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FAN Update Southern Appalachians



Picture: El Paso Corporation used the RGS Trail Mix in combination with other seed mixes to reclaim thousands of feet of pipeline right-of-way in northern GA. The result appeared positive for both soil stabilization and wildlife food.

Wildlife Conservation Officer Killed While Apprehending Poacher

Thirty-one year-old Pennsylvania Wildlife Conservation Officer David Grove was shot and killed last week near Gettysburg while arresting a poacher for killing a deer at night. Grove had already attached one handcuff to the poacher's wrist when the suspect pulled a handgun and turned on him, hitting him with 4 shots. The poacher had been convicted of a felony in the past. It was the first time in 95 years a PA Conservation Officer had been killed in the line of duty.

The Society extends its sincere condolences to Officer Grove's family, friends and colleagues.

Grouse and Woodcock Webinar - Tuesday, December 14th, Noon and 7 p.m.

Penn State Natural Resources Extension will facilitate a webinar on Grouse and Woodcock Ecology and Management at noon and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2010. The on-line

seminar will be presented by RGS Biologist Mark Banker and hosted by Dr. Sandy Smith, Penn State Forestry Extension professor.

To access the webinar, go to <http://rnrext.cas.psu.edu/PAForestWeb/upcomingseminars.html>. There will be a list of upcoming seminars. Click on the time slot you want to view, and then you will have to register as a guest. This will only take a minute. You will then have access to the webinar. You may also be interested in other webinars coming up.

The webinar includes the ability to ask questions via text. We look forward to seeing you on-line on December 14.

Attention Georgia Grouse Hunters

The last couple of updates I have encouraged hunters to get involved with hunter surveys in the states they hunt in and we listed some websites to visit. Here is another sent to us by the GA DNR:

http://www.gohuntgeorgia.com/sites/default/files/uploads/wildlife/hunting/pdf/hunter_resources/grouse_hunter_survey.pdf

Upland Bird Hunt Another Success

About 60 hunters went afield in the vicinity of St. Mary's, PA in pursuit of grouse and woodcock November 4-5 at the second annual Upland Bird Hunt. A rough count of flushes reported by the huntsmen suggested more than 620 grouse flushes over two days, very similar to last year. Hunters harvested 40 grouse, a few less than last year. Only 12 woodcock were seen and two harvested. Only 2 woodcock were seen last year.

Other hi-lites of the event included several staunch points on bears, elk sightings, and the harvest of a grouse locally (although not as part of the Hunt) that looked like it had been lightly sprayed with white paint over its entire body, particularly the wings and tail. Nobody present had ever seen anything like it. Several dogs were caught in coyote traps, which continue to be a problem. No dogs were hurt by traps or humans hurt by unhappy dogs.

Bio Bases Covered

When Larry Visser begins work in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana in the New Year, RGS will have all of its biologist positions filled for the first time in many years. Those biologists include, in order of tenure, Dan Dessecker, Mark Banker, Gary Zimmer, Andy Weik, Ted Dick, and Larry Visser.

RGS 2011 National Raffle (see flyer below)

Remington Model 1100 F-Grade RGS 50th Anniversary Edition (Retail Value: \$9,000)
Caesar Guerini RGS 50th Commemorative APEX (Retail Value: \$7,850)
Kimber Valier Grade II (Retail Value: \$5,000)

Three winners to be drawn on June 30, 2011. Tickets can be purchased on-line or from any RGS staff person.

Ruffed Grouse Society

2010 - 2011
NATIONAL RAFFLE
THREE CHANCES TO WIN

REMINGTON MODEL 1100 "F" GRADE
Semi-auto 28-gauge, exhibition-grade wood, skeet choke, hand-engraved by Remington's master engraver Don Talbot with two ruffed grouse on left side, two woodcock on right side, and RGS 50th Anniversary logo on top of receiver. Unique, only one made - Serial #RGS50 Retail Value: \$9,000

Gun in Pictures
Engraving Shows Detail







CAESAR GUERINI
RGS 50th Anniversary Commemorative APEX
Over-and-under 28-gauge, 28" barrel length hand-engraved grouse on trigger guard, "RGS" above, "1961-2011" below - one of a kind Retail Value: \$7,850



Aerial Gun
Not Pictured

KIMBER VALIER GRADE II
Side-by-side 20-gauge, 28" barrel length. Last one available through RGS. Retail Value: \$5,000

Donation for each ticket is \$100. Up to 1,000 tickets to be sold. Drawing on June 30, 2011 at RGS HQ in Ceresopolis, PA. First ticket wins Remington. Second ticket wins Guerini. Third ticket wins Kimber. Winners responsible for applicable taxes.

**To purchase raffle tickets, mail coupon to: Mark Banker, Senior Biologist
Ruffed Grouse Society - P.O. Box 1171 - Lemont, PA 16851
or call 814-867-7946 or e-mail: rgsbank@comcast.net**

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

____ Tickets @ \$100.00 Each = \$ _____ Total Enclosed Signature _____

Billing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CHECK (Payable to RGS) CREDIT CARD # _____ Exp. Date _____

DON'T FORGET...

To check out the RGS website for all things grouse and woodcock at www.ruffedgrousesociety.org .

To check out www.timberdoodle.org for a great summary and description of many RGS and other woodcock projects in the Eastern U.S. The website keeps growing as the Wildlife Management Institute (via Chuck Fergus) continues to compile info about woodcock, grouse and songbird habitat.

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