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## Motorists Encouraged To Watch for Bighorn Sheep in the Black Hills SD

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Bighorn Sheep Clash in the Black Hills of SD



South Dakota Fish, Game & Parks

**RAPID CITY, S.D.** --(AmmoLand.com)- It's rare to see impressive big-game animals exhibiting annual rights-of-passage and aggressive instincts, but motorists near the Cleghorn Springs Fish Hatchery and in the Hill City area are being asked to slow down for sparring bighorn

sheep.

"This time of year, many of our resident bighorn sheep come down from the higher elevations to breed, and sheep in the Hill City area can be along roads year-round" said John Kanta, Game Fish and Parks regional wildlife manager for western South Dakota. "Unfortunately, many of the animals congregate on or near roads. We're reminding motorists to slow down when traveling near the hatchery and in the Hill City area."

Bighorn sheep tend to gather on a stretch of Highway 44, west from Cleghorn Canyon to the top of the hill, and on Highway 385 from Sheridan Lake to Hill City. Motorists are encouraged to travel slower than posted speed limits. Drivers in those areas also should be aware of stopped vehicles and pedestrians looking at the animals.

"Seeing bighorn rams sparring in the wild is an amazing sight," said Cleghorn Springs Hatchery Manager Will Saylor. "Many people come to take photos or just watch. We get a lot of traffic through the area, and we would hate to have an injury to someone or one of these beautiful animals."

Bighorn sheep are native to western South Dakota, but they were wiped out in the state by unregulated hunting and disease in the early 1900s. Bighorns were re-introduced in the 1920s; currently, about 450 of the animals are found in the Black Hills and Badlands National Park.

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## Ohio Sportsman's \$4.5 Million Donation Provides More Than 3,600 Acres For Sportsmen

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### Ohio Sportsman's Bequest Expands Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Opportunities

*\$4.5 million donation provides more than 3,600 acres for sportsmen.*



Ohio Department Natural Resources

**COLUMBUS, OH** --(AmmoLand.com)- In 2007, Wallace "Wally" O'Dowd of Powell left a bequest to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife to acquire land for the purpose of wildlife conservation, propagation, and habitat management.

The bequest was the single largest donation in the history of the Division of Wildlife.

In September of 2009, O'Dowd's dream became a reality when the Division closed on property along the Athens-Hocking County line. The newly purchased 3,600-acre parcel, which is contiguous to the existing Trimble Wildlife Area, will be combined to create one 6,694-acre site to be known as the Wallace H. O'Dowd Wildlife Area. The newly formed wildlife area will be the sixth largest in the state.

Mr. O'Dowd's bequest of more than \$4.5 million was combined with an additional \$560,326 from the ODNR Division of Wildlife to cover a few extra acres and other costs associated with the acquisition. The land was purchased from the Sunday Creek Coal Company.

As stipulated in the O'Dowd will, the newly purchased land will be open to public hunting, fishing and trapping. Wally had requested that the property acquisition be a contiguous block of land in southeastern Ohio.

"I am sure Wally would be pleased that not only were we able to identify and purchase a sizeable portion of land, but that it is adjacent to an existing land holding that will result in more habitat and therefore greater opportunities for enjoyment by the state's sportsmen and women," said David M. Graham,

chief of the Division of Wildlife. "We believe this is a fantastic legacy and an outstanding example of generosity to and for all Ohioans."

Wallace "Wally" O'Dowd was an avid sportsman who traveled the world following his passion for hunting and fishing. A veteran of the Korean War, Wally was also an entrepreneur who had established his own manufacturing business.

A dedication ceremony for the new Wallace H. O'Dowd Wildlife Area will be held in the spring of 2010.

Wildlife conservation is an interest and love for many individuals. Persons who might like to consider a bequest for wildlife conservation or make a donation in memory of a loved one can contact the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

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](http://www.ohiodnr.com).

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## 325 Gun Owners Turned Out For The VCDL Freedom Rally

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### 325 Gun Owners Turned Out For The VCDL Freedom Rally



Virginia Citizens Defense League

**Virginia** – (AmmoLand.com)- While doing some initial Rally setup, we learned that some anti- gunners had tried to pass some of their lies, er, literature out to a few stores and had been run off by mall management and security. The Innsbrook Shoppes manager, Sidney Gunst, made it clear that the only literature that would be handed out on his property was that offered by citizens carrying guns.

The rally was to protest Congressman Eric Cantor holding the “Republican Roundup” at a gun-free zone each year. That is especially irksome as Cantor is well aware that there are other nearby venues that are gun-friendly. Well before last year’s Roundup, several Republican gun owners even offered donations for Cantor (via Linwood Cobb) to move the event to a gun-friendly venue, but that offer was ignored.

The rally started with an orientation and distribution of a rally flyer with maps and a schedule of events.

After the orientation, most of the crowd, including 25 Executive members in green safety vests holding two-way radios, moved to the street that leads into the SnagAJob Pavilion, where the Roundup was to be held and which is owned by anti-gun Highwood Properties.

Members lined both sides of the street, holding up signs that read “Guns Save Lives,” “Vote Cantor Out,” “Cantor Abandoned Gun Owners,” “Ban My Gun, Lose My Vote” and so forth.

As attendees of the Roundup walked by the VCDL members, many accepted and wore VCDL’s **“Guns Save Lives”** sticker. That sea of orange stickers should also have gotten Congressman Cantor’s attention.

Many people honked their horns in support of VCDL and gave the “thumbs up” on their way into the Roundup. Dennis and I ran into one typical anti-gun coward, who didn’t say a word as his car stopped at a stop sign next to us. Instead as soon as he had driven about 50 feet past us, rolled down his window and yell back “guns don’t save lives!” and then sped off.

As promised, George Washington, was there to support us and did a great job in talking to gun owners and educating them on the Constitution and our rights. One person said that they had learned more from President Washington during the few minutes they spent speaking to the President, than they had learned in all their extensive schooling. Amen to that.

Ever resourceful member Ed Levine showed up with his vehicle plastered with round orange magnetic “Guns Save Lives” signs and even his black lab sported an orange bandana adorned with a “Gun Save Lives” button.



Jim Snyder’s wife brought their miniature pinscher, who was wearing a doggie-coat with **“Guns Save Lives”** stickers on it.

Just about the time that Linwood Cobb, who is the chairman of the Republican 7th District, started to speak at the Roundup a plane flew

overhead trailing two large banners that said **“Guns Save Lives”** and **“Cantor Sells Out.”**

VCDL members broke out in loud applause and laughter at the sight!



