

# Southwestern Virginia

## *Ecological Services Field Office*

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### Purpose

Field office biologists work with landowners, industry and other government agencies to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources in the Upper Tennessee River Basin. Their work is guided by the following laws and other related legislative authorities:

*Clean Water Act*

*Endangered Species Act*

*Federal Power Act*

*Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act*

*Food Security Act*

*Migratory Bird Treaty Act*

*National Environmental Policy Act*

*Oil Pollution Act*

*Superfund (CERCLA)*

*Water Resources Development Act*

*Surface Mining Control and*

*Reclamation Act*

### Management Activities

- Protect plant and animal populations on the federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species
- Protect federal trust species and their habitats

- Investigate, prevent and remediate environmental pollution impacts on federal trust species and their habitats
- Promote best management practices and planning for sustainable development
- Work with landowners and government agencies to conserve, protect and enhance wildlife habitats
- Encourage public involvement in wildlife-related issues

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### Highlights

Field office biologists coordinate efforts to conserve and recover populations of 30 threatened and endangered species.

Station personnel represent fish and wildlife interests in agricultural issues.

Partnerships with citizens, non-profit organizations, industry and government agencies help threatened and endangered species, improve water quality and provide economic benefits to local landowners.



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*Endangered freshwater mussels*

Field office biologists annually review 150 federally funded/authorized projects for impacts to fish, wildlife, wetlands, endangered species and water quality.

Field office biologists assist federal and state agencies in investigating and remediating oil and chemical spills and hazardous waste sites to protect fish and wildlife resources.

### Issues

The federal review and permitting process can spark public and media interest.

