

Federal Lands Hunting, Fishing, and Shooting Sports Roundtable

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

among the

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Forest Service - 06-SU-11132424-118

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

and

AMERICAN SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION  
ARCHERY TRADE ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES  
BEAR TRUST INTERNATIONAL  
BOONE AND CROCKETT CLUB OF AMERICA  
BOWHUNTING PRESERVATION ALLIANCE  
CAMPFIRE CLUB OF AMERICA  
CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S FOUNDATION  
CONSERVATION FORCE  
DALLAS SAFARI CLUB  
DELTA WATERFOWL FOUNDATION  
DUCKS UNLIMITED  
FOUNDATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN WILD SHEEP  
HOUSTON SAFARI CLUB  
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUSES  
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION  
NATIONAL TRAPPER'S ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION, INC.  
NORTH AMERICAN BEAR FOUNDATION  
NORTH AMERICAN GROUSE PARTNERSHIP  
ORION THE HUNTERS INSTITUTE  
PHEASANTS FOREVER  
POPE AND YOUNG CLUB  
PUBLIC LANDS FOUNDATION  
QUAIL UNLIMITED  
QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
RECREATIONAL BOATING AND FISHING FOUNDATION  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION  
RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY  
SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL  
SAND COUNTY FOUNDATION  
SPORTING ARMS AND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURERS INSTITUTE  
TEXAS WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP  
U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE  
WHITETAILED UNLIMITED  
WILDLIFE FOREVER  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is entered into by:

1. The U.S. Department of the Agriculture, Forest Service (FS); U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), hereinafter referred to collectively as the Agencies; and
2. The American Sportfishing Association (ASA); Archery Trade Association (ATA); Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA); Bear Trust International (BTI); Boone and Crockett Club of America (B&C Club); Bowhunting Preservation Alliance (BPA); CampFire Club of America (CCA); Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF); Conservation Force (CF); Dallas Safari Club (DSC); Delta Waterfowl Foundation (DWF); Ducks Unlimited (DU); Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS); Houston Safari Club (HSC); Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA); National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), National Rifle Association of America (NRA); National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF); National Trappers Association (NTA); National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc. (NWTF); North American Bear Foundation (NABF); North American Grouse Partnership (NAGP); Orion the Hunters Institute (OHI); Pheasants Forever (PF); Pope and Young Club (P&Y Club); Public Lands Foundation (PLF); Quail Unlimited, Inc. (QU); Quality Deer Management Association (QMDA); Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF); Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF); Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS); Safari Club International (SCI); Sand County Foundation (SCF); Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI); Texas Wildlife Association (TWA); Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP); U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA); Whitetails Unlimited, Inc. (WU); Wildlife Forever (WF); and Wildlife Management Institute (WMI), hereinafter referred to collectively as the Private Organizations.
3. The parties to this MOU (Parties) are referred to collectively as the Federal Lands Hunting, Fishing, and Shooting Sports Roundtable (Roundtable).

#### **A. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOU is to develop and expand a framework of cooperation among the Parties at the national, regional, and local levels for planning and implementing mutually beneficial projects and activities related to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports conducted on federal lands. These activities and projects will complement the respective missions of the Parties and serve the mutual interests of the Parties and the public.

#### **B. AUTHORITY**

This agreement is entered into under the following authorities:

##### FS

Organic Administration Act of 1897 (16 U.S.C. 551)

##### BLM

Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*)

FWS

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*)

Fish and Wildlife Act (16 U.S.C. 742(f) *et seq.*)

National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee)

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-57)

**C. THE PARTIES**

1. The Agencies

a. The Agencies are responsible for the management of federal lands and enhancing the public's knowledge, awareness, responsible use, experience, and appreciation of those lands. The Agencies also strive to sustain the natural resources on those lands.

b. The primary mission of the FS and BLM is multiple-use management of the federal lands they administer. Under the multiple-use mandates of the FS and BLM, hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities (defined for purposes of this MOU to include activities conducted at target ranges and appropriate dispersed shooting sites) are legitimate uses of those lands, except where specifically prohibited for safety or other reasons.

c. FWS authorizes public uses that are appropriate and determined to be compatible with the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) and the primary purposes of the individual refuge. Wildlife dependent recreational uses, including hunting and fishing, are priority general public uses of the NWRS. FWS provides extensive hunting and fishing opportunities on over 300 units of the NWRS. FWS also supports and encourages hunting and fishing and actively participates in target range development on lands through the FWS Division of Federal Assistance. Under that program, financial grants and technical assistance are provided to the states to build and improve target ranges.

