



Green Jobs For Refuges

Creating Jobs in Washington by Investing in National Wildlife Refuges

The Cooperative Alliance For Refuge Enhancement (CARE) and its combined 14 million members and supporters urge Congress to include \$1 billion for nearly 20,000 new green jobs on national wildlife refuges nationwide in the 2009 economic recovery package.

A \$1 billion investment nationally would support over \$35.7 million in projects for Washington and create more than 843 new jobs on 17 National Wildlife Refuges in the state.

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

NISQUALLY NWR:

- Estuary Restoration
- Renewable Energy Projects on Visitor's Center and Admin Building
- Invasives Species Removal w/Youth Corps

GRAYS HARBOR NWR

- LEED Certified Visitor's Center and Administrative Center
- Invasive Species Removal- Spartina

RIDGEFIELD NWR:

- LEED Certified Visitor's Center and Administrative Center
- Invasive Species Removal

Economic Value of Stimulus to Local Washington Communities

National Wildlife Refuges offer significant economic benefits by attracting 40 million visitors annually, who spend more than \$1.7 billion each year, resulting in employment for more than 27,000 Americans. Refuges are economic engines in local economies, returning at least \$4 of economic activity for every \$1 appropriated by Congress and in many cases the return is much, much higher.

An investment of \$35.7 million to build green facilities, install renewable energy technology, and restore thousands of acres of wildlife habitat leverages a much larger total economic return for citizens, communities, and the State. Based on estimates from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this investment will generate:

Total Economic Output: \$103.3 million
Local and State revenue: \$52.1 million



About C.A.R.E.

The Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement is a diverse coalition of 22 conservation, recreation, sporting, and scientific organizations with more than 14 million members and supporters across the United States. CARE has been working since 1995 to help the National Wildlife Refuge System fight a serious funding crisis.

American Birding Association

American Fisheries Society

American Sportfishing Association

Assateague Coastal Trust

Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Defenders of Wildlife

Ducks Unlimited

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Izaak Walton League of America

National Audubon Society

National Rifle Association of America

National Wildlife Federation

National Wildlife Refuge Association

Safari Club International

The Corps Network

The Nature Conservancy

The Wilderness Society

The Wildlife Society

Trout Unlimited

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