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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As president of Wildlife Mississippi, I am proud to provide a report of our service to the great state of Mississippi over the past decade.

Wildlife Mississippi has come a long way. Approximately 10 years ago, our officers, trustees, founders and charter members, representing every county in Mississippi, had the vision and dedication to form Wildlife Mississippi so they and others could do more for conservation. These founders wanted a low-overhead, cost-efficient organization that could protect, restore and enhance the vast acreage of lands and waters that exist in this wonderful state we call home. This organization is making a real difference.

Wildlife Mississippi's success can be attributed to the overwhelming support and participation of landowners and fish and wildlife enthusiasts. This typifies the community spirit of our great state. In the past decade, Wildlife Mississippi has become recognized as a model conservation organization for America. We have assisted 21 other similar organizations around the country with leadership and guidance. We have been consulted time and time again to develop policy related to conservation that is important to Mississippi.

As you will see in this report, we have remained lean and local. All dollars stay here, and all activities and resources are directed to the 82 counties of Mississippi. You will see how your financial resources were spent – from native prairie to bottomland hardwoods, from waterfowl habitat to longleaf pine, from bluebird boxes to decoy deer, from farm ponds to wild and scenic streams. Wildlife Mississippi continues to be the steward it should be with a foremost interest of improving the quality of life in Mississippi.

The other officers, trustees and staff join me in thanking the entire membership and our partners for the commitment to an organization that is making things happen, literally, in our own backyards.

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MAKING YOUR MONEY WORK FOR MISSISSIPPI'S LANDS AND WATERS

Total Acres Protected	98,690 Acres
Total Acres Restored	56,354 Acres
Total Acres Enhanced	149,500 Acres
Grand Total (To Date)	304,544 Acres

What Does it Mean?

- The efforts by Wildlife Mississippi to prevent land-use changes on environmentally-significant lands and waters.
- The efforts of Wildlife Mississippi to return altered lands and waters to a natural state.
- The efforts of Wildlife Mississippi to ensure that lands and waters provide the highest quality habitat.



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Wildlife Mississippi focuses on four major initiatives:

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Wildlife Mississippi educates citizens about conserving land and water resources by conducting countless presentations, classes, programs, seminars and workshops. We publish landowner guides, widely-read weekly newspaper columns, a quarterly magazine, educational brochures and technical handbooks.

FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

Knowing that Mississippians want to hike, bike, canoe, fish, hunt, view wildlife or just enjoy the peaceful countryside, Wildlife Mississippi has restored thousands of acres of upland and bottomland hardwood forests, wetlands and migratory bird habitat, longleaf pine forests and native prairies. This is beneficial for countless species of waterfowl, white-tail deer, wild turkey, bobwhite quail and many other species of wildlife. We have also protected, restored and enhanced fisheries habitat and improved water quality in lakes, ponds, rivers and streams that bring us clean drinking water. Wildlife Mississippi believes in protecting the state's rare and declining species of fish, wildlife and plants before and after they have been declared threatened or endangered.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PARKS

Wildlife Mississippi works to promote tourism by cultivating an appreciation for outdoor recreational activities and parks throughout the state. From kid's survival camps to a boardwalk through an ancient cypress forest, outdoor recreational opportunities enrich the lives of Mississippi's families. Wildlife Mississippi encourages the development of new boat ramps, wildlife management areas, refuges, parks and national forests, including access to them.

CONSERVATION POLICY

Wildlife Mississippi works with state and federal conservation agencies, the Mississippi Legislature and the United States Congress to identify strategies and to help shape policy that protects, restores and enhances Mississippi's natural resources. The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, the Healthy Forests Reserve Program, the Emergency Forest Restoration Program and the Endangered Species Recovery Program were concepts of Wildlife Mississippi. We conceptualized the Theodore Roosevelt and the Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuges, as well as the Sky Lake Wildlife Management Area, one of the largest stands of ancient cypress in the world. Wildlife Mississippi is also working to ensure that hunting and fishing remain a part of the scientific management of fish and wildlife populations.