2. The Private Organizations (as supplied by the private organizations)

a. ASA – is a nonprofit trade association whose members include fishing tackle manufacturers, boat builders, state fish and wildlife agencies, angler organizations, sportfishing retailers, and the outdoor media. For over 50 years, ASA and its predecessor organizations have promoted the conservation of fishery resources and environmental measures that improve the aquatic environment, in order to ensure the enjoyment of healthy fisheries by America's nearly 50 million anglers.

b. ATA – is the nonprofit trade association for the archery and bowhunting industry and includes manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and companies who provide support services to these industries. The ATA and its two foundations, ArrowSport and the Bowhunting

Preservation Alliance, provide administrative, financial, and program support through partnerships with Federal, state, county, city, school, and nonprofit groups involved in archery and bowhunting. The ATA supports all legal, regulated forms of shooting, hunting, fishing, and trapping and supports professional and practical conservation programs.

c. AFWA – is an association of the National and State/province/commonwealth level agencies of North America who have management and protection responsibility for fish and wildlife resources in their respective jurisdictions. Its mission is conservation, protection, and management of wildlife and related natural resources.

d. BTI - is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation organization working for wild bears and wildlife. We believe that wild bears in their natural habitat are key indicators of ecosystem health. Their ability to sustain themselves is therefore critical to wildlife. Bear Trust International strives to reinforce ecosystem viability through habitat conservation and education projects that build on available research.

e. B&C Club – founded by Theodore Roosevelt and George Bird Grinnell, America’s oldest national conservation organization promotes the guardianship and prudent management of big game and associated wildlife in North America and maintains the highest standards of fair chase and sportsmanship in all aspects of big game hunting in order that this resource of all the people may survive and prosper in its natural habitats. Consistent with this objective, the Club supports the use and enjoyment of our wildlife heritage to the fullest extent by this and future generations.

f. BPA – is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to the promotion and preservation of bowhunting. The BPA supports strategic, cooperative partnerships among and between bowhunting and archery industry and membership organizations and Federal, state and local governmental agencies involved in education, communication, conservation, shooting and hunting. The promotion of bowhunting as an outdoor recreational opportunity, a wildlife management tool, and a sustainable use of renewable natural resources.

g. CCA – was organized in 1897 and incorporated in 1904 to conserve and protect the wildlife of our country and its habitats and to sponsor measures ensuring that our own and future generations may continue to use and enjoy them.

h. CSF – works on behalf of current and future generations of Americans to protect the right and increase the opportunity to hunt, fish and trap by serving as the sportsmen’s link to Congress. CSF provides this link by acting as the conduit between sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations, and the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus (CSC), a bi-partisan caucus that supports wildlife conservation, professional wildlife management, hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting.

i. CF – is a non-profit public foundation representing the international conservation interests of hunters and anglers. Its mission is the conservation of wildlife, wild places, and biodiversity and sustainable recreational hunting and fishing uses of public and

private land. It is a land trust and regular participant in the National Wildlife Refuge planning process.

j. DSC – is an autonomous international nonprofit education, conservation and sporting organization serving the interests of wildlife, habitat, youth and sportsmen and sportswomen worldwide. DSC’s mission is to conserve wildlife and wild places; educate youth and the public on the value of hunting and angling to wildlife and habitat and to advocate for the interests of hunters and anglers worldwide.

