

DESIREE SORENSON-GROVES



Vice President of Government Affairs

National Wildlife Refuge Association (2005-present)

Ms. Sorenson-Groves directs the Association's government affairs activities including: development and execution of legislative and regulatory strategy; advocating policies and programs in Congress and the Executive Branch; analyzing legislation; development of Congressional testimony and communication tools, including position papers, testimony, speeches and articles for trade publications.

Prior to her VP role, she served as NWRAs Director of Grassroots Outreach and was responsible for identifying, educating and mobilizing local conservation constituencies to support national wildlife refuges across the country with the goal of increasing community awareness, volunteer involvement and advocacy on behalf of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Before joining NWRAs, Ms. Sorenson-Groves was the Assistant Director of Grassroots for the National Audubon Society, where she also served as the Audubon representative on the Teaming With Wildlife Steering Committee, promoting the goals and objectives of the Congressionally mandated State Wildlife Action Plans.

A skilled marketer and customer-relations professional, Desiree has experience organizing and promoting not-for-profit programs, including the Challenger Center's Window on the Universe program in Washington, DC, where she initiated and coordinated the campaign bringing NASA scientists into DC public schools. An Iowa native, Desiree was born into politics, participating in everything possible, including four Presidential Caucuses. Desiree earned her B.A. in Geography from George Washington University.

Witness Disclosure Form

Clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires non-governmental witnesses to disclose to the Committee the following information. A non-governmental witness is any witness appearing on behalf of himself/herself or on behalf of an organization other than a federal agency, or a state, local or tribal government.

Your Name, Business Address, and Telephone Number:



1. Are you appearing on behalf of yourself or a non-governmental organization? Please list organization(s) you are representing.

National Wildlife Refuge Association and 190 affiliate refuge "Friends" organizations

2. Have you or any organization you are representing received any Federal grants or contracts (including any subgrants or subcontracts) since October 1, 2008?

Yes No

3. If your response to question #2 is "Yes", please list the amount and source (by agency and program) of each grant or contract, and indicate whether the recipient of such grant or contract was you or the organization(s) you are representing.

Since October 1, 2008, the National Wildlife Refuge Association has received the following grants/contracts from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:

FYE 6/09	\$15,000 "Beyond the Boundaries"/Oregon \$23,000 "Beyond the Boundaries"/Nevada \$949 Fire Coordination Meeting \$50,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Nevada	\$20,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Florida \$100,000 Refuge "Friends Unite" Conference \$25,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Utah \$100,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Nevada
FYE 6/10	\$4,000 Region 3 Friends Workshop \$5,000 Region 2 Friends Workshop \$5,800 Region 6&7 Friends Workshop \$10,000 Region 8 Friends Workshop \$20,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" CT River \$20,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Florida \$100,000 Refuge Vision Process	\$5,000 Region 5 Friends Workshop \$5,000 Region 4 Friends Workshop \$7,495 Region 1 Friends Workshop \$15,432 "Beyond the Boundaries" Maryland \$20,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Everglades \$100,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Nevada
FYE 6/11	\$75,000 NAWCA/Florida \$20,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" CT River \$100,000 Refuge Vision Process \$10,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" CT River \$45,438 "Beyond the Boundaries" S. Nevada \$100,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Nevada \$125,000 Refuge Vision Process	\$20,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Everglades \$9,505 "Beyond the Boundaries" Utah \$23,568 "Beyond the Boundaries" Maryland \$3,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Florida \$200,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Nevada \$100,000 Refuge Vision Process \$170,000 Refuge Vision Process
FY to date	\$50,000 Everglades Partnership Initiative \$35,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" CT River \$35,000 Cooperative Conservation	\$100,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" Bear River \$150,000 Building Refuge Friends Capacity \$31,000 "Beyond the Boundaries" S. Nevada

Signature:



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