PHILOSOPHY

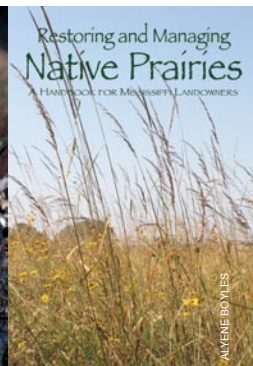
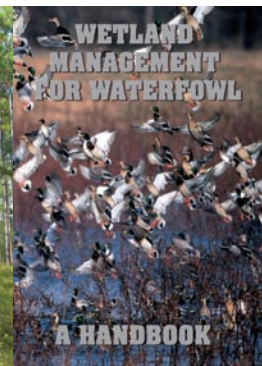
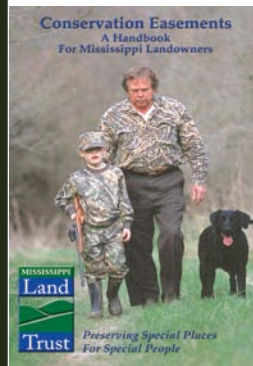
Wildlife Mississippi believes that it takes a strong economy to sustain a quality environment, that conservation should include both private and public lands and waters, that private-property rights encourage good stewardship and that conservation makes Mississippi a better place to live, work and raise a family.



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CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Wildlife Mississippi educates citizens about the conservation of natural resources. Much of this activity is directed toward landowners interested in implementing better land and water conservation practices. Wildlife Mississippi assists landowners in fully improving the environmental and economic value of their natural resources in a responsible way. Through education, our lands and waters are protected, which keeps us healthy, therefore reducing healthcare costs.



The following are some of the accomplishments of Wildlife Mississippi's Conservation Education Initiative:

- Hosted 15 Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expos.
- Published seven handbooks for landowners that addressed such topics as provisions of the Farm Bill, conservation easements, moist-soil management and the management and restoration of longleaf pine and native prairies.
- Published 28 brochures on financial assistance conservation programs and general conservation information.
- Conducted 130 presentations and workshops for landowners throughout Mississippi on invasive species control, conservation easements, food plot development, fish and wildlife management and conservation programs of the Farm Bill.
- Co-sponsored three field days on longleaf pine, two workshops on moist-soil/waterfowl management, three field days on native prairie restoration, all for private landowners, and taught three classes at Mississippi State University for graduate students on conservation policy.
- Assisted in coordinating the development of a Cogongrass Alliance Group to control the spread of this invasive species.
- In partnership with the Dalrymple Family Foundation and the Mississippi Forestry Commission, developed a website to assist communities with urban forestry, www.urbanforestrynetwork.org.
- Assisting in economic research on the following: growth rates of cattle using native prairie plants compared to traditional plant materials; growth of longleaf pine using various fertilization techniques; and carbon sequestration rates of various species of bottomland hardwoods, including cottonwood, using various fertilization and spacing techniques.
- Publishing a quarterly magazine titled *Wildlife Mississippi* and a weekly column titled *Conservation Corner* in more than 70 newspapers.
- Through a partnership between the Dalrymple Family Foundation, Mississippi State University and the University Press of Mississippi, a book is being developed titled *Fish and Wildlife Management: A Handbook for Private Landowners*.





Invasive Threats

Non-native, invasive species often lack natural predators and grow so successfully that they displace native species and harm them. For landowners, removal of invasives requires consistent time and resources. For ecosystems globally, there are habitat loss. Many invasives were introduced to the U.S. as ornamentals or for protein control and spread to the south. Concerns in the South include ragweed, kudzu, Chinese tallow tree, and the Japanese climbing tree.

Ragweed is considered one of the top ten worst weeds. An aggressive, coarse forming perennial it grows to 6-8' height in partial shade and produces a range of seed both as open flowers and in a seed pod. It spreads by rhizomes in some disturbed areas, forming dense mats that exclude other plants and affect the growth of forest crops by competing for nutrients and moisture. Control is difficult because of its rapid flowering but enough to kill even older trees, infested areas are very difficult to treat.



