



Acres for America

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Black bear

ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$7.4 billion.

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OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Walmart announced its 18th year of funding through the Acres for America program, one of the most effective public-private partnerships in the history of U.S. land conservation efforts. Six new grants totaling \$3.1 million were awarded to projects in California, Georgia, Kentucky, Montana, Oklahoma, and Oregon, toward the protection of more than 200,000 acres. These six awards will leverage an additional \$133.4 million in matching contributions, creating a total conservation impact of \$136.5 million.

Acres for America is NFWF's premier land conservation program. Since 2005, NFWF and Walmart have supported the conservation of critical habitats for birds, fish, plants and wildlife; connected existing protected lands to unify wild places and protected migration routes; provided access for people to enjoy the outdoors; and safeguarded the future of local economies that depend on forestry, ranching and recreation.

Since its inception, Acres for America has funded 112 projects in 42 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to permanently protect more than 2 million acres — far surpassing its original goal of 100,000 acres.

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Amicalola-Chattahoochee Expansion Acquisitions (GA)

Grantee: The Conservation Fund

Grant Amount:..... \$500,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$14,306,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$14,806,000

Protect critical habitat for various species of concern, including black bear, red-headed woodpecker and northern long-eared bat in Georgia. Project will acquire the 2,037-acre Amicalola Tract and 763-acre Nimblewill Tract to be added to Amicalola Falls State Park and Chattahoochee National Forest, respectively, and opened for public access.

Conserving the Cimarron Valley Ranch

Grantee: Pheasants Forever

Grant Amount:.....\$1,000,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$35,000,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$36,000,000

Pheasants Forever is working to secure a significant property located in Southern High Plains for public access and habitat for quail, pheasants, mule deer, elk, lesser prairie chicken, and other grassland dependent prairie species. The proposed project will acquire more than 45,000 acres of prairie upland and be a cornerstone for connecting more than 500,000 acres of conserved lands.

Cumberland Forest - Ataya Conservation Easement (KY)

Grantee: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Grant Amount:..... \$650,000
 Matching Funds: \$13,000,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$13,650,000

Protect and manage the southern Kentucky property for public recreation, sustainable forestry, drinking water security, and wildlife habitat management for numerous species, including elk, ruffed grouse and other at-risk species. Project will place 54,556 acres under conservation easement and result in 274,000 acres connected across Kentucky and Tennessee.



Ruffed grouse



Red-headed woodpecker

Increasing Conservation Land Connectivity in Northwest Montana (MT)

Grantee: The Trust for Public Land

Grant Amount:..... \$450,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$46,263,500
 Total Project Amount:..... \$46,713,500

Conserve critical fish and wildlife habitat, recreational resources, and productive timberland in northwest Montana, while improving connectivity across a critical wildlife corridor that ultimately connects to Glacier National Park. Project will place a conservation easement on 72,000 acres and result in 300,000 acres of conservation land connected.

Protecting the Weger Ranch Redwood Forest Through Conservation Easements (CA)

Grantee: Save the Redwoods League

Grant Amount:..... \$250,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$12,920,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$13,170,000

Protect a biodiverse California landscape to serve as a buffer for the old-growth redwood groves and benefit the greater landscape with enhanced wildlife connectivity, water quality, and reduced wildfire risk. Project will place 3,862 acres under easement and connect 11,500 acres of conservation lands.

Trout Creek Ranch Acquisition (OR)

Grantee: Oregon Desert Land Trust

Grant Amount:..... \$250,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$11,967,800
 Total Project Amount:..... \$12,217,800

Protect the Trout Creek Ranch of southeastern Oregon for future management and restoration work to benefit Lahontan cutthroat trout and greater sage-grouse. Project will acquire 16,645 acres, 10,940 of which will be opened for public use, resulting in 258,850 acres of conservation lands connected.