



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program



The North Dakota Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program works to efficiently achieve voluntary habitat restoration on private lands, through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of Federal Trust Species. The Program serves as a bridge to owners and managers of private lands to develop partnerships to restore important wildlife habitat and for the enjoyment of the American people. Our approach is simple: **Engage**

willing partners, through non-regulatory incentives, to conserve and protect fish and wildlife values on their property.

Since 2007, the Program has been operating in accordance with the Partners Program National Strategic Plan. The Plan guides the Program towards (1) clearly defined national and regional habitat goals, (2) improved accountability for federal dollars expended in support of the Program and its goals, (3) enhanced communication to achieve greater responsiveness to local plans and conservation priorities, and (4) an expanded commitment to serving additional partners.

The program's voluntary, incentive-based approach to restoring habitat on private lands in North Dakota has led to more than 4,000 landowner agreements. Most of North Dakota is privately owned and requires cooperation to achieve landscape-scale conservation. The ND PFW program is widely known for working with private landowners and conservation partners to identify common sense conservation solutions to complex ecological problems. In general, ND PFW program provides financial and/or technical assistance on the following 4 primary conservation practices:

- Grass Restoration;
- Grazing Systems (i.e. fencing, water developments, grazing plans, etc.);
- Wetland Restoration;
- Wetland Establishment (i.e., small stock dams)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mission is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.



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