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### FACT SHEET

NATIONAL HEADOUARTERS

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Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.

#### BACKGROUND

It all started more than 65 years ago, during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, when a group of sportsmen banded together to form an organization that would become known as Ducks Unlimited (DU). North America's drought-plagued waterfowl populations had plunged to unprecedented lows, and the founders of DU decided to do something about it. They incorporated the fledgling conservation group in 1937, and within a year, 6,720 supporters had raised \$90,000.

Sixty-five years later, Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest private waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization, with membership of 712,729. DU's conservation projects occur throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Latin America — wherever waterfowl breed, migrate, or winter. Dozens of species of ducks, geese, and swans rely on this critical habitat year-round.

From the very start, DU focused its conservation efforts on Canada's prairie breeding grounds. Today, a majority of DU's habitat conservation work continues on the upland nesting sites and shallow wetlands located within the Prairie Pothole Region of the north-central U.S. and south-central Canada, where 50 percent of North America's ducks are produced.

In 1974, DU turned its attention to Mexico, where wetland projects offer secure wintering habitat for waterfowl to rest and restore energy for the spring trek north to breed. In 1984, DU began its work in the United States to provide waterfowl with breeding habitat, wintering grounds, and stopping places along their migration corridors.

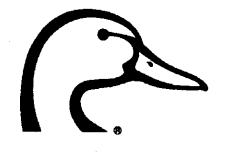
DU is a leader in implementing the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP). The NAWMP is an international agreement among the United States, Canada, and Mexico that establishes goals for rebuilding waterfowl populations to levels of the 1970s.

Waterfowl are not the only beneficiaries of DU's habitat work. Wetlands improve the overall health of our environment by recharging and purifying groundwater, moderating floods, reducing soil erosion, and providing recreation. These are nature's most productive ecosystems, providing critical habitat to 900 wildlife species, including several that are threatened or endangered. The United States has lost more than half of its original wetlands, and continues to lose more than 109,000 acres of the vegetated wetlands most important to wildlife each year.

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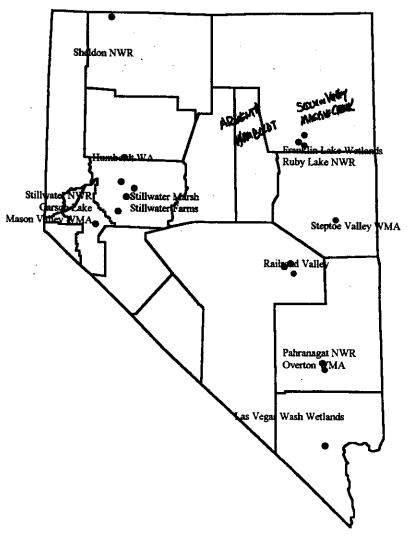
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# DUCKS UNLIMITED IN NEVADA

DU is committed to wetland habitat development in Nevada. To date, DU has participated in over 33 projects throughout the state. These projects have resulted in the restoration or enhancement of more than 52,673 acres of wildlife habitat, including 46,066 acres of wetlands. Some locations have multiple projects over the years.

(SOME LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE)



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### Vital Steptoe habitat has bright future

The Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is the newest addition to the Wildlife Management Area system owned and operated by the Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW).

This marvelous area just south of Ely is an out-door lover s paradise.

Wetlands, sagebrush, streams, a lake, and grasslands are just some of the many habitats present on this newly acquired WMA.

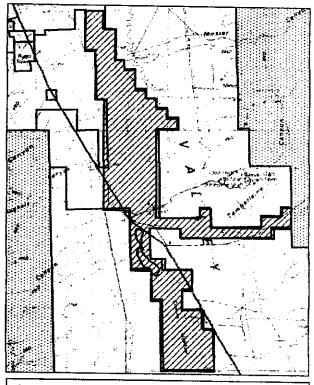
Herds of elk, pronghorn antelope, deer, upland game, trout, as well as, waterfowl and other migratory birds all use the area at various times of the year.

NDOW, with help from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), purchased this property last October for two reasons: the existing habitat and wildlife use is quite high, and the WMA has great potential for restoration and enhancement of habitats and, therefore, increased wildlife use.

Ducks Unlimited (DU), with assistance from the Fairweather Foundation, completed a preliminary topographic survey of about 2,200 acres of the property. This survey data will be used to develop a wetland restoration plan.

