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Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Annapolis, Md. --(AmmoLand.com)- The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds Marylanders that cooling temperatures will encourage black bears to begin a period of increased feeding activity prior to hibernation.

During this time, bears may be attracted to human-provided food sources such as trash, pet food and birdfeeders. Bears exploiting human-provided food may lose their natural fear of people, potentially leading to encounters and conflicts.

“The best way to avoid problems is to keep your trash, birdseed and pet food in a place where bears can’t get to it,” said DNR Game Mammal Section Leader Harry Spiker. “Taking preventative steps now will help reduce potential bear problems in the future.”

Bears may travel many miles searching for food in the Fall. Motorists traveling in Maryland’s western counties are reminded to watch for bears crossing roads, especially during October and November.

Also, citizens should delay feeding songbirds until the winter months to avoid attracting bears. Bears in Maryland will begin entering dens in mid-November and most are denned by mid-December.

To learn more about Maryland’s black bears, visit www.dnr.maryland.gov and click on the Wildlife and Heritage Service link or contact a Wildlife and Heritage Service staff person in the western region at 301-777-2136 or statewide at 410-260-8540.

About:

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which is

celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, is the state agency responsible for providing natural and living resource-related services to citizens and visitors. DNR manages more than 461,000 acres of public lands and 17,000 miles of waterways, along with Maryland’s forests, fisheries, and wildlife for maximum environmental, economic and quality of life benefits. A national leader in land conservation, DNR-managed parks and natural, historic, and cultural resources attract 12 million visitors annually. DNR is the lead agency in Maryland’s effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay, the state’s number one environmental priority. Learn more at www.dnr.maryland.gov

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Del-Ton Ar15 Receivers



Del-Ton, Inc

Elizabethtown, NC – (AmmoLand.com)- Del-Ton, Inc., a successful online dealer of AR-15 parts, accessories, and rifle kits, as well as makers of their own line of customizable rifles, has added lower receivers to their already impressive line of AR products.

The first product in the lower receivers line is the LR100 DTI Stripped lower receiver, made of hard coat anodized forged 7075 T6 Aluminum. Product includes the stripped lower only, does not include any internal parts. Del-Ton price is \$120.00.

Next is the LR101 DTI Complete lower receiver. Buyer can choose his own grip and lower parts options. Complete lower receiver includes all internal parts and is completely assembled. Standard price is \$180.00.

Finally, the LR102 DTI Complete lower receiver with Buttstock. Buyer chooses the buttstock, grip and lower parts options. Complete lower receiver includes all internal parts & buttstock and is completely assembled. Standard price is \$240.00.

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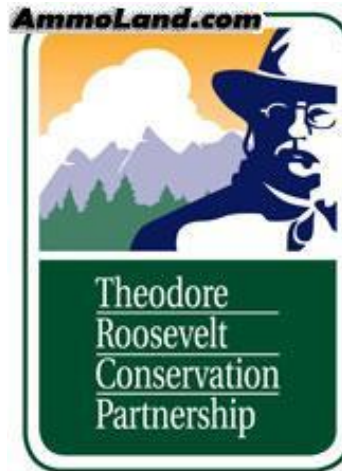
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Clean Water Critical for Sportsmen as Hunting Seasons Open Across the Country

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Clean Water Critical for Sportsmen as Hunting Seasons Open Across the Country



Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

WASHINGTON, DC --(AmmoLand.com)- As hunting seasons across the country begin to open, clean water is again on the forefront of sportsmen's minds. An investigation into the effectiveness of the Clean Water Act by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee attracted praise from sportsmen's groups including Ducks Unlimited, the Izaak Walton League of America, the National Wildlife Federation, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and Trout Unlimited.

More than 20 million acres of wetlands and thousands of miles of streams are at risk for pollution and destruction because the Clean Water Act may no longer protect them.

"Clean water is the biggest issue for sportsmen, especially in this time of year when waterfowl and other game seasons are opening," said Dr. Scott Yaich, director of conservation programs for Ducks Unlimited. "With more than 20 million acres of wetlands at risk, not having clean water is a threat for waterfowlers gearing up for the season."

Clean Water Act protections were severely weakened in the wake of two Supreme Court cases that radically scaled back the types of waters covered by the law. These decisions directly threaten public health. For example, streams that do not flow year-round are especially at risk of losing protection. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that more than 117 million Americans receive their drinking water from

public systems supplied by these streams.

“The streams that fish, waterfowl and wildlife use are the also the streams that feed our drinking water,” said Scott Kovarovics, conservation director for the Izaak Walton League of America. “This issue is bigger than sportsmen, and it affects everyone that wants clean, safe drinking water.”

A Senate bill to address these issues passed the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in June. Chairman Oberstar is expected to introduce similar legislation to restore protections to wetlands and streams. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and the heads of four other federal departments and agencies called on Congress in May to enact a legislative solution.

“We look forward to continuing to work with Chairman Oberstar to identify a practical solution to protecting water sources,” said Jan Goldman Carter, wetlands and water resources counsel for the National Wildlife Federation.

“Hunters and anglers know first-hand the importance of wetlands, lakes and streams,” said Geoff Mullins, TRCP policy initiative manager. “Restoring these clean water protections will ensure that sportsmen can enjoy these resources for generations.”

Steve Moyer, vice president of government affairs and volunteer relations for Trout Unlimited, added, “This is a common-sense issue that brings together people from various backgrounds – farmers, water professionals, sportsmen, and environmentalists. The time to restore protections to our nation’s water is now.”

About:

Inspired by the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, the TRCP is a coalition of organizations and grassroots partners working together to preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing.

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Legislation Signed to Protect the Use of Hunting Dogs

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Legislation Signed to Protect the Use of Hunting Dogs



California Outdoor Heritage Alliance

Sacramento, CA --(AmmoLand.com)- Two separate state bills were recently signed into law to protect hunters using dogs from anti-hunting activity. The measures, which take effect January 1st, were sponsored by the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA) and supported by the California Houndsmen for Conservation (CHC), U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance (USSA), California Retriever Training Association (CRTA), and National Open Field Coursing Association (NOFCA).

AB 1423 (Berryhill) will make it a crime to willfully interfere with hunting dog training and related hunt tests and field trials, while AB 1442 (Huffman) will make it unlawful to remove a collar from a hunting dog in the field without written permission from the owner. Both provisions could be punishable as misdemeanors on the first offense, with violators facing a possible six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

“The use of dogs in hunting is not only an important conservation tool, but greatly enriches the overall hunting experience,” stated Mark Hennelly, Vice President of COHA. “In our view, every effort should be made to increase the legal protections for that time-honored practice.”

