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President's Message

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THE AMERICAN WOODCOCK SOCIETY

INCREASING THE SCOPE OF YOUNG FOREST
HABITAT EFFORTS

We proudly announce the formation of a sister organization to the Ruffed Grouse Society called the American Woodcock Society. The purpose of this new forest conservation organization is to enhance and increase young forest habitat efforts and upland hunting opportunities nationwide.

The RGS Bylaws and the RGS Mission Statement have long recognized the connection between ruffed grouse, American woodcock and other wildlife that require young forest habitat for survival.

So you may be asking, “Why is this new organization necessary?”

- **AWS BROADENS AWARENESS WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE WORK WE ALREADY DO.**
- **AWS RAISES OUR PROFILE AMONG GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NGOS.**
- **AWS BROADENS HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES.**
- **AWS EXTENDS THE GEOGRAPHICAL IMPACT OF OUR HABITAT WORK.**
- **AWS ATTRACTS MEMBERS WHO SHARE COMMON CAUSE WITH THE HABITAT WORK WE DO.**





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Welcome to 2014. Sunny days bring with it the first songs of the birds. Many owls are either on eggs or feeding nestlings. Ravens and crows are courtship flying, and soon you will see the faint colors of buds on the hillsides. So hang in there winter break up is coming and the sugar bush is running. Winter at RGS is a time for project planning and reviewing of the past year for the region. As I enter my third year we have some outstanding accomplishments in the State Drummer Fund (SDF) program. Within the region we have collaborated on nearly 1 million dollars of habitat work on the ground in the creation of new or enhancement of existing young regenerating forest / early successional habitat. With a total membership of roughly 15,000 I feel this number not only reflects the dedication of our members but the relationship RGS has with State, Federal and other Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) in partnering to achieve a common goal of ensuring this habitat is maintained within the landscape. We see this as important not only for ruffed grouse and American woodcock but all wildlife for their place in ecology and in our cultural traditions. The following table is in reference strictly to the SDF and does not include other individual project contributions made by Chapters outside of the SDF program.

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2011 PA DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2010 Funds)				
PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY, TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
SGL 232	Washington, Taylorstown	Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC)	Covered Bridge	3.5 acres Grouse Haven area transformation of barren fields into feeding and nesting areas for woodcock and increasing the edge quality by planting of mast producing shrubs, trees and planting of herbaceous forage conducive for bugging and cover for brood survival.
SGL 145	Lebanon, Mt. Gretna	PGC	South Mt. Chapter	13.72 acres of mowing and replacing non-native species. Follow up included spot spraying and planting area with native species conducive to American woodcock habitat creation.
SGL 073	Bedford, Loysburg	PGC	Thunderbird Chapter	556 acres Refuge Keeper Grouse Management Project includes 14 blocks of 3-22 acres which have been designated to be regenerated based on species composition and size-class over the next 5-10 years. Work will include chemical and mechanical treatment of interfering vegetation to assist in desirable regenerating stems.
SGL 028	Elk, Ridgway	PGC	Allegheny Chapter	Clover strip planting and fruit mast planting within constructed fence totaling 4 acres. This SGL is surrounded by ANF lands



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Lake Raystown	Huntingdon, Saxton	PGC, Pennsylvania Conservation Corps., US Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) Philly Dist.		80 acres of planting gray dogwood, alder, hawthorn spp., crabapple, and silky dogwood in woodcock habitat within the existing Jim Bashline Habitat Demonstration Area.
SGL 072	Clarion, Clarion	PGC	Allegheny Northwoods Chapter	46 acres liming and planting of Washington Hawthorne within the Grouse Block Road designated area
SGL 054	Jefferson, Brockway	PGC	Allegheny Northwoods Chapter	5.5 acres of reseeding the interior Grouse Block Road which traverses the Muddy Run Grouse Block timber sale of 2003-2004 of which the remainder will be a rotational cut within this block.
SGL 091	Luzerne, Dupont	PGC	NE Chapter of PA	3 acres of road planted with legumes for improved brood habitat for grouse
Forbes St. Forest	Westmoreland, Laughlintown	PA DCNR, BSA troop 304		8 acres of planting 500 conifer seedlings and clover mix as directed by PA DCNR.
SGL 232	Washington, Taylorstown	PGC	Covered Bridge	Reseeding initial area with RGS Trail mix.
Blue Marsh	Berks, Leesport	USACE PGC SE Region	Charles E. Bechtel	5 acres mechanical removal of woody vegetation to restore AMWC nesting grounds and promote regeneration of stems.
SGL 127	Monroe, Tobyhanna	PGC	NE Chapter of PA	Restoration of Artillery Ridge Trail to legume vegetation for brood habitat for grouse and other ground nesting birds on a road established to provide access to regeneration cuts from 1968-2002.

