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NEWSLETTER

July 2011

FEDERATION REPORT

No report received.

NOTES FROM LAST MEETING

Membership applications: Bill Szalkowski of Oriskany sponsored by Dan Zeidner, Brian Fedor Of Clinton sponsored by Les Wiedrick, Nick Buffa of Rome sponsored by Les Wiedrick.

Members voted in: Paul Marcellus of Rome, Paul Osinski of McGraw.

Sponsors must be present for candidates to be voted in.

We are going to get together every Monday night at 6 PM for informal shoots. Shoot outdoors or in, what ever people want to do. Nothing formal, just a way to get members together to get to know one another better and get some shooting time in.

NOTE

Since we are an NRA affiliated club, if you are an NRA member please include your NRA membership No. When paying your dues.

NOTE: Adopted at the January meeting - Henceforth the initiation fee for membership application will be equal to the dues amount in force at that time

Steel Plate Shoot

We will hold a steel plate shoot on Thursday evening, July 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. This will be a free shoot and just for fun. We will have a 10 plate array up to shoot at. Coffee will be on as always and there may be a few snacks too. Come on out for a good time, visit with fellow shooters, and burn a little gunpowder. For more info, e-mail plateshooter@gmail.com or call Les at 336-7330.

ATTENTION !

There is a freezer in the furnace room at the club that we would like to get out of there. We are asking if anyone donated this to the club in years past and would like it back. If we don't find the source, we will put the freezer up for sale to dispose of it. If you were the donor, please contact us via e-mail or phone. Various addresses and numbers appear on the newsletter each month.

THE ROME PISTOL LICENSE OFFICE HAS BEEN RELOCATED TO THE FORMER GRIFFISS AFB.

As of June 23, 2011, This is the new location of the office in Rome.

It is open only on Thursdays from 8:00 AM until 1:PM.

Directions to Pistol License Office

- From Dunkin Donuts off Black River Blvd. in Rome enter Griffiss Technology Park on East Chestnut St. between Rite Aid and Burger King.

- Take East Chestnut to 2nd left to Hanger Rd.

- Go to end of Hanger Rd. the last building on the left is Building 45. (the old firehouse)

- Turn left and then go to the right around building. The last door is the Security Office and Pistol License Office. You can also enter the base from the Floyd Ave. Entrance. Go left at the traffic light and take the next right to Hanger Rd. The old firehouse is actually at the end of Brooks Rd. You could actually go straight ahead at the Floyd Ave. Traffic light to the firehouse except Rome Labs have constructed a safety barrier on Brooks Rd. If you know your way around this barrier you can take this route.

LEGISLATION

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From IRA-ILA

Anti-Hunting Campbell-DeFazio Amendment Voted Down in Congress

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Fairfax, Va. – A proposal by Congressmen John Campbell (R-CA) and Peter DeFazio (D-OR) to prohibit necessary and legal practices used to effectively manage wildlife and predator species was overwhelmingly defeated today in the House of Representatives. The amendment to H.R. 2112, the Agriculture appropriations bill, was strongly opposed by the NRA and other pro-hunting organizations. It was pushed by the Humane Society of the United States and other radical anti-hunting groups.

“Wildlife and wildlife predators cause hundreds of millions of dollars in damage annually to natural resources, public infrastructures, private property and agriculture,” said Chris W. Cox, executive director for NRA’s Institute for Legislative Action. “We will continue to oppose efforts like the Campbell-DeFazio Amendment that seek to diminish essential wildlife and predator management programs that protect our hunting heritage.”

The amendment would have drastically reduced funding to the Wildlife Service Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Program (WS), which is authorized by Congress to manage a program to decrease human-wildlife conflicts throughout the United States, including damage from predator animals.

Coyotes and other predators have decimated a great deal of the mule deer, moose and elk populations throughout the United States. As it stands, lethal predator control remains the best tool we have for keeping large predators in balance with existing habitat and the prey they require.

“This was yet another defeat for the anti-hunting agenda being pushed by the Humane Society of the United States”, concluded Cox. “The NRA will continue to fight to protect America’s hunting heritage from those who seek to eliminate it.”

Hearings Scheduled, Subpoenas To Be Issued In "Project Gunrunner" Investigation

Friday, June 10, 2011

The ongoing and escalating investigation into the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' "Project Gunrunner" program has ratcheted up another notch this week as it was reported that subpoenas will soon be issued to federal officials associated with this controversial program.

Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, will issue the subpoenas in yet another attempt to find out if "Project Gunrunner" contributed to the killing of a Border Patrol agent. Rep. Issa's committee has also announced that two hearings on this disastrous operation will be held next week (Monday from 1:00 -- 3:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 9:30 -- 11:30 a.m.).

"Fast and Furious" was a part of the five-year-old "Project Gunrunner" program that encouraged border-state dealers to sell thousands of guns to suspicious buyers, even after suspecting these buyers were working for Mexican drug cartels.

A June 6 article in The Hill reports that two of the guns from the operation were found at the scene of an Arizona gun battle in December between U.S. law enforcement and members of a drug gang. That exchange resulted in the tragic death of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry, but officials have not revealed whether the bullet that struck him came from the guns the BATFE was supposed to be tracking. The article also reports that guns from the "Fast and Furious" operation might have been used in an attack on a Mexican government helicopter that was grounded after being fired upon by suspected members of a drug cartel.

Issa has been critical of the Department of Justice, which oversees BATFE, for refusing to provide all of the documents he's requested and for not making available all of the officials he's attempted to interview.

According to the article, Rep. Issa said in a recent interview with Fox News, "We have a slew of subpoenas we expect to be issuing for people here in Washington. What we haven't gotten one bit of is -- here in Washington, far away from the actual investigation and prosecutions that they seem to be using as a façade to protect them -- here in Washington, they're not making one agent available, one hierarchy available, and we will be issuing subpoenas because we have to," Issa said.