Kudzu is a vine-like, deciduous, climbing species. Its preferred habitat is open, disturbed areas. It spreads primarily by vegetative growth and covers 12,000,000 acres of forest land.

Chinese tallow is a deciduous tree that can grow up to 60 feet in height. Its preferred habitat conditions enables it to invade wet areas to 20' above the ground, shading out sun loving plants and is difficult to control.



Early detection and careful treatment with herbicides before they spread and become a major invasive problem.

Forested Pathways This educational trail is a project of Forested Pathways, a habitat conservation program of the American Forest Foundation. www.afforest.org



FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

Wildlife Mississippi recognizes the need to protect, restore and enhance our beaches, lakes, natural areas and wildlife habitats for future generations. Since 75 percent of Mississippi's lands are privately owned, conservation cannot be limited to public holdings; therefore, Wildlife Mississippi promotes the protection, restoration and enhancement of both private and public lands and waters.

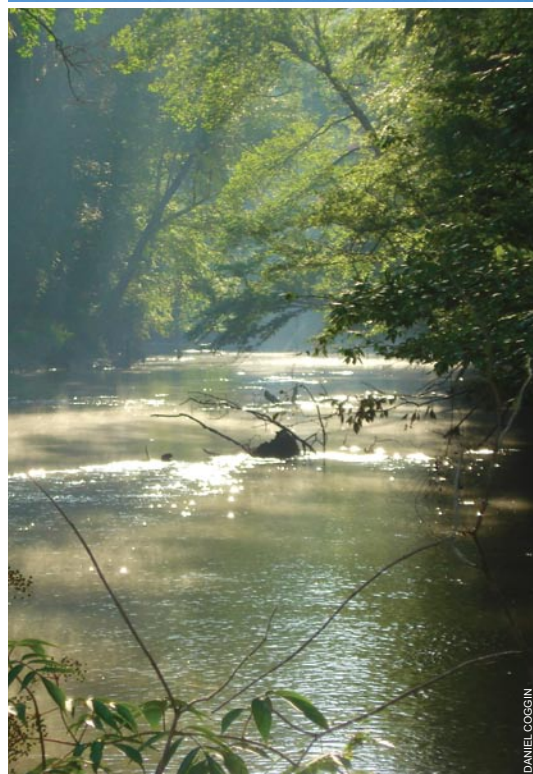


The following are some of the accomplishments of Wildlife Mississippi's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Initiative:

- In partnership with the Farm Service Agency, restored 2,211 acres of bottomland hardwoods that will provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife.
- Developed a Wildlife Habitat Seed Program for private lands and provided low-cost seed to private landowners to plant 101,592 acres of food plots.
- Restored a 400-acre parcel of land along the Pearl River and a 210-acre parcel of land along the Big Black River for private mitigation banks.
- In partnership with the Mississippi Department of Transportation, developing the 4,769-acre Buttahatchie River Mitigation Project.
- Developing a 2,070-acre commercial mitigation project on the Buttahatchie River.
- In partnership with Anderson-Tully Company, provided 1,861 wood duck boxes to enhance 15,821 acres of wetlands and 1,266 bird boxes to enhance 6,330 acres of nesting habitat for diversity of cavity-nesting birds.
- Worked to obtain 1,032 acres for St. Catherine's Creek National Wildlife Refuge; 4,273 acres for Sky Lake Wildlife Management Area; 721 acres for Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuge; 640 acres for Delta National Forest; and working to obtain 6,600 acres for the Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge.
- Through the Mississippi Partners Project, provided water-control structures to private landowners to restore 8,940 acres of wetlands.
- In cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, worked to enhance 9,530 acres of waterfowl habitat; restore 18,555 acres of bottomland hardwoods; and restore 3,733 acres of wetlands that will provide habitat for a diversity of species of fish and wildlife.