DU is working with RMEF and NDOW to develop a North American Wetlands Conservation

STEPTOE HABITAT, PLEASE SEE PAGE 6



STEPTOE VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA CONTAINS 6,426 ACRES (LINED AREA). DU, WITH THE NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE, IS SURVEYING ABOUT 2,200 ACRES TO DETERMINE HABITAT CONSERVATION PROJECTS WILL BENEFIT THIS VITAL RESOURCE.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Ducks Unlimited is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization. Its members are conservationists and lovers of the outdoors who live throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

For the sixteen months ended June 30, 2002, DU volunteers hosted nearly 6,200 grassroots fund-raising events such as member and sponsor banquets, shooting and fishing tournaments, and golf outings. DU events generated 32 percent of total revenues for the sixteen months and 67 percent of DU's membership. These event dollars represent some of DU's most important sources of revenue. Since event dollars are typically unrestricted, DU is able to spend these funds in our highest priority areas and use them to leverage additional funds from other sources. Recently, DU has been able to leverage an average of six additional dollars for every net unrestricted dollar raised.

During the past fiscal year, 84 percent of DU's support and revenue was converted directly to habitat conservation programs. This habitat is needed desperately by ducks, geese, and other wetland-dependent wildlife to survive.

#### **MILESTONES**

Baird's Sparrow

King Rail

Cerulean Warbler

Chestnut-collared Longspur

FUND-RAISING (March 1	l. 2001 - June 30, 2	002)	
<ul> <li>Money raised since</li> </ul>	1937		\$1.772 billion
Money raised since 1937.      Money raised in 2001-02.      William 1			\$185.7 million
<ul> <li>Where the money g</li> </ul>	oes		MONTH INDICATE
Wetlands and Waterfowl Conservation.			84%
rund-raising and Development			1304
Administrative and	Human Resources	••••••	3%
MEMBERSHIP (July 1, 200	02 - June 30, 2002)		· · ·
• Total adult members			
• Greenwing members (17 and under)			
•	7	TOTAL MEMBERS	712,729
HABITAT CONSERVATION PROGRAMS			
• Acreage conserved in Canada (as of February 28, 2002)			
• Acreage conserved in Mexico (as of February 28, 2002)			
• Acreage conserved in the United States (as of June 30, 2002)2,815,854			
• Total acreage conserved in North America (as of June 30, 2002) 10,467,159			
		gered species that bene Laysan Duck Louisiana Black Bear Piping Plover San Joaquin Kit Fox	
• A small sample of h	igh priority species tl	nat benefit from DU pro	jects:

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Least Bittern

Long-billed Curlew

Pileated Woodpecker

Marbled Godwit

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Salt-marsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow

Seaside Sparrow

Sprague's Pipit

Swainson's Warbler



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#### NEVADA

(Based on numbers available 02/28/02)

#### MEMBERSHIP FY'02 GRAND TOTAL: 4,276

Members: 4,220

General Members: 3,866

Greenwings: 134

Legacy Greenwing Members: 22

Sponsor Members: 198

• Major Sponsors: 56

Diamond Legacy Sponsor: 2

Platinum Legacy Sponsor: 0

Gold Legacy Sponsor: 1

Legacy Sponsor: 1

Benefactor Roll of Honor: 3

Heritage Sponsor: 3

Sponsor in Perpetuity: 8

Life Sponsor: 38
Grand Slam Life Sponsor: 1

#### FEATHER SOCIETY MEMBERS: 11

Diamond: 0

Platinum: 0

Platinum: U

Emerald: 0

Gold: 3 Silver: 8

#### **U.S. CONSERVATION PROGRAMS**

- Total project acres in flyway: 2,082,467
- Total number of completed project deliveries in flyway: 1,756
- Amount spent to date on projects in flyway: \$129,145,715
- Number of completed project deliveries in state: 34
- Total number of conserved acres in this state: 48,373
- Amount spent to date on projects in state: \$3,560,057
- Primary waterfowl species that benefit from DU's efforts include: Canada Goose; Green-Winged Teal; Cinnamon Teal; Mailard; Northern Pintail; Tundra and Trumpeter Swan; Redhead; Gadwall; Northern Shoveler and Canvasback.

#### STATE FUND-RAISING EFFORTS

- Total grassroots dollars raised in FY 2001/02: \$348,028
- Number of committees in FY 2001/02: 22
- Number of fund-raising events in FY 2001/02: 24

#### YOUR STATE GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO DU FOR CANADIAN PROJECTS:

- Total contributions granted through FY 2001/02: \$50,000
- Location of projects: Alberta

#### FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES:

 7,553 Federal Duck Stamps were sold in state during the 2000/01 hunting season.

