



Friends of SD Parks and Wildlife Major Donors 2011: Building Development Capacity to Preserve and Provide Public Access to South Dakota's Land, Waters, and Wildlife \$200,000

The South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization supporting the work of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks. It has worked for over 25 years to make South Dakota's Great Places accessible to the public, starting with acquisition of the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve. Over time, it has gathered the private contributions to make possible acquisition and improvements to state lands and many outdoor education and recreation programs. Included in this work has been support for the Outdoor Campus East in Sioux Falls, The Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City, the George S. Mickelson Trail, Custer State Park, Ft. Sisseton Historic State Park, Newton Hills State Park, Spirit Mound, scores of lake and river access areas and many other Great Places and programs.



Two years ago, the Foundation initiated the Friends of South Dakota Parks and Wildlife program to provide additional support for efforts to create and expand South Dakota's Great Places for today's and future generations. People in South Dakota and across our nation recognize that we are blessed with a unique outdoor heritage and that it will take continual investment to preserve it. Unfortunately, public funds to support these endeavors are being reduced. Private contributions will be needed on an ongoing basis to fund the Foundation's work in support of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, to acquire unique lands for parks, wildlife production areas, and water access areas.

Over the next three years, the Foundation will play a major role in purchasing land at Blood Run and developing a premier South Dakota State Park at that location. The Foundation will also raise funds to improve The Outdoor Campus East and complete the Outdoor Campus West campaign. Other projects will be possible to the extent operating support is secured.



A state-wide campaign is under way to find 200 new major donors who will make contributions of \$500 or more for each of the next three years.



Three-fourths of these major Friends contributions will be used over the next several years for support of resource development activities. One-half of Friends contributions of \$500 or more paid from May through December in 2011 will be matched 1:1 up to \$50,000 by Foundation Board members Tom Lillibridge of Bonesteel and Larry Ness of Yankton for the Foundation's unrestricted endowment.

The annual distribution from the endowment will provide a reliable income in perpetuity to support the work of the Foundation.

We encourage you, as someone who embraces our South Dakota quality of life - a life rich in the joys of the great outdoors - to support this critical effort. Thanks for your support!