- In cooperation with the Mississippi Land Trust, established conservation easements on 85,424 acres of bottomland hardwoods and wetlands; mixed pine and upland hardwoods; and wetland savanna and longleaf pine to ensure their perpetual protection.
- Enhanced 265 acres of upland hardwoods and pine through thinning, forest-stand improvement and controlled burning and enhanced 565 acres of bottomland hardwoods through thinning.
- Worked with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to develop a 285-acre lake.
- Worked with private landowners to restore 21 acres and enhance 15 acres of farm ponds/lakes.
- In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, restored 4,790 acres of native prairie; 7,571 acres of longleaf pine; 158 acres of upland hardwoods and pine; and 1,146 acres of bottomland hardwoods; and assisted in the prescribed burning of 568 acres of longleaf pine.
- Worked with the Greenville Garden Club to form the Cypress Preserve Trust to enhance a 16-acre cypress brake in Greenville.
- In partnership with the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board, restored 100 acres of bottomland hardwoods with private landowners.
- Eradicated 165 acres of cogongrass.
- Provided six Clemson Beaver Pond Levelers to five landowners to restore 114 acres of wetlands.
- Planted 1,117 acres of bottomland hardwoods on Wildlife Management Areas and National Wildlife Refuges to sequester carbon.
- Provided four solar-powered electric fencing units to Wildlife Services to solve potential conflicts with black bear and bee hive owners.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PARKS

Wildlife Mississippi recognizes that outdoor recreation is a part of our way of life in Mississippi – from the hunter and angler, to the young child who plays in the community park, to the backyard bird watcher.

Safe, family-oriented outdoor recreational opportunities also promote tourism as tourists and visitors are drawn to the beauty of Mississippi's beaches, rolling hills and natural areas.



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The following are some of the accomplishments of Wildlife Mississippi's Outdoor Recreation and Parks Initiative:

- Developed a Wildlife Habitat Seed Program for public lands and provided low-cost seed to National Wildlife Refuges and Wildlife Management Areas to plant 14,799 acres of food plots.
- Donated over 9,500 canned goods to needy families as part of Wildlife Mississippi's "Hunt Against Hunger" program.
- Provided 64 decoy deer to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to help curtail the poaching of deer.
- Co-sponsored and helped conduct a Survival Camp for kids.
- Worked with the Dalrymple Family Foundation to enhance McAlpine's Lake, a community lake in Amory.
- Provided shooting houses for the physically-challenged on six National Wildlife Refuges, one U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Area and 13 Wildlife Management Areas.
- Developed an electronic cookbook.
- Promoted increased attendance at state parks through a free truck give-away.
- Co-sponsored the Great Delta Bear Affair to create awareness of the need to restore habitat for the Louisiana black bear.
- Developed an electronic checklist of Mississippi birds for birdwatching.
- Constructed the 2,000-foot Sky Lake Boardwalk in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; the Federal Highway Administration; and the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board.
- Worked to continue allowing the top-sowing of wheat for dove hunting.
- Worked to develop the Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge and the Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuge, the first refuge in the Nation named for an African-American.



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CONSERVATION POLICY

Wildlife Mississippi is working with conservation agencies, the Mississippi Legislature and the United States Congress to pinpoint problems and target strategies regarding the protection, restoration and enhancement of our land and water resources. We provide policy recommendations that address the most pressing issues. Innovative programs and new ideas that will make conservation more effective, efficient and responsive to its constituencies are highlighted. We help shape public policy that promotes on-the-ground action to conserve Mississippi's valuable natural resources.



