



# NGPC MISSION STATEMENT

Stewardship of the state's fish,  
wildlife, and parkland resources.  
(Game and Non-Game)



# Public Trust Resources



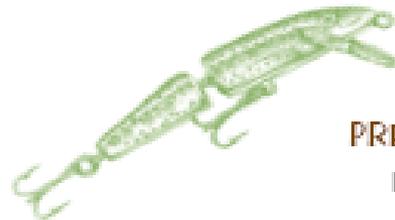


# Youth Programs



- Upland Game
- Waterfowl
- Deer
- Turkey
- Antelope
- Elk
- Bighorn Sheep
- Furbearers
- Falconry
- Mountain Lion

# A 20-year Plan for Hunter/Angler Recruitment, Development and Retention in Nebraska



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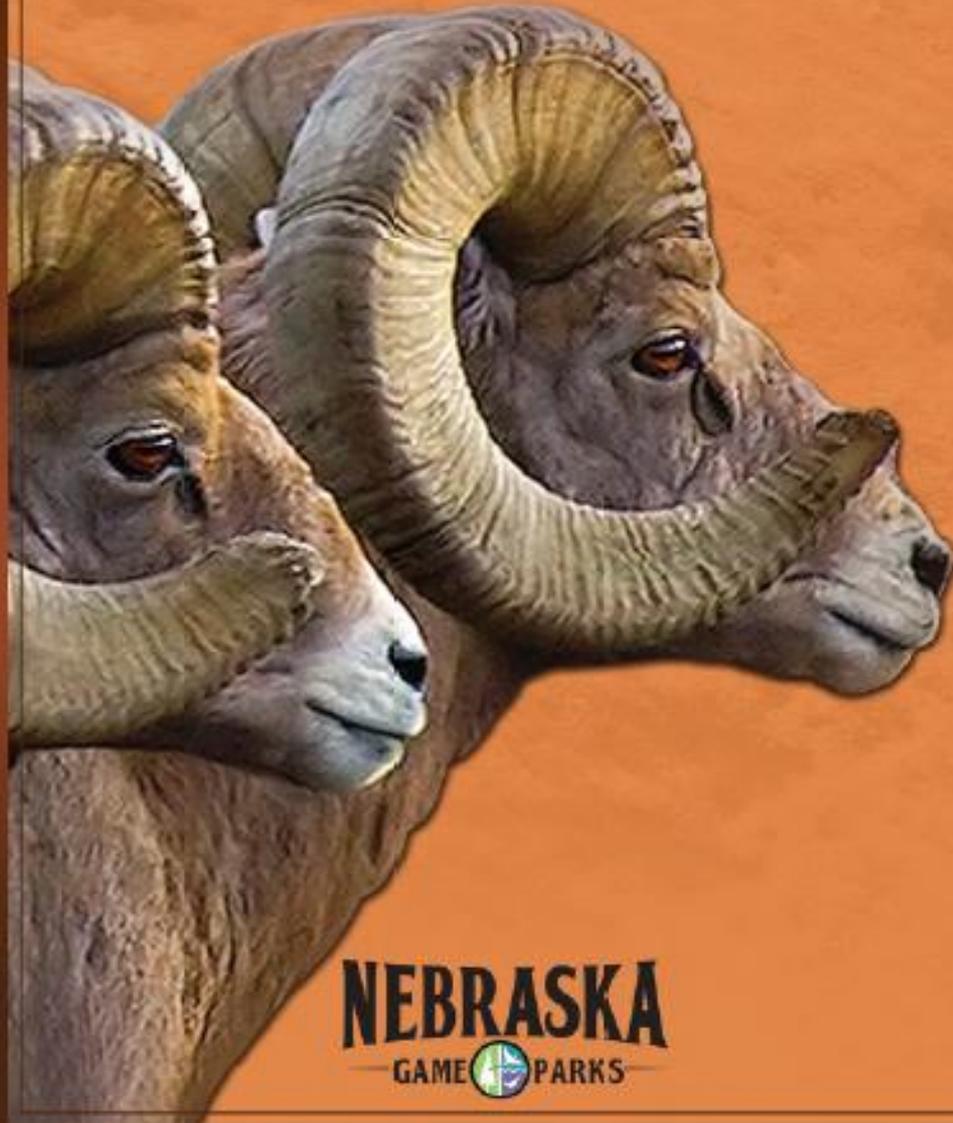
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*"Conserving an Outdoor Heritage"*



*Nebraska Game and Parks Commission*

# 2009 MARKETING PLAN



**NEBRASKA**  
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# Public Access

## 2010 Nebraska Public Access Atlas

CRP - Management Access Program

A joint project of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and Pheasants Forever  
and

Open Fields and Waters Program

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This Atlas valid through July 2011

