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National Wildlife Refuges are not only places that protect wildlife, they're great places to visit. And they support economic growth and generate revenue.

This peer-reviewed national study conducted by North Carolina State University also showed that it doesn't just benefit the local homeowners to live next to a national wildlife refuge, but it also contributes to the local tax base.

And in home values within a half a mile of national wildlife refuge, in the urban centers of the southeast region, the northeast region, and the Pacific southwest regions of this country, are 3 to 9 percent higher than comparable homes in the same urban areas.