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The following are some of the accomplishments of Wildlife Mississippi's Conservation Policy Initiative:

- Worked with the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation to establish the Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus and Foundation.
- Worked to maintain funding for the Wetlands Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.
- Worked to develop the Grassland Reserve Program.
- Worked to develop the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative.
- Worked to develop a \$500 million continuous sign-up in the Conservation Reserve Program for bottomland hardwoods.
- Worked to fund an additional \$700 million for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program as part of the Farm Bill.
- Worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop cost-share practices to control invasive species and restore longleaf pine.
- Worked to develop reforestation programs to restore longleaf pine and hardwoods from the damaging effects of Hurricane Katrina.
- Worked to develop the 2-million-acre Healthy Forests Reserve Program to improve populations for rare species while respecting property rights.
- Worked to establish the Emergency Forest Restoration Program to assist private landowners with restoring their forests after significant natural disasters.
- Worked to develop the Endangered Species Recovery Program to improve populations for rare and declining species while respecting property rights.
- Worked to allow for the enrollment of catfish ponds to be restored to bottomland hardwoods and wetlands through the Conservation Reserve Program.
- Worked to develop the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program.



JAMES L. GUMMINS



OUR MOTHERS

A photograph of a tall pine forest. The trees are slender and reach high into a clear blue sky. The ground is covered in dry grass and some small green plants. In the top left corner, there is a dark blue rectangular box containing white text.

**WILDLIFE
MISSISSIPPI
YEAR-BY-YEAR
HIGHLIGHTS**

2001

RESTORATION OF LONGLEAF PINE.

Longleaf pine was once the dominant species of tree on an estimated 60 million acres in the Southeastern United States, with another 30 million acres in mixed stands. However, natural stands of longleaf have drastically declined due to land clearing for agriculture and development, regeneration failures, free-ranging hogs, replacement of harvested stands with loblolly and slash pine and the overall reduction in the use of fire as a management tool. Today, residual stands of longleaf occupy less than 3 million acres, or 5 percent, of its original range.

With the need for restoring this ecosystem, which several endangered species inhabit, a partnership was established with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assist in the restoration of longleaf pine habitat. To date, over 7,500 acres of longleaf pine have been restored through this partnership.

2002

RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF WATERFOWL HABITAT.

Through the Mississippi Partners Project – sponsored by Delta Wildlife; Ducks Unlimited; the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Wildlife Mississippi and private landowners – approximately 1,800 acres were enhanced and restored for waterfowl in 2002.

Managing off-season agricultural fields and natural areas as waterfowl habitat offers proper food resources for migrating and wintering birds with direct benefits to landowners. To date, approximately 8,500 acres have been restored and enhanced by Wildlife Mississippi.



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2003

RESTORATION OF NATIVE PRAIRIES.

Mississippi's native prairie, the Blackland Prairie, was converted to agricultural use during the 1800s. Early settlement and intensive cultivation have severely degraded the soils of these prairies and have resulted in the loss of valuable topsoil and extensive erosion.

A partnership was established with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mississippi State University and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to assist in the restoration of native prairies, like the Blackland Prairie. To date, over 4,780 acres of native prairie have been restored by Wildlife Mississippi.

2004

CREATION OF THE HOLT COLLIER AND THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.

Wildlife Mississippi was instrumental in working with Senator Thad Cochran and Congressman Bennie Thompson in crafting the legislation that created the Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuge and the Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge.

The Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuge, located approximately 25 miles southeast of Greenville on Holt Collier's former bear hunting grounds, consists of approximately 1,400 acres with another approximate 1,400 acres pending in the near future. The refuge will be expanded to over 18,000 acres.

The Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge, located a few miles southeast of Onward in the historical area of President Roosevelt's 1902 bear hunt, consists of approximately 6,600 acres. It was established from exchanging lands transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from the Farmers Home Administration.



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2005

CREATION OF THE BUTTAHATCHIE RIVER MITIGATION PROJECT.

Wildlife Mississippi, working in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Transportation, acquired over 4,769 acres along the Buttahatchie River in Northeast Mississippi to create the Buttahatchie River Mitigation Project. Wildlife Mississippi acquired an additional 2,070 acres for the development of a commercial mitigation project. By selling reasonably-priced mitigation credits to economic developers who must compensate for unavoidable impacts to area wetlands and streams, Wildlife Mississippi is able to restore and enhance lands along this river as well as foster sustainable economic development.

The Buttahatchie River is unique in that water that flows into it in Alabama continues in Mississippi and then enters the Tombigbee before flowing back into Alabama. The development of this mitigation project would also have positive impacts to both the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.

