

Regional Biologist Report
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Writing Projects

- Provided photos to Pennsylvania Game Commission for use with an article on Wild Turkey Trivia prepared for “Game News”
- Developed articles on Pitman-Robertson funding and spring hunting safety for the spring issue of “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the January Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting
- Attended the January Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Committee and board of Directors meetings and the New Jersey Chapter January Board meeting
- Attended the Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey Chapter Awards banquets
- Presented a power point on “Survival and Hunting Mortality of Male Wild Turkeys in New Jersey” at the Pennsylvania Chapter Rendezvous
- Attended a public meeting regarding placement of a high voltage transmission line on National Park Service property
- Organized and facilitated the annual Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers Session at the NWTF Convention and Sport Show
- Attended the NWTF Technical Committee meeting in Nashville
- Met with representatives of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Provincial Chapters at the NWTF convention
- Provided a power point presentation on NWTF programs to a re-organizational meeting of the Wilson Moore Chapter in Susquehanna County
- Attended the annual Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund Habitat Committee
- Participated in the USFS Making Tracks meeting in Nashville
- Provided two “Successful Turkey Hunting” power point sessions at a WITO event in Chapman State Park
- Participated in a two day rocket-net operation and safety training session at Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey
- Attended a retirement party for Regional Land Manager Lee Widjeskog of the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Attended an awards ceremony sponsored by Consol Energy in Pittsburgh

- Presented turkey hunting seminars at the Garden State Outdoor Expo in New Jersey and at the Early Bird Outdoor Expo in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
- Prepared a power point on “Managing Forest Openings and Fields for Wildlife” for a landowner workshop at Penn State in State College
- Attended and took photos of a Wheelin’ Sportsmen Deer Hunt in Flemington, New Jersey

Allegheny National Forest Stewardship

- Made arrangements for construction of a bat condo for this project
- Worked with Edgefield staff on a modification of the Martin Run National Forest Foundation Grant

Tree Planting Grant

- Worked with the American Chestnut Foundation to obtain a tree planting grant to offset Super Fund costs for habitat projects

Pennsylvania Study of Hen Turkey Survival and Harvest Rates

- Processed 10 bills for bait and turkey trapping equipment for the winter trapping segment

Super Fund and Outreach Requests

- Processed 114 Super Fund requests for Pennsylvania, 4 for New Jersey, 2 for Delaware and 1 each for Maryland and New Brunswick
- Processed 5 Pennsylvania Outreach Fund requests

NWTF Staff Supervision

- Met with and corresponded with staff biologists on a weekly basis to discuss issues, successes and problems

Information Requests

- Handled 22 requests for information on Conservation Seed, wild turkey behavior, habitat management, ecology and hunting