The plane continued to circle the Roundup for for about 45 minutes with everyone fighting back laughter for quite a while. VCDL also had a hot-air balloon with “Guns Save Lives” on the sides, but it was too windy for it to launch. There are some great photos of the balloon, though, in some of the links later in this alert. (Don’t worry, you will get a chance to see the balloon upfront and personal in the future.)

We had a member inside the Roundup who was keeping me posted on what was going on. He estimated that there were about 500 people at the rally including staff and government agents, so our 325 was a very significant number.

He also let me hear Linwood Cobb’s comments to the Roundup, which due to the VCDL members lining the street and our airplane flying overhead, forced Lynwood to talk about why the event was being protested.

What was really funny was that Cobb said on stage that Eric Cantor was a strong supporter of the Second Amendment as he and Cantor were standing in a GUN-FREE ZONE surrounded by government agents with GUNS. That is just the opposite of what the Second Amendment is all about.

Cantor, Cobb and those who clapped at that statement completely missed the irony.

Cobb tries to blame everything on the SnagAJob Pavilion’s anti-gun policy. Mr. Cobb, private property owners can do as they like. It is you and Congressman Cantor that are intentionally choosing that venue when you have other choices. No, Eric Cantor and you are to blame for the policy in the end. VCDL respects private property rights and did not interfere in any way with access to the event. VCDL is disappointed in Highwoods anti-gun policy and simply wants Republicans to stop spending their publicly donated funds to support this anti- freedom business.

You can hear Cobb’s excuses in this video. Notice that Senator Cuccinelli wasn’t clapping when Linwood Cobb announced that the Roundup is going to be held at Innsbrook AGAIN next year (more on that comment later):

The police were very impressed with VCDL’s coordination, professionalism, and candidness with them. They said that had never had this level of cooperation and coordination with such an event before.

They really liked that if there was any kind of a problem with our members (such as standing in the street), we would fix it ourselves without the police ever having to get directly involved.

EM Ted Deeds is with the Law Enforcement Alliance of America (LEAA). When Ted volunteer for the Freedom Rally I immediately realized that he would be the perfect liaison with the police and he did a great job!

George Washington addressed the crowd in his usual eloquent fashion (although George claims to not be as good a public speaker as some of the other Founding Fathers).

Doc Thompon, a talk show personality on WRVA in Richmond, was the keynote speaker. He asked the poignant question, "why would ANYONE not support the Second Amendment?" and took the restrictions on the Second Amendment and applied them to the First Amendment to show how absurd they really are.

**About:**

Virginia Citizens Defense League, Inc. (VCDL). VCDL is an all-volunteer, non-partisan grassroots organization dedicated to defending the human rights of all Virginians. The Right to Keep and Bear Arms is a fundamental human right.

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## Elk Hunts Available For Youth & Late-Season Archery Hunters

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**More Elk Hunts Available For Youth & Late-Season Archery Hunters**



New Mexico Game and Fish

**SANTA FE, NM** --(AmmoLand.com)- More than 2,200 elk hunting licenses, including 1,995 set aside for youth hunters, will be available soon in a first-come, first-served sale on the Department of Game and Fish Web site.

Only hunters who were unsuccessful in the regular drawings or did not hold a 2009-2010 elk license are eligible to purchase the late-season licenses, which will be available only on the Department Web site.

The sale for Youth Encouragement Elk Hunts will begin at 10 a.m. Oct. 28. The sale for archery bull elk licenses for hunters of any age will begin at 10 a.m. Nov. 4. Please consult the 2009-2010 Big-Game Rules and Information Booklet for more details. It is available at all Department offices and license vendors statewide, and on the Department Web site, [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

Hunters are strongly advised to obtain an online customer account or review their existing account, user name and password before the sales begin. The sale is first-come, first-served and popular hunts sell out quickly.

### **Youth Encouragement Hunts sale, 10 a.m. Oct. 28**

Youth hunters who were unsuccessful in any of the drawings for deer, elk, antelope, oryx, ibex or bighorn sheep are eligible to purchase licenses for Youth Encouragement Hunts. Available hunts for any legal sporting arm include 190 either-sex licenses and 1,605 cow elk licenses in Game Management Units statewide. Another 200 either-sex muzzleloader or archery licenses also are available. A list of available hunts, dates and units is available in the Big-Game Rules and Information Booklet and on the Department Web site. Eligible youth hunters must be younger than age 18 before the opening day of the hunt and have successfully completed an approved hunter education course before buying a license.

### **Late-season archery bull elk hunt sale, 10 a.m. Nov. 4**

The Department is offering 275 late-season archery hunts for trophy bull elk in three Game Management Units. The bag limit for all three hunts is one bull elk with antlers that have at least six points on one side. Hunters who did not hold a 2009-2010 elk license are eligible for the hunts. Available hunts:

- Unit 12: Nov. 21-25, 25 licenses.
- Unit 34: Dec. 12-16, 200 licenses.
- Unit 37: Dec. 5-9, 50 licenses.

More late-season archery elk licenses may become available as the Department continues to assess annual population and harvest information, regional herd management objectives and additional harvest needs. Because these assessments require information gathered during fall aerial surveys and regular fall hunts, the licenses are made available via online, first-come, first-served sale. Distributing them

through the normal draw process is unrealistic as it requires significantly more time than is available to ensure all successful hunters receive their licenses before the start of their hunt.

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## Oppose the Falsely Named Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act Bill HR 3710

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### Oppose the Falsely Named Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act Bill HR 3710

*Bill: H.R. 3710 proposes to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System and end trapping of problem animals. This would destroy game bird and waterfowl populations.*

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National Wildlife Control Operators Association

**Washington, DC** --(AmmoLand.com)- The National Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA) is a Non-Profit Trade Organization representing the Industry of Nuisance Wildlife Control.

Our Membership is particularly knowledgeable about the use of body-gripping traps and regards such traps as trade tools.

We would like to point out some reasons for our opposition to H.R. 3710.

