

Regional Biologist Report
Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist
August 1, 2012-October 1, 2012

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the September Board of Directors meetings of the Delaware and New Jersey State Chapters, NWTF and the August Pennsylvania Chapter Board meeting
- Attended the annual NWTF Summer Planning Conference in Edgefield, South Carolina
- Met with US Forest Service staff at the Bradford Ranger District Office to discuss a cooperative agreement and personnel matters
- Participated in the September meeting of the New Jersey Natural Resource Conservation Service Technical Committee in Somerset
- Attended the annual meeting of the Northeast Upland Game Bird Technical Committee in Enriken, Pennsylvania
- Assisted regional directors with the Fueling Conservation II Dinner in Williamsport
- Planned and accomplished a grant funded landowner field day in Jefferson County, PA
- Provided power point presentations on NWTF activities in PA and crop damage evaluation to the Wildlife Damage Committee of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau in Camp Hill
- Attended a meeting on Marcellus Shale Gas Development and Conservation in Hamburg, PA
- Provided presentations on careers in the field of wildlife management at the annual Bradford/Sullivan County Green Career Day in Columbia Crossroads

Special Projects

- Provided additional information on gobbling rates, nest initiation dates and incubation and hatch dates to South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
- Continued work on the Bobbs Fork Stewardship Agreement on Allegheny National Forest including additional work on the Beanfields grassland restoration, treatment of invasive plant species, chainsaw site preparation work and installation of a bat condominium
- Emceed and arranged for judges and tabulators for the North Jersey Open Turkey Calling Contest
- Met with a contractor to plan annual mowing of brood habitat areas on the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in New Jersey
- Provided information on wild turkey population monitoring techniques to officials from New Brunswick, Canada
- Completed revision of PA Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure

- Conducted an oak mast survey on State Game Lands 35 for the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Worked at Tri-County Longbeards Super Fund Banquet in Mays Landing, New Jersey
- Prepared and received three sign orders for habitat enhancement projects on state lands in Pennsylvania
- Prepared an invoice for a major donation from Chesapeake Energy to the Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund
- Participated in GIS training with all northeast region NWTF conservation staff
- Began working with an orchard manager in Lehigh County to develop rodent bait stations for the orchard
- Continued work on the American Chestnut Foundation tree planting grant
- Worked with PA NRCS personnel to arrange for Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-winged Warbler Initiative training workshops in Bedford and Milesburg
- Provided information on the Assateague Wheelin' Sportsmen Sika Deer Hunt in Maryland to a free lance writer preparing an article for "Turkey Country"

Supervisory Responsibilities

- Checked status of revenue and completed invoices to assure FY 2012 income goals were met
- Participated in numerous conference calls providing updates on projects in the region and discussing major initiatives for FY 2013
- Invoiced USFS for cooperative biologist position on Allegheny National Forest

Writing Projects

- Prepared articles on Mentored Youth Fall Turkey Hunting, the Schmid Farm Landowner Field Day, Fall Turkey Hunting Safety and Fueling Conservation II for the fall issue of "Pennsylvania Turkey Talk"
- Prepared a press release concerning the Chesapeake Energy donation to the Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund

Hunting Heritage Super Fund and Outreach Fund Activity

- Processed 9 Super Fund request forms for the Pennsylvania Chapter, 6 for the Delaware Chapter, 3 for the New Jersey Chapter and 1 each for the Maryland and Nova Scotia Chapters
- Processed 1 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

Information Requests

- Provided information to 6 individuals on wild turkey nesting, gobbling activity, wild turkey behavior, hybridization, natural history, habitat requirements and hunting