k. DWF - is an international conservation organization whose vision is to secure the future of waterfowl and waterfowl hunting. Founded in 1911, DWF’s mission is to provide knowledge, leaders and science-based solutions that efficiently conserve waterfowl and secure the future for waterfowl hunting.

l. DU - is an international conservation organization that supports hunting and the shooting sports. DU was established in 1937 and our mission is to conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North American waterfowl while benefiting other wildlife and people.

m. FNAWS – is an international wildlife conservation organization whose purposes and objectives are to enhance wild sheep populations, promote professional wildlife management, educate the public about wild sheep and the conservation benefits of hunting, encourage fair chase hunting, and protect sportsmen’s rights.

n. HSC - is a non-profit volunteer organization that raises money for preserving the sport of hunting, supporting wildlife conservation and educating the public on hunting and conservation issues.

o. IWLA – is a national organization promoting public education to conserve, maintain, protect, and restore soil, forest, water, air, and other natural resources of the United States and the enjoyment and wholesome utilization of those resources.

p. NASC - unites state legislators to support hunting, fishing and trapping in America. Expanding upon the success of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation and the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus, the National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses (NASC) was officially launched in December of 2004. Now working with 29 legislative sportsmen’s caucuses across the U.S., NASC is the only organization working directly with state legislators, within a state and across state lines, on issues of importance to the hunting, fishing and trapping communities

q. NRA – established in 1871, is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. Four million members strong, NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and America's hunting heritage, and remains the nation's leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement, and the military.

- r. NSSF – is the shooting sports industry's leading trade association dedicated to providing trusted leadership in addressing industry challenges and delivering programs and services to meet the identified needs of our members.
- s. NTA – is a nonprofit organization that supports conservation and educational programs for furbearer resources and maintaining an annual fur harvest using the best tools available.
- t. NWTf – is a grassroots, nonprofit organization that supports scientific wildlife management on public, private and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport.
- u. NABF - is dedicated to the native bears and all other wildlife of North America by promoting public awareness, education, and sound management of our natural resources and through habitat conservation, restoration and enhancement.
- v. NAGP - is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the conservation of grouse and the habitats necessary for their survival. We accomplish our mission through on-the-ground habitat improvement projects, strategic management planning and policy advocacy. We conduct all our programs in a cooperative manner working with relevant stakeholder in the private and public sectors.
- w. PF – is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to protect and enhance pheasants and other wildlife populations throughout North America through habitat improvements, public awareness and education, and sound land, water, and wildlife management policies and programs.
- x. P&Y Club – advocates and encourages responsible bowhunting by promoting quality, fair chase hunting, and sound conservation practices. It fosters and nourishes bowhunting excellence and acts in the best interest of our bowhunting heritage everywhere. The P&Y Club promotes and participates in improving sound wildlife conservation and wise use of our natural resources.
- y. PLF – is dedicated to the ecological stability of the public lands administered by BLM. The objectives of PLF are to keep the public lands open and accessible to the public; foster effective multiple-use management of the public lands and natural resources under BLM management; encourage optimum implementation of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976; foster professionalism among employees; and encourage networking and communications between PLF members.
- z. QU – Quail Unlimited is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the wise use and management of America’s wild quail, doves, upland game birds and other forms of wildlife.
- aa. QDMA – The Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) is a national nonprofit wildlife conservation organization and the leading advocate of the QDM

philosophy. The QDMA's mission is to promote sustainable, high-quality white-tailed deer populations, wildlife habitats and ethical hunting experiences through education, research and management in partnership with hunters, landowners, natural resource professionals and the public.

bb. RBFF – is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase participation in recreational angling and boating and thereby increase public awareness and appreciation of the need for protecting, conserving and restoring this nation's aquatic natural resources.

cc. RMEF – is an international, nonprofit, wildlife conservation organization whose mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat. In support of this mission RMEF works to foster cooperation among federal, state and private organizations and individuals to conserve natural habitats to promote the sound management of wild, free-ranging elk as well as to educate the public about the value of hunting, hunting ethics and wildlife management.

