

# PROJECT EXPENDITURES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Habitat program performance in terms of approximate statewide expenditures and on-the-ground accomplishments for calendar year 2010 are summarized in the following sections.

## A. Habitat Program Expenditures

I. Approximate WGFD trust, fish passage, and non-recurring funds (figures rounded to the nearest \$1,000) expended for on-the-ground projects primarily for implementation of SHP goals and management of WGFC managed lands during calendar year 2010 (These figures do not include personnel salaries, supplies, materials, equipment used for routine WGFD maintenance and operation functions and WGFC property tax and lease payments):

**Department Funds Expended on SHP Goals: \$ 3,540,000\***

\*In the 2009 SHP Accomplishment Report this was inadvertently shown as \$649,000. It should have been \$3,649,000.

II. Non-department funds expended implementing SHP goals in calendar year 2010 from or in collaboration with various sources including, but not limited to: a) Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust Fund; b) USDA Farm Bill federal government funds; c) Other federal government funding programs; d) Other state and local government funding sources; e) Nongovernmental organizations; f) Wyoming Wildlife Heritage Foundation including funds through the Wyoming Governors Big Game License Coalition; g) Private landowners contribution (including in-kind); h) Corporations and businesses; and i) Private donors:

**Non-department Funds Expended on SHP Goals: \$ 30,106,000**

(A partial list of major funding partners and approximate amounts contributed by each source wherein department personnel were heavily involved with planning, on-the-ground implementation and/or oversight or verification of expenditures on the ground during 2010 is presented at the end of the introductory material).

**III. GRAND TOTAL FOR SHP GOALS: \$ 33,646,000**

(These figures do not include personnel salaries, supplies, materials, and equipment used for routine WGFD maintenance and operation functions and WGFC property taxes or lease payment expenditures).

In other words, the department was able to utilize and/or oversee funding from outside sources amounting to approximately **\$9.00** for each department dollar expended for on-the-ground fish and wildlife habitat activities. This outside funding is a critical element for implementing the SHP and conserving our wildlife resources in collaboration with the many dedicated partners throughout the State.

Overall, personnel directly involved in implementing SHP goals oversaw spending of approximately **\$7,826,000** of WGFD regular maintenance and operating funds, State Wildlife Grants (SWG) from US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and department trust fund monies. This figure includes wages, benefits, equipment operation expenses, supplies and on-the-ground improvement material expenses allocated as follows: approximately **50%** for personnel, which includes habitat inventories, monitoring, project contact oversight, project design and implementation and promoting collaborative habitat management efforts with the general public, conservation partners, private landowners and land management agencies. Without the dedication and passion of field personnel none of these habitat projects would happen. The remainder of the funding was allocated as follows: **4%** for vehicles and heavy equipment and **46%** for materials and supplies.

Personnel overseeing the WGFD Customer Outreach and Publication Branch, Conservation Education and Information Program efforts relative to directly implementing SHP goal 4 during 2010 spent approximately

**12.5 %** of their time on these activities totaling approximately **\$116,000** of regular WGFD maintenance and operating funds. Information and education are critical for maintaining current and long-term future, social, political and financial future support for wildlife habitat program related efforts.

Lastly, personnel within the Lands Administration Branch conduct annual WGFC property rights monitoring, oversee payment of WGFC property taxes in each County and lease payments to State Office of Lands Investment and others. Approximately \$400,000 were paid to Wyoming counties in 2010 and includes taxes on all WGFC facilities and lands such as fish hatcheries, game warden stations, regional offices, elk feed grounds and wildlife habitat management areas. The department also pays annual leases fees to the Office of State Lands and Investments each year on State Lands associated with WGFC managed lands areas and public fishing areas.