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Swatara State Park	Lebanon/Schuylkill Suedburg, PA	PGC, PA DCNR, Wildlife Management Institute (WMI),	South Mt. Chapter	Mechanical strip mowing for removal of non-native woody species and the promotion of native woody regeneration in the creation of woodcock habitat within the park. Native shrub plantings will also occur following herbicide treatment at densities to compete with invasive vegetation and provide the cover necessary for woodcock nesting. Open field



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		USFWS		areas will be maintained for roosting and singing grounds important to these birds also in this plan. 100.5 acres
SGL 110	Berks, Shartlesville	PGC	Charles E. Bechtel and Delaware Valley Chapter	14 acres of food plot establishment spread across 10 miles of existing historical habitat projects including log landing reclamation and access roads created from timber harvests over the last decade to assist in providing the limiting resource of food where cover has been created.
SGL 141	Carbon, Nesquehoning	PGC, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)	NE Chapter of PA	5.8 acres of applied lime, fertilizer and clover mix to provide brood habitat in three strips along with a number of border cuts and 70 acres of prescribed fire within the past decade in creating ESH within this management area.
SGL 028 044	Elk, Ridgway	PGC	Allegheny Chapter	10 acres Conifer brood and winter cover conifer enhancement. Plantings would occur in small patches for a total of 2100 seedlings in areas with previous mast plantings. 11 locations on SGL 28 and 10 on SGL 44.
Hancock PFI Bunker Hill	McKean, Clermont, Smethport	Hancock Timber Resource Group, PGC	Allegheny Chapter	1,445 acres open to public hunting and work includes enhancing the amount of aspen regeneration, plantings of mast producing shrubs, and creating openings and plantings for these openings including red elderberry, crabapple spp. gray dogwood.
SGL 101	Erie, Albion	PGC	French Creek Valley	63 acres non-commercial sale for aspen cutting in creating ESH for grouse and woodcock habitat in promoting regenerating stands in management area from 1976.
Forbes St. Forest	Westmoreland, Laughlintown	PA DCNR, BSA troop 304		3 acres of planting 500 conifer seedlings and clover mix as directed by PA DCNR.
2013 PA DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2012 Funds)				
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M.K. Goddard State Park	Mercer, Sandy Lake	WMI, State Park System, PGC, Friends Of Goddard	Allegheny Northwoods	Woodcock and young forest initiative project area. Over grown singing grounds from the 1970's and removal of hardwoods, invasive honeysuckles, herbicide application, fruit tree pruning. Contractor and volunteer work. Few woodcock on these grounds but in area and goal to attract back to historic grounds is feasible. 100 acres
Sgl 314	Erie, West Springfield	PGC	Meadville	The area is part of an 800 ac woodcock management unit where 700 acres were commercially contracted for chip operation. This proposal is for construction and seeding of 0.5 acre openings for singing and roosting fields with connector trails seeded with



