
NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION



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*Advocating for the conservation of wildlife, habitat, and access
for North Dakota's hunters, anglers, and other outdoor users.*

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ABOUT US

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, grassroots organization, which protects and enhances North Dakota's wildlife, habitat, and public access. Since 1935, NDWF has worked at the local, state and federal level to ensure the protection of our natural resources and outdoor heritage.



WHAT WE DO



We work at the Capitol to ensure a balanced use of our state's natural resources.



We support outdoor education and youth activities in North Dakota.



We work on the ground with our local affiliate clubs on conservation and habitat projects across the state.

OUR WORK - WILDLIFE

Advocating for North Dakota's Fish & Wildlife since 1935

NDWF plays a leading role in protecting and enhancing wildlife populations through science-driven policy, habitat stewardship, and strategic partnerships. A core part of NDWF's work is engaging with the State Wildlife Action Plan, which serves as a blueprint for conserving North Dakota's Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

NDWF collaborates with our affiliate clubs, state agencies, tribes, and conservation partners to ensure these plans are implemented effectively, with a focus on habitat restoration, landscape-scale conservation, and long-term wildlife resilience.

At the state and federal levels, NDWF is a trusted voice for wildlife, advancing policies that support native species, healthy ecosystems, and voluntary conservation programs.

Whether it is expanding farm bill conservation programs, supporting Recovering America's Wildlife Act and the North American Grasslands Act, defending the Land & Water Conservation Fund or pushing for smart energy development guidelines at the state and federal level, NDWF ensures that wildlife interests have a seat at the table.

Through proactive policy, habitat advocacy, and strong local partnerships, NDWF works to keep North Dakota's wildlife wild and thriving for future generations.

North Dakota is blessed with an abundance of fish and wildlife. But the pressures have never been greater: diseases, invasive species, pollution and habitat fragmentation threaten our populations of fish and wildlife. NDWF works to keep game abundant, sportfish plentiful, and nongame species from becoming endangered.

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OUR WORK - HABITAT

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The North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF) is deeply committed to restoring and protecting healthy habitat across North Dakota's working lands and wild places.

Through collaborative, science-based efforts, NDWF works directly with landowners, agencies, and partners to improve the quality and resilience of native ecosystems that support both wildlife and people.

A key component of this work is NDWF's growing prescribed fire program, which uses carefully planned burns to rejuvenate grasslands, control invasive species, and promote biodiversity. Fire plays a vital role in maintaining prairie health and provides habitat benefits for upland birds, pollinators, and large mammals.

NDWF also leads efforts to remove encroaching eastern red cedar and Rocky Mountain juniper, which degrade native grasslands and reduce habitat quality. In their place, NDWF supports and implements native grass seeding projects that restore ecological function and improve soil, water, and wildlife outcomes.

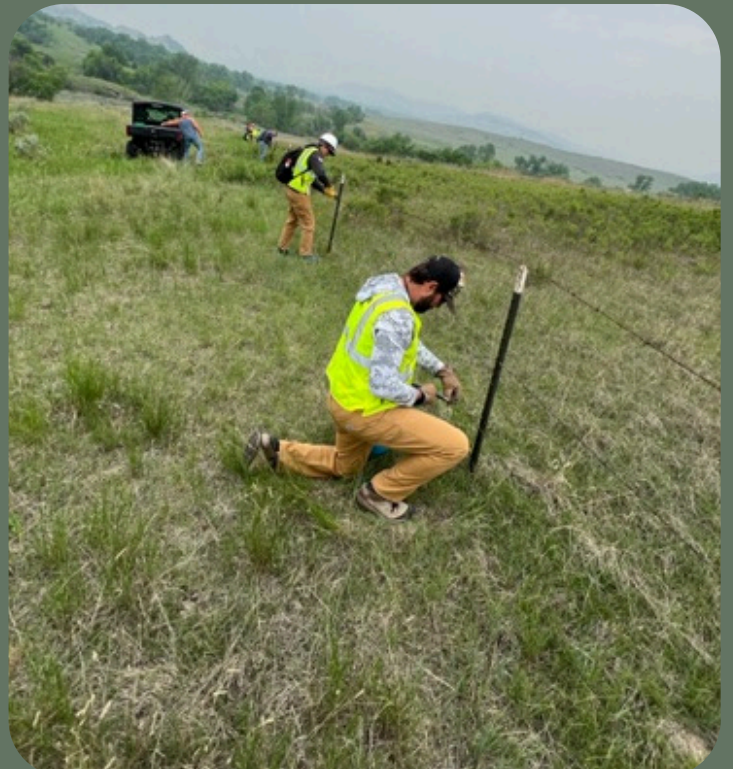
Additionally, NDWF promotes voluntary conservation easements as a tool to protect working lands and wildlife habitat for the long term, ensuring open spaces remain intact for future generations.

