

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
AND
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the National Wild Turkey Federation (Federation) and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework of cooperation between NACD and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) relative to maintaining and enhancing the productivity of wild turkey and other wildlife habitats on private lands. Such activities include, but are not limited to: wild turkey and habitat conservation projects; habitat restoration; provision of technical assistance; delivery of information and education materials; collaboration on habitat and wildlife research; implementation of NWTF outreach programs such as Women in the Outdoors, Wheelin' Sportsman, and Wild Turkey Woodlands, and development of habitat enhancement techniques.

Both parties have the common objective of assisting people in their efforts to utilize and manage natural resources in accordance with their capabilities and need for improvement. Each party is independent, has its respective responsibilities, yet recognizes the need to coordinate as a national, state and local partner for the successful delivery of conservation programs related to our natural resources.

III. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT:

Broad based forestry conservation programs delivered through the cooperation of the NWTF, Districts and the NACD are vital to the conservation of the natural resources, economic stability and well being of our nation. Hunting is an important tool to manage wildlife populations and a fundamental heritage to many in the United States; providing opportunities to provide an outdoor experience through activities such as shooting and hunting are critical objectives, especially to under-served groups like women and the disabled.

This MOU establishes an enduring basis for cooperation and assistance between the parties to achieve common natural resources conservation goals and objectives. Authority to carry out specific projects or activities, such as the transfer of funds and acquisition of services will be carried out under separate fund obligating documents.

THE NWTF AGREES TO

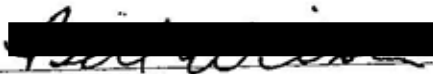
- 1 Provide NACD with information regarding the status of wild turkey populations, habitat restoration and management techniques, and progress in implementing the objectives of the NWTF;
- 2 Inform NWTF members and the general public about wild turkey and associated wildlife conservation projects conducted cooperatively with the NACD. This communication is handled through the NWTF's six magazines, news releases, and 3 television shows;
- 3 Recognize Conservation Districts as a subdivision of State government working at the local level.
- 4 Work closely with the NACD's Resource Policy Committees and provide advisors as requested.
- 5 Seek out opportunities for joint activities at the national, State Association of Conservation Districts or District level.
- 6 Develop working relationship at the State Association level that might lead to joint projects.
- 7 Provide speakers at NACD sponsored meetings when requested and staff availability allows

THE NACD AGREES TO


- 1 Coordinate or provide information to state associations or districts where joint efforts are mutually beneficial to all parties.

2. Allow the NWIF to communicate through communication channels available to the NACD, such as the *Forestry Notes* publication
3. Inform Conservation Districts and State Association about outreach opportunities available through the NWIF: Wild Turkey Woodlands, Hunting Heritage Club, Women in the Outdoors and Wheelin' Sportsman
4. Work cooperatively to encourage Districts to, in partnership with the NWIF, host NWIF outreach events, such as Wild Turkey Woodlands Field Days and Women in the Outdoors events. Annually strive to host one outreach event in each geographic region of the US (NE, SE, MW and W)
- ✓ Invite the NWIF to serve as advisors to its Resource Committee or otherwise participate in NACD activities as mutually agreed on.

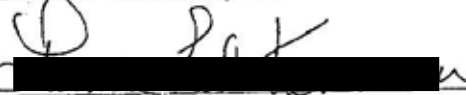
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