The measures come in response to recent incidents across the country and in California of members of the public harassing licensed hunters afield with their dogs, particularly hunters who are training their dogs on game birds or mammals prior to hunting season. In most cases, the offending individuals personally disapproved of hunting or training dogs on live animals.

In several incidents, individuals removed tracking collars and left them in the woods in an attempt to keep hunters from recovering their dogs. This action not only disrupted hunting activities, but jeopardized the retrieval and safety of the dogs.

On a related note, two other state measures opposed by COHA, CHC, NOFCA, CRTA and USSA that would have negatively impacted hunting dog breeders were vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger. AB 241 (Nava) would have banned large-scale dog breeding operations. AB 1122 (Lieu) would have prohibited the sale of dogs on certain property open to the public.

"We're extremely pleased with the passage of these two important measures," said Evan Heusinkveld, director of state services for the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance. "Coupled with the Governor's veto of AB 241 and AB 1122 and the failure of the spay/neuter bill, it's been a good few weeks for California sporting dog owners. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of California's sporting dog community."

"It is pleasing to see bills signed into affect which protect the working dogs of hunters and others afield," said California Houndsmen for Conservation President, John W. Kunkle. "The anti-hunting movement has proven to be such a menace to not only the traditional American hunter but to most of the very animals they allegedly wish to protect. The California voting public at large recognizes this and I am proud to see the Governor take measurable positive action. I hope this type of reasonable conduct and genuine concern for true working animals continues from the public as well as our legislatures."

About:

The California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA) is a 501(c) 4 nonprofit political advocacy organization founded by the California Waterfowl Association (CWA) to protect our hunting heritage and promote wildlife conservation. For more information, visit www.outdoorheritage.org/

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Ohio's Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season Underway

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Ohio's Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Season Underway
438 birds harvested during first five days of season.



Ohio Division of Wildlife

COLUMBUS, OH --(AmmoLand.com)- Hunters harvested 438 wild turkeys during the first five days of Ohio's fall wild turkey hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. The season opened on October 10 and will run through November 29.

Last year, hunters killed 547 birds in the same time period. The top 10 counties for wild turkeys killed to date are: Coshocton – 24, Ashtabula – 23, Guernsey 18; Brown and Tuscarawas – 17, Perry, Ross, Trumbull and Washington – 15, and Highland – 14.

Wild turkeys can be hunted in 48 counties during the fall season with the addition of two additional counties: Defiance and Williams. More than 20,000 hunters pursued wild turkeys in Ohio last fall.

Fall wild turkey hunting hours are a half-hour before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit is one turkey of either sex per hunter for the fall season. A fall turkey permit is required in addition to a current Ohio hunting license. All turkeys killed must be taken to an official turkey check station by 8 p.m. on the day of harvest.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR web site at www.ohiodnr.com.

NOTE: The following is a breakdown by county of wild turkeys checked and tagged through October 14. The number taken during the 2008 fall turkey season is marked in (): 2009 (2008); counties marked (NA) had no fall season in 2008. A final tally will be provided at the close of the season.

Adams – 6 (17); Ashland – 13 (7); Ashtabula – 23 (39); Athens – 11 (15); Belmont – 8 (7); Brown – 17 (22); Carroll – 10 (11); Clermont – 7 (23); Columbiana – 6 (18); Coshocton – 24 (19); Cuyahoga – 0 (0); Defiance – 5 (NA); Gallia – 5 (10); Geauga – 10 (11); Guernsey – 18 (13); Harrison – 12 (20); Highland – 14 (15); Hocking – 9 (2); Holmes – 12 (18); Jackson – 12 (17); Jefferson – 4 (5); Knox – 8 (11); Lake – 7 (4); Lawrence – 12 (6); Licking – 9 (10); Lorain – 5 (8); Mahoning – 3 (4); Medina – 5 (8); Meigs – 8 (12); Monroe – 9 (5); Morgan – 11 (9); Morrow – 4 (5); Muskingum – 5 (7); Noble – 2 (21); Perry – 15 (6); Pike – 2 (8); Portage – 9 (13); Richland – 6 (16); Ross – 15 (10); Scioto – 9 (8); Stark – 8 (5); Summit – 4 (4); Trumbull – 15 (17); Tuscarawas – 17 (21); Vinton – 6 (15); Washington – 15 (20); Wayne – 0 (5) and Williams – 3 (NA).
Preliminary total – 438 (547).

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Hunting Funds Accountability Bill Vetoed

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Hunting Funds Accountability Bill Vetoed



California Outdoor Heritage Alliance

Sacramento, CA --(AmmoLand.com)- Despite garnering near unanimous support in the State Legislature, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has vetoed Senate Bill 589, which would have prevented hunting license tag/stamp monies from being misused for non-game conservation or non-hunting purposes.

The bill was authored by Senator Tom Harman (R-Huntington Beach) and sponsored by the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA), a political advocacy organization representing more than 30 hunting and

conservation organizations.

“The issue of tag fees being used inappropriately is not going away and I will continue working to address this problem,” said Senator Harman. “For years sportsman have sat by and watched money – that was supposed to go to species preservation – be used for anything but. Senate Bill 589 would have added much needed transparency and honesty to how the Department of Fish and Game uses our tag money. It is a shame the Governor missed an opportunity to set things right and help protect the rich heritage of outdoor sports in California.”

“Hunters are sick and tired of seeing their tag and stamp fees siphoned off for unrelated purposes. The Governor’s failure to sign this bill, along with his recent efforts to raid \$30 million from the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, will only feed the longstanding cynicism within the hunting community that many of their dollars are being wasted” stated Mark Hennelly, Vice President of COHA.

Since the 1980s, a portion of hunting license tag and stamp monies has been redirected away from game species conservation to other unrelated purposes. Loopholes in state law also allow for a significant portion of deer tag monies and all bear tag monies to be used for non-game purposes, while a large percentage of pig tag funds have also been redirected or simply gone unspent.

According to California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) data from 2006, only 62% of deer tag revenue was actually used for deer-related projects, while only 64% of wild pig tag money and 48% of wild sheep auction tag money was expended for related conservation work.

To more fully address these problems over the long-term, SB 589 would have mandated that all user fee revenues (about \$9.5 million total) from the sale of bear, elk, wild sheep, antelope, wild pig, deer and upland game bird tags and stamps be used for related conservation activities and public hunting purposes.