#### **NEVADA STATE CHAIRMAN**

Kyle Swanson

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Nevada DU chapter's

NV 001 STATE COMMITTEE

NV 002 CHURCHILL COUNTY/FALLON (inactive)

NV 003 LAS VEGAS MEN

NV 004 FLAPPERS/LAS VEGAS LADIES

NV 005 WASHOE COUNTY/RENO

NV 006 SOUTH LAKE TAHOE (inactive)

NV 007 CARSON CITY

NV 008 ELY (pending)

NV 009 EUREKA

NV 010 WINNEMUCCA

NV 011 ELKO

NV 012 WALKER LAKE/HAWTHORNE

NV 013 MASON VALLEY/YERINGTON

NV 014 NO LAKE TAHOE/INCLINE VILLAGE(pending)

NV 015 SPARKS

NV 016 BATTLE MOUNTAIN

NV 018 HENDERSON/BOULDER CITY

NV 019 LOVELOCK

NV 020 JACKPOT

- NV 021 WASHOE CNTY GREENWING

NV 022 CARSON VALLEY/MINDEN

NV 023 NO LAS VEGAS (pending )

NV 024 TONOPAH (inactive )

NV 025 WELLS

NV 028 FERNLEY (inactive)

NV 029 FALLON LADIES (inactive)

NV 030 NO NEVADA SPONSOR/CARSON CITY

NV 031 SOUTHERN NEVADA/OVERTON (pending )

NV 032 TOPAZ LAKE/GARDNERVILLE

NV 035 AUSTIN

NV 036 SILVER FEATHERS/RENOLADIES

NV 037 FEATHERS & LACE/ELKO LADIES

NV 038 CAPITAL RUDDIES/CARSON RIVER/DAYTON(inactive)

NV 030 BLACK ROCK DESERT/GERLACH

NV 040 WHITE PINE WOMEN (inactive)

NV 041 MIDAS (inactive)

NV 042 BIG SMOKEY VALLEY/ROUND MT

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#### -NEVADA PROJECTS THAT DU HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH-

M.A.R.S.H. (DU GRASS ROOTS FUNDS) FUNDING BEGAN IN THE STATE IN 1986. BEFORE AND SINCE THAT TIME, MARSH FUNDS ALONG WITH OTHER DU FUNDS AND RESOURCES HAVE BEEN UTILIZED IN THE PROJECTS AS NECESSARY. DU WILL ALMOST ALWAYS JOIN INTO RESTORATION OR ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS WITH AS MANY PARTNERS (AGENCIES, ORGANIZTIONS, INDIVIDUALS) AS POSSIBLE. THIS ELEVATES THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS DU CAN BE INVOLVED WITH IN THE STATE, REGION, COUNTRY AND CONTINENT. THE LIST BELOW IS NOT INCLUSIVE AND SOME FIGURES MAY BE ESTIMATES AT THIS TIME. NEWER PROJECTS HAVE DOLLAR FIGURES LISTED WITH DU'S AMOUNT LISTED AFTER THE /.

CARSON SINK WA: Along with Franklin Lake and Stillwater, Carson Sink was historically important as a waterfowl production area. The purpose of this project is to restore water delivery capabilities to the sink. The project is benefiting nesting mallard, cinnamon teal, gadwall, and redhead. In addition, the wildlife area will provide habitat for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife. Total Acres = 5,000 (wetlands = 5,000). (MARSH & NDOW, BLM & private donations) 1990

FRANKLIN LAKE WETLANDS: Located in Elko County, project included fencing that enhanced upland cover. During wet years this ephemeral lake is important breeding and migratory habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds and many other species. The lake also supports the most secure population of relict dace in Nevada. Total Acres = 6,000 (wetlands = 3,220, uplands = 2,780). (MARSH & NDOW) 1988,1989, 1991

HUMBOLDT SINK WA: DU has two projects on this large sink in Churchill County. The first was to restore water flow to the 10,000 acre Humboldt Lake. The second was to develop nesting habitat for waterbirds through nest island construction. The area enhances nesting opportunities and wintering habitat for migratory birds as well as enhancing public recreation including hunting and wildlife viewing. Total Acres = 10,680 (wetlands = 10,000; uplands = 680). (MARSH & NDOW) 1990,1993

IWWR RESEARCH: The Institute for Wetlands and Waterfowl Research studied the effects of riceland and other projects on aquatic birds in Stillwater and Northern California. Research was conducted through the University of Nevada, Reno with funds form IWWR (research arm of DU Inc and DU Canada) 1994

