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RESTORE Colorado

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ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) works with partners to foster sustainable and impactful conservation solutions so that people and nature thrive together. Chartered by Congress in 1984, NFWF has grown to become the nation's largest conservation foundation. Since its founding, NFWF has funded more than 23,300 projects that have generated a total conservation impact of \$11.3 billion. NFWF is an equal opportunity provider.



North Fork Valley in Colorado

BACKGROUND

Colorado boasts spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife, and many communities and economies that depend on its rich natural resources. But these resources are increasingly threatened by habitat loss, overuse and the complexities of managing a landscape divided into a patchwork of public and private lands. Faced with growing population pressures and the consequences of past land-use decisions that are no longer viable, Colorado is pioneering new approaches to conservation and resource management.

The Restoration and Stewardship of Outdoor Resources (RESTORE) Colorado Program was launched in 2020 by a consortium of funders aiming to combine the best qualities of public agencies, corporations and philanthropies to address conservation priorities statewide. Developed as a collaborative framework for accomplishing large-scale, cross-jurisdictional habitat restoration, expansion and improvement, RESTORE provides opportunities for the proactive management of Colorado's public and private conservation lands to benefit current and future wildlife and communities.

To date, the program has awarded 68 grants across six slates, investing more than \$19.1 million and leveraging nearly \$31.6 million in matching contributions to generate a total, on-the-ground impact of \$50.7 million. RESTORE invests across six landscapes and statewide priorities for the greatest impact on ecological connectivity and resilience:

1. Watershed resilience (wetlands, riparian and upland habitats including forests)
2. Eastern Colorado grasslands
3. Sagebrush rangelands
4. Big game winter range and migration corridors
5. Capacity building for conservation project development and delivery
6. Urban areas

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Grants made through the RESTORE Colorado Program will focus on the restoration, enhancement and expansion of wildlife habitat throughout the state.

Projects under the watershed resilience priority area may contribute to NFWF's Southwest Rivers Business Plan, which aims to benefit focal bird, fish, mussel and mammal species and improve overall ecosystem health within the Pecos River watershed of southeastern New Mexico and west Texas and the headwaters regions of the Rio Grande and Colorado River watersheds.

Projects under the eastern Colorado grasslands, sagebrush rangelands and big game winter range priorities may contribute to the Rocky Mountain Rangelands Business Plan, which aims to restore and conserve wildlife species associated with sagebrush, irrigated meadows and aquatic systems while conserving the phenomenon of large mammal migration.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES TO DATE

River corridors, riparian areas and wetlands:

- 113 miles of instream habitat restored
- 150 miles of stream opened
- 17 passage barriers rectified
- 3,540 acres of floodplain restored
- 1,059 acres of wetlands restored
- 37 miles of riparian habitat treated for invasive species

Eastern Colorado grasslands:

- 4,198 acres of grassland restored on public lands
- 23,725 acres of grassland restored on private lands
- 241,712 acres of grassland under improved management on private lands
- 140,933 acres of grassland under improved management on public lands
- 12,777 acres treated to remove annual invasive plants
- 5,013 acres of invasive trees removed

Sagebrush rangelands:

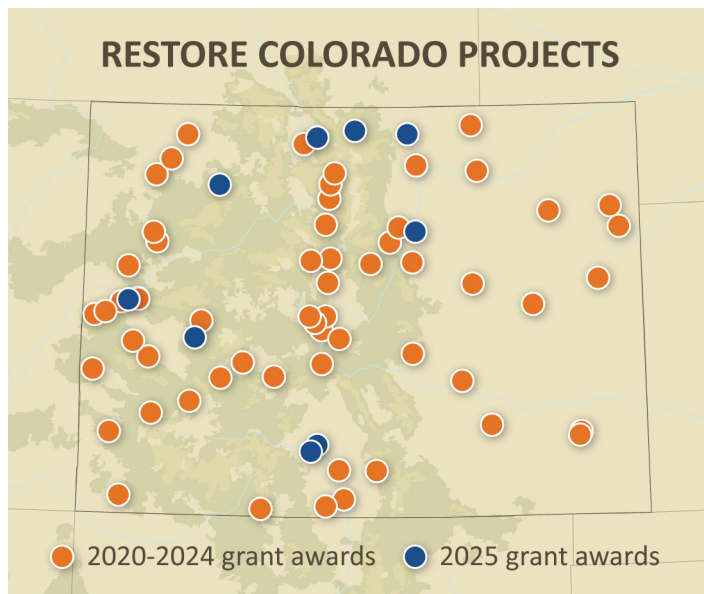
- 3,209 mesic wet meadow structures installed
- 3,513 acres of mesic habitat with restored hydrology on private lands
- 2,038 acres of mesic habitat with restored hydrology on public lands

Big game winter range and migration routes:

- 229 miles of fencing removed, improved, or installed to benefit migratory big game

Forestland:

- 1,750 acres of private forestland restored
- 1,854 acres of public forestland restored



Greater sage-grouse