In addition, DFG would have been required to consult with non-profit sportsmen’s organizations on all proposed conservation projects funded from the fees, while facilitating the cost-effective assistance of the nonprofits in completing the projects. DFG would have also been required to post a description of each completed project on its website, allowing hunters to see how their monies are used on the ground.

The Governor’s veto message stated that “The creation of more dedicated accounts and reserving more funds for those accounts will only increase the complexity of the Department’s fiscal management...as well as reduce the Department’s flexibility to appropriately administer hunting programs.”

However, rather than creating more accounts and increasing budget complexity, SB 589 would have in reality simplified DFG’s budgeting by

consolidating several existing big game species fiscal accounts into one single account. And, contrary to the Governor's statement, the bill would have actually given DFG greater flexibility to benefit all big game species by allowing big game tag funds to be used interchangeably.

COHA will continue to maintain as a top priority the passing of legislation which prohibits inappropriate redirection of hunter generated game revenues to non-related uses.

"The Governor missed an opportunity to gain back the confidence of the outdoor community by providing much needed transparency and accountability over the state expenditure of hunter generated dollars," said Bill Gaines, COHA President. "As a result, the hunting community is likely to overwhelmingly oppose any future effort to address budget shortfalls via the raising of existing hunting related fees or the creation of new hunter related revenue streams."

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Texas Landowners And Sustainable Agriculture

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Partners Conduct Workshops to Increase Participation in Riceland Conservation.

RICHLAND, Tx.—(AmmoLand.com)- Texas landowners had the opportunity last week to hear from a variety of experts on sustainable agriculture. Staff representing Syngenta, Texas Prairie Wetlands Project (TPWP), and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conducted workshops to increase awareness of and participation in sustainable agricultural programs and practices.

Almost 100 private landowners and rice producers attended the workshops, held successively in Winnie, El Campo and Eagle Lake

October 6th, 7th, and 8th, respectively. The objective of these workshops was to present area landowners with information regarding conservation opportunities as well as the latest in crop protection products from Syngenta.

"Landowner workshops are a great way to provide a diverse group of stakeholders with information on available products and services," Matt Kaminski, TPWP Coordinator said.

"These workshops stimulate questions and give us the opportunity to address a variety of concerns landowners may have."

Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA NRCS partnered to create the Texas Prairie Wetlands Project in 1991.

The TPWP provides cost-share assistance to private landowners for habitat enhancement, levee construction, and the installation of water control structures. It also provides biological and engineering assistance and a detailed management plan to private landowners.

The primary goal of TPWP is to restore, enhance, and protect shallow, seasonal wetland habitat on private lands within a 28-county focus area along the Texas Gulf Coast. Each year, these projects provide critical staging and wintering habitat for thousands of waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds and other wetland dependent species.

The TPWP works closely with rice producers to improve fields and infrastructure for water conservation, production, and habitat management. Recently, piggy-backing TPWP with USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) has provided great incentives to producers to bring retired fields back into production. Adding Syngenta to that partnership was a logical step to increase effort and success.

Syngenta provided funding for the workshops, and new TPWP participants will be eligible for a rebate on Syngenta crop protection products Quadris and Quilt.

"This partnership creates a win-win situation for everyone," Kaminski said. "An increase in rice production will increase waterfowl habitat on the Texas Gulf Coast."

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Texas Landowners And Sustainable Agriculture

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Washington State Patrol Converts to Smith & Wesson M&P; Pistols

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Washington State Patrol Converts to Smith & Wesson M&P Pistols

Company Also Completes Shipments to Washington State Department of Corrections.



Smith & Wesson M&P40 Polymer Pistols



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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary 157-year old firearms maker, announced today that the Washington State Patrol (WSP) has selected firearms from the company's Military & Police (M&P) Pistol Series for duty use.

The Smith & Wesson M&P40, which is made in the United States, will be issued to each officer of the Washington State Patrol to replace firearms supplied by a European-based manufacturer that had previously served as the primary duty sidearm.

The Washington State Patrol has ordered 1,400 M&P40 pistols. The

company has also recently completed shipments of 1,300 M&P pistols to be used by the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC).

The WSP selected the M&P pistol after an extensive testing and evaluation process, which included various competitors. State Patrol evaluators indicated that the M&P pistol incorporated several key features including enhanced ergonomics and ambidextrous controls that are valuable for their officers. The evaluators added that the polymer pistol's interchangeable grip sizes, ease of maintenance and level of support offered by Smith & Wesson were all primary factors in their recommendation that the WSP acquire the M&P pistol. In addition to the State Patrol's high remarks on the performance of the M&P pistol during testing, officials at Washington State DOC commended Smith & Wesson for its customer service, product warranty and armorer's training conducted by the company.

"Contracts from departments such as the Washington State Patrol and other various organizations within the Washington State DOC, demonstrate the diversity of the M&P pistol series as well as the ability of the M&P product line to meet a broad range of applications and requirements," said Leland Nichols, Smith & Wesson's Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "The recent orders from the multiple state agencies within Washington include contracts for not only the M&P40 but also for the M&P9 and M&P45 pistol. Our ability to supply each of these agencies with duty firearms that meet their individual needs reflects our continuing commitment to provide law enforcement personnel with the most advanced and innovative products in the marketplace."

Divisions within the Washington DOC that have converted to the M&P pistol include the Correctional Facility, Women's Correction Facility and the Washington State Penitentiary along with several other state institutions.

The M&P pistol features a Zytel® polymer frame reinforced with a rigid stainless steel chassis and a through-hardened black Melonite® finished stainless steel barrel and slide for durability; a passive trigger safety to prevent the pistol from firing if dropped; and a sear release lever that eliminates the need to press the trigger in order to disassemble the firearm. A loaded chamber indicator is located on top of the slide. The firearm also features an ambidextrous slide stop and a reversible magazine release, as well as an enlarged trigger guard designed to accommodate gloves. The M&P40 has a 15 + 1 capacity and the Smith & Wesson lifetime service policy is standard with each pistol. The M&P pistol series is available in 9mm, .40S&W, .357SIG, and .45ACP calibers. Compact versions of the M&P pistol are also available for concealed carry and back-up use.

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Kansas Hunters Can Make New Hunters

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Kansas Hunters Can Make New Hunters Nov. 7-8

Experienced hunters asked to take sons and daughters hunting, and their friends, too.



Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

PRATT, KA —(AmmoLand.com)- On Nov. 7-8, Kansas hunters have the opportunity to add to their ranks by taking a youngster hunting. These two days are reserved for hunters 16 and younger to hunt pheasants and quail under the supervision of an adult 18 or older. (The adult may not hunt.) The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) began the season to hopefully turn the tide of declining hunter numbers and introduce youth to hunting opportunities in uncrowded and noncompetitive situations.

Studies show that the most effective hunter recruitment tool is experienced hunters mentoring new hunters. But as Gregg Patterson of Ducks Unlimited says, “When you have boys and girls without a hunter in the household, it’s tough to give them the experience. Many young people are interested in hunting, but they don’t have anyone to take them. Hunters willing to mentor need to look outside their immediate families and groups of friends and reach out to any youngster who shows interest.”

“The Kansas Hunter Education program graduates 7,000-9,000 people each year, the vast majority younger than 16 years,” adds hunter education instructor Mike Nyhoff. “Classes are filled with interested young people, many of whom have friends who encouraged them to attend. But many graduates never have the opportunity to hunt because they have no one to take them. This is where young hunters with mentors — and mentors who have young family members or friends they mentor — need to reach out. Kids need to ask their mentors if they will add a friend to their group, and mentors need to ask their kids if they have a friend who would like to join them. And adults who have never taken a kid hunting need to get involved, as well.”

The commitment to mentoring can be as simple as asking the kid down the block to hunt. To help make the trip more comfortable, invite a non-hunting parent or guardian, and perhaps recruit another hunter, or gain a friend, in the process. Some parents have never been hunting and don’t know how to teach their children. When they see the excitement on their youngsters’ faces and experience the outdoors themselves, they might catch the fever and become lifelong hunters.

There are organizations that will help match interested mentors with interested youth. Pass It On – Outdoor Mentors, Inc. (www.outdoormentors.org) has teamed up with Big Brothers/Big Sisters to make a difference in the lives of many young people. But they need more mentors.

KDWP and private conservation organizations such as Pheasants/Quail Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), Ducks Unlimited (DU), and many local groups set up youth hunts. Find a local PF/QF group online at pheasantsforever.org, a local NWTf group at ntwf.org, or a local DU group at ducks.org. Local sportsmen’s organizations may be found in the phone book.

“The youth pheasant and quail season was established for kids, not the skilled hunter,” says Nyhoff. “In the past,

hunters have always accepted their responsibility to ensure the future of hunting, and it is imperative that adult hunters accept the challenge today. If you can't make the Nov. 7-8 youth season, it's not too late; the regular season begins Nov. 14 and runs through Jan. 31."

This Nov. 7-8, take KDWP's 2009 Pheasant and Quail Youth Season Challenge. For information on this challenge, go online to www.kdwp.state.ks.us. Then click "Hunting/Hunting Programs/2009 Pheasant and Quail Season Challenge."

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Kansas Hunters Can Make New Hunters

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Farm Wildlife Benefits Possible From The New Conservation Stewardship Program

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Farm Wildlife Benefits Possible From The New Conservation Stewardship Program In Arkansas

More farm wildlife benefits possible from the new conservation stewardship program in Arkansas.



Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

JONESBORO, AR – (AmmoLand.com)- Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Dave White announced last week that the NRCS has received 21,300 applications to participate in the new

Conservation Stewardship Program. These applications cover an estimated 33 million acres, nationwide.

"NRCS has received enough applications to carry out conservation activities on more than twice the number of acres Congress authorized for CSP this year," White said. "This incredible response shows that conservation-minded producers and landowners want to attain higher levels of conservation stewardship."

David Long, private lands coordinator with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission said that the new revamped conservation program in the 2008 Farm Bill has tremendous opportunity to conserve and increase farmland conservation. "This program rewards farm producers for addressing resource concerns, including wildlife. The program rewards farmers for undertaking additional conservation along with maintaining and managing existing conservation practices on the farm," Long says.

Farmers can also receive enhancement practice payments, Long said. "Practices such as extending riparian forest buffers, patch burning pastures, creating shallow water habitat, establishing native grasses and legumes in 15 percent or more of their pastures, grazing management to improve wildlife habitat, extending filter strips and field borders, establishing pollinator habitat, prescribed burning, forest stand improvement, deferring crop production on temporary and seasonal wetlands, and flooding harvested grain fields, all providing significant wildlife benefits are eligible for payments," he explained.

Payments are based on the complex of existing conservation practices maintained along any new enhancement practices implemented and are estimated to range from \$12 to \$22 per acre of cropland, nonindustrial private forestland \$6 to \$12 per acre and pastureland at \$7 to \$14 per acre.

More farm wildlife benefits possible from the new conservation stewardship program in Arkansas Farmers need to know that installing conservation practices like filter strips, quail buffers, riparian forest buffers and other practices under the FSA's Continuous Conservation Reserve Program will increase their competitiveness in CSP in the future, Long said. "In addition, the Conservation Reserve Program provides yearly rental payments for 10 to 15 years along with other significant incentives to increase farm income," he added.

The CSP should cause farmers to look not only at the CRP, but other USDA conservation programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentive program and the Wetland Reserve Program to establish a total conservation system on their farms that addresses all resource concerns which will increase their competitiveness in the CSP in the future. "CSP can offer an additional income stream on every eligible acre of the farm plus allow farmers to address all resource concerns to include wildlife," Long says.

Congress capped the annual acreage enrollment nationally at 12,769,000

for each fiscal year. The final national and state-by-state numbers on acreage nationwide will be available in November 2009.

CSP provides financial and technical assistance to eligible agricultural and forestry producers to conserve and enhance soil, water, air and wildlife resources on their land, and encourages farm producers to voluntarily implement more conservation practices and improve, maintain, and manage existing ones.

Lands accepted into CSP include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial private forestland. Individual landowners or operators, legal entities, corporations and Indian tribes are eligible to apply for CSP assistance.

Those who are not approved for funding through this first sign-up will have the option to participate in the second sign-up period, which is Oct. 1 through January 2010.

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Flooding Closes White River North Unit Muzzleloader Deer Hunts

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Flooding Closes White River North Unit Muzzleloader Deer Hunts

South Unit open for now, but may also close if river rises.



Arkansas Game & Fish Commission

Arkansas --(AmmoLand.com)- Flooding closes White River North Unit muzzleloader deer hunts. Click here to to the White River NWR web site. ST. CHARLES – The White River National Wildlife Refuge will close the North Unit quota deer hunt on Oct. 17-19 and the North Unit non-quota buck-only hunt, Oct. 20-23 due to an unprecedented early flood season. The South Unit hunt remains open for now. North Unit permit holders are not allowed to hunt in the South Unit.