# Open Fields and Waters Program

Help ensure Nebraska's rich outdoor heritage  
by allowing expanded hunting and fishing opportunities



## Benefits to Landowners

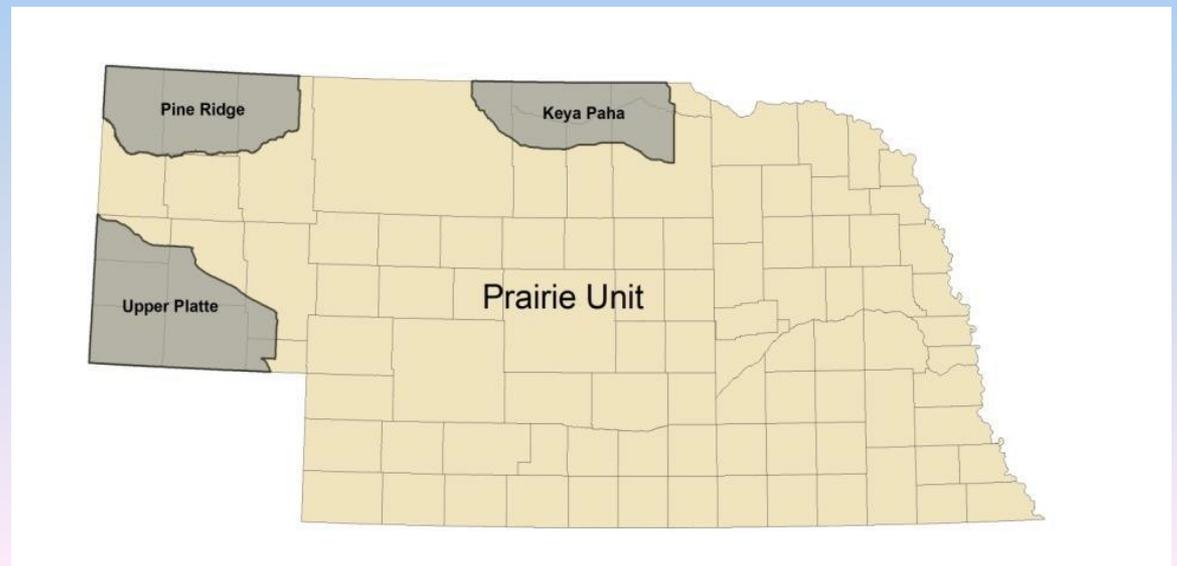
- Receive payments per acre of land or water enrolled.
- Protection under the Nebraska Recreation Liability Act.
- Hunters and anglers would be provided walk-in access.



### Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Offices

District I - Alliance (308) 763-2940  
District II - Bassett (402) 684-2921  
District III - Norfolk (402) 370-3374  
District IV - North Platte (308) 535-8025  
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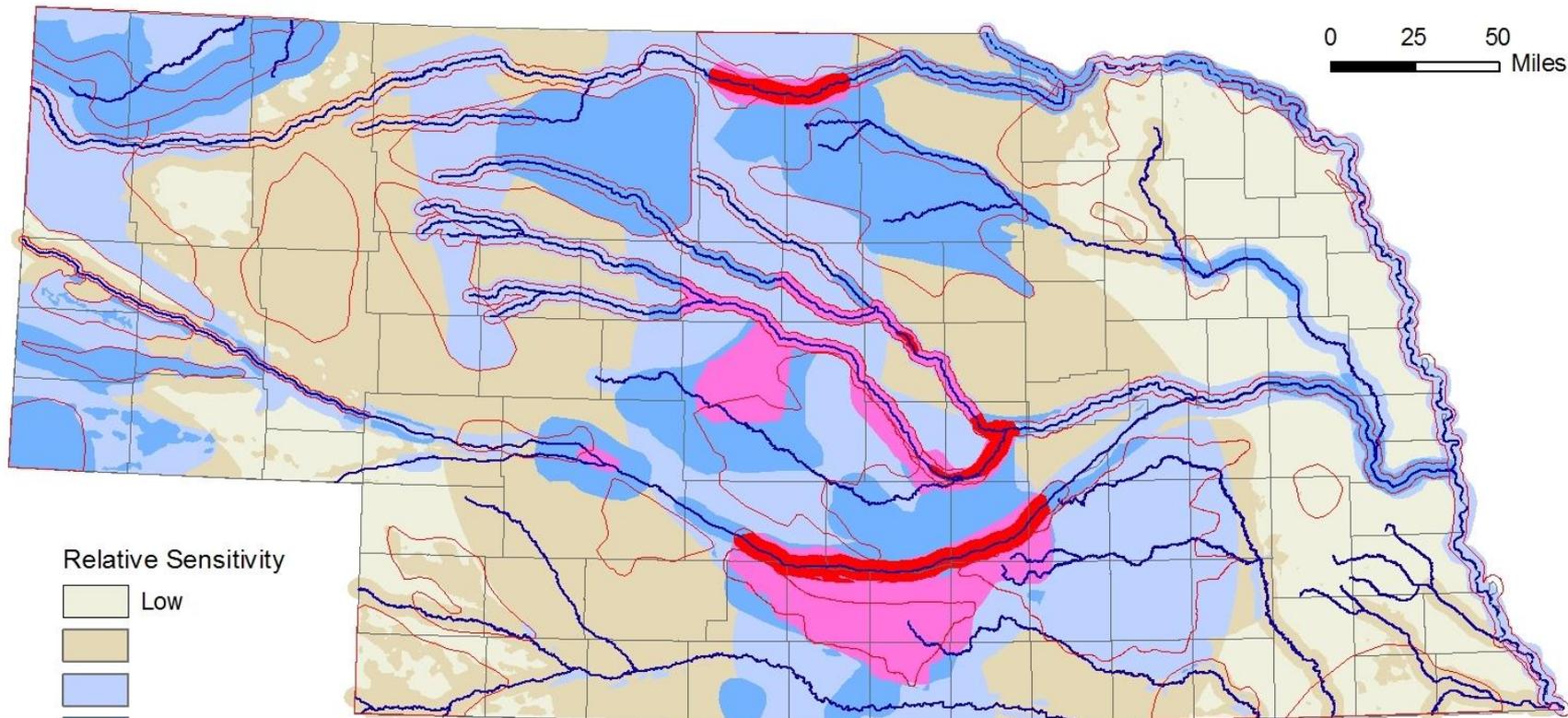
# Mountain Lion Hunting