dd. RGS – is an international nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to promoting science-based forest wildlife conservation on public and private forestlands.

ee. SCI – is an international sportsmen's organization promoting protection of the hunting heritage and the rights of hunters. Its sister organization, the SCI Foundation, pursues the missions of wildlife conservation, conservation education, and humanitarian services by hunters. SCI has more than 160 chapters throughout the United States and another 40 worldwide.

ff. SCF - is to advance the use of ethical and scientifically sound land management practices and partnerships for the benefit of people and the ecological landscape.

gg. SAAMI – is an association of the nation's leading manufacturers of firearms, ammunition and components. Since its establishment in 1926, SAAMI has been actively involved in creating and publishing industry standards for safety, interchangeability, reliability and quality, coordinating technical data, and promoting safe and responsible firearms use.

hh. TRCP – is guaranteeing places to hunt and fish by actively engaging America's 40 million hunters and anglers to make sure America's public and private lands always remain open and accessible, continue to be scientifically managed for abundant fish and wildlife populations, and provide a lifetime of hunting and fishing opportunities for generations to come.

ii. USSA – (formerly the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America or WLFA) provides direct lobbying and grassroots coalition support to protect and advance the rights of hunters, fishermen, trappers and scientific wildlife management professionals. This is accomplished through coalition building, ballot issue campaigning and legislative and government relations.

jj. WU – is a national, nonprofit conservation organization. Our purpose is to raise funds in support of education, habitat conservation, and the preservation of the hunting tradition for the direct benefit of the white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

kk. WF – mission is to conserve America's wildlife heritage through conservation education, preservation of habitat and management of fish and wildlife.

ll. WMI – is an international scientific and educational organization promoting professional management of natural resources for the benefit of the resources and the people of North America.

#### **D. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND BENEFITS**

1. The Parties have common interests, including providing public access to federal lands and enhancing opportunities on federal lands to fish, hunt, and engaged in shooting sports activities in a safe and environmentally sound manner for the purposes of promoting marksmanship, public safety, hunter education, competition, lawful hunting, and public demonstrations.

2. It is in the Parties' interest to maintain good communications and to disseminate information on the availability of locations on federal lands where fishing, hunting, and shooting sports activities can be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

3. The Private Organizations desire to encourage participation in hunting and shooting sports activities on federal lands by providing assistance to the Agencies in connection with access to federal lands and in the location, construction, and improvement of target ranges on federal lands.

#### **E. THE AGENCIES AGREE TO:**

1. Identify a contact for each Agency to serve as a liaison between the Private Organizations and that Agency for collection and dissemination of information regarding issues related to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands under that Agency's jurisdiction. Each Agency liaison will:

a. Work with the Private Organizations to facilitate appropriate collaborative, and compatible, in the case of NWRs, opportunities, including but not limited to access improvement, target range enhancement, administrative studies, and educational programs.

b. Strive to facilitate understanding and communication among the Agencies, the Private Organizations, hunting, fishing, and shooting sports enthusiasts, and the public.

c. Assist in addressing national issues and facilitate cooperative relationships between local Agency contacts and the Private Organizations to resolve issues that arise regarding hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands.