“We regret closing these North Unit hunts due to the flood, but we also need to ensure hunter safety and protect the deer resource for the future,” said refuge manger Dennis Sharp.

Unfortunately, this water level will keep the North Unit closed for deer archery hunting and prevent the scheduled North Unit muzzleloader deer hunt.

“At this time, we do not anticipate closing the South Unit muzzleloader deer season due to flooding, but hunters are encouraged to monitor water levels,” Sharp said.

He went on to say that the North Unit quota muzzleloader deer permits will not be refundable or renewed as the money has already been spent on associated hunt administration costs. 850 hunters had been issued permits for this year’s hunt. Another 300 were not. The permits will also not be renewed for next year’s hunt.

“I can’t, in all good conscience, renew the 850 North Unit permits for next year, as that would be mean that the other 300 applicants who did not get permits would not be able to hunt there for two years,” Sharp said. “I also can’t predict the impacts of the unprecedented flooding on the deer herd in the North Unit, so I don’t know how many quotas will be offered there next year.”

“I know many hunters will be disappointed in missing this great public hunting opportunity, and I sure understand their frustration,” said Sharp. “I encourage you to apply again for next year’s hunts and hope for more favorable river levels now and next year.”

The North Unit of the refuge closes to deer hunting when the White River reaches 23 feet at St. Charles and does not reopen until the level falls below 21 feet. The river reached the 23-foot level the first week of October, closing archery deer season on the North Unit. The river is currently rising at St. Charles and projected to remain above 21 feet through Oct. 23.

The South Unit closes to all deer hunting when the White River gauge at St. Charles reaches 23 feet and the tailwater gauge reading at Norrel Lock and Dam #1 reaches 145 feet simultaneously as reported at the following website: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lzk/html/whitervr.htm>.

Up-to-date flood related deer season closure information is also available on the refuge's recorded phone message system at (870) 282-8200. Hunters camping on the South Unit should carefully monitor rising river levels that may flood their camp or overtop exit routes.

These types of flooding events, although part of natural floodplain system, can impact deer and other wildlife populations, and may change the number of quotas available for next year.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.fws.gov/whiteriver/images/WhiteRiverHuntBrochureText09.pdf>

<http://www.fws.gov/whiteriver/huntingpage.html>.

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Specialized Land Brokers Gather at Mossy Oak Properties Conference.



Mossy Oak Properties

West Point, MS --(AmmoLand.com)- With attendance from 15 states and over 50 offices, the Mossy Oak Properties Annual Conference posted record attendance, September 23-24 in West Point, Mississippi.

“This year’s record conference attendance can be contributed to the stability of the investment and recreational property markets. Despite current economic conditions investors and outdoorsmen alike realize the long term value and stability of rural land.”

stated Lannie Wallace, EVP of Mossy Oak Properties. “This is a testimony to the need in the national market for a network of specialized land brokers and to the success of Mossy Oak Properties – America’s Land Specialists.”

Wallace continued, “This year’s keynote speaker was Dr. John Baen, Professor of Real estate at the University of North Texas. Baen (as he prefers to be addressed) spoke about how land ownership was one of the cornerstones of long term wealth and one of the most stable investments available today.” Also speaking at the conference were Dr. James Henderson and Dawn Holland Manning, both from Mississippi State University and Joe Mallard and Jeremy Brock both from Federal Land Bank.”

Co-Founder and CEO, Chris Hawley, offered this summary of the event: “This was the best conference ever. It was so exciting to witness the positive attitudes and energy despite the past years economic pressures which is proof of the resiliency and commitment of the entire Mossy Oak Properties team. We feel great about the entire team as we position ourselves for the future. The challenges ahead present opportunities for Mossy Oak Properties to further define ourselves as America’s Land Specialist.”

For additional information regarding Mossy Oak Properties please contact Resa Vickers at 866-667-2289 or via email rvickers@mossyoak.com. Each Mossy Oak Properties office is independently owned and operated.

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Quail Forever Growing Chapters and Coveys in Nebraska

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New QF Chapter Organizes in Howard County to Help Burgeoning Quail Population.



Quail Forever

Boelus, Neb. --(AmmoLand.com)- A group of Howard County residents have formed the nation's newest chapter of Quail Forever (QF). The group, called the Central Nebraska Chapter of QF, plans to improve area habitat as they help the local population of bobwhite quail continue its rapid growth.

"Considering the tough times bobwhite quail are having due to habitat losses across much of the U.S., all of us in central Nebraska are pretty fortunate to have the growing quail numbers we've seen in the last decade. This chapter wants to make sure those bird numbers continue to improve and this is our way of giving back," said George Burgess, the new chapter's president, a Boelus resident, and a lifelong hunter. "Our chapter is also focused on making sure opportunities continue to exist for young hunters interested in taking up our outdoor traditions."

"Howard County is actually surrounded by Pheasants Forever chapters that have spent the last two decades doing tremendous projects for wildlife habitat," explained Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever's Regional Field Representative Scott Smathers. "There was a void in Howard County and these individuals saw the opportunity to join forces with fellow PF folks and help improve the land for quail at the same time."

QF was formed in 2005 by Pheasants Forever to help reverse the rapid decline of quail populations across their U.S. range. QF applies the unique and successful Pheasants Forever model of empowering local chapters with the responsibility to determine how 100% of their locally raised conservation funds will be spent. To date, four chapters of QF have joined the "cornhusker state's" 60 PF chapters.

"There is no doubt the state's 60 PF chapters have been creating the habitat necessary to help Nebraska's quail," explained Burgess. "Our new Central Nebraska QF Chapter's mission is to accelerate those efforts."

The new Central Nebraska Chapter of Quail Forever will hold Howard County's first ever QF banquet on Friday, November 20th at the Boelus Civic Center beginning at 5:30PM. The chapter is planning a hog roast for the dinner. Tickets for the event are \$40.00 and are available by calling Pete Berthelsen at (308)754-5339, Ryan Lodge at (308)750-1215, or George Burgess at (308)390-0583.

Joining Burgess as new chapter officers and committee members are Gale Larson of St. Paul, Pete and Laura Berthelsen of Elba, Pamela Johansen of St. Paul, Ryan Lodge of St. Paul, Virginia Burgess of Boelus, Kraig Beck of Coatsfield, Keith and Christy Brus of Wolbach, and Jerry Woodgate of St. Paul. To learn more about helping the chapter, please contact Burgess at (308)390-0583 or via email at gwizburgess@gmail.com.

