



# 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

## SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS

### MISSION

We serve and connect people and families to the outdoors through effective management of our state's parks, fisheries and wildlife resources.

### VISION

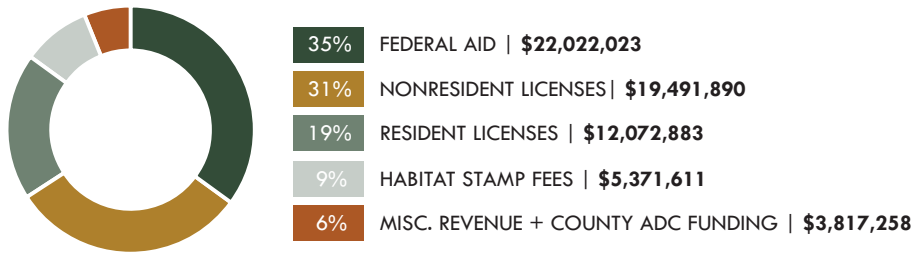
We will conserve our state's outdoor heritage to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

### EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

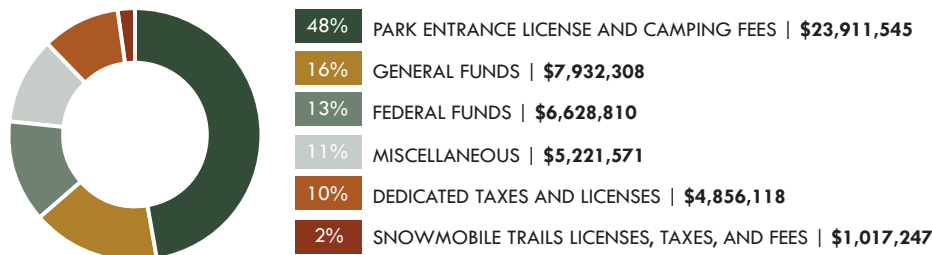
**450 PERMANENT STAFF MEMBERS. 118 PART-TIME STAFF MEMBERS. 282 INTERNS. 470+ VOLUNTEERS.**

Each year our staff work tirelessly to collaborate across department lines, with local, state, and national partners along with private landowners from around the state. Through this they accomplish our strategic plan and tackle other challenges without hesitation or complaint. This work is all possible through everyone on Team GFP, which consists of full-time, seasonal, intern, and our volunteers.

### WILDLIFE REVENUE | \$62,775,665



### PARK REVENUE | \$49,567,599



### TOP 10 MOST VISITED PARKS IN 2023

1. **CUSTER STATE PARK**
2. **LEWIS & CLARK RECREATION AREA**
3. **SPRING CREEK RECREATION AREA**
4. **OAHE DOWNSTREAM RECREATION AREA**
5. **COW CREEK RECREATION AREA**
6. **GOOD EARTH STATE PARK**
7. **LAKE ALVIN RECREATION AREA**
8. **ANGOSTURA RECREATION AREA**
9. **SPRINGFIELD RECREATION AREA**
10. **SNAKE CREEK RECREATION AREA**

### CONNECTING PEOPLE TO THE OUTDOORS

**22,590**

RECORD VISITORS AT  
CSP BUFFALO ROUND UP

**3,663**

EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
PROVIDED

**291,803**

APPLICATIONS  
SUBMITTED

**8,144**

HIKERS PARTICIPATED IN  
TRAILS ARE CALLING

**46%**

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN  
BOUNTY PROGRAM



## OUR IMPACT

2023 was a very successful year and the effects of our work are noticed throughout the state. Here's a glance at the achievements that have been accomplished by Team GFP this past year.

**151,063**

Annual Park Entrance Licenses  
Purchased.

**7,993,042**

State Park Visitations.

**351,066**

Camping Nights.

**301,339**

Habitat Stamps Purchased.

**1,517,502**

Acres of Private Land Enrolled in  
Public Hunting Access.

**74,025**

Approximate Number of  
Trees Planted.

**19**

Fish Species Stocked.

**5,672,520**

Walleye and Saugeye  
Juveniles Grown.

**249**

Lakes and Streams Stocked.