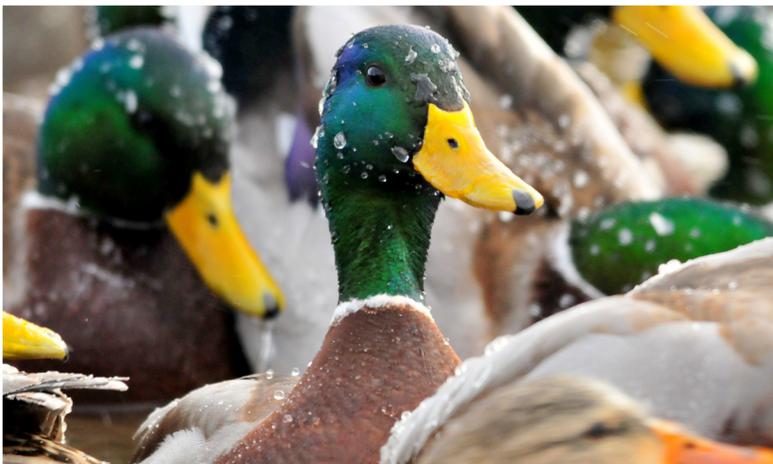


Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

*Mountain-Prairie Region
Strategic Plan Summary
2017-2021*



ABOUT US

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (Partners Program) is a voluntary private lands habitat restoration program. The program started in the Prairie Pothole Region, assisting landowners with grassland and wetland habitat restoration and enhancement. The program has grown into a national program, with private lands biologists in all 50 states.

Providing Financial and Technical Assistance to Private Landowners

Through voluntary agreements, the Partners Program provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners to restore fish and wildlife habitat, while also supporting rural communities and viable agriculture. Projects include alternative water sources, fencing, grass seeding, wetland restoration, invasive species control, riparian/stream restoration and other conservation practices.



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

Five Year Strategic Plan: 2017- 2021

In 2010, the Partners Program developed a national framework to ensure projects were accomplished in the highest priority areas throughout the United States. Each regional Partners Program stepped down from the national framework and identified focus areas and focal fish and wildlife species. The Partners Program recently launched the 2017 - 2021 strategic planning effort, with five overarching goals.

Working together with a variety of partners, the Partners Program helps benefit focal fish and wildlife species and further the mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These partnership efforts have helped maintain strong rural communities and viable agriculture by finding win-win solutions.



Yellow-headed blackbird

*“The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program provided us with assistance in implementing projects we wouldn’t have typically been able to afford in today’s cattle market. They were so **easy to work with** and in turn our operation now has **better conservation practices** in place.”*

Brittany Allestad,
Montana landowner



Big Hole River, Montana



CORNERSTONES

TRUST ● RESPECT ● HONESTY ● FLEXIBILITY
FRIENDSHIP ● TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

GOALS

1

Conserve habitat

Restore and protect priority habitats to increase and maintain federal trust species populations

2

Broaden and strengthen partnerships

Accomplish our work through voluntary partnerships

3

Improve information sharing and communication

Collaborate and share information and concerns with partners, stakeholders, decision-makers, and others to protect, restore, and enhance trust resources

4

Enhance our workforce

Maintain and support our staff to achieve successful on-the-ground results for federal trust species

5

Increase accountability

Measure, assess, and report on the effectiveness, efficiency and fiscal integrity of our habitat conservation programs and activities

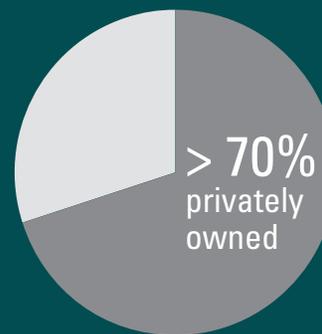


Landowner and Partners Program

PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM TARGETS



LAND OWNERSHIP



A large % of fish and wildlife resources occur on private lands. Therefore, it is critically important we partner with private landowners.

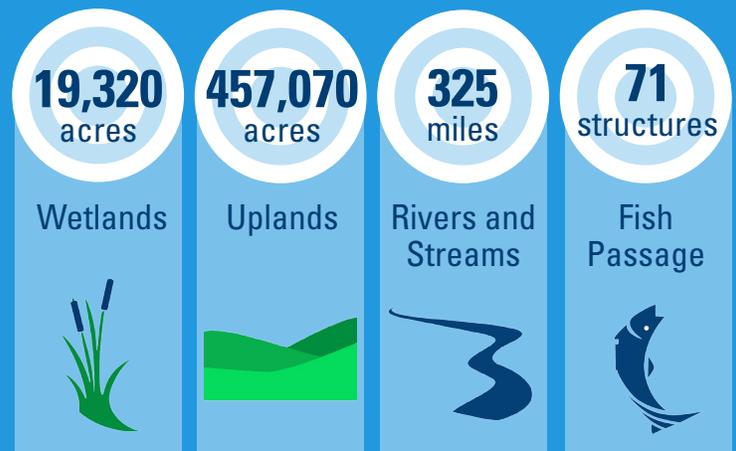
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP TARGETS



PERCENT LEVERAGE



REGIONAL HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT TARGETS



Since 1987... the Region 6 Partners Program has worked with 19,311 private landowners to restore, enhance or establish:



*Blackfoot River Watershed
Focus Area*



Wind River Focus Area



*Prairie Pothole Region
Focus Area*



**Region 6
Focus Area Map**

44 Focus Areas



*Rainwater Basin
Focus Area, NE*

Northern Utah Focus Area



San Luis Valley Focus Area



Flint Hills Focus Area



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