Regional Biologist Report
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Research Projects
- Seventeen days were spent setting up and checking bait sites for the gobbler banding effort in Pennsylvania
- Twelve days were spent at trap sites in capture attempts resulting in six captures (41 turkeys caught)
- Eighteen bills for bait, equipment and supplies were processed for a total expenditure of $3,122.29

Meetings and Presentations
- Attended the January meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg
- The Pennsylvania Executive Committee and Board of Directors January meetings were attended
- Annual Awards banquets were attended in Pennsylvania and New Jersey
- The January meeting of the New Jersey Chapter was attended in Hampton
- Assisted and photographed Wheelin' Sportsmen hunts at the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Delaware and Heron Glen Golf Course in New Jersey
- Presented a slide show on wild turkey ecology, behavior and management at the Pennsylvania Chapter Rendezvous in State College
- Participated in the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund Habitat Committee in Pleasant Gap
- Attended the NWTF technical committee, grant-in-aid research project, US Forest Service and Farm Bill meetings at the NWTF National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee

Writing Projects
- Prepared an article for the Maryland Chapter newsletter
- Wrote a draft resolution on handling nuisance and damage issues related to abundant wild turkeys for consideration by the NWTF Technical Committee
- Prepared a brief spring season forecast for Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for Outdoor Life magazine
- Drafted a comment letter for the Pennsylvania Chapter to present at the January commission meeting

Hunting Heritage Super Fund
- Processed 35 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms and one each from Maryland and New Jersey

Information Requests
- Responded to 14 requests for information on wild turkey management, hunting, behavior and ecology from all four states in the region