- The National Wildlife Refuge System is the property of all U.S. Citizens including Hunters, Trappers and Sportsmen.
- Each State has an Agency (Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish & Game...) that manages and regulates the harvesting of Wildlife and the tools used for this purpose. Said Agencies have Scientific and Field Personnel to analyze the need for restrictions, the latitude to enact Ordinances that address such needs and Enforcement Personnel to provide oversight.
- Wildlife Refuges often have man-made structures or features which may be in need of Professional Services, using the tools in question, to resolve conflicts and protect such properties or features.
- Given the broad dynamics of each Wildlife Refuge across the Nation, such as adjacent human population densities, actual human usership, Refuge dynamics (swamp, desert, heavily timbered, above timberline, access...), sound management of each resource is unique to each location and is as diverse as the Refuge System itself.
- Bill H.R. 3710 is poorly written and encompasses all style, manner and design of trap or restraint equipment and goes so far as to prohibit the use of a mouse-trap.
- Bill H.R. 3710 propagates the concept that Refuge management is unambiguous and is better served by removing sound management practices and restrictions from it's Regional User Base.
- Bill H.R. 3710 propagates the concept that the responsible use of such tools, in the hands of Professional or Recreational Trappers, on Public Lands, warrants additional non-regional game harvesting oversight beyond each States existing Regulatory Wildlife Agency.
- The National Wildlife Control Operators Association believes Professional Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators have, in the pursuit of our livelihoods, a right to incorporate the responsible use of such trade tools, for the purpose of providing services on Public and Private Lands in accordance with the Law.

The National Wildlife Control Operators Association promotes the professional resolution of Human/Wildlife conflicts through Competence, Integrity and Service.

#### **About:**

The National Wildlife Control Operators Association is a Non-Profit Trade Organization representing the Nuisance Wildlife Control Industry, promoting the professional resolution of Human/Wildlife conflicts through Competence, Integrity and Service.

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## SCI and New Jersey Sporting Groups File Suit to Force NJ Bear Hunt Decision

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### SCI and New Jersey Sporting Groups File Suit to Force NJ Bear Hunt Decision



Safari Club Internationa

**Washington, D.C.** --(AmmoLand.com)- Safari Club International (SCI) and the New Jersey Federation of Sportsman's Clubs Inc. (Federation) filed suit yesterday in New Jersey to force action on black bear management.

Despite the best efforts of the state's Fish and Game Council (Council), New Jersey's Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has refused to approve a new comprehensive black bear management policy (Black Bear Policy) that includes hunting as a management strategy. Under New Jersey law, without a policy in place, the State cannot hold a black bear hunt. The Commissioner's inaction has led to a drastic increase in bear incidents state-wide since the last bear hunt in 2005.

SCI President Larry Rudolph said, "A well regulated hunt is essential for the sound and responsible management of black bear in New Jersey and for the safety of the general public. The goal of our lawsuit is simply to put legal pressure on the Commissioner and the Council to take the necessary action to adopt a Black Bear Policy. Forcing action on a policy will allow the Council — the people entrusted under New Jersey law to manage wildlife — to decide whether a hunt is both the appropriate means of managing the state's bear population and a valued recreational experience."

#### **Legal Background:**

In 2006, SCI and the Federation went to court to defend the Black Bear

Policy that was adopted in 2005 because then-DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson and Governor Jon Corzine abruptly withdrew that policy and cancelled the annual black bear hunt.

In a 2007 decision, the Court questioned the Commissioner's authority to unilaterally withdraw the Black Bear Policy, but nevertheless invalidated the 2005 Policy, finding that it had not been properly adopted in the first place. The actions of the DEP and the court's ruling left New Jersey with no approved strategies for reducing the state's growing bear population. The Court directed the Commissioner and Council to work together to formulate a new black bear management policy, and encouraged SCI and the Federation to return to court should the parties reach an impasse. That impasse has now occurred.

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## NICS Alerts Gun Retailers Of Busy Season Hours

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### NICS Alerts Gun Retailers Of Busy Season Hours



Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Washington, DC** --(AmmoLand.com)- The FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) has announced hours for its busy season, which began Oct. 1 and will continue through Jan. 16.

During this time, NICS Section operational hours will be from 6 a.m. to

1:30 a.m. Eastern Time, with state point of contacts (POCs) being placed in service at 7 a.m. and out of service at 1:30 a.m. EST.

NICS call centers will maintain their normal daily operations hours of 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. EST. One day that will deviate from this schedule will be the day after Thanksgiving (Nov. 27), when NICS will come in full service at 6 a.m. EST.

This will include the call centers, state POCs and NICS Section. The NICS Section is closed Christmas Eve at midnight and all day on Christmas.

NICS operations will resume on Dec. 26 at 6 a.m. EST. The state POCs will resume at 7 a.m. and the call center at 8 a.m. EST.

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## Bird Hunting Seasons Take Flight Remember Wingshooting Safety

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### Bird Hunting Seasons Take Flight Remember Wingshooting Safety

*A National Shooting Sports Foundation Educational Video.*



National Shooting Sports Foundation

NEWTOWN, Conn. --(AmmoLand.com)--Across the country, bird hunting seasons are getting under way.

NSSF reminds all sportsmen and women that a great way to kick off the new season is at a wingshooting preserve near you.

NSSF's WingshootingUSA.org provides links to more than 1,000 preserves across the country.

You'll also find bird hunting resources, including a safety video for new hunters or those that need a quick refresher before heading afield. A

Iso, be sure to tune in to the Wingshooting USA television show each week on DISH Network and the Sportsman Channel.

### About NSSF

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of more than 4,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers. For more information, log on to [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org).

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## Want To Be Ruled By Evil Men?

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### Want To Be Ruled By Evil Men?

*The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men. Plato.*



Rescue Our Outdoors Rally



New Jersey Outdoor Alliance

**New Egypt, NJ** --(AmmoLand.com)-One of the most conservative figures for the number of anglers, hunters and conservationists in New Jersey is 650,000.

In terms of a potential "voting bloc" this number is approximately 15% of the voters in the entire state. It is an enormous number of potential voters and can be a politicians dream – or worst nightmare.

The outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen of NJ have the power to shape the future to fit their conservation interests, all we need to do is show Trenton that we CARE and that we VOTE.

We can do both of these things in the next few weeks. We can show we CARE by attending the R.O.O.R. Rally this Saturday. Let the rally be YOUR message to be heard in Trenton. Also, VOTE on November 3, 2009.

Take Plato's advice – he understood the high price that is paid for apathy. Attend R.O.O.R. and vote on November 3rd.

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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## Team Smith & Wesson Earns High Honors In USPSA Handgun Nationals

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### Team Smith & Wesson Members Earn High Honors In Back-to-Back USPSA Handgun Nationals

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## Smith & Wesson®

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**SPRINGFIELD, Mass** --(AmmoLand.com)-Smith & Wesson Corp., announced today that Team Smith & Wesson members earned high honors in multiple divisions after competing in consecutive United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) National Championships during the month of September. As part of the Back-to-Back Handgun Nationals sponsored by Smith & Wesson, team members competed and excelled in the USPSA Production, Revolver and Limited-10 Nationals. Leading the way for Team Smith & Wesson was Annette Aysen, who earned the Ladies Revolver National Championship title.

