



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Vision and Mission Statements

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Vision

Comprehensive Conservation Plans incorporate a vision statement—an inspiring expression of the Refuge’s special character. Rooted in the Refuge’s purposes, the vision statement describes those qualities that should endure to be passed on to future generations.

The Arctic Refuge Vision

This untamed arctic landscape continues to sustain the ecological diversity and special values that inspired the Refuge’s establishment. Natural processes continue and traditional cultures thrive with the seasons and changing times; physical and mental challenges test our bodies, minds and spirit; and we honor the land, the wildlife and the native people with respect and restraint. Through responsible stewardship this vast wilderness is passed on, undiminished, to future generations.

Mission Statements

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

National Wildlife Refuge System Mission



The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and, where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mission



Working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.