

South Dakota NWTf Hunting Heritage State Super Fund Projects – \$778,230



Since 1985 NWTf volunteers in South Dakota have raised and spent **\$778,230** on projects within the state, including:

Land Purchase [**\$246,342**]

...to purchase 35,351 acres of land or conservation easements through the More Places to Hunt initiative to preserve wildlife habitat and provide additional hunting areas.

Education [**\$134,468**]

...to provide educational programs and literature including scholarships, education boxes, 4-H and teacher workshops, plus educational projects for volunteers and professionals.

Upland Wildlife Habitat Enhancement [**\$73,075**]



...to complete upland wildlife habitat improvement projects that have impacted more than 24,898 acres within the state.

Outreach Events [**\$60,504**]

...to introduce youth, women and people with disabilities to outdoor activities, conservation and hunting through JAKES, Women in the Outdoors and Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTf outreach programs. Sponsored 129 outreach events throughout the state.

Wild Turkey Restoration [**\$43,214**]

...to trap and transfer wild turkeys within the state, purchase trapping equipment such as nets, rockets and rocket charges, and reimburse other states for expenses related to trapping and transferring 315 donated wild turkeys.

Research [**\$36,350**]

...to conduct wild turkey research and purchase equipment such as radio telemetry equipment.

TURKEYS FOR TOMORROW



Habitat Enhancement

Goal Expand prescribed fire efforts throughout the state to promote ecosystem diversity.

Goal Encourage more participation in practices aimed at restoring the health of South Dakota's river habitat, and involvement in habitat-saving programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program and the Riparian Buffer Program.

Goal Plant 30,000 shrubs in the Black Hills, Great Plains Steppe & Eastern Prairie habitat regions to provide additional winter food sources and cover for wild turkeys in these areas. Shrub plantings will predominately occur in riparian (river-based) areas and dry draws.

Goal Continue to establish winter food sources by planting fruit-bearing trees and shrubs and encouraging landowners and farmers who are licensed to plant on state-owned lands to leave standing grain crops in the field.

Hunter Access

Goal Support strategic acquisition of public hunting lands.

Goal Promote access and hunting in state, federal and local land management plans.

Goal Work with private landowners, corporate partners and other industrial landowners to provide public hunting opportunities.

Goal Support and influence legislation related to access, hunting and conservation of public and private lands.

Wild Turkey Research

Goal Continue to work with universities, agencies and other groups to support wild turkey research.

Goal Investigate movement of gobblers in the Black Hills as well as habitat suitability in release sites along the Missouri Plateau as part of the Making Tracks Program.

Outreach

Goal Continue offering support to local chapters to help fund JAKES, Women in the Outdoors and Wheelin' Sportsmen events; local scholarships; and JAKES education boxes.

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