**B. On-the Ground Accomplishments**

On-the-ground habitat accomplishments, collaborative habitat efforts, and information and education efforts directed toward habitat during calendar year 2010 are summarized below:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Accomplishment</b>
Extension services to private landowners and number of contacts resulting in wildlife habitat enhancement	317 direct extension contacts resulting in 153 projects
Other (non-private landowner) project development efforts	69 projects
Technical assistance requests	454 addressed
Major Information and Education efforts (formal presentations, articles, booths, radio, television and hosting workshops)	238 habitat focused and 64 secondarily habitat focus
WGFC Managed Lands - Overseeing maintenance and land management activities	413,000 acres of WGFC lands; 36 Wildlife Management Areas; 184 Public Access Areas; 95 wetlands; 140 miles of ditch and drains; 2,000 acres farmland; 250 acres of food plots; > 1,000 miles fence; 1,100 miles of road 388 parking areas; 45 boat ramps; 25 docks; 196 outhouses; and 6,000 signs.
WGFC Managed Lands intensive livestock/forage reserve/meadow rejuvenation and grazing administered	77,755 acres on 10 areas (Red Canyon and Wick Meadows, Red Rim, Grizzly, Chain Lakes, Renner, Yellowtail, Ocean Lake, Sand Creek and Sunshine)
WGFC Managed Lands significant fence maintenance	882 miles
WGFC Managed Lands significant irrigation	3,056 acres
WGFC Managed Lands significant noxious weed control	252 acres
WGFC Managed Lands water control structures installed	8 installed
WGFC Managed Lands contract farming leases administered	1,966 acres
WGFC Managed Lands meadow mowing management	60 acres
Field cooperative research project assistance	8 projects
Conservation easements	55,772 acres enrolled as easements; 11 being actively pursued
Acquisitions	1 acquired totaling 80 acres
Hunting and Fishing Public Use Access Obtained	2 acquired on about 5 miles of stream

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Accomplishment</b>
Detailed stream assessments	6 streams totaling 24,698 ft.
Riparian habitat assessments	5 assessment on 56.5 miles of streams
Watershed stream assessments	17 assessments on 51.4 miles
Upland habitat inventories on a landscape evaluation scale	3,538,184 acres
Upland habitat inventories on an intensive evaluation scale	305,912 acres
Livestock grazing management planning and assistance	25 plans on 690,222 acres
Wildlife habitat stewardship plans	3 plans on 22,231 acres
Fish screens installed	2 installed
Stream bank enhancement	6 projects totaling 12,110 feet
Instream structures (revetments, barbs, diversions, screens, sills, jetties, etc.)	141 installed
Fish passage structures and miles of stream opened	9 installed opening 270 upstream miles for fish
Detailed stream channel project monitoring	4 stream channels on 9,440 feet
Detailed riparian management monitoring	21 sites on 2,880 feet of stream
Photo monitoring of stream segments	19 sites on 19 miles of stream
Stream habitat monitoring sites	94
Prescribed burns (uplands and CRP enhancement) mainly in aspen, conifer, wooded draw, mixed mountain shrub and sagebrush grassland communities	18,756 acres
Trees and/or shrubs planted	11,604 planted
Herbicide vegetation treatments to control noxious or invasive weeds primarily including cheatgrass, prickly pear, Russian olive and salt cedar	21,772 acres
Mowing, chopping, and Lawson aerator treatments mainly in sagebrush and grassland communities and on meadows	3,081 acres
Mechanical tree removal mainly conifer removal from aspen stands, juniper, Russian olive and salt cedar removal	5,254 acres
Upland grass, forb and food plot seeding	3,209 acres
Rangeland Fertilization	600 acres
Riparian habitat protection, enhancement, and management	12 projects totaling 1,027 acres
BLM RMP or USFS Cooperator Status	5 major planning efforts
Beaver transplanted for riparian habitat improvement	27
Fish tracking or entrainment investigations	6 projects
Water wells drilled	6
Water guzzlers or water tanks installed	30
Water pipelines installed	62,432 feet
Spring developments	4
Water well converted to solar pumps	2
Fences installed to manage treatments, facilitate livestock management or modified to address wildlife movements	90.8 miles
Wetland development or major renovations	10 projects totaling 102 acres
USDA Farm Bill Program Contract Involvement	435 program contracts
Number of Funding Sources/Contracts/Grants Administered	140