### USPSA Production Match

Held at the Desert Sportsmen in Las Vegas Nevada, the USPSA Production match featured 16 unique stages of fire designed to test each competitor's skill with a handgun. During the four-day match, Team Smith & Wesson members claimed four spots in the Top 16 and earned

top honors in four classes. Earning awards for Team Smith & Wesson was Revolver Champion Jerry Miculek who was named High Senior; Phil Strader who placed 3rd Overall; B.J. Norris who placed 8th Overall and 1st in Master Class; Mike Seeklander who placed 11th Overall and 2nd in Master Class and David Olhasso who finished 13th Overall.

In the Women's Division, Smith & Wesson team members achieved two spots in the Top 5. Team Captain Julie Golob placed an impressive 2nd Lady while fellow teammate Carrie Jamrogowicz earned the 5th Lady spot. Both women competed with the Smith & Wesson M&P9 Pro Series pistol in the event.

Throughout the match, the Smith & Wesson Military & Police (M&P) pistol had a strong showing with 25% of the Top 16 competitors using firearms from the M&P line during the competition. This year's USPSA Production Nationals marks the first time an M&P pistol has been used by a competitor placing in the Top 3 Overall, an accomplishment delivered by Team Smith & Wesson member Phil Strader.

### USPSA Limited-10 Nationals

During the Limited-10 Nationals, which were held immediately after the USPSA Production match, Team Smith & Wesson members once again stood atop the leader board. Team Smith & Wesson put three shooters in the Top 20 with BJ Norris placing 5th Overall and 1st Unclassified; Mike Seeklander earning 8th Overall and 2nd in the Master Class; and Tony Phan claiming the 20th Overall spot. In the Women's Division, Julie Golob had another strong showing placing 2nd Lady Overall using a Smith & Wesson M&P9 Pro Series pistol while Kay Miculek earned 4th Lady Overall shooting a Smith & Wesson Pro Series 1911.

In the Revolver Division, Smith & Wesson extended its domination when Annette Aysen was named the Ladies Revolver National Champion. Shooting a Smith & Wesson Model 625, Aysen was able to claim her fourth national title for the season and her third consecutive USPSA Ladies Revolver National Title. Three other members of Team Smith & Wesson earned high honors in the Revolver Division with Jerry Miculek, David Olhasso and Elliot Aysen placing 2nd, 3rd and 8th Overall respectively.

"The 2009 season has been a very productive year for Team Smith & Wesson," said Tom Kelly, Vice President of Marketing for Smith & Wesson. "With 20 members competing in a variety of different disciplines and divisions, each has performed admirably and has fully demonstrated the ability of the Smith & Wesson product line in numerous matches around the globe. With only a few more events scheduled for this year, I would like to congratulate each member for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. Every member of our team has been a true champion and has done a tremendous job representing our company and our product line."

### About Smith & Wesson

Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation, a global leader in safety, security,

protection and sport, is parent company to Smith & Wesson Corp., one of the world's largest manufacturers of quality firearms and firearm safety/security products and parent company to Universal Safety Response, a full-service perimeter security integrator, barrier manufacturer and installer, as well as parent company to Thompson/Center Arms Company, Inc., a premier designer and manufacturer of premium hunting rifles, black powder rifles, interchangeable firearms systems and accessories under the Thompson/Center brand. Smith & Wesson licenses shooter protection, knives, apparel, and other accessory lines. Smith & Wesson is based in Springfield, Massachusetts with manufacturing facilities in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Tennessee. The Smith & Wesson Academy is America's longest running firearms training facility for law enforcement, military and security professionals. For more information on Smith & Wesson, call (800) 331-0852 or log on to [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com). For more information on Universal Safety Response, log on to [www.usrgrab.com](http://www.usrgrab.com). For more information on Thompson/Center Arms, log on to [www.tcarms.com](http://www.tcarms.com).

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## Team Smith & Wesson Captures Three National Titles at IDPA National Championship

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Smith & Wesson

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass** --(AmmoLand.com)- Smith & Wesson Corp., announced today that Team Smith & Wesson earned three national titles and posted high scores in each of the five divisions during the 2009 International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) National Championship held at the United States Shooting Academy (USSA) in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Competing in the Enhanced Service Revolver Division, Team Smith & Wesson Shooter Jerry Miculek added yet another national title to his prestigious career while fellow teammate and this year's Match Director Curt Nichols earned his fourth consecutive national title in the Stock Service Revolver Division. Rounding out the top finishes by Team Smith & Wesson was Mike Seeklander, Chief Operating Officer of USSA, who earned the High Military Veteran award competing in the Enhanced Service Pistol (ESP) Division.

The 2009 Annual IDPA Nationals featured 17 stages of fire with over 350 participants competing for divisional titles. Designed to challenge the speed and accuracy of each shooter, the stages of fire tested each competitor on a variety of defensive shooting skills including drawing from concealment, shooting on the move and engaging a variety of stationary and moving targets. Competing with a Smith & Wesson Model 625, Miculek earned top scores in 14 of the 17 stages to win the national title by over 88 seconds. In the Stock Service Revolver (SSR) Division, Curt Nichols out scored 23 other competitors using a Smith & Wesson Model 67, en route to his fourth consecutive SSR national title. Winner of the High Military Veteran Title, Mike Seeklander, used his M&P9 Pro Series pistol to place 2nd Master and 3rd Overall in the ESP Division.

"Participating in this year's match both as a competitor and Match Director, certainly brought on some new challenges that I had never experienced," said Curt Nichols, Team Smith & Wesson member. "The match itself took over three months of preparation as we included more stages, a higher round count per stage and more shooters than ever before. With such an elaborate design, it was a personal challenge to stay mentally focused on my shooting while contending with all of the logistics that go into hosting a match of this proportion."

During the planning stages, Nichols and his staff worked hard to develop what he portrayed as a 'shooter's match.' The stages of fire were designed to be accuracy intensive and utilized a variety of different props such as the nine different stages of fire that involved shooting around, in and out of stationary vehicles. After the match Nichols received numerous compliments from competitors who portrayed the match as one of the most challenging yet fun IDPA Nationals to date.

