

Prairie Hills Audubon Society of Western South Dakota Inc.

**Prairie Hills Audubon Society
of Western South Dakota Inc.'s mission is:**

**TO EDUCATE ABOUT, PROTECT AND
RESTORE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND NATU-
RAL HERITAGE.**



CONSERVATION CAMPAIGNS

**PHAS maintains general, issue-based, conservation cam-
paigns:**

1. General management of our public lands, (Grasslands, National Forests, BLM, Parks and National Wildlife Refuges in our region),
2. Protection of roadless & wild areas, especially Sand Creek Roadless Area, BHNH in Wyoming
3. Protection of rivers and wetland habitat, especially, Missouri River, Cheyenne River, Sand Creek/Belle Fourche River, and White River Drainages. Protection of beavers and their dams.
4. Protection of at risk wildlife/plant species including state and federal listed species and Forest Service sensitive species, such as: piping plovers, interior least terns, sturgeon chub, sage grouse, mountain plover, six species of land snails, black footed ferrets, prairie dogs, swift fox, Black Hills fishes (lake chub, fine scaled dace etc.), bearlodge jumping mouse, goshawks, dippers, black backed, lewis, and northern three toed woodpeckers, brown creeper, pygmy nuthatch, northern long eared bat etc.,
5. Protection of imperiled ecosystems/habitat in our region, especially the prairie dog ecosystem & old-growth forest,
 6. Watchdogging wildlife control programs, such as Rapid City deer or SD blackbirds, aerial hunting of predators, prairie dog and beaver control, SD's Nest Predator Bounty Program or Mt Lion kill/hunting plans,

7. Protecting the Black Hills and nearby areas from depredations of mining,
8. Protection of water quality in SD and Black Hills of Wyoming,
9. Watchdogging major development plans, such as Rosebud's hog farm, DME Railroad expansion or development near Bear Butte.
10. Supporting environmental justice for minority people of SD.
 11. Air quality protection,
 12. Addressing climate change and solutions,
 13. Population and environment,

Hands on projects/research

1. Habitat improvements, such as bluebird trail,
2. Assisting agencies with finding volunteers for research, advertise agency's/non profit's volunteer requests,
3. Citizen Science; Climate Watch, sponsor Rapid City & Pine Ridge Christmas Bird Count and advertise others,
4. Assisting agencies with projects,
5. Celebrating and conserving nature through art,

Public Education

1. Our meetings,
2. Our field trips,
3. Attend/speak at others' meetings or organize or attend networking meetings/events,
4. Creating literature/publications, such as newsletter, web site, Facebook page, list serves and bulk-email lists,