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				clover mix and managed in perpetuity for woodcock. Seeded first year for cover only. Following this the areas will be mowed every 4-5 years providing lower cost maintenance and natural grounds function not a food plot requiring yearly funds. 14.7 acres
Culp Ridge	Adams, Mt. Hope	PA Bureau of Forestry (BOF), PGC, DCNR	Cumberland Valley	Glatfelter Tract on Michaux State Forest regeneration of native shrubs in riparian area currently being used by woodcocks by herbicide treatment of invasives and possible planting as evaluated due to age of existing for sprouting abilities. Funding for herbicide and seedlings. 10.22
Lake Raystown	Huntingdon, Hesston	USACE,	Red Brush	Continuation on Bashline project area. Treatments throughout the area include timber harvesting, invasive treatment and planting of variety of tree and shrub species to mimic the results of the PGC planting area from the late 1980s. This is a very aggressive project with dedicated funding (4,000.00) from the Red Brush Chapter 2012 Bnqt. available and included in project total costs. Seedlings donated by PGC. 203 acres
Sgl 73	Bedford, Loysburg	PGC	Altoona	Continuation of 2010 funding of 2011 project on Refuge Keeper Grouse Management Area. Continuation of management in blocks includes clover plantings, tree felling, herbicide application, some conifer / soft mast plantings, lime applications and contractor cost according to detailed multi-year plan layout. 566 acres
Sgl 217	Lehigh, Slatington	PGC	Lehigh Valley	Non-commercial cut of timber for habitat creation. This funding is for assistance in road drainage for access by food and cover crews and final seeding. Timber felling done in 3-4 years in 40-50 ac blocks which will provide good age distribution in growth and mast production. Road will be walking access. 130 acres
Hancock Bunker Hill	McKean, Clermont /Smethport	PGC	Allegheny, Bonasa, Red Brush, UBH	Hancock has contributed 500.00 to this project in the SDF dedicated to this project. This is an ongoing project with plantings of native shrubs contracted and some volunteer participation. Hancock is actively managing the aspen with RGS technical assistance. Open to public hunting as a Industrial forest industry. Area is located near Clermont PA 1,445 acres
Sgl 54	Jefferson, Brockway	PGC	Allegheny Northwoods	Renewal planting of clover component that has dropped out by herbicide application for treatment of the bluegrass and other undesirables to the area first. This is mainly roadside treatment to encourage Rubus as clover drops out. PGC manpower and equipment use. 5.8 acres
Psu Stone Valley Woodcock	Huntingdon, State College	PGC, PSU School of Forestry, WMI, USFWS	Red Brush	Existing demonstration area that is currently being revitalized for woodcock since succession and past research. This is an educational opportunity for use of SDF to explain the work being done in this area and the RGS mission as people use this area as hunters



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Demonstration Area				and non-hunters. PSU student use is high and a variety of majors and geographic regions to become aware of issues and RGS upon leaving the State College area. 60 acres
2014 PA DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2013 Funds)				
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Clermont Tract Demonstration Project	McKean, Clermont	PGC, USFWS, California Univ. of Pennsylvania Headwaters Investment Corp. (FIA), Woodcock Limited	Upland Bird Hunt	Commercial harvesting by FIA and non-commercial enhancement of under-stocked stands to include native trees and shrubs. This is an ongoing project within 25,000 ac of managed land. Mechanical planting when feasible and disking of the inhibiting sod layer is a large portion of this project in site preparation for seed bank regeneration and supplemental plantings to benefit both woodcock and grouse in the landscape.
Allen Dam Sproul State Forest	Centre, Renovo	PGC, BOF-DCNR	Red Brush	Regeneration of 100 acres of heavily overgrown scrub oak through mechanical means. Long-term project with 1/3 treated in 5 yr. rotation. Once mechanically removed the area will be maintained by prescribed fire. This is a rare community type at this elevation and important in the habitat mosaic.
Bald Eagle State Park	Centre, Howard	PGC, USFWS, Cal. Univ. of PA, Indiana Univ. of PA	Red Brush	Continued work in restoration of woodcock habitat to native species through the eradication / control of Autumn Olive, privet, Tartarian honeysuckle and multiflora rose. As a result GWWA have become regular nesters within the treated areas. 2,000 ac total, 90 in current project.
Jacob Run	Potter, Austin	BOF-DCNR, PGC, National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)	Allegheny	2,200 ac total, current project 10 ac. This is an herbicide treatment of area prior to overstory removal within an area managed in a rotation for ESH within a grouse/woodcock management area. The current stand is a Northern hardwood stand.
Raystown Lake	Huntingdon, Hesston	USACE, PGC, SPC	Red Brush	Ongoing work within Bashline Memorial hunting area, and other areas within the ACE jurisdiction. Work includes multiple commercial timber sales, and aspen management. 228.81 ac in project.
SGL 227	Colombia, Millville	PGC,		116 ac. Project in located within timber management area which has created 400 ac of ESH in last 6 years. Primarily woodcock focus but will benefit current grouse population. Primary goal is the restoration of native species through timber and understory management.