After the conclusion of the match, Nichols spoke highly of the USSA facility, dedicated staff of over 70 individuals, plus the Smith & Wesson revolver that allowed him to retain the SSR title.

"A match of this caliber would not have been possible without such a dedicated staff and tremendous facility like the USSA," added Nichols. "I'm extremely pleased with the outcome. I also have to say that my performance in the match as a

competitor would not have been possible without a quality firearm. Never once did I worry about the accuracy or reliability of my Smith & Wesson revolver as this particular platform has allowed me to excel in competitive shooting and has served me dutifully in my 22 years of law enforcement."

Throughout the three-day event, additional members of Team Smith & Wesson delivered solid performances that placed them in the Top 3 of each of the divisions. In the Custom Defense Pistol Division, David Olhasso placed 2nd in Master Class and 3rd overall using an M&P45 pistol. In the Stock Service Pistol (SSP) Division, Gordon Carrell finished an impressive 1st Place in Master Class and 2nd Overall shooting an M&P9 Pro Series pistol, while teammate Phil Strader, who joined Team Smith & Wesson earlier this year, placed 2nd Master and 3rd Overall in the SSP Division. Also competing in the SSR Division was Team Smith & Wesson member Craig Buckland who finished 3rd Overall and 2nd in the Master Class. Team Captain Julie Golob earned 2nd Overall in the Women's Division.

"On behalf of Smith & Wesson, I would like to congratulate all of the members of Team Smith & Wesson who participated in this year's match," said Tom Kelly, Vice President of Marketing for Smith & Wesson. "Once again, Team Smith & Wesson members continued their dominance in the Revolver Divisions, showcasing both their talent and ability of the Smith & Wesson revolver line. In addition, our team excelled in every single division placing in the top three spots, a feat that demonstrates their diverse skill set and proficiency with a wide variety of firearms."

#### **About Smith & Wesson**

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Team Smith & Wesson Captures Three National Titles at IDPA National Championship

replacement of the lost guns. Additionally, the duty weapons currently in use by the New Roads PD are over 10 years old: Parts from damaged guns were in use to keep the weapons safe and working.

Upon learning of the situation, Ken Pfau, vice president of law enforcement and commercial sales at FNH USA, donated twenty-seven FNP pistols to the New Roads PD, so that every sworn officer could have a brand new duty pistol at his or her disposal.

“There are a lot of law enforcement agencies out there struggling with reduced funding right now. This was an instance where we could really make an impact and help this Department, and we were glad to do it,” said Pfau.

Of the donation, Chief of Police Kevin A. McDonald had this to say, “We were in the process of doing our 10 year phase out – which is a longer time than most departments keep their firearms, and here comes FN – a blessing in disguise. This was truly a very great asset to the Department. As with most small agencies, we operate on a modest budget, and this generous donation means a great deal to us.”

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Left to right, Police Chief Kevin McDonald, FNH USA's Bryan Piester, Lt. Shael Stringer of the NRPD and New Roads Mayor, Tommy Nelson. Photograph by Tommy Comeaux



FNH USA

**McLean, Va.** --(AmmoLand.com)- In the course of conducting a product demonstration, Bryan Piester, a regional sales manager for FNH USA, listened to some of the recent difficulties experienced by the New Roads, La. Police Department.

After the Department building was destroyed by fire in 2007 – along with several duty handguns – budgetary constraints prohibited

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# New Law Targets Poachers Not Sportsmen

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## New Law Targets Poachers Not Sportsmen



California Outdoor Heritage Alliance

**Sacramento, California** --(AmmoLand.com)- On October 11th, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 708 (Huffman), a measure that seeks to combat illegal commercialization and egregious poaching of California's fish and game resources by establishing mandatory minimum fines and jail time for those that violate the law.

Specifically, AB 708 would establish a fine of \$5000 to \$40,000 and/or impose a penalty of up to one year in county jail for violators who are convicted of illegally selling, purchasing, or trading any amphibian, bird, fish, mammal, or reptile for profit or personal gain. AB 708 also increases the fine and jail time for those who egregiously violate the daily bag limit or possession limit of fish, reptiles, birds, amphibians or mammals. Additionally, an individual convicted of violating any provision of AB 708 would be subject to possible permanent hunting or fishing license revocation.

"Poaching has, and continues to be a problem for certain species – most notably, big game. Several recent high profile poaching cases involving deer and antelope have further demonstrated the need for tougher criminal penalties for those who have no respect for the law," stated Miles Moretti, President/ CEO of the Mule Deer Foundation and Board Member of the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA).

When AB 708 was first introduced it arguably cast far too wide a net and could have criminalized otherwise law abiding hunters and anglers. After working closely with Assembly Member Huffman, his staff, the Department of Fish and Game and other conservation partners, COHA was able to help amend AB 708 to more narrowly target illegal commercialization and flagrant poaching of California's fish and game resources.

As signed by the Governor, AB 708 would only apply to those that

illegally sell, purchase, or trade fish and game or to individuals that illegally possess more than three times the daily bag or possession limit. AB 708 also clarifies that an individual may possess unlabeled migratory birds, such as waterfowl, dove and band-tailed pigeons, as authorized by federal waterfowl regulations. Additionally, AB 708 does not impact a person's ability to gift a possession limit of fish or game to another person, regardless of whether or not both parties reside in the same dwelling.

"Hunters pride themselves on protecting wildlife and thus have no respect for poachers. AB 708 strikes a better balance between cracking down on illicit poaching and commercialization of game species, while not inadvertently criminalizing law abiding sportsmen and women," declared Jason Rhine, Director of Advocacy for the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance.

### About:

The California Outdoor Heritage Alliance is a 501(c) 4 non-profit political advocacy organization dedicated solely to the promotion of wildlife and the protection of our hunting heritage. COHA professional staff is active at the California State Legislature, Congress, State Fish and Game Commission, State and Federal resource agencies and all other political arenas where decisions are made which may impact wildlife management, habitat conservation, wildlife program funding, hunting access and opportunity, and your ability to purchase and possess sporting arms and munitions. COHA was created in early 2006 by the California Waterfowl Association. For more information on COHA and its efforts, visit our website.

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## Ohio School to Be Named the 100th Wild School Site

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### Ohio High School to Be Named the 100th Wild School Site



Ohio Department Natural Resources

**BEREA, OH** --(AmmoLand.com)- Berea High School in Cuyahoga County will soon be dedicated as an official WILD School Site according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. The school will be the 100th site dedicated in Ohio.