# DRAFT: Wind power and Nebraska's wildlife: An index of the sensitivity of wildlife habitats to wind power development, based on selected at-risk species



## Relative Sensitivity

Low



High

## Biologically Unique Landscapes



This map was designed to aid in planning for wind power development by identifying areas that are considered relatively more sensitive or less sensitive to such development, with respect to species of concern. This map is not designed to evaluate wind farm siting at specific locations. Even in "low sensitivity" areas shown, there will be specific locations where siting of wind power infrastructure can negatively impact significant biological resources (e.g. remnant tallgrass prairie, listed plant species, etc.). Contact the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for potential site-specific impacts and potential conservation measures to avoid "take" under the state Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act and the federal Endangered Species Act.

See attached document for a description of the information used to develop this map.

Map version date: April 30, 2009



- Missouri River Recovery Program
- Platte River Recovery Program
- Instream Flow
- Wind Energy Development and Pipelines (Keystone XL)
- Integrated Management Plans – LB 962
- State Non-Game and Endangered Species Conservation Act (NESCA -- similar to ESA- for state actions)
- Review NEPA documents (EIS's, EA's)
- 404 permits (Clean Water Act –public notices - Corps)
- Fish and WL Coordination Act (Service/NGPC)
- Technical Advisory/Interagency Cooperation
- Relicensing --- Hydro and Nuclear Power Plants



# State Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act

- Statute 37-801 through 37-811
- Legislative Intent -- It is the policy of this state to conserve species of wildlife for human enjoyment, for scientific purposes, and to ensure their perpetuation as viable components of their ecosystems.
- State Actions





# Values of Biodiversity

➤ **Intrinsic Value**

➤ **Instrumental Value**

➤ **Goods** (medicine, food)

➤ **Services** (pollination, nutrient cycling, oxygen production)

➤ **Information** (practical scientific knowledge, a genetic library)

➤ **Recreation** (fishing, hunting, trapping, viewing)



# Platte River: Finding a balance



# Platte River Recovery Program

- LAC
- TAC
- Track WAC



# Lower Platte River





Figure 15: Average annual hydrograph for the Platte River at Louisville (USGS Gage No. 06805500) based on the recorded mean daily flows from 1954 through 2000. Source: Mussetter Engineering, Inc. January 2000