"One additional thing that's really neat about this chapter is the fact that four current and former Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever employees living in Howard County have volunteered their free time to be a part of this chapter," reported Smathers. "I'm truly honored to be servicing this chapter of co-workers who are spending their free time to continue the cause of conservation during their personal time."

To join a Quail Forever or Pheasants Forever chapter in Nebraska, learn more at www.NebraskaPF.com or call toll free 877.773.2070.

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It's More Than A Rally It's Our Stand For The Future of Angling, Hunting And Conservation

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Rescue Our Outdoors Rally



New Jersey Outdoor Alliance

New Egypt, NJ --(AmmoLand.com)- It's more than a rally; it's OUR stand for the future prosperity of angling, hunting and all forms of conservation. It is a future that was given to us by past generations – by people like Teddy Roosevelt, Aldo Leopold and many more. Will we make the same pledge to our descendants?

How will we be remembered by posterity? Will it be for fighting to preserve access to the great outdoors – or will history record that OUR generation turned its back on those that followed?

Attending the R.O.O.R. Rally is OUR generation's statement about OUR commitment to fishing, hunting and the principles of conservation. OUR attendance will reflect the degree of obligation WE feel to the outdoors. It will be an HONEST measure of OUR commitment.

It's not about the rally; it's about the future of angling, hunting and conservation in New Jersey. Will we allow our great outdoors to be dismantled by Trenton?

Read how it's being dismantled under "Conservation Report Card."

<http://www.njoutdooralliance.org/chairmans/christie/endorsement.html>

Attend R.O.O.R. – it will reflect your commitment to the outdoors!

Tell Trenton you've had enough. R.O.O.R. and be heard!

Rescue Our Outdoors Rally
Saturday, October 24, 2009 * 2:00PM
New Egypt Speedway * Free Admission!
720 Pinehurst Rd, Rt. 539 New Egypt, NJ 08533

Music, Food, Fun, Vendors: Bring the family. Guest speakers to include: Chris Christie

Visit our link to learn more about the rally:

<http://www.njoutdooralliance.org/where/rescueour/outdoorsrally.html>

Visit our link to review the dismantling of our outdoor interests:

<http://www.njoutdooralliance.org/chairmans/christie/endorsement.html>

Rain or shine! We'll see you on the 24th! Anthony P. Mauro, Sr. Chairman,

New Jersey Outdoor Alliance: "We've got your back!"

JOIN NJOA: <http://www.njoutdooralliance.org/support/njoa.html>

About:

NJOA – New Jersey Outdoor Alliance is the state's first major political action committee devoted to the task of electing outdoor-minded candidates to public office. NJOA has formed with the support of leaders of major pro-hunting, pro-angling, and pro-trapping organizations. We are not a hunting, fishing, or trapping "club" or "group," and do not compete with the interests of such organizations. NJOA helps to ensure that strong wildlife and natural resource protection laws are produced by outdoor-minded elected officials. The best way to ensure a "conservation presence" in Trenton is to support the election campaigns of representatives who understand the relationship between a balanced ecology and hunting, fishing, and trapping.

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Second Amendment March Needs Volunteers

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Second Amendment March

Michigan - -(AmmoLand.com)- We have less than eight months until our D.C. event, and there is much to accomplish before then.

Many hands make light work, so we are forming committees to take on specific tasks. The descriptions are provided below.

If you are willing and able to serve on one of these committees, please send an email to Terri.Stocke@secondamendmentmarch.com.

With the following information:

Full Name
Email address
Phone number
Committee you are volunteering for
Information on your background / experience that would make you a good fit for this committee.

We regret that these are all unpaid, volunteer positions (as is the case with all of our staff, coordinators and directors). While we cannot offer you compensation, we can offer you the opportunity to make history!

“If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not so costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance for survival. There may be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no chance of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.” ~ Winston Churchill

Fundraising

- Responsible for identifying and contacting potential corporate sponsors for Second Amendment March
- Follow up with sponsors after initial donations to send personalized thank you letters and other correspondence
- Keep records (e.g. Excel spreadsheet) of potential sponsors along with date(s) of contact, responses, donation amounts, follow up date(s), and other pertinent information relating to sponsor relationship management
- Regularly report to Second Amendment March Board of Directors to keep them apprised of progress.
- Necessary skills include high degree of professionalism, strong oral and written communication skills, and strong organization skills.
- Previous fundraising experience highly desired

Advertising

- Responsible for advertising the Second Amendment March to get as many people to D.C. as possible.
- Identify and research potential advertising venues
- Keep records (e.g. Excel spreadsheet) of potential advertising methods, companies contacted, dates, associated costs, and other pertinent information relating to advertising venues.
- Regularly report to Second Amendment March Board of Directors to keep them apprised of progress.
- Necessary skills include high degree of professionalism, strong oral and written communication skills, and strong organization skills.
- Previous marketing/advertising background highly desired

National March

- Responsible for coordinating the national event in D.C.
- Identify potential speakers/performers for the event, along with associated costs
- Identify and arrange for all logistics of the event, including but not limited to: tenting needs, porta-johns, security, cleanup, entertainment, printed itineraries and other communication needs to direct attendees, staging, lighting, sound, etc.
- Work with National Park Service in D.C. to ensure that all processes are followed
- Keep records (e.g. Excel spreadsheet) of all

activities/contacts/costs, etc.

- Regularly report to Second Amendment March Board of Directors to keep them apprised of progress.
- Necessary skills include high degree of professionalism, strong oral and written communication skills, and strong organization skills.
- Prior large-scale event planning and project management highly desired

Transportation

NOTE: Second Amendment March is not providing transportation services for our attendees. All travel arrangement and associated costs will be the attendee's responsibility. This committee is to help make travel more convenient for our attendees.

- Responsible for researching and identifying convenient, cost effective modes of transportation available to attendees (e.g., charter busses, hotel room blocks, etc.)
- Contact various transportation companies, travel agencies, hotels, etc. to research and negotiate discounted rates for our attendees
- Keep detailed records (e.g. Excel spreadsheet) of contacts made, dates, rates, and other terms
- Regularly report to Second Amendment March Board of Directors to keep them apprised of progress.
- Necessary skills include high degree of professionalism, strong oral and written communication skills, strong organization skills, and negotiation skills.
- Prior travel and/or sales experience highly desired

About:

The mission of the Second Amendment March is to galvanize the courage and resolve of Americans; to petition our elected officials against establishing anti-gun legislation; and to remind America that the Second Amendment is necessary to maintain our right to self defense.

