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NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ASSOCIATION RELEASES 2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR AMERICA'S WILDLIFE AND THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D.C. FEBRUARY 25, 2015 - The National Wildlife Refuge System should receive at least \$508.2 million in operations and maintenance funding in FY16, according to a new report released by the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

This and other legislative priorities are included in the Refuge Association's 2015 Legislative Priorities for America's Wildlife and National Wildlife Refuge System, now available online.

This double report highlights both the Refuge Association's [Top 10 funding priorities](#) for FY16 as well as the Refuge Association's [Top 10 policy priorities](#) for the 114th Congress.

"These priorities reflect what is needed to secure a lasting conservation legacy for our children and grandchildren," said David Houghton, president of the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

The priorities cover critical conservation needs from increased operational funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System to protecting wilderness values in Alaska's Arctic and Izembek National Wildlife Refuges.

With a refuge located in every state and within an hour's drive of every metropolitan area, America's wildlife refuges provide unparalleled opportunities to experience and enjoy the outdoors and the nation's diverse wildlife heritage. Wildlife refuges are economic engines, providing \$4.87 in economic return for every \$1 of federal investment, creating 35,000 jobs, and generating \$2.4 billion in economic output.

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