LAS VEGAS WASH WETLANDS – Located in Clark County, little of the historic Vegas Wash wetlands exist. Restoration of 600-800 acres of wetlands is currently in the survey and design stage. Partners at this point are DU and Clark County. \$100,000/delivered by DU. 1998,2001, 2002, 2003

MASON VALLEY WMA: Located in Lyon County, DU has completed 6 projects in this wildlife area. These projects have greatly enhanced wetland habitat and aid in improved water quality and water delivery. Mason Valley is managed primarily as a waterfowl breeding area and includes outdoor recreation. Total acres 2,641 (wetlands = 2,440, uplands = 18) (MARSH, NDOW & and Sierra Pacific Power Co.)1988,1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997

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OVERTON WMA – Located in Clark County, this restoration and enhancement project will enhance or restore many areas of seasonal wetlands and riparian habitats. Total acres = 125 (38 wetland, 87 uplands) NDOW and DU. (\$358,000/\$50,000 DU and DU deliver. 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

PAHRANAGAT NWR: Located in Lincoln County, this project enhanced emergent wetlands for migratory and wintering habitat. Total wetland acres = 33. Partners DU MARSH, USFWS, WHIN. \$47,000/\$5000 MARSH and DU delivered. 1997

PAHRANAGAT NWR, HEADQUARTERS UNIT – This project is restoring over 400 acres of season wetlands and riparian areas. Partners include USFWS, Stans Foundation, WHIN and BoR. (est. 2.5 million/\$50,000 and DU delivered.1999, 2000, 2001,2002

RAILROAD VALLEY WMA: Located in Nye County, this remote wetland complex is part of a 144,000 acre playa. In wet winters this playa is filled with over 1,000 acres of ponds. A series of projects to restore the hydrology of the ponds. Railroad Valley is also important for all migratory birds. Total Acres 270 (wetlands = 250, uplands = 20). (MRSH & BLM and NFWF), (\$219,000/\$45,000 MARSH and proposed \$38,500/\$17,000 MARSH) 1992,1997, 1998

RUBY LAKE NWR: Located in Elko and White Pine counties, this refuge is a critical staging and production area for waterfowl. In fact, it produces more canvasbacks than any other region in the west. Construction of a dike and installation of water control structures in the East Sump will further enhance production opportunities and enhance management capabilities. Total Acres = 1,800 (1,600 = wetlands; uplands = 200). Phase 2 further enhanced this area by creating nesting islands and channels in the thick emergent vegetation. Phase III proposed. Total acres = 1,800 (1,600 wetland and 200 upland). DU MARSH, USFWS and Monsanto. The S&D phase \$6,000/\$3,000 MARSH. 1994, 1996, 1998

RIVER FORK RANCH – Located in Carson Valley this survey and design project is to determine feasibility of wetland and riparian restoration in future plans of the TNC area. S&D partners are T-S Foundation and DU (est. \$10,000/\$5,000 and DU deliver)1999, 2001, 2002

SHELDON NWR - Located in Humboldt County, irrigation was restored to wet meadows and uplands by rebuilding water control structures. Total acres = 400 (200 wetland, 200 upland). MARSH, USFWS, NWA and NDOW. 1997

STILLWATER NWR: Located in Churchill County, 2 on going projects are repairing dikes, roads and water control structures. The area provides critical migration habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds of the Pacific Flyway. Total Acres = 17,375 (wetland = 17,165, uplands = 210).(MARSH, NDOW & USFWS and BoR) 1986,1987,1997, 1998,2000, 2001, 2002

STILLWATER FARMS: Located in Churchill County, the Canvasback Club is owned by Stillwater Farms, and is adjacent to the NWR. This Project will enhance emergent wetland for broad and migratory habitat. Total wetland acres =7. Partners include DU, Stillwater Farms and private donations. S&D - \$30,000 approx. total, \$15,000 MARSH. 1996

STEPTOE VALLEY WMA – Located in White Pine County, the survey and design for restoration of the newly acquired Steptoe Valley WMA (3C Ranch). Partners are Fairweather Foundation, NDOW (\$60,000/\$20,000 DU & deliver for S&D portion) Future restoration projects will include \$500,000 NAWCA grant and \$75,000 Barrick Goldstrike Co.2000, 2001, 2002,2003

MAGGIE CREEK RANCH - Located in Elko County, 2003-04

ARGENTA MARSH - Located in Lander County, 2003-05

**HUMBOLDT WMA** -Located in Pershing County, 2003

SQUAW VALLEY - Located in Elko County, 2003

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