The fourth in Cuyahoga County, Berea High School has completed many projects to learn about and benefit wildlife and the environment while enhancing habitat. Projects include artificial and natural bird feeding and watering stations and native plantings such as Northern spicebush, maple-leaf viburnum, bee balm and purple coneflower. The efforts benefit a variety of birds, mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians.

Nearby Coe Lake, owned by the City of Berea, has been enhanced as well to benefit Berea students and residents. Several projects have taken place with help from school staff and students, City of Berea personnel and donations from private individuals and local businesses. Projects include the implementation of an osprey nesting platform, native prairie and a walking trail lined with signs educating visitors on the environment.

"I applaud the staff and students of Berea High School for recognizing the importance of stepping outdoors and connecting with the environment," said Vicki Mountz, information and education administrator with the ODNR Division of Wildlife. "It's been proven that when youths connect with the environment and learn about the needs of wildlife, they also learn about the needs of people and build a life-long appreciation for nature."

Unplugging televisions and computers and plugging into the outdoors improves the physical, mental and emotional well-being of us all, added Mountz.

"Berea High School's WILD School Site offers students and

staff a transportation-free, fund-friendly field trip that is interesting and engaging," said Mary Draves, science teacher at Berea High School. "My students work hard on these outdoor projects and get their hands dirty. They certainly take pride in what they've accomplished. We have plans for more habitat development on the school property."

The school will be dedicated on October 21 during a ceremony for the school community and others involved with the enhancement projects.

The WILD School Sites program is considered an action extension of the national Project WILD program. Any school property used by students, teachers and the school community as a place to learn about and benefit from wildlife and the environment can be certified. The sites function within the premise that every school, regardless of size and location, can provide outdoor educational opportunities that can and should be part of an integrated environmental education program. WILD School Sites that demonstrate program development and site enhancement consistent with the premises outlined in this program are eligible for certification as an official Ohio WILD School Site.

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](http://www.ohiodnr.com).

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## Hunter Photographs Mountain Lion In Northwest Kansas

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### Hunter Photographs Mountain Lion In Northwest Kansas

*First official documentation of live wild mountain lion in state.*



Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

**WAKEENEY KS** --(AmmoLand.com)- Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) staff have verified that a mountain lion was photographed by a deer hunter northwest of Wakeeney. The sighting is the first ever live wild mountain lion documentation in Kansas although many other reports have been received in the past.

The hunter who took the photographs was setting in a tree stand when the mountain lion materialized near a pile of corn the man was hunting over. The hunter grabbed his camera and took multiple photos as the lion approached within 10 feet of the tree stand. The animal looked up at him, then moved out of site. The entire encounter lasted less than a minute, and the lion never stopped walking.

“KDWP received photographs of the animal, and staff were able to verify that the location was in Kansas, and the story seemed legitimate,” said Matt Peek, KDWP furbearer research biologist.

Although the origin of this mountain lion is unknown, mountain lions have appeared with varying frequency in other Midwestern states since the 1990s, presumably moving from western populations that have increased for decades. Most of these animals have been young males, which are capable of moving hundreds of miles in search of females and suitable habitat.

This is the second apparently wild mountain lion verified by evidence in Kansas in modern times. In November, 2007, a young male mountain lion was shot by a landowner in Barber County. Prior to that, the last documented occurrence was in 1904.

“KDWP receives numerous reports of mountain lion sightings annually,” Peek added, “but almost all have either been cases of mistaken identity or lacked physical evidence indicating a mountain lion had been present.”

There is no open hunting season for mountain lions in Kansas. Landowners may kill wildlife on their premises, including mountain

lions, for damage to property or for being in or near buildings, but such animals may not be possessed with intent to use.

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Hunter Photographs Mountain Lion In Northwest Kansas

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## Sportsman Channel Announces Agreement with Comcast to Reach More Sportmen

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**Sportsman Channel Announces Agreement with Comcast to Move to Digital Preferred Service in Several Markets**



Sportsman Channel

**New Berlin, WI** --(AmmoLand.com)- Sportsman Channel, the premiere all hunting, shooting and fishing network, announced an agreement today with Comcast to broaden distribution of the Sportsman Channel to Comcast's Digital Preferred service in several Comcast markets.

The new agreement will bring Sportsman's high-quality hunting, shooting and fishing shows to Comcast Digital Preferred customers in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; Savannah, Georgia; Tucson, Arizona; and Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

“We're thrilled to bring our strongest programming line-up in our history to Comcast customers,” said Willy Burkhardt, president of Sportsman. “And we look forward to continuing to provide our viewers and distribution partners with entertaining and informative content across our three programming pillars of hunt, shoot and fish.”

During the past year, Sportsman has benefited from the ongoing programming resources of its parent company, InterMedia Outdoors, the largest outdoor media content provider, which has helped to fuel the

network with more than 500 original series episodes and 15 new shows in 2009 alone.

“With millions of sportsman across the country, the Sportsman Channel will bring original and quality programming to our customers in the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas,” said Nick Kozel, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Twin Cities Region.

Sportsman is now available on channel 738 in Minneapolis and 278 in St. Paul.

For more information on the Sportsman Channel, please visit [www.thesportsmanchannel.com](http://www.thesportsmanchannel.com).

#### **About SPORTSMAN CHANNEL:**

Launched in 2003, Sportsman Channel is the only television and digital company fully devoted to the more than 82 million sportsmen in the United States, delivering thousands of hours of the most entertaining and educational hunting, shooting and fishing programming available. Sportsman Channel is currently available in 17.8 million homes. Acquired by InterMedia Outdoors Holdings in 2006, Sportsman Channel is now a part of the nation's largest multimedia company targeted exclusively to serving the information and entertainment needs of outdoors enthusiasts. For more information, visit [www.thesportsmanchannel.com](http://www.thesportsmanchannel.com).

#### **About INTERMEDIA OUTDOORS:**

InterMedia Outdoors, Inc. is the largest media company in the outdoor-enthusiast category, exclusively serving the information and entertainment needs of outdoors enthusiasts, with the largest network of websites dedicated to hunting, shooting and fishing; a portfolio of 15 magazines including powerful brands such as Petersen's Hunting, North American Whitetail, Guns&Ammo, In-Fisherman, Fly Fisherman, and Florida Sportsman; syndicated radio programming; 23 market-leading television productions, the largest library of outdoors television programming and Sportsman Channel, the only television network dedicated exclusively to hunting, shooting and fishing.

