HOW WILDLIFE ~

NS & HUN

Since the late 1930s, hunters, target shooters and the firearms industry have been the nation's LARGEST contributors to conservation, paying for programs that benefit America's wildlife and all who love the outdoors.

HOW IT WORKS

- **Hunters** and target shooters purchase guns and ammunition.
 - Manufacturers pay federal excise taxes on guns and ammunition.
- Revenue from these excise taxes is distributed to state wildlife agencies.
- In turn, millions of acres of important habitat have been set aside to help ensure future wildlife abundance.
 - State wildlife agencies use these funds to purchase land for wildlife habitat and to manage wildlife populations.

This System Has Provided MORE \$12 Billion

For Conservation So Far



Where the Money Goes (\$)

Buy, develop, maintain and operate wildlife management areas





Research projects focused on wildlife conservation

Hunter safety and education programs



Construction and maintenance of public target shooting ranges

Quick History



As many wildlife species are dwindling in numbers or disappearing, firearms industry steps forward and asks Congress to redirect excise tax on sale of guns and ammo to help fund wildlife conservation.

1937

Congress passes and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Pittman-Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act into law.

1938 to today:

Revenue from this act has purchased millions of acres of prime habitat that is maintained by state wildlife agencies. These lands, where game and non-game species flourish, are purchased with sportsmen's dollars but used by all Americans.

THEN & NOW

White Tailed Deer Population 🔎

500,000 32,000,000

Ducks / Waterfowl Population

44,000,000

Rocky Mountain Elk

1,000,000 **4**1.000

Wild Turkeys

100.000 7,000,000

Pronghorn Antelope

1,100,000

OTHER WAYS SPORTSMEN CONTRIBUTE

Excise taxes combined with revenue from hunting 123 May to 123 May and fishing license sales fund the majority of state wildlife agency budgets.



TO T Million CONTRIBUTED ANNUALLY Duck stamp proceeds are used by the government to buy or lease wetland habitat for ducks. geese and hundreds of non-game birds and animals.

SOME HEROES OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL **CONSERVATION MODEL IN THE WORLD ARE:**



Roosevelt





