2006

RESTORATION OF BOTTOMLAND HARDWOODS AND FORESTED WETLANDS.

The historic floodplain of the Mississippi River was once a 24-million-acre complex of bottomland hardwoods and forested wetlands and the largest contiguous complex in North America. Due to agricultural production, this vast complex of bottomland hardwoods and forested wetlands has been reduced to approximately 4 million acres and is now considered one of the most imperiled ecosystems in the world.

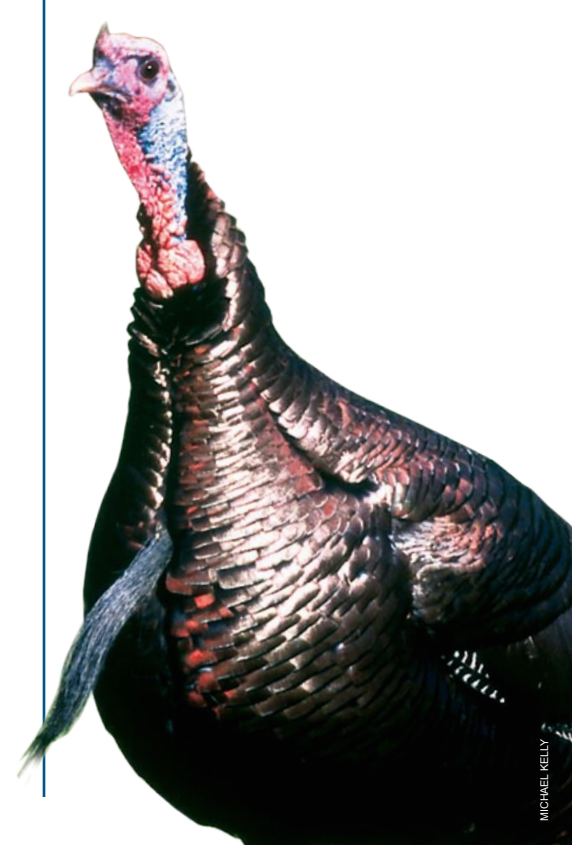
Wildlife Mississippi, in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency and private landowners, has helped to restore approximately 25,000 acres of bottomland hardwoods and wetlands.

2007

PROTECTION THROUGH CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.

Mississippi's private citizens own approximately 75 percent of the state's lands and waters. For many Mississippi landowners, their property is more than a financial asset – it is part of their family's history, their sense of community and their state pride. Landowners are affected by changing economics and the increasing tax burden and understand that one of the most effective ways of protecting these lands and waters is through a conservation easement.

Conservation easements assist landowners in protecting their lands and waters, wildlife habitat, scenic areas or historic buildings, and can be tailored to meet a landowner's specific needs. Wildlife Mississippi, along with its sister organization, the Mississippi Land Trust, assisted 18 landowners in crafting easement documents that protected approximately 20,000 acres in 2007 alone. To date, over 85,000 acres have been perpetually protected through conservation easements.



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2008

LEGISLATION DRAFTED IN THE 2008 FARM BILL.

Wildlife Mississippi worked closely with Congress and other organizations to draft legislation in the 2008 Farm Bill that would further conservation through various programs.

The Emergency Forest Restoration Program was created for landowners who incur costs for approved restoration practices due to damage from natural disasters.

The Endangered Species Recovery Program prevents species from becoming threatened or endangered, recovers species already threatened or endangered and controls invasive species that are contributing to the decline of other species – all in a manner that respects private property rights and provides opportunities for economic development.

The Healthy Forests Reserve Program restores and protects forest ecosystems to promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species.



2009

PUBLICATIONS CREATED TO ASSIST LANDOWNERS.

Through a partnership between the Dalrymple Family Foundation, Mississippi State University and the University Press of Mississippi, a book is being developed titled *Fish and Wildlife Management: A Handbook for Private Landowners*.

