

The Alarming Condition of the National Wildlife Refuges

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Many readers of “Ding” on the Wing realize that over the last decade the staff at the “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge has been cut in half. At the same time, the number of visitors to the Refuge has doubled, and the amount of Refuge land that needs to be managed has increased. Unfortunately, budget cuts and staff shortages are endemic across the entire Refuge System. For more detail, see [here](#).

In case you missed it: In [a recent article](#), we discussed the synergy between cattle ranching and conservation. For more on that topic, see [here](#).