- d. Provide local Agency contact information to the Private Organizations through the Roundtable liaison.
  - e. Participate in meetings convened by the Roundtable.
2. Encourage local Agency officials to collaborate with the Private Organizations and local chapters, where appropriate, of the Private Organizations in the development of mutually beneficial projects and educational activities.
  3. Where appropriate and feasible, make available to the public the Private Organizations' interpretive and educational materials regarding hunting, fishing, and shooting sports.
  4. Maintain on their external websites a list of Agency land management plans to be revised, and, consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and Agency policies, work with the Private Organizations to assess hunting, fishing and shooting sports needs and opportunities as part of the Agencies' land management planning.
  5. When sites used by shooting sports enthusiasts on federal lands are unsafe or in unsuitable locations (such as where urbanization or public pressures threaten a target range or hunting or shooting areas); are in need of environmental or trash cleanup; are not meeting best management practices; or are in need of maintenance, reconstruction, or modernization, work with the Private Organizations to resolve these issues in a mutually satisfactory manner and consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and Agency policies.
  6. Assist in the identification of areas where awareness and access are perceived to be inadequate for hunting, fishing, or shooting sports opportunities, consider potential solutions to improve awareness of and access to those areas or alternative areas, and work with the Private Organizations to improve access to these areas where appropriate.
  7. Furnish the Private Organizations with information about maintenance backlogs and right-of-way needs on roads, trails, and other facilities intended to provide access for hunting, fishing, and shooting sports opportunities on federal lands, and explore cooperative projects to address these needs with local chapters, where appropriate, of the Private Organizations.
  8. Annually work with the Private Organizations on a volunteer day of significance to hunters, anglers, and shooting sports enthusiasts (for example, National Hunting and Fishing Day or Take Pride in America Day) to promote the efforts of the Agencies and Private Organizations to maintain access to recreational opportunities on federal lands.
  9. Work with the Private Organizations to identify other governmental and private cooperators for projects involving hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands.

10. Strive to keep the Private Organizations apprised on a timely basis of changes in national policies, land management plans, or other factors that would impact access or opportunities for hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands. The Agencies will:

a. Include the Private Organizations in public involvement lists for proposed projects and land management plan revisions and amendments that would impact access or opportunities for hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands.

b. Annually provide to the Private Organizations a list of existing and planned target ranges on federal lands and a list of target ranges that have been closed or modified on federal lands in the last fiscal year.

11. Consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and Agency policies, encourage local agency officials to be responsive to requests for information and input from the Private Organizations.

12. Work towards the use of web-based technology to provide maps and other access and transportation information used by hunters, anglers, and shooting sports enthusiasts. Inform the Private Organizations about the type of tabular and spatial data that must be collected and maintained to provide this web-based information. Explore cooperative projects to address these needs with the Private Organizations and local chapters, where appropriate, of the Private Organizations.

13. Consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and Agency policies, consider the goals and concerns of the Private Organizations in connection with access to public lands for hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities and the provision of target ranges on federal lands. Annually develop a list of these goals and concerns with the Private Organizations.

#### **F. THE PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AGREE TO:**

1. Identify a contact for the Private Organizations to serve as a liaison between the Private Organizations and the Agencies for collection and dissemination of information regarding issues related to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports opportunities on federal lands. The Private Organization liaison will:

a. Work with the Agency liaisons to facilitate appropriate collaborative opportunities, including but not limited to access improvement projects, target range enhancement projects, administrative studies, and educational programs.

b. Strive to facilitate understanding and communication among the Private Organizations, the Agencies, hunting, fishing, and shooting sports enthusiasts, and the public.

c. Maintain familiarity with the internal structure and operation of the Private Organizations and utilize that knowledge, in coordination with the Agency liaisons, to

facilitate cooperative relationships between the Private Organizations and local Agency contacts to resolve issues that arise regarding hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands.

- d. Provide contact information for the Private Organizations to the Agency liaisons.
  - e. Participate in meetings convened by the Roundtable.
2. Identify a contact, listed in Appendix A, for each Private Organization to facilitate, in coordination with the Agency liaisons, cooperative relationships with the local Agency contacts to resolve issues that arise regarding hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands. From the list of contacts in Appendix A, identify representatives to serve as members of the Roundtable.
  3. Make available to the Agencies interpretive and educational materials regarding hunting, fishing, and shooting sports.
  4. Provide leadership, services, and materials at the national, regional, and local levels to promote hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands.
  5. Develop and maintain a network for contacting hunters, anglers, and shooting sports enthusiasts who are members of or otherwise affiliated with the Private Organizations.
  6. Participate in Agency land management planning efforts to identify suitable areas for hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands and areas where access for those activities is inadequate on federal lands.
  7. Notify hunters, anglers, and shooting sports enthusiasts about volunteer maintenance projects to improve hunting, fishing, and shooting sports access routes, sites, or facilities on federal lands.
  8. When sites used by shooting sports enthusiasts on federal lands are unsafe or in unsuitable locations (such as where urbanization or public pressures threaten a target range or hunting or shooting areas); are in need of environmental or trash cleanup; are not meeting best management practices; or are in need of maintenance, reconstruction, or modernization, work with the Agencies to resolve these issues in a mutually satisfactory manner and consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and Agency policies.
  9. Work with the Agencies at the local level to identify the need for improvement and maintenance of facilities for hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities.
  10. Annually notify the Agencies of available technology and technical assistance in connection with:
    - a. Managing hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities on federal lands.

