

Regional Biologist Report
October 1- December 31, 2011
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Writing Projects

- Developed an article on NWTF membership benefits for the “Jersey Gobbler” the New Jersey Chapter newsletter
- Prepared an article on all day spring hunting implications for “Maryland Turkey Droppings”
- Wrote articles on the Martin Run National Forest Foundation Grant on Allegheny National Forest and the Air Products Matching Gift Program for “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
- Provided information on the opening of Cape May National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey to turkey hunting to a free lance writer preparing an article for “Turkey Country”
- Drafted a summary of major NWTF accomplishments in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey for use on banquet brochures
- Prepared Spring Seed Subsidy and Conservation Seed requests for the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters and discussed and reviewed the request for Maryland with Technical Representative Bob Long
- Developed an article on “Wild Turkey Trivia” for “Pennsylvania Game News”

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the October Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting
- Attended the October Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Committee and board of Directors meetings, the December meetings of the Delaware Chapter Board of Directors, Maryland State Chapter board and Maryland Chapter Super Fund Committee
- Participated in the NWTF Winter Planning Conference in Edgefield, SC
- Facilitated the October Wildlife Management Unit 5A Task Force meeting in southcentral Pennsylvania
- Presented the 2011 Upland Habitat Enhancement Award to the Hatch Nuclear Facility in Georgia for managing more than 5000 acres for wildlife on their facility. The award was presented at the Wildlife Habitat council Symposium in Baltimore, Maryland
- Spent a day filming interviews and cutaways at the site of a planned prescribed burn for forest management on State Game Land 217 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The burn is scheduled for March 2012 and will be featured on NWTF’s “Get in the Game”
- Lectured on wild turkey behavior, ecology and management to a wildlife management class at Stockton College in New Jersey

- Met with US Forest service personnel, a Ruffed Grouse Society biologist and Pennsylvania Game Commission staff on Allegheny National Forest to evaluate the potential for a Stewardship Project on the “Economite Area”
- Met with the Minister of Natural Resources and a representative of the Ministry of Environment from New Brunswick, Canada to discuss wild turkey introduction to the province
- Traveled to Staten Island, New York to film a segment of the “Today Show” concerning feral turkeys living in the heavily developed borough of New York City

Allegheny National Forest Stewardship

- Conducted inspections of wildlife opening and herbicide treatment site work conducted by contractors
- Discussed project biologist work plan with USFS staff

Pennsylvania Study of Hen Turkey Survival and Harvest Rates

- Processed six bills for bait and turkey trapping equipment for the fall trapping segment

Super Fund and Outreach Requests

- Processed 44 Super Fund requests for Maryland, 5 for Pennsylvania, 1 for New Brunswick and 2 for New Jersey
- Process 2 Pennsylvania Outreach Fund requests

NWTF Convention Law Enforcement Session

- Arranged for a speaker for the session who will discuss investigating hunting related shooting incidents
- Developed an agreement with Glock USA for a convention donation and booth space in the exhibit hall

NWTF Staff Supervision

- Reviewed and edited FY2012 work plans for biologists in the northeast
- Prepared personnel evaluations and conducted performance reviews for staff in the region

Information Requests

- Handled 27 requests for information on wild turkey behavior, habitat management, ecology and hunting