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John Frank Receives 2009 Mossy Oak Passion Award

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Mossy Oak

WEST POINT, MS -- (AmmoLand.com)- John Frank was awarded the Mossy Oak Passion Award at the Drury Outdoors annual production meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on September 18 and 19.

Each year, Drury TV Producers from all over the country gather for meetings and an annual awards banquet. Last year, Mossy Oak was honored to participate in the banquet and present the Mossy Oak Passion Award to Steve "Coon Dog" Coon. Continuing the tradition this year, Mossy Oak recognized John Frank.

"The Passion Award is given to an individual that exhibits passion for the outdoors, who always works to their fullest capacity and with great excitement, and strives unselfishly to be the best at what they do," said Ben Maki, Vice President of Marketing for Mossy Oak. "It's not about taking trophy animals and having a successful hunt every time they step in

the field or get behind the camera. It's about passion for the outdoors, respect for Mother Nature and unwavering energy in everything they do."

Frank is from Richland, Iowa where he owns his own flooring company. He has two children. Frank's hobbies include photography, videography and Harley Davidsons. He enjoys hunting caribou, turkey and whitetail.

According to Frank, "Hunting with my grandfather from age 12 provided the beginning of my hunting interests. My love for the sport has branched from well-trained hunting dogs flushing ringnecks to the gobble of a mature tom on a cool spring morning. In the last decade, my hunting sights have evolved further to include the elusive P&Y class whitetail deer. Photographing buck in velvet combined with shed antler hunting helps me to pattern mature bucks. In the future, I'd like to harvest an elk with a bow.

"Recently, my son started hunting and I love to film him learning to hunt and discovering all the outdoors has to offer," he added.

For more information on Drury Outdoors, visit www.druryoutdoors.com.

About:

Haas Outdoors Inc. is headquartered in West Point, Miss., was established in 1986 and is home of Mossy Oak (www.mossyoak.com). Mossy Oak specializes in developing and marketing modern camouflage designs for hunters and outdoorsmen. Mossy Oak patterns can be found on a multitude of products worldwide. Haas Outdoors Inc. is the outdoor industry leader in modern camouflage design, international licensing and marketing. Haas Outdoors Inc. markets its services and products under widely recognized brands including: Mossy Oak, BioLogic, Mossy Oak Productions, Nativ Nurseries and Mossy Oak Properties.

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FieldJunky.com Hires Wild Sports Marketing

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Online Hunting And Fishing Gear Startup Field Junky Hires Wild Sports Marketing

Provider of rock-bottom online shopping deals for hunters and fishermen teams with outdoors industry promotion specialist.



FieldJunky.com Discount Hunting Gear



FieldJunky.com

Louisville, KY – FieldJunky.com, the discount online shopping website that provides top quality, name-brand hunting and fishing gear at the lowest prices possible, announced today it has named outdoors industry promotion specialist Wild Sports Marketing as its solution for marketing and public relations.

Founded by twenty-something entrepreneurs Adam Marley and Andrew Henson, FieldJunky.com also takes discounting hunting and fishing gear to a new level by slashing prices even further on a select few items each day to unbelievable, rock-bottom prices. These deals are rotating on a 24 hour basis and may be changed as the products typically sell out quickly.

FieldJunky.com also provides discounted guided hunts from some of the

most well-respected outfitters in the industry. And through an exclusive partnership with Wild Hunting Adventures, FieldJunky.com offers hunters low-priced hunting packages that even include private airfare.

Wild Sports Marketing will assume the task of handling all of FieldJunky.com's marketing and public relations. Mark Murphy, owner of Wild Sports Marketing, specializes in promoting hunting and fishing-related businesses and outdoors industry personalities. Mark has built a reputation for maximum promotion and exposure at an affordable price. For more information about Wild Sports Marketing, please visit: <http://www.wildsportsmarketing.com>

"FieldJunky.com is thrilled to work closely with Mark Murphy at Wild Sports Marketing," said Adam Marley, co-founder of FieldJunky.com, "Our relationship with Wild Sports Marketing will help bring awareness and exposure to the incredible deals FieldJunky.com offers daily on top-quality hunting and fishing gear. Look for many exciting announcements to come from us in the future."

Marley advises shoppers to check the FieldJunky.com website frequently as the featured rock-bottom deals change daily, sometimes even sooner based on availability. Marley also encourages shoppers to read the informative product reviews on the latest gear done by the FieldJunky.com Pro-Staff.

About FieldJunky.com

FieldJunky.com is your daily fix for name-brand hunting and gear. Founded by twenty-something entrepreneurs Adam Marley and Andrew Henson, FieldJunky.com offers the lowest possible prices, informative product reviews, and great customer service. And a percentage of every sale goes to the Hunt the Cure charity for the benefit of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and The Make A Wish Foundation. For more information, visit FieldJunky.com on the web at: <http://www.FieldJunky.com>

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Repeal Of Handgun Ammunition Registration Bill AB 962 Is In The Works

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Repeal Of Handgun Ammunition Registration Bill AB 962 Is In The Works



California Rifle and Pistol Association

Sacramento, CA --(AmmoLand.com)- Outrage! That's the reaction that CRPA and NRA members in California are understandably having to the news that the Governor signed AB 962 into law on October 11, 2009. AB 962 is slated to go into effect February 1, 2011. But we are not going to just stand by and wait. CRPA and NRA have already started the legislative wheels turning to halt AB 962 before the 2011 implementation date.

CRPA and NRA members want this bill reversed, and that is what we are going to do!

Assemblyman Curt Hagman (R- Diamond Bar) has stepped up and agreed to carry legislation on our members' behalf. Earlier this year Assemblyman Hagman introduced AB 373 which proposed to streamline the sale of handguns. He has now agreed to amend AB 373 to call for the repeal of AB 962. NRA and CRPA will be cosponsoring AB 373, and we will need your help immediately in this effort. The bill is currently being amended and will be introduced in January 2010. Things need to start happening quickly since hearings on AB 373 will begin in January when the Legislature reconvenes. Everyone needs to get involved. Gun owners, shooters, hunters, vendors, collectors, affiliate clubs and anyone who values their Second Amendment right and freedom all need to work together to reverse AB 962. NRA and CRPA will be planning many activities in the near future to attack AB 962. Watch for CRPA and NRA alerts asking you to contact your legislators and involve yourself in future volunteer activities.

How Can you Help Now?