#### **About COMCAST:**

Comcast Corporation ([www.comcast.com](http://www.comcast.com)) is one of the nation's leading providers of entertainment, information and communication products and services. With 23.9 million cable customers, 15.3 million high-speed Internet customers, and 7.0 million Comcast Digital Voice customers, Comcast is principally involved in the development, management and operation of cable systems and in the delivery of programming content.

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## House Passes Bill with Switchblade Amendment

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### House Passes Bill with Switchblade Amendment



#### Operation Switch Hunt

**Washington, DC** --(AmmoLand.com)- On Oct. 16, the United States House of Representatives finished its approval of a Homeland Security appropriations bill that contains an amendment to the 1957 Switchblade Act.

It's now up to the U.S. Senate to approve the bill's House's language before it is sent to President Barack Obama for signature.

If the bill becomes law, the 1957 Switchblade Act would be amended to permanently exclude assisted openers from the types of knives prohibited in the United States.

Threatening the chances of this happening is controversy regarding the appropriations bill itself, according to this Wall Street Journal article. The measure includes provisions to move Guantanamo Bay prisoners to the U.S. for prosecution. That conflicts with a previous House resolution banning the transfer of those prisoners to the U.S. mainland.

If support for the appropriations bill breaks down, the edgencia may have to start from scratch in passing legislation this session.

Both major knife advocacy groups, AKTI and Knife Rights, are suggesting not to contact their representatives in Washington at this time.

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## News From Bass Pro Shop Media Day At The Range 2010

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**Attention Outdoor Writers News From Bass Pro's Media Day At The Range 2010**



Media Day At The Range

**Centreville, VA** --(AmmoLand.com)- With the support of Bass Pro Shops and many manufacturers and organizations, the industry will be holding the 5th annual Media Day at the Range on Monday, January 18, 2010 being held at the Boulder City Pistol & Rifle Range in Boulder City, Nevada from 9 am to 4:00 pm.

We have some exciting news concerning Media Day 2010 that you surely do not want to miss. By registering and attending Media Day at the Range you will also have an opportunity to win a Blaser Rifle outfitted with a Zeiss Victory Scope valued at more than \$4,000.

**Here is all you will need to do to win:**

- Visit the Blaser and Zeiss exhibits to experience shooting the Blaser rifle and using the Zeiss Victory scope.
- Purchase a raffle ticket to enter – one chance \$4 or three chances for \$10. All proceeds going to Safari Club AWLS Youth Program. There is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase.
- Drawing at 3:00 pm at the Blaser exhibit. You must be present to win.

With nearly 60 manufacturers registered, the range is nearly sold out. The day will consist of visiting with a wide range of manufacturers both

from the shooting and non-shooting community and you will also have an opportunity to interview company representatives about their new product line-up. Transportation will be provided both to and from the range.

This event will give you the opportunity to handle and shoot new products being introduced at SHOT Show from many of the industry's leading manufacturers. This year the event will be benefiting the Safari Club AWLS Youth Program.

So if you have not already registered, please do so today at [www.media-day.com](http://www.media-day.com). Please be sure you pass this information on to all individuals from your publication or broadcast property who may want to attend, we don't want anyone to miss this event. On behalf of all the attending manufacturers we look forward to seeing you at the range.

Media Day is open to members of the media only and registered exhibitors. For additional information, contact Cory Cannon with Triple Curl at [ccannon@triplecurl.com](mailto:ccannon@triplecurl.com) or Cathy Williams with CMG Marketing and Events at [cathy@cmgmarketingandevents.com](mailto:cathy@cmgmarketingandevents.com).

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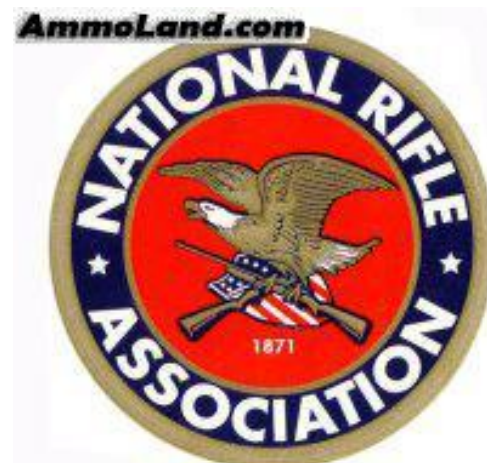
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## Join NRA-ILA's New Online Community

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**Join NRA-ILA's New Online Community**



## National Rifle Association

**Fairfax, VA** --(AmmoLand.com)- You read NRA-ILA's alerts. You call your elected officials on important Second Amendment issues. You talk to your friends, family and others about protecting the right to keep and bear arms. In short, you are at the heart of NRA-ILA's efforts.

Now you have an opportunity to help the NRA by sharing your thoughts on policy, politics, corporate partnerships, and more.

We are excited to announce the launch of the **NRA-ILA Online Advisory Panel**, a community of our most active and loyal supporters. As a part of the Advisory Panel, you will have the opportunity to engage with other NRA members, take weekly polls and surveys, compare your Members of Congress, track federal legislation, and more. This is your chance to make your voice count. NRA-ILA wants to know what you think and what gun owners are concerned-or excited-about in your part of the country.

Which issues are you most concerned about? What programs do you think work? Which ones don't? As a part of the NRA-ILA Online Advisory Panel, you will have an opportunity to weigh in on these questions, and your voice will help target our activities and frame the Second Amendment debate.

To find out more and to sign up to become a member of the NRA-ILA Online Advisory Panel, go to: [NRA.civicscience.com](http://NRA.civicscience.com).

### **About:**

Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. Four million members strong, NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and to advocate enforcement of existing laws against violent offenders to reduce crime. The Association remains the nation's leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the military.

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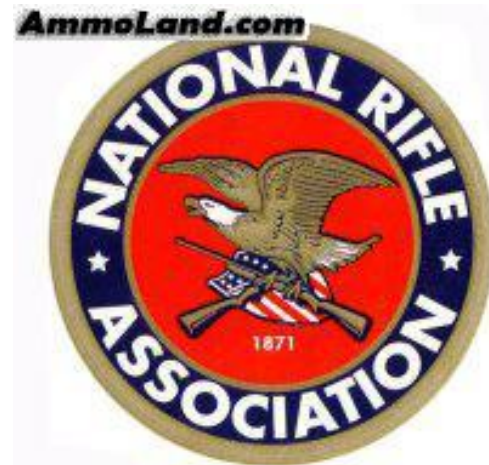
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# Task Force Using Crime In Mexico As Premise For Gun Control In US

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**Task Force Using Crime And Corruption In Mexico As Premise For Gun Control In U.S.**



## National Rifle Association

**Sacramento, CA** --(AmmoLand.com)- On October 13, the Associated Press reported that the so-called Bi-National Task Force on Rethinking the United States-Mexico Border has produced a report, which, among other things, calls for re-imposition of the federal "assault weapon" ban of 1994-2004, saying it would improve security in both countries.