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Highland WMA	Highland, McDowell	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF)	H.C. Duck Edwards, James River	Work done in 2 compartments (1,748 ac and 4,862 ac) that have recently had timber harvesting. This funding is to enhance the harvested areas with mast plantings and reclamation using the RGS trail mix totaling approximately 8 ac.
2012 VA DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2011 Funds)				
PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY,TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
Highland WMA	Highland, McDowell	VDGIF	H.C. Duck Edwards, James River	Hupman Valley Tract (4,862 ac) – Comp. 7-10. Cutback edges of existing wildlife clearings, reclamation following timber harvests and planting of mast producing shrubs and trees. Reinitiating of regeneration of brushy habitat with CAT usage.
Powhatan WMA	Powhatan, Powhatan	VDGIF	James River	Sallee Creek Woodcock Habitat Enhancement – Hack – n – squirt removal of woody stems 10” and less for promotion of woodcock feeding within this bottomland strip. This area will provide easy access for educational / demonstration purposes. Arrowhead Trail CCC Trail intersection area

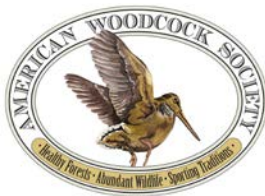
2011 MD DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2010 Funds)				
PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY,TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
Mt. Nebo Woodcock Demo Area	Garrett, Oakland	MD DNR, Al Geis Fund, Maryland Forest Service (MFS), WMI,	Backbone	Initiate stand regeneration through non-commercial stem removal of northern hardwood stand. This is an ongoing habitat project within the Mt. Nebo WMA (30 ac)



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PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY,TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
Green Ridge State Forest	Allegany, Flintstone	MD DNR, MFS	Backbone	Conifer reforestation (15 ac) and small groupings. Area will enhance Kirk Orchard and Anthony's Ridge Special Wildlife Habitat Management Areas. (20 ac)
Garret State Forest	Garrett, Oakland	MD DNR, MFS, Garrett St. College	Backbone	AMWO singing ground surveys adjacent to Mt. Nebo AMWO Demonstration Area to determine usage of SF as result of management.
2013 MD DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2012 Funds)				
PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY,TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
Garret State Forest	Garrett, Oakland	MD DNR, MFS, Garrett St. College	Backbone	AMWO singing ground surveys adjacent to Mt. Nebo AMWO Demonstration Area to determine usage of SF as result of management. Adding habitat improvement woodcock work near the existing monitoring plots (openings).
Jennings Randolph Lake	Garrett, Kitzmiller	USACE, WMI, American Chestnut Foundation (ACF)	Backbone	Reconditioning the Quarry area for planting of native trees and shrubs. Continued work with chestnut plantings, construction of ½ mile access road to project area. RGS is also working with ACE on timber sale units for creation of additional offset costs and creation of young regenerating forest habitat.
McKee Beshears	Montgomery, Poolesville	MD DNR	Potomac Valley	Regenerate overgrown hedgerows by mechanical and chemical treatment in an area adjacent to dog training area to promote AMWO habitat in the first year of multi-year project.
2014 MD DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2013 Funds)				
PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY,TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
McKee Beshears	Montgomery, Poolesville	MD DNR	Potomac Valley	Spot treatment as needed of herbicide area followed by tree / shrub planting in previous mown field areas consisting of hazel alder, and grey dogwood (9000 total stems).
Jennings Randolph Lake	Allegany, Luke	USACE, WMI, ACF	Backbone	Enhancement of timber sale units with ACE for added quality young regenerating habitat in both WV and MD



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*Anticipated project

2012 WV DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2011 Funds)				
PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY,TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
Elk River WMA	Braxton, Centralia	WV DNR	Lewisburg	Reclamation of Dynamite Timber sale using RGS trail mix. This will be a multi-year project and considered enhancement of habitat being created through the initial harvesting.
Aquila Run, Stonewall Jackson SP	Lewis, Roanoke	WV DNR	Parkersburg (Marietta OH), Clarksburg	Create small wildlife openings within old homestead area. 2 acres
2013 WV DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2012 Funds)				
PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY,TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
Burr / Wall Track WMA	Greenbrier, Smoot	WV DNR	Lewisburg	80 acres. Chapter started work in 2012 with planting several hundred alder and aspen seedlings. Work will continue in the conversion of old pasture to singing, nesting and roosting grounds for woodcock. Tree shelters and deer fencing will be constructed. Other plantings to include, aspen, hawthorne, American plum, crab apple, silky and grey dogwood.
2014 WV DRUMMER FUND PROJECTS (2013 Funds)				
PROJECT LOCATION	COUNTY,TOWN	COOPERATORS	CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION
Canaan Valley Aspen Mngt	Tucker, Davis	USFWS, NWTF, WV DNR	Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Backbone	Project located on Canaan Valley NWR. The area is historically used by woodcock and the aspen is in need of regeneration. This has been a collaborative effort in planning and is unprecedented on a NWR.



