

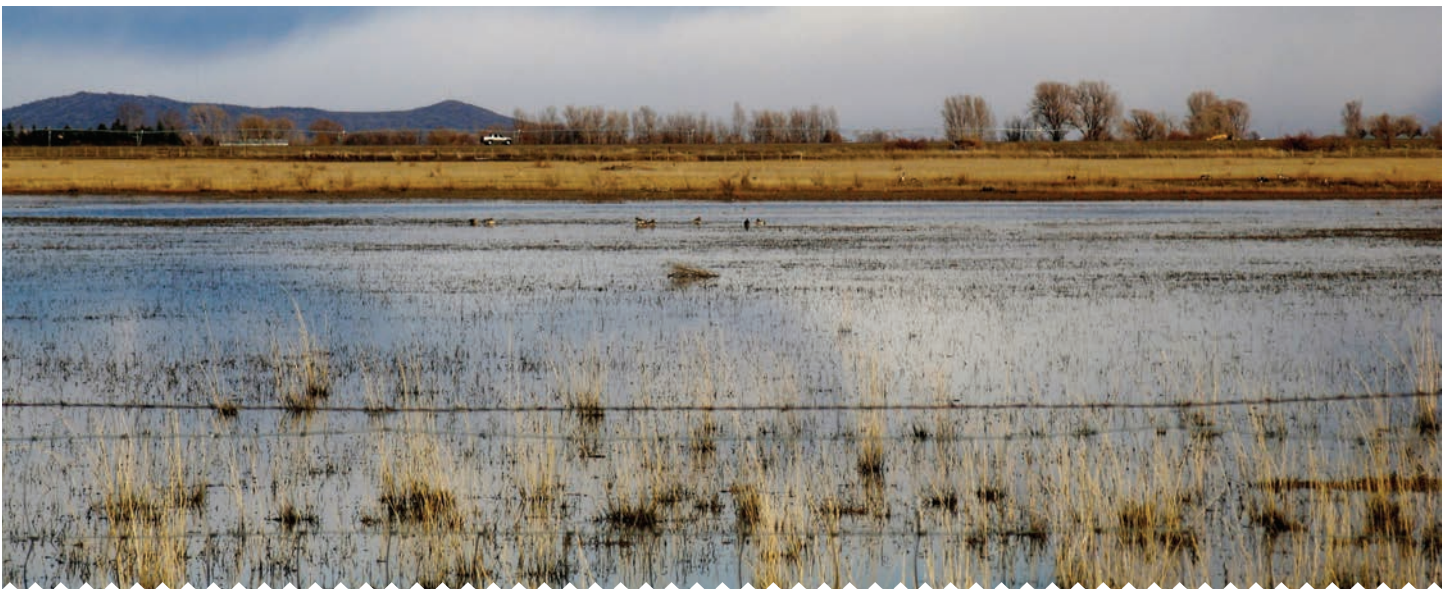
DU
CONSERVATION REPORT
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From the Panhandle to Pocatello and the edge of Yellowstone to Boise, Ducks Unlimited has projects extending all across the great state of Idaho. Although the landscape ranges from lush to lunar, ducks such as redheads, mallards, goldeneyes, northern pintails and a few harlequins join Canada geese and trumpeter swans to make Idaho a major stopover during annual migrations and use its wetlands annually for breeding grounds. However, the state struggles with water in sufficient quantity for suitable waterfowl habitat. Sometimes scarce and always fluctuating, the availability of water affects many of DU's projects.

DU recently completed a slate of projects across the state, including restoration at Cocolalla Lake in Bonner County. This project was several years in the making, restoring wetlands that had been drained and subsequently farmed for decades. DU will continue to look for opportunities to conserve wetlands in Idaho and throughout the Pacific Northwest.

DU EASEMENT - FIRST OF ITS KIND IN IDAHO



DU placed a conservation easement on one of its own properties near the Market Lake Wildlife Management Area, the first of its kind in Idaho and only the second such arrangement for

Ducks Unlimited along the Pacific Flyway. DU generally only holds easements on private parcels owned by other parties in the western region.

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The 242 acres of farmland located just a half-mile from Market Lake WMA was originally purchased by Wetlands America Trust in 2012 and acts as an important buffer for the wildlife area. In 2016, Ducks Unlimited approached the Teton Regional Land Trust with a proposal to keep the property protected from mining, development, and other potential harmful uses to the wetlands, while still acting as productive farmland.

Ducks Unlimited donated the conservation easement and gave up a portion of the property's development rights to protect the wetlands, natural habitat and other agricultural areas that provide numerous benefits for the waterfowl, wildlife and people in the region.

TAKE THE INITIATIVE – HELP DU CONSERVE HABITAT THROUGH THE WINGS & WETLANDS INITIATIVE

Water supply issues and habitat loss in the extensive marshes and floodplains of the upper Snake River basin of eastern Idaho, including Henry's Fork watershed, are also a focus of DU's Wings & Wetlands Initiative. DU will partner with government agencies, Native American tribes, and private landowners to deliver habitat restoration, enhancement, and protection.

Your gift to Ducks Unlimited is invaluable, and it is truly the greatest contribution you

can make to secure the future of wetlands and waterfowl. Every dollar you give to Ducks Unlimited is leveraged many times over to create a conservation impact far beyond your initial gift. And be assured, at least 80 cents of every dollar received is invested directly in our conservation mission. Start making a difference right now for waterfowl, outdoorsmen, and future generations of wildlife and people by making your gift to DU's Wings & Wetlands Initiative to help conserve key wetland

habitats in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. In all three states, significant wetland habitats have been lost and, as human populations soar, the demand for water increases, putting even more pressure on those wetlands that remain. Your gift to DU's Wings & Wetlands Initiative will help curb this loss and begin the restoration process for critical wetlands.

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our mission

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