

America's Shared Commitment to the National Wildlife Refuge System



On the occasion of our 15th anniversary, the 22 organizations of the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE) hereby reaffirm our commitment to the National Wildlife Refuge System. Representing over 15 million Americans who enjoy refuges for wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, recreational pursuits and conservation, we remain dedicated to working together to ensure that Congress provides the Refuge System with adequate funding for the responsible management, operations and maintenance of the world's largest network of wildlife conservation lands for the benefit of the fish and wildlife it sustains and for future generations of Americans.

Signed February 3, 2010

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