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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO WETLANDS AND WATERFOWL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP TO GET BOOST FROM STREETER APPOINTMENT

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Jamie Rappaport Clark announced that Robert L. Streeter, the agency's Assistant Director for Refuges and Wildlife will be detailed for the next two years to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to be the Mexican program director for the international waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization.

"Bob Streeter is a highly regarded expert in the field of North American waterfowl management and conservation," Clark said. "His reassignment will greatly enhance the partnership on waterfowl and wetlands projects between the two countries."

Under the terms of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, employees may be temporarily assigned to Federal and other organizations to help further mutual goals.

"The Service and Ducks Unlimited have worked together for six decades to conserve and restore habitat for migratory birds and other species," Streeter said. "I hope my assignment will help enhance this legacy of partnership and benefit waterfowl in the United States and Mexico."

At Ducks Unlimited, Streeter will also serve as director of the Colorado Conservation Plan. His responsibilities will include:

- developing and implementing a strategic plan for DU that supports the goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act;
- developing additional partnership support for Mexican projects of highest priority to the Service and DU;
- helping the Service's regions address joint U.S.-Mexico trans-border issues involving wetlands and migratory birds; and
- helping implement DU's new Colorado Wetlands Conservation Plan.

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Clark commended Streeter's leadership of the Service's Refuges and Wildlife program. "For 3 years, Bob has successfully steered the National Wildlife Refuge System and the Service's migratory bird programs," she said. "The refuge system and our migratory bird conservation efforts are stronger today because of his professionalism and commitment."

Streeter has professional wildlife science degrees from universities in Virginia and Colorado. Upon graduating from South Dakota State University in 1963, he worked for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks and at Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

In the course of his career, Streeter has conducted aerospace research in Texas and wildlife research projects in South Dakota and seven other western states, and established a national information transfer program for the Service. Prior to his appointment as the Service's Assistant Director for Refuges and Wildlife, Streeter directed the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages 511 refuges and 64 national fish hatcheries.

The agency also enforces Federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, stocks recreational fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It oversees the Federal Aid program that funnels Federal excise taxes on angling and hunting equipment to state wildlife agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the Nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges, and related projects across America.