From fire to fence lines, NDWF's habitat programs reflect a commitment to practical conservation solutions that support North Dakota's landowners, wildlife, and outdoor traditions.

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Fish and wildlife depend on good habitat. NDWF works to protect habitat on our national forests, grasslands and other public lands through smart land management and conservation of wild lands and waters. We also work with private landowners to implement grazing systems and precision agriculture, restore grasslands, and to develop wildlife habitat. NDWF and its affiliates work on-the-ground to promote wildlife-friendly fencing, and support smart infrastructure such as virtual fencing that reduces barriers to migration for species like pronghorn, mule deer, and elk. We advocate for voluntary incentives for farmers and ranchers to ensure both wildlife and their operation thrive.

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OUR WORK - ACCESS

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The North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF) is dedicated to expanding and protecting public access to the outdoors for all North Dakotans. As the state's oldest and largest grassroots conservation organization, NDWF works on the ground and at the Capitol to ensure hunters, anglers, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts have places to enjoy North Dakota's natural heritage.

NDWF actively supports and advocates for programs that open private lands to public use, such as the state's Private Land Open to Sportsmen (PLOTS) program. The organization also partners with landowners, local affiliates, and state agencies to identify and improve high-quality access areas, enhance wildlife habitat, and maintain the integrity of our public lands.

Through its legislative advocacy, NDWF defends existing access and pushes for policies that prioritize public use and recreational opportunity. The Federation also engages the next generation of conservationists through outreach, education, and shooting sports grants, helping to ensure long-term support for public access and outdoor traditions.

By investing in access, public-private partnerships, and policy reform, NDWF plays a vital role in making sure North Dakotans—from all walks of life—can hunt, fish, and recreate on the lands and waters we all share.

North Dakota has some of the best outdoor resources in the nation. NDWF works to protect public access and hunting opportunity for everyone, not just special interests. Some of the best hunting and fishing is on private lands. That is why NDWF funds programs that aid landowners who protect and allow access to these habitats, including PLOTS and "Ask Before You Enter" signs.

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OUR COMMUNITY

Building a Broad Coalition



PARTNERS

NDWF maintains a robust network of conservation allies, working collaboratively with Tribes, NGOs, and agencies to protect and enhance North Dakota's natural resources.

Key partners include state and federal land management agencies, MHA Nation, Ducks Unlimited, Audubon Great Plains, Delta Waterfowl, Pheasants Forever, the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, ND Native Vote, ND Grazing Lands Coalition, and more. These partnerships strengthen NDWF's ability to deliver impactful programs in habitat restoration, wildlife conservation, public access, and community engagement across North Dakota and the region.

AFFILIATES

OUR BOOTS ON THE GROUND

NDWF works closely with our network of affiliate clubs to advance shared goals in policy, habitat, access, and R3 efforts. Together, we push for strong conservation policies, work on habitat projects, and expand access on public and private lands. Our affiliates lead community-based initiatives that introduce new hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts to North Dakota's natural resources.

NWF

THE BIG TENT

NDWF is a proud affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), one of the nation's largest conservation organization. As an affiliate, NDWF collaborates with NWF and other state-based partners to advance shared conservation goals across the country. However, NDWF remains an autonomous organization with its own governance, mission, and priorities tailored specifically to North Dakota's landscapes, communities, and outdoor traditions.

OUR PLANS

2020-2029



\$1,435,000

CURRENT COMMITMENTS TO HABITAT

Healthy wildlife populations start with quality habitat. NDWF is invested in sustained habitat restoration and improvements on public and private land. NDWF collaborates with other conservation partners to ensure donations to NDWF make the maximum impact on the ground.

\$300,000

CURRENT COMMITMENTS TO ACCESS

NDWF is committed to providing access to the outdoors for the next generation - funding PLOTS, creating new Wildlife Management Areas, Boating and Fishing Access Sites, and other public and private land access opportunities.

MAKE A COMMITMENT

WHEN YOU INCLUDE THE NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION IN YOUR GIVING PLANS, YOUR GENEROSITY CONSERVES AND PROTECTS THE WILDLIFE WE ALL CHERISH. THANK YOU FOR ENSURING THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR WORK TO RESTORE KEY HABITATS AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF WILDLIFE, HABITAT, AND ACCESS WELL INTO THE FUTURE.

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