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Conservation Notes

Current topics and issues affecting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation

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49 Reasons to **Support** Natural Resource Conservation

Conservation Note #50 marks a four-year effort identifying issues concerning North Dakota's natural resources and outdoor recreation. The 49 previous notes were directed to political leaders calling attention to the great importance of the state's natural resources. Because we have had abundant resources in the past, they have often been given less attention or ignored. As a result, our once abundant wetlands, native prairie, and woodlands, are deteriorating. Conservation Notes were created as a discussion vehicle calling attention to the importance and the need to address and protect the remaining natural resources for our many outdoor users. Response to Conservation Notes has been positive.

Abundant and accessible natural resources are a significant reason that North Dakota is a great place to live. Fish, wildlife, and public and private lands provide reliable recreation, tourism, and substantial economic contributions year after year, especially for small-town main streets. During the pandemic, our remaining natural resources provide safe and reliable space for our citizens physical and mental health. North Dakota's natural resources deserve protection and improvement. They need to be a significant part of the mix when making decisions on projects and development that can negatively impact their values.

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