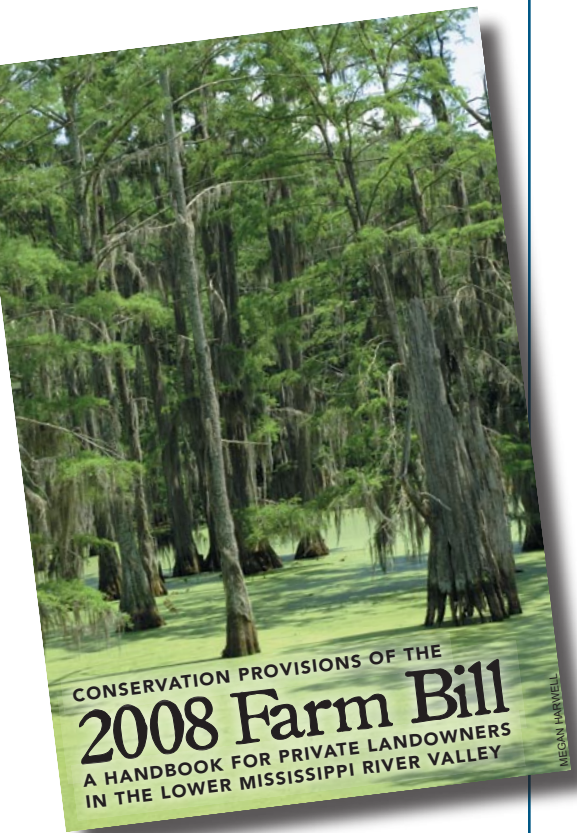
Wildlife Mississippi and its partners have prepared and distributed the following handbooks: *Conservation Easements: A Handbook for Mississippi Landowners*; *Restoring and Managing Longleaf Pine: A Handbook for Mississippi Landowners*; *Restoring and Managing Native Prairie: A Handbook for Mississippi Landowners*; *Wetland Management for Waterfowl: A Handbook* and *Conservation Provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill: A Handbook for Private Landowners in the Lower Mississippi River Valley*.

2010

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SKY LAKE BOARDWALK.

Through a grant from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks' Mississippi Recreational Trails Program (sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration), the generosity of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board and donations from individuals, Wildlife Mississippi oversaw the construction of a boardwalk at the Sky Lake Wildlife Management Area in Humphreys County.

Sky Lake contains some of the largest and oldest baldcypress trees that remain on earth. Wildlife Mississippi and its partners raised the necessary funds and constructed a 2,000-foot elevated boardwalk into this ancient forest. Also constructed was a pavilion, amphitheater, walking trail and restrooms for the many tourists, area residents, bird watchers and conservationists. This project will help advance the cause of wetland conservation and restoration by using the Sky Lake area as an educational tool that will showcase the need to protect this forest of international significance.





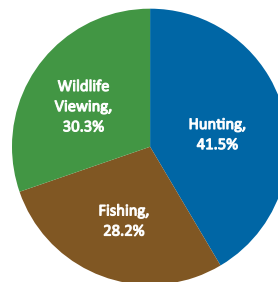
CONSERVATION IS AN ECONOMIC FORCE

Wildlife Mississippi recognizes that the conservation of lands and waters helps our economy, retains jobs and preserves home values. At least 1 in 20 Mississippi jobs relies on having a healthy environment. Through the efforts of Wildlife Mississippi in protecting, restoring and enhancing public and private lands and waters – thereby improving hunting, fishing and wildlife-viewing activities – Wildlife Mississippi is having a positive economic impact on the state.

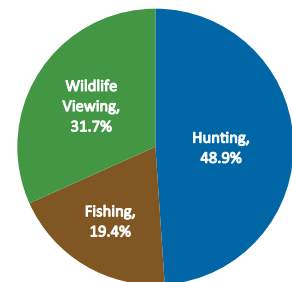


These are some of the economic impacts resulting from hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing.

