

**Regional Biologist Report**  
**Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist**  
**March 1- May 31, 2011**

**Meetings and Presentations**

- Attended the April meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg
- Attended Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey Chapter Board meetings
- Attended the Jerry Zimmerman Memorial Chapter banquet in Allentown
- Represented NWTF at the Pennsylvania NRCA Technical Committee meeting in New Cumberland, PA
- Presented a power point entitled “Wild Turkeys 101” at the Pennsylvania State Chapter WITO event at Cabela’s in Hamburg, PA
- Met with US Forest Service staff at Allegheny national Forest in warren, PA to discuss work on the Martin Run National Forest Foundation Grant
- Presented a power point on wild turkey natural history and spring hunting techniques at the Trexler Nature Center in Schnecksville, PA for the Wildlands Conservancy
- Conducted a spring gobbler hunting techniques and turkey hunting safety seminar for the Walking Purchase Chapter at the Lappawinza Gun Club in Northampton, PA
- Presented a “Wild Turkeys 101” power point at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Basking Ridge, NJ
- Met with Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry and Bureau of State Parks personnel regarding our partnership agreement in Harrisburg, PA
- Attended the March meeting of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance in Robbinsville, NJ
- Met with Game Commission personnel and US Forest Service staff in Sheffield, PA for a site visit to develop plans enhancing wildlife openings on the Martin Run Area of Allegheny National Forest
- Worked at the Delaware County Longbeards Super Fund Banquet, the Kittatinny Gobblers Super Fund Banquet and the South Jersey Local Chapter Super Fund Banquet
- Conducted a spring gobbler hunting seminar for the Lower Bucks Longbeards Chapter in Yardley, PA
- Presented a “Wild Turkeys 101” power point at the annual Susquehanna County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs banquet in Hallstead, PA

**Writing Projects**

- Prepared articles on the Martin Run work on Allegheny National Forest, 2011 Super Fund Habitat Expenditures and television filming work in Pennsylvania for the summer issue of “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”

- Wrote letters (2) for the New Jersey State Chapter encouraging the Division of Fish and Wildlife to look into the feasibility of all day spring hunting for the last two weeks of the season in that state
- Submitted an application for grant funding from Chesapeake Energy for projects in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties
- Drafted Pennsylvania Chapter press releases on spring hunting safety (2) and 2011 habitat project expenditures
- Developed a news tip for NWTf on the major land acquisition approved at the April PGC meeting in Harrisburg

### **Special Projects**

- Offered a NWTf project biologist position on Allegheny National Forest to Kristen Giger who accepted the position and began work on March 21
- Considerable time was spent working on plans for the Stewardship Agreement and a National Forest Foundation Grant on Allegheny National Forest which includes early successional habitat and grasslands management
- Provided information and data on all day spring hunting to wild turkey biologists in Delaware, New Jersey and Maine
- Spent a day with National Geographic television regarding a bear incident in which I was involved in New Jersey back in 1998
- Developed monthly expense projections for FY 2012 for the Northeast Region
- Assisted regional biologists with issues in their respective regions
- Prepared bills for equipment and supplies related to the current fall harvest rate study and submitted bills to the chapter treasurer for payment
- Continued to consult with University of Delaware researchers on turkey telemetry monitoring and nest location techniques
- Spent two days training Pennsylvania Game Commission regional personnel on conducting the new “Successful Turkey Hunting” curriculum
- Spent two weeks working with videographers, guests and chapter members in Pennsylvania and New Jersey filming interviews on the Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Play, Wounded Warrior Project and hunting on national wildlife refuges and spring hunts for “Get in the Game” and “Turkey Call Television”

### **Super Fund and Outreach Fund Requests**

- Processed 68 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms, 4 Delaware Chapter Super Fund requests, 2 Maryland forms and 1 New Jersey requests
- Processed 6 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

### **Information Requests**

- Handled 59 requests for information on gobbling, spring hunting, wild turkey nesting, aging wild turkeys, odd-colored wild turkeys, habitat management and wild turkey ecology