Mexican Drug Cartels Upgrade Weaponry Again

Friday, June 10, 2011

Fresh on the heels of reports that Mexico's drug cartels have been acquiring military-grade weapons from Central America, the Washington Post, believe it or not, has published new information further undercutting the notion that a "lack" of U.S. gun control laws is the cause of problems south of the border.

An article published by the newspaper yesterday says that the cartels have started using armored "assault vehicles" equipped with inch-thick steel plating and bullet-proof

glass, gun turrets, firing ports, battering rams, and devices -- like those in James Bond's Aston Martin in Goldfinger -- that spew oil to foil vehicles in pursuit.

The vehicles -- which look like Civil War-era ironclads on wheels -- are called "monstruos," or "monster trucks," which the newspaper characterizes as a cross between a Somali "technical" and something out of a Mad Max movie.

The Post says "Today's competitive crime mafias in Mexico are no longer satisfied with bazookas, rocket-propelled grenades or land mines," and notes that the cartels are also using semi-submersible "narco-submarines" to haul cocaine and ultralight aircraft to drop loads of marijuana.

Surprisingly, the Brady Campaign has not yet issued a joint press release with Mexico President Felipe Calderon, blaming America for producing the pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles that have been modified into the narco-thugs' latest weapons of war. But if they get around to that, perhaps truck dealerships along the southwest border should anticipate a proposal that they report multiple sales of "high capacity" trucks.

STATE

DEC RELEASES DRAFT DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Monday, June 13, 2011 (518) 402-8000

The Plan Will Guide Deer Management for the Next Five Years

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that a proposed five-year deer management plan is now available for public review and comment. The plan is available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7211.html> and DEC will be accepting public comment on the draft through Thursday, July 28.

The draft plan describes six primary goals that encompass the current priorities for deer management and the values and issues expressed by the public:

- Manage deer populations at levels that are appropriate for human and ecological concerns;
- Promote and enhance deer hunting as an important recreational activity, tradition, and population management tool in New York;
- Reduce negative impacts caused by deer;
- Foster public understanding and communication about deer ecology, deer management, economic aspects and recreational opportunities;
- Manage deer to promote healthy and sustainable forests and enhance habitat conservation efforts to benefit deer and other species; and

· Ensure that the necessary resources are available to support sound management of white-tailed deer in New York.

In 2009, DEC held 20 public meetings across the state that were attended by more than 1,000 people to gain preliminary input regarding the most important issues that should be addressed in the plan. Input obtained during the public meetings and via various hunter surveys in recent years was used by DEC biologists and managers to help develop the recommendations and management actions contained in the draft plan.

NEXT MEETING

JULY 13

7:30 PM

The plan includes a number of specific management proposals that have been under discussion with the public for several years.

Among the recommendations included in the plan:

- Include an index of deer impact on forests when setting deer population objectives;
- Establish deer management focus areas with liberalized antlerless harvest rules in areas with overabundant deer;
- Establish a special youth deer hunting weekend in early October for junior hunters to aid in the recruitment of new deer hunters;
- Open the bowhunting season in the Southern Zone on October 1, rather than the current opening in mid-October; and DEC strives to provide a deer management program that balances diverse public interests and values with the biological needs and ecological relationships of deer, for the benefit of New York's white-tailed deer herd and the people of New York.

Comments may be submitted in writing through July 28 to DEC Deer Management Plan, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754 or by email to deerplan@gw.dec.state.ny.us using "Deer plan" in the subject line.

DEC ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE 2011-12 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

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Early Announcement Will Help Hunters Plan Trips

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Joe Martens today announced the tentative schedule for many of New York's 2011-2012 migratory game bird seasons, allowing sportsmen and sportswomen to plan outdoor activities well in advance. Tentative season dates for ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe and rails can now be found on the DEC website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28503.html>.

"Each year, DEC announces the tentative schedule to help give hunters an opportunity to begin planning their trips for a safe and successful season," Commissioner Martens said. "We remind hunters to check the final dates, usually issued in late summer, before going afield."

The final season dates, bag limits and other regulations for 2011-2012 migratory game bird hunting seasons in New York will be posted on DEC's website and announced by a statewide news release, once they are approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Hunters should confirm the final season dates before going afield.

The tentative season dates were developed by a team of DEC staff representing all regions of New York State, taking into consideration anticipated federal regulations for the coming year and recommendations from Waterfowl Hunter Task Forces established by DEC for each hunting zone. DEC has used a task force approach since 1997, and it has been very helpful for setting seasons where hunter preferences are diverse. For more information about the task forces, go to: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/40737.html.

Tentative dates for the Lake Champlain Zone will be determined by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board following public meetings likely to be held in August in Whitehall, NY and Burlington, Vermont. DEC encourages New York waterfowl hunters who frequent the Champlain Zone to attend one of these meetings; details will be announced later this summer. Comments and suggestions about the Lake Champlain Zone may also be submitted to any DEC season-setting team member or by e-mail to wfseason@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

DEC also announced a minor change to the boundaries of two of New York's five waterfowl hunting zones. A portion of the boundary line between the Northeastern Zone and Southeastern Zone will be modified from Saratoga Springs through Washington County to the Vermont State Line to allow season dates to better reflect hunting conditions typically found in that area. Descriptions of New York's waterfowl hunting zones can be found on the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28497.html> and are listed in DEC's Waterfowl Hunting Seasons and Regulations brochure.

Copies of the 2011-2012 migratory game bird hunting regulations brochure will be available on the DEC website in late August, and by mid-September wherever hunting licenses are sold.

For more information about hunting waterfowl or other migratory game birds in New York, visit the DEC website at www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/28175.html.

