

You make our Great Outdoors even better.



When you're outdoors, there are countless opportunities to breathe deeply and take in the world around you.

It's an abiding passion that is enhanced through activities like hunting, angling, boating, and recreational shooting, which stir both a sense of pride in your abilities and a love for nature. Outdoor recreation is something you can do as an individual or share with family and friends — and because your state fish and wildlife agency funding is partially derived from things like the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and taxes on certain equipment, you're also ensuring that the activities you enjoy will be here for future generations.

Here are a few success stories that show how you're making a difference, just by doing what you love.



Your passion at work

When you spend time outdoors, you're contributing to community benefits that everyone can share. Through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, state agencies are able to invest in research, education, access, and conserving species through excise taxes on certain equipment.



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Preserve a species

In the 1970s, populations of the Atlantic striped bass collapsed along the East Coast. Through the efforts of state and federal agencies, striped bass recovered in the 1990s and remain stable, yielding \$6.6 billion in economic impact from recreational fishing.



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Enjoy beautiful places

Our country is home to some of the most breathtaking scenery on Earth, and healthy habitats sustain our fish, wildlife, and plants. State agencies use their Wildlife Restoration funds to provide public access to 3.2 million acres in the Northeastern United States.



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Teach tomorrow's leaders

At the Green Mountain Conservation Camps in Vermont, children learn hiking, canoeing, fishing, archery, .22 rifle and shotgun shooting. Campers meet Game Wardens, foresters, and biologists who help kids cultivate a caring attitude for fish and wildlife resources.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION

Study animals and habitats

In 2015, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources began to reintroduce elk to the state, which had been absent since 1873. More than \$6 million of funding helped conserve a 10,852-acre property and allow for research, tagging, and repopulation of elk.

Partnering to fund conservation and connect people with nature.



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