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RGS 2014 National Raffle "12 Days of Christmas"


Donation: \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20

Winners to be drawn at RGS Headquarters in Coraopolis, PA and posted on ruffedgrousesociety.org

Ticket sales end at 8:00 a.m. EST on Tuesday, December 9, 2014.

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 December 15: YETI Tundra 65 All-Purpose Cooler	 December 16: CZ Bobwhite SxS 20-Gauge Shotgun
 December 17: SportDOG TEK 1.0 GPS & E-Collar (TEK-VILT) -- SportDOG, Donor	 December 18: Webley & Scott 900 Sporting O/U 28-Gauge Shotgun -- Webley & Scott, Donor
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 December 21: L.L. Bean \$500 Gift Certificate -- L.L. Bean, Donor	 December 22: Fausti DEA SxS 20-Gauge Shotgun

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Other Continued Region Involvement For 2014 Will Include But Not Limited To:

Region 8 USFS: RGS/AWS staff remains active in working with Region 8 National Forests to seek resolution in the lack of quality young regenerating forests. We have maintained communications and ongoing discussions in how our organization can better assist the USFS as a partner including addressing ecologic needs, implementation, and public outreach and education in accepting disturbance within the landscape as a necessary step in re-establishing the biodiversity the region is noted for. We have emphasized the geographic location of these forests is critical not only for resident species but on a conservation level beyond a Regional forest scale for many migratory songbirds utilizing these forests as critical stop-overs during migration. The continuation of passive forest management potentially driven by preservation group support seemingly implies opposition to wildlife habitat management within and reaching beyond forest boundaries. Wildlife recognizes no boundaries and this is the level at which RGS/AWS challenges Region 8 to become a leader in forest management and therefore wildlife ecology and management.

Nantahala / Pisgah National Forest Plan Revision: This process in North Carolina continues to progress rather rapidly with members remaining engaged. I will be participating in a sideboard group in April to discuss 'Special Areas'. Topics will include the initial inventory for potential Wilderness areas, to more clearly define what it means to designate an area,



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establish some criteria for making changes to the list of special interest areas, and share the process for developing an inventory of potential additions to Wilderness and some preliminary results from the inventory process. The official date has not been set and this is open to all interested parties. The initial stages and documents produced have been encouraging and the USFS personnel are utilizing the information sharing networks very effective. If you are interested in attending let me know and I will inform you of the official date when set. Also if you have any information you wish to share please feel free to let me know and I will incorporate in the meeting.

http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5436795.pdf

Lower Cowpasture Restoration Project: (Jackson River and Calpasture River watersheds). RGS and our members are assisting in identifying potential projects within the area of Bath and Alleghany Counties VA in the George Washington National Forest. This total project area encompasses over 77,600 acres of land within the National Forest System and objectives are designed around the yet to be released final draft of the George Washington National Forest new Forest Plan.

The Birthplace of Rivers National Monument: this was the topic at a public meeting in Greenbrier Co. West Virginia and had been in meetings Pocahontas Co. in recent months. The proposal is being sought by the Sierra Club and receiving mixed support by state, federal and county agencies. The proposal would 'protect' areas currently under designation of Wilderness such as the Cranberry Galdes Wilderness with

the USFS. The proposal continues to state it is collaborative initiatives, which to this point has had NO collaboration with public or county officials. The RGS/AWS is not supporting this proposal as it would potentially remove areas from active management for the health of forests and wildlife habitat and protect forested areas already under such a designation. We urge WV residents to contact your Senators at the below addresses (Joe Manchin and Jay Rockefeller) to express your concerns. Feel free to contact me for further information on this proposal.

<http://www.manchin.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form>

<http://www.rockefeller.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-jay>

The original proposal may be viewed at

<http://www.birthplaceofrivers.org/>

I caution the reader to the origin of the proposal but I would be remiss in not providing the web site for your information in fact finding.

The Ruffed Grouse Society is the premier wildlife conservation organization dedicated to promoting conditions suitable for ruffed grouse, American woodcock and related wildlife to sustain our sport hunting tradition and outdoor heritage. For information on the Ruffed Grouse Society, please call 888-564-6747 or check out the RGS website at www.ruffedgrousesociety.org.

Feel free to contact me regarding anything within this FAN at Lindao@ruffedgrousesociety.org or 412-720-6034. Thank you for your interest and continued support of the Ruffed Grouse Society and The American Woodcock Society.