

## NAWPA Products

Over the years, NAWPA has worked on a variety of subjects and created the following products:

- Conservation in North America: An Analysis of Land-based Conservation in Canada, Mexico, and the United States by NAWPA Agencies, 2016 (Report; Story Map)
- Grasslands Demonstration Areas: A Landscape Approach to Temperate Grassland Conservation in the North American Great Plains, 2016 (Poster)
- Conserving Marine Wilderness Consensus, 2013 (Brochure; Case Studies)
- Ensuring the Relevance of Wilderness and Protected Areas in a Changing World, 2012 (Report)
- Water Resources of Wilderness and Protected Areas of North America, 2012 (Brochure; Poster; Trifold)
- North American Protected Areas as Natural Solutions to Climate Change, 2012 (Brochure; Case Studies)

NAWPA products and additional information about the Committee are available at [nawpacommittee.org](http://nawpacommittee.org).



Caribou at Ramah Bay, Torngrat Mountains National Park, Canada.

### NAWPA Committee



The North American Intergovernmental Committee on Cooperation for Wilderness and Protected Area Conservation  
El Comité Intergubernamental de Norteamérica de Cooperación para la Conservación de las Áreas Protegidas y Silvestres  
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## NAWPA

The North American  
Inter-Governmental Committee  
on Cooperation for Wilderness and  
Protected Areas Conservation

*NAWPA is a collaborative initiative fostering the exchange of ideas, experiences, best practices, and innovative solutions on shared conservation opportunities at the North American continental scale and across multiple agencies and jurisdictions.*

## NAWPA Agencies and Protected Areas

NAWPA<sup>1</sup> comprises six of the largest North American land and resource management agencies, which together manage 15% of the continental landmass:

- Canada – Parks Canada Agency
- Mexico – Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources, National Commission for Natural Protected Areas
- United States – Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service; United States Geological Survey (official partner)

Protected areas and wilderness play a critical role in conserving biodiversity and supporting human health and well-being. They provide recreation, education, and research opportunities and support the economy by providing resource benefits, ecosystem services, tourist destinations, and ecological resilience.

NAWPA agencies promote sound management for these areas through the following:

- Conservation and restoration efforts
- Public outreach, youth engagement, and education initiatives



*Mariposa Monarca Biosphere Reserve, Mexico.*

- Recreation and visitor enjoyment opportunities
- Capacity-building activities

NAWPA partnership enables the participating agencies to share experiences, develop best practices and imagine innovative solutions to enhance the stewardship of North American protected areas and wilderness.

## Current Work and Projects

*Assessment of land-base conservation in North America*

The USGS maintains a spatial database of North American conservation areas allowing evaluation of the extent to which various ecosystems are conserved across North America. This helps illustrate where and how trilateral cooperation can enhance shared conservation goals.

*Enhancing connectivity between conservation areas in North America*

Analyses in two demonstration areas (the North American Temperate Grasslands and the Californias) will help identify approaches and opportunities to enhance connectivity between conservation areas in order to better conserve biodiversity and build environmental and social resilience in our rapidly changing world.

*Fostering management practices in protected areas that are respectful and inclusive of Indigenous peoples and communities*

A document will illustrate the diversity of approaches to working with Indigenous organizations for the protection, conservation, presentation and interpretation of natural and cultural heritage.

<sup>1</sup> Established in 2009 under a voluntary Memorandum of Understanding.