# MEDIAN MEAN DAILY FLOW

## Platte River near Duncan, NE



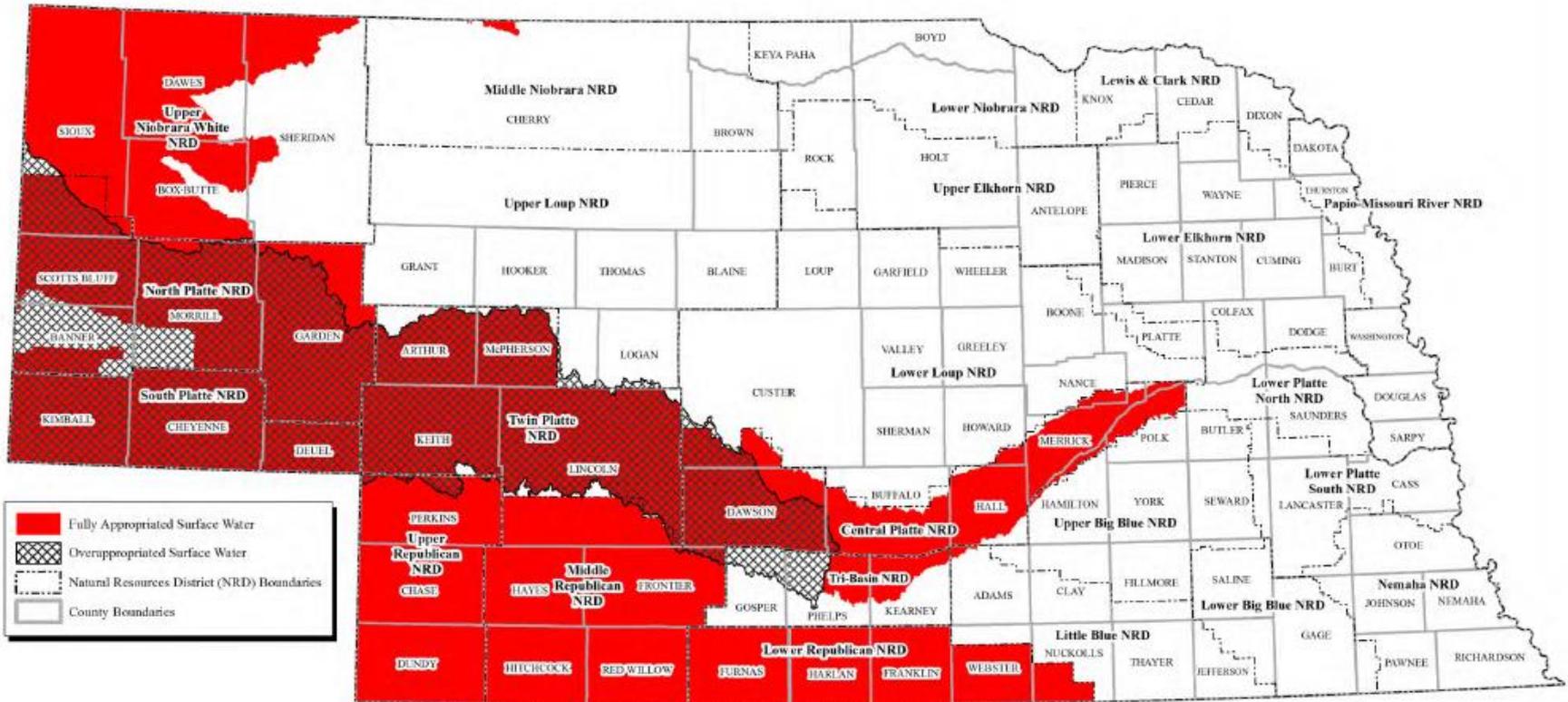
Median mean daily flow in the Platte River at Duncan, Nebraska, in 1895-1909 vs. 1975-98. (Source: USGS gage data, as presented in Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, FEIS , page 2-26 (USFWS 2006)).

# Integrated Management Plans



## Fully Appropriated and Overappropriated Surface Water in Nebraska

Determinations made by the Department of Natural Resources as of September 09, 2011



This map represents all areas in Nebraska where the surface water resources have been determined to be fully appropriated or overappropriated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as of September 09, 2011. Detailed information regarding these determinations can be found in the individual Notices and Orders issued by DNR.





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## Approved Plans

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- [Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management of Overappropriated Portions of the Platte River Basin, Nebraska](#)
- [South Platte NRD](#)
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- Voluntary IMPs
  - LPSNRD, P-MRNRD, LNNRD
  - Basin Wide for the Lower Platte ??

# *Missouri River Recovery*



- <http://www.moriverrecovery.org>
- MRAPS- Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study
- MRERP – Ecosystem Restoration Plan
- MORAST- States and Tribes
- MRRIC -basin-wide collaborative forum
- ACT – Agency Corrd. Team
- Nebraska Projects (WMAs)



# Niobrara River



- Instream Flows
- Environmental Flows

**This ?**

**Lower Platte between Omaha and Lincoln, below Cedar Creek walking bridge, 1 August 2012.**

**Or This?**



**Hopefully This**













# NIOBRARA

- Ongoing Studies
  - Recreational Flow Study
  - Socio-economic Study
  - Hydraulic Geometry and Macro-scale Habitats
  - Water Budget and Bibliography of Reports