ECONOMIC IMPACT TO MISSISSIPPI (\$2,737,730,000)



OUTDOOR RECREATION JOBS CREATED (66,171 JOBS)



BREAKING THE IMPACT DOWN FURTHER –

- Mississippians spent \$1.7 billion on goods and services associated with fishing, hunting and wildlife-viewing activities, generating \$1.14 billion in salaries and wages in Mississippi.
- Hunting generated the highest economic impact at \$1.14 billion, while fishing generated \$773 million and wildlife viewing generated \$829 million.
- In the hunting category, white-tail deer hunting produced an economic impact of over \$860 million, waterfowl hunting generated \$152 million, turkey hunting generated \$90 million and small game hunting generated \$34 million. Hunting supported 32,371 jobs, providing \$494 million in salaries and wages.
- Freshwater fishing produced an economic impact of \$727 million and saltwater fishing produced \$46 million. Fishing supported 12,815 jobs, providing over \$287 million in salaries and wages.
- Wildlife viewing produced an economic impact of \$829 million. It supported 20,985 jobs, providing over \$362 million in salaries and wages.

Information provided by Mississippi State University's Forest and Wildlife Research Center and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation.





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

In the non-profit world, Wildlife Mississippi has a reputation of being fiscally conservative. We take your investment seriously. We have a small, professional staff that spends funds effectively and efficiently to deliver the best possible conservation throughout Mississippi. Overall, Wildlife Mississippi's management, administrative and general expenses are at only 14 percent.



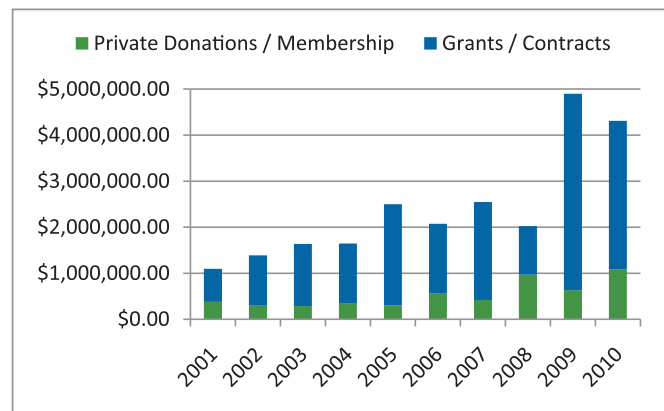
REVENUES AND EXPENSES (2001 - 2010)

We recognize, now more than ever, that our model of improving conservation to make Mississippi a better place to live, work and raise a family is helping to improve our state's economy.

Along with our partners and donors, we look forward to continuing to make significant improvements in conservation. Thank you for your support!

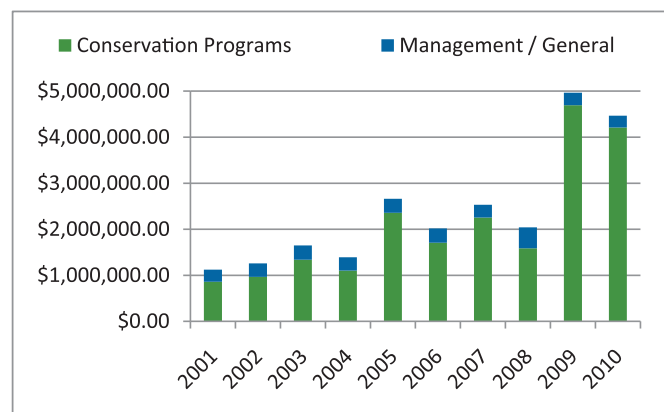
REVENUE

Wildlife Mississippi depends on two sources of revenue: private donations/membership and grants/contracts.



EXPENSE

Wildlife Mississippi's expenses consist of conservation programs and management/general.



OUR MAJOR SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

Conservation takes a dedicated team of individuals, corporations, foundations, state and federal agencies and professionals to put it on the ground. We thank those that have funded the many conservation efforts of Wildlife Mississippi. Through generous and sustained giving, these funders have enabled us to conserve over 300,000 acres of lands and waters.

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Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
Mississippi Forestry Commission
Mississippi State University
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U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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