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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION MOU

Purpose. To distribute information to the field.

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Filing Instructions. File in the Biology Technical Note binder.

In September, 1995, the Chief of the NRCS and the President of the National Wild Turkey Federation signed a Memorandum of Understanding. In short, the MOU outlines the following responsibilities:

The Federation will:

- Provide available information to NRCS.
- Refer members and customers to NRCS for technical assistance.
- Assist with the wild turkey habitat training of NRCS personnel.

The NRCS will:

- Provide updated technical information reflecting current research results and recommendations of the Federation for wild turkey habitat management to its field offices.
- Train field office personnel to improve wild turkey habitat on private and public lands with assistance from the Federation using current technical information. Guidelines will be developed on the State level to maintain technical abilities.
- Utilize its public information program to inform landowners of available assistance including Project HELP.

Both will:

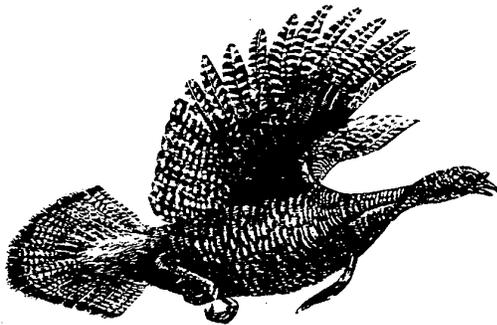
- Agree to cooperate fully with each other in the management and improvement of the wild turkey habitat on private and public lands in the United States.
- Meet annually to review implementation of this partnership and make any necessary improvements.
- Recognize that the Service and the Federation will maintain jurisdiction of their own personnel, facilities, and funds.
- All matters that require NRCS action or approval will be handled through NRCS procedures.

Attached is a copy of a brochure developed to announce the MOU and contacts. If you need additional information, or have requests for assistance, contact Wildlife Biologist Gary Wooten at 761-4486.

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Attachment

Managing Wild Turkey Habitat - A Partnership



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Partnership Formed to Enhance Wild Turkey Habitat

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) are partners in a cooperative effort to maintain and enhance wild turkey habitat on private and public lands.

The NWTf and NRCS work together to develop a framework for the cooperative management of activities for the improvement of wild turkey and other wildlife habitat. As NRCS sought partners to help set conservation goals and work with people on the land, the NWTf also was seeking ways to expand its technical delivery system to the private sector, especially direct assistance to landowners.

The NRCS works hand-in-hand with people to conserve natural resources on private lands. This includes providing planning and technical assistance for the improvement of wild turkey habitat.

As a result of these similar interests, the NWTf and NRCS entered into a partnership to cooperate in the management and improvement of wild turkey habitat on private and public lands in the U.S.

Through the partnership, the NWTf will refer members and customers to the NRCS for technical assistance and assist with wild turkey habitat training of NRCS personnel.

The NRCS will train field office personnel in the most effective techniques of wild turkey management and habitat enhancement on public and private lands with assistance from the NWTf.

NRCS field offices will serve as a local NWTf point of contact for individuals seeking direct assistance on their farms and ranches for the management of wild turkey habitat.

Wildlife species have specific habitat requirements that must be met in order to complete their life cycle. The NRCS can provide assistance based on a resource management system that combines the landowner's objectives for land use, conserving soil and water, and meeting the needs of the wild turkey and other wildlife.

The mission of the NWTf is conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of the turkey hunting tradition by supporting scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands.

Landowners who would like assistance with the development of wild turkey habitat may contact the NRCS district conservationist in their county or the NRCS biologist in their state.

State	Contact	Telephone
AL	Tom Counts	(334)887-4510
AK	Dan LaPlant	(907)271-2424
AZ	David Seery	(602)280-8822
AR	Paul Brady	(501)324-5209
CA	Ronald Schultz	(916)757-8253
CO	Terri Skadeland	(303)236-2913
CT	Tim Dodge	(203)487-4015
DE	Sally Griffith-Kepfer	(302) 678-4182
FL	John Vance	(904)338-9544
GA	Louis A. Justice	(706)546-2115
HI	Larry Yamamoto	(808)541-2603
ID	Frank Fink	(208)334-1066
IL	Gene Barickman	(217)398-5276
IA	Mark Lindflott	(515)284-4586
IN	Dave Stratman	(317)290-3220
KS	Kenneth Kuiper	(913)823-4593
KY	Ray Toor	(606)224-7360
LA	Richard Simmering	(318)473-7803
ME	Robert Wengrzynek, Jr.	(207)866-7249
MD	Anne Lynn	(410)757-0861 ext 319
MA	Don Buckloh	(413)253-4373
MI	Lynn Sampson	(517)337-6701 ext 1207
MN	Mark G. Oja	(612)290-3670
MS	Floyd Wood	(601)965-5199
MO	John P. Graham	(314)876-0908
MT	Peter Husby	(406)587-6902
NE	Gerald Jasmer	(402)437-5303
NV	Robert Schmidt	(702)784-5310
NH	Alan Ammann	(603)868-7581
NJ	David Smart	(908)246-4110 ext 140
NM	George Chavez	(505)761-4421
NY	Michael Townsend	(315)477-6537
NC	Albert Henry, Jr.	(919)790-2894
ND	David Dewald	(701)250-4425
OH	Mark DeBrock	(614)469-6980
OK	Steve Tully	(405)742-1239
OR	Roy Carlson	(503)414-3231
PA	Barry Isaacs	(717)782-4403

RI	David Weeks	(401)828-1300
SC	Jim Lewis	(803)253-3948
SD	Connie Vicuna	(605)352-1233
TN	Michael Zeman	(615)736-7241
TX	Gary Valentine	(817)774-1291
UT	Robert Sennett	(801)524-5054
VA	Greg H. Moser	(804)287-1669
VT	Kip Potter	(802)951-6795
WA	Ivan Lines	(509)353-2335
WV	Gary Gwinn	(304)291-4156 ext 118
WI	Thomas Thrall	(608)264-5334
WY	Dick Rinamaki	(307)261-5510

Other Assistance

NWTF Wildlife Bulletins

A series of short publications on the biology of the wild turkey and management of habitat to enhance wild turkeys and other wildlife. Call for complete list. No charge for single copies.

Managing Openings for Wild Turkeys and Other Wildlife

56 pages containing planting information, descriptions, color photos and range maps of more than 55 herbaceous plants and 60 tree and shrub species planted for wildlife. \$4.00 & \$1.50 shipping and handling.

Project HELP Catalog

Lists availability and price of wildlife seed, tree and shrub seedlings, tree protectors and other planting needs. No charge.

The Wild Turkey - Biology and Management

The history, biology and management of the wild turkey. 463 pages for \$49.95.

*To obtain copies of any of these publications, call
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