The "border-rethinking" group has been put together by the Pacific Council on International Policy and the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations. The group consists mostly of former U.S. and Mexican officials and journalists, none of them currently elected by the people of the U.S. or Mexico to make policy on these issues.

According to the Pacific Council, the report is being released under the auspices of the Mexican CFR on November 13th and is absolutely unavailable until that time. The Brady Campaign, naturally, has a copy of the report anyway, and quotes its executive summary as saying "The United States should intensify efforts to curtail the smuggling of firearms, ammunition, and bulk cash into Mexico by aggressively investigating gun sellers, regulating gun shows, [and] reinstating the Clinton-era ban on assault weapons."

Congress finished its hearings on the Mexico situation several months ago, and many members of Congress have declared their line-in-the-sand opposition to re-imposition of the ban. So given that Brady Campaign seems to be the only outfit that has a copy of the embargoed

report, it's safe to conclude that the "task force" is trying to keep the public primed for the next attack on the ownership of firearms like the AR-15 and Remington 11-87, and ammunition magazines designed for defensive purposes.

Whatever the opinions of those who sip tea and nibble biscuits while musing about how to restrict the rest of us, re-imposing the ban would have no effect on Mexico's historic problem of crime and corruption, for at least three reasons.

First, as has been amply demonstrated, the cartels are not limited to semi-automatic AR-15s and AK-47s. They have hand-held and tripod-mounted, belt-fed machine guns; grenade launchers and grenades; and a variety of other high-end firearms, explosives, and special-purpose Optics and communication gear acquired from countries other than the United States. Thanks to some Americans' insatiable appetite for mind-altering drugs, they have enough money to buy the "task force" 10 times over, along with any weapon that can be found among any infantry platoon on Earth, no matter what kind of gun law gets imposed.

Second, most of the firearms seized from the cartels do not come from the United States. The claim that "90 percent" of Mexican "crime guns" originate in the U.S. is false. It does not relate to all firearms the Mexicans have seized from the cartels, but only to guns that the Mexicans have asked the BATFE to trace. As the Government Accountability Office has explained, "In 2008, of the almost 30,000 firearms that the Mexican Attorney General's office said were seized, only around 7,200, or approximately a quarter, were submitted to [BATFE] for tracing." The 6,700 guns that BATFE traced to the U.S. accounted for about 90 percent of the 7,200 guns that BATFE traced, but only 22 percent of all firearms seized by the Mexican government

Third, the ban did not stop the production and sale of any guns, it merely put a one-attachment limit on new guns. For example, before the ban, AR-15s had a pistol-type grip, flash suppressor and bayonet mount. The 750,000 AR-15s made during the ban had only the grip. If the "task force" thinks the fate of Mexico hinges on whether a relatively small number of semi-automatic rifles have flash suppressors and bayonet mounts, its members ought to switch to decaffeinated tea and sugar-free cookies during their get-togethers.

Make no mistake, however. Even if the "task force" doesn't understand the finer details of the old "assault weapon" ban, leading gun ban advocates like Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, the Brady Campaign, the Violence Policy Center, the Joyce Foundation, and the Legal Community Against Violence do. If they have their way, they will eventually drag us into a much larger battle over the right to keep and bear semi-automatic shotguns, M1 Garands, M1 Carbines, and Ruger Mini-14s, in addition to the AR-15s, semi-automatic AK-47s, and other commonly owned firearms that were at issue during the 1994-2004 ban.

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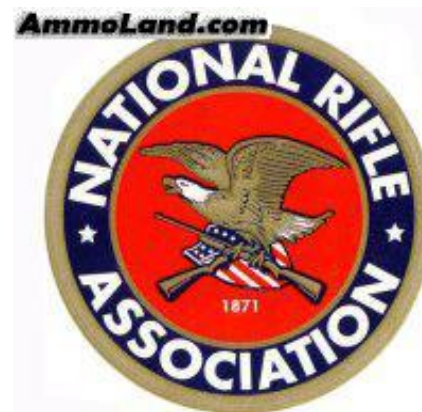
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## California Lawmakers Approve Firearm Owner Registration Scheme

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### Governator And California Lawmakers Approve Firearm Owner Registration Scheme



National Rifle Association

**Sacramento, CA** --(AmmoLand.com)- This week, Governor Schwarzenegger (R-Calif.) signed yet another severe, but impotent gun control measure into law. Assembly Bill 962, which takes effect on February 1, 2011, mandates individuals purchasing ammunition to be fingerprinted and registered at the time of sale and outlaws mail order ammunition purchases. AB 962 will also require dealers to maintain these records indefinitely and make them available for inspection by the California Department of Justice.

As an additional burden, ammunition retailers will also be required to store ammunition away from purchasers. AB 962 failed to garner

support from Attorney General Brown, or any law enforcement organization. In fact, 15 sheriffs wrote letters of opposition to this legislation.

“This law presents intrusive and unnecessary burdens that will only affect law-abiding firearm retailers and gun owners...not criminals,” said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. “At a time when California is facing dire budget problems, California has squandered valuable resources in policing law-abiding Californians instead of investing in substantive measures that target criminals. More than two decades ago, Congress abolished similar requirements at the federal level because ammunition sales records were found to be ineffective for solving crimes. It is indeed regrettable that foolish minds and bogus arguments prevailed over common sense and empirical evidence.”

Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed Senate Bill 585, a bill that would have prohibited the sale of firearms and ammunition at Cow Palace in Daly City, just outside of San Francisco. He also signed Senate Bill 175, which will exempt gunsmiths from a vague California law. This exemption will now allow for the exchange of a firearm to or from a gunsmith for purposes of service or repair.

“Governor Schwarzenegger acted in the interest of good public policy with his actions on SB 585 and SB 175. But, in signing AB 962, he has paved the way for one of the most intrusive and ineffective gun control laws that California has seen in recent years,” said Cox.

NRA will review all possible legislative and legal options to remove this draconian requirement from California statute.

**About:**

Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. Four million members strong, NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and to advocate enforcement of existing laws against violent offenders to reduce crime. The Association remains the nation's leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the military.

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