



The Role of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Water and Land Use Planning

The Endangered Species Act of 1973

- <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/>
- Act is designed to protect threatened and endangered animals and plants
- Candidate Conservation program
- Safe Harbor Policy
- Habitat Conservation Planning

Recovery Programs under the ESA

- Colorado River Recovery Program

<http://www.fws.gov/coloradoriverrecovery/>

- Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

<http://www.fws.gov/platteriver/>

Missouri River Program

- <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/missouririver/>
- Least tern, piping plover, pallid sturgeon



Water Quality Considerations

- Impacts to waters that provide habitat to listed species
- Impacts to water quality on National Wildlife Refuges or National Fish Hatcheries
- Impacts that affect waters used by migratory birds

Water Rights Impacts

- Most Hatcheries and Refuges use water
- Most of them have state-based water rights
- These rights have the same legal standing as any other state-based water right
- Federal Property Interests cannot be given away or allowed to be impacted

Working with USFWS

- If you have questions about ESA, contact the closest ES Office in your area
- If you have questions concerning water quality, contact the closest ES office in your area
- If you have questions concerning water rights, call the Water Resources people at the Regional Office for that state

Contacts

- <http://www.fws.gov/>

<http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/>

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