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Accomplishment</b>
Funding Applications Prepared for Other Entities	25
Vegetation/Habitat treatment Monitoring Sites	122 sites
WGFC property right monitoring	125,000 acres
Unique items included aspen delivery for beaver dams and food source, forage reserve grazing use to rest treated areas, irrigation drain photo assessments, grazing use exchanges, buried irrigation pipeline, electric fence for livestock grazing, major dike construction and deer highway underpasses.	13 items

We believe habitat is one of the keys to maintaining wild and healthy populations of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. Without the support and partnerships of private landowners, public land managers, conservation groups and the public these habitat management and enhancement projects would not be possible. We greatly appreciate your assistance and support and look forward to working with you to ‘Conserve Wildlife and Serve People’ in the years ahead.

For additional information please contact any of the personnel listed above. Also, feel free to share this report with anyone who may be interested in the department and Commission’s habitat efforts.

The report can also be viewed on the WGFD website at: <http://gf.state.wy.us/habitat/AnnualRpts/index.asp>.

## **A Huge Thank You**

**The following is a partial list of major funding partners and approximate amounts that the department received and/or that department personnel were heavily involved with in the oversight or verification of expenditures during 2010. This is not a complete list, nor does it reflect all partner contributions and we apologize for anyone who may have been inadvertently missed.**

<b>Funding Partner</b>	<b>Approximate Amount for 2010 (rounded to nearest \$100)</b>
Federal USDA Farm Bill Program Funds (NRCS and FSA)	\$ 9,385,000
Pinedale Anticline Project Office (BLM)	\$ 6,046,000
Jonah Interagency Office (BLM)	\$ 5,000,000
Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust Board	\$ 4,592,200
National Fish and Wildlife Federation	\$ 1,098,500
US Fish and Wildlife Service - Landowner Incentive Program	\$ 973,500
Private Landowners	\$ 757,500
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	\$ 500,000
Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative	\$ 250,000
Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Wyoming Grants including Wyoming Governor’s Big Game Coalition Funds	\$ 218,800
Bureau of Land Management	\$ 197,200
BP Amoco	\$ 116,000
Private Donors and Foundations	\$ 97,000
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	\$ 89,000
Bureau of Reclamation	\$ 77,800

<b>Funding Partner</b>	<b>Approximate Amount for 2010 (rounded to nearest \$100)</b>
Ted Turner Foundation	\$ 75,000
Trout Unlimited	\$ 63,100
Wyoming DEQ 319 Funds from EPA	\$ 62,100
Hot Springs County Weed and Pest District	\$ 56,800
Washakie County Weed and Pest District	\$ 42,200
Wyoming Water Development Commission	\$ 37,800
Mule Deer Foundation Including Chapters	\$ 33,100
Pheasants Forever Including Chapters	\$ 29,200
Pesticide Use Registration Fee	\$ 28,000
National Wild Turkey Federation	\$ 27,000
Bighorn County Weed and Pest District	\$ 25,100
City of Laramie	\$ 25,000
National Park Service	\$ 20,000
Teton County Conservation District	\$ 18,400
US Fish and Wildlife Service – Private Lands Program	\$ 18,100
The Nature Conservancy	\$ 16,200
Ducks Unlimited	\$ 16,000
Wyoming Governor – Sensitive Species Fund	\$ 15,800
US Forest Service	\$ 13,700
Laramie Rivers Conservation District	\$ 10,000
El Paso Foundation	\$ 10,000
Albany County	\$ 10,000
Park County Weed and Pest District	\$ 8,400
Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory	\$ 6,000
Bureau of Indian Affairs	\$ 5,000
Wyoming Flycasters	\$ 5,000
Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation	\$ 5,000
Laramie Economic Development Corporation	\$ 5,000
Encana	\$ 4,000
Platte County Resource District	\$ 4,000
Bighorn County Road and Bridge	\$ 3,000
Devon Energy	\$ 2,500
Shoshone Conservation District	\$ 2,300
Wyoming Department of Transportation	\$ 1,800
Big Horn County Conservation District	\$ 800
Wyoming Wildlife Federation	\$ 500
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks	\$ 300
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$30,105,400</b>