If you are not already a member, join CRPA and NRA immediately (call 1-800-305-2772; this number will link you to you CRPA and NRA). We need you support to fight this and other anti-gun legislation.

- Contact Assembly Hagman and thank him for his willingness to take on this issue (email: assemblymember.hagman@assembly.ca.gov phone: 916-319-2060)
- Immediately share this information with anyone you know who cherishes their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.
- Continue to monitor the CRPA and NRA websites for updates and watch for alerts (www.crpa.org & www.nra.org).
- Be proactive and get involved in planned activities to halt AB 962.

AB 962 should be of real concern to all firearms owners for two important reasons. First, it is of concern because of the requirement to collect personal information from purchasers of handgun ammunition – a serious privacy rights issue. Second, it will prohibit the purchase of ammunition through internet and mail order vendors. This second part has the potential to severely impact junior shooting sports programs that rely on internet and mail order ammunition purchases.

AB 962 requires purchasers to show bona fied ID to ammunition vendors in order to purchase handgun ammunition. The bona fied is spelled out as a government issued ID with a photo. Acceptable forms include a driver's license or military ID. In addition, the vendor is required to record the purchasers name, driver's license number, state of issuance, signature, thumbprint, residential address, date of birth and phone number. In addition the name of the sales person, the date of sale, brand type and amount of ammunition sold must also be recorded. The records must be kept on the vendor's premises for a minimum of five years. There is no provision for how the records are maintained (paper or electronic) stored, or securely destroyed. Vendors would not intentionally allow misuse of your personal information. However, there is always a potential for theft or misuse by others. If you think about the number of ammunition vendors in California, large and small retailers, I'm sure that you can easily imagine the potential for identity theft and misuse of your unsecured personal information. AB 962 sets exposes vendors and customers to be victimized by unscrupulous people that could profit from theft of your personal information. AB 962 clearly creates a privacy rights issue that we all should be extremely concerned about.

With regard to internet and mail order sales, AB 962 allows for only face-to-face transactions for the purchase of handgun ammunition. Therefore, internet and mail orders sales for California residents are banned. This means that you will not be able to purchase handgun ammunition from your favorite internet or mail order store, including Cabelas, Midway and Midsouth. Sadly, this means that many junior shooting sports programs will be eliminated because they rely heavily on purchase of surplus ammunition, at a reduced cost, through the civilian marksmanship

program via internet and mail order.

Unfortunately, AB 962 was unnecessary legislation for California. It is already unlawful for persons prohibited from possessing firearms to obtain or possess ammunition. To view the full text of AB 962, please go to the CRPA website at www.crpa.org.

The following is the Governor's signing message for AB 962.

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 962. This measure would require vendors of handgun ammunition to keep a log of information on handgun ammunition sales, store ammunition in a safe and secure manner, and require the face-to-face transfer of ammunition sales.

Although I have previously vetoed legislation similar to this measure, local governments have demonstrated that requiring ammunition vendors to keep records on ammunition sales improves public safety. These records have allowed law enforcement to arrest and prosecute persons who have no business possessing firearms and ammunition: gang members, violent parolees, second and third strikers, and even people previously serving time in state prison for murder. Utilized properly, this type of information is invaluable for keeping communities safe and preventing dangerous felons from committing crimes with firearms.

Moreover, this type of recordkeeping is no more intrusive for law abiding citizens than similar laws governing pawnshops or the sale of cold medicine. Unfortunately, even the most successful local program is flawed; without a statewide law, felons can easily skirt the record keeping requirements of one city by visiting another. Assembly Bill 962 will fix this problem by mandating that all ammunition vendors in the state keep records on ammunition sales. As Governor, I have sought the appropriate balance between public safety and the right to keep and bear arms. I have signed important public safety measures to regulate the sale and transfer of .50 caliber rifles, instituted the California Firearms License Check program, and promoted the use of microstamping technology in handguns. I have also vetoed many pieces of legislation that sought to place unreasonable restrictions and burdens on firearms dealers and ammunition vendors. Assembly Bill 962 reasonably regulates access to ammunition and improves public safety without placing undue burdens on consumers. For these reasons, I am pleased to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger

BE PROACTIVE AND GET INVOLVED!

Write to Your Representatives and Commissioners

Send your comments on pending legislation and regulatory actions to your legislator and/or the Fish and Game Commission. And remember that it is just as important to send a letter or e-mail thanking officials when they support gun owners and sportsmen. Please keep in mind the following when you write:

- State your name and address (phone number optional)
- State that you are a member of CRPA
- Be professional and courteous
- Be concise
- State what the issue is
- State your concerns or your thanks
- State what action you are requesting

State Legislators: Find the specific address for your legislator at www.legislature.ca.gov/ or address your letter to your legislator and mail it to the State Capitol, Sacramento, 94248-0001

Fish and Game Commission: 1416 Ninth St., Rm. 1320, Sacramento, 95814, or through the Commission's website at fge@dfg.ca.gov.

About:

California Rifle and Pistol Association: To oppose any actions which the Association believes infringe upon the right of the individual citizen to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United State of America.

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Steyr Arms Names Hunter Outdoor Communications As PR Agency

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Steyr Arms Names Hunter Outdoor Communications As Public Relations Agency Of Record



Steyr Arms

Trussville, AL —(AmmoLand.com)- Steyr Arms, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious firearms manufacturers, announced today that it has appointed Hunter Outdoor Communications to manage its public relations and marketing program for North America.

Well known for its comprehensive lines of premium hunting rifles and precision sporting and tactical firearms, Steyr Arms' North American headquarters is located in Trussville, Alabama. Hunter Outdoor Communications, a public relations agency specializing in the hunting, outdoor, marine and tactical markets, is headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, with an office in Richmond, Virginia. The appointment is effective immediately.

“Despite having a reputation for manufacturing the best rifles the world over, Steyr has never established a true presence in the United States,” said Scott O'Brien, CEO of Steyr Arms. “Over the past 18 months, we have made some significant changes in the way we do business, and we are now ready to truly establish Steyr Arms here in the U.S.

“We have hired the best of the best to make our mark in this market,” continued O'Brien. “With the help of Hunter Outdoor Communications, we fully expect to make Steyr Arms as successful here as they are around the world.”

Hunter Outdoor Communications' public relations and marketing program for Steyr Arms will encompass the development and implementation of an aggressive communications plan focusing on the high-quality, exceptionally accurate hunting and tactical firearms that have been crafted and refined for nearly a century and a half in Steyr, Austria.

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