- b. Collecting and maintaining tabular and spatial data necessary to provide web-based maps and other information concerning access to federal lands.
  - c. Building or upgrading target ranges on federal lands.
11. Promote compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and Agency policies for construction and operation of target ranges on federal lands, including development and implementation of environmental stewardship plans and safety plans.
  12. Promote compliance with outdoor ethics (such as the Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly!, and Nature Watch Programs) and laws, regulations, and Agency policies related to use of federal lands for hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities by transmitting information on these outdoor ethics programs and legal requirements to hunters, anglers, and shooting sports enthusiasts.
  13. Consider the goals and concerns of the Agencies in connection with access to federal lands for hunting, fishing and shooting sports activities and the provision of target ranges on federal lands. Annually develop a list of these goals and concerns with the Agencies.

**G. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED BY THE AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS THAT:**

1. They will handle their own activities and utilize their own resources, including the expenditure of their own funds, in pursuing the objectives of this MOU.
2. The Agencies must be cognizant of the demands of all segments of the public for opportunities to use and enjoy federal lands, and in particular of the expansion of urban and suburban development in some areas that may affect opportunities for hunting, fishing, and shooting sports activities.
3. Maximizing access to and enjoyment of federal lands for hunters, anglers, and shooting sports enthusiasts is of paramount importance to the Private Organizations and will likely become increasingly important to them.
4. Any action to be taken by the Agencies under this MOU is subject to available funding.
5. In implementing this MOU, each Agency will be operating under its own laws, regulations, and policies, including construction & operation of target ranges on federal lands and the development and implementation of Environmental Stewardship Plans and Safety Plans , subject to the availability of appropriated funds.
6. Nothing in this MOU authorizes either the Agencies or the Private Organizations to obligate or transfer funds. Specific projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property among the Parties require execution of separate agreements and are contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. These activities must be

independently authorized by statute. This MOU does not provide that authority. Negotiation, execution, and administration of these agreements must comply with all applicable law.

7. Nothing in this MOU is intended to alter, limit, or expand the Agencies' statutory and regulatory authority.
8. This MOU in no way restricts the Agencies or the Private Organizations from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
9. This MOU does not create any substantive or procedural right that is enforceable at law or equity against the United States or its officers, agents, or employees.
10. Nothing in this MOU implies that the Agencies endorse any service or policy of the Private Organizations. The Private Organizations will not take any action or make any statement that implies such an endorsement.
11. No member of or delegate to Congress may benefit from this MOU either directly or indirectly.
12. Any information furnished to the Agencies under this MOU is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).
13. The Roundtable does not constitute an advisory committee and will function consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and Agency policies.
14. The Roundtable will appoint a chair for a specified period to provide for consistent and effective communication among the Parties by scheduling meetings and conference calls and leadership in the identification of mutually beneficial objectives and projects.
15. The liaison for each Agency (referenced in paragraph E.1) is:

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14. The liaison for the Private Organizations (referenced in paragraph F.1) is:

Name: Susan Recce
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Facsimile: 703-267-1543
Email Address: srecce@nrahq.org

15. The contact for each Private Organization pursuant to paragraph F.1 is identified in Appendix A. The local contacts for each Agency are the responsible officials for each administrative unit, who may enter into agreements as needed to implement this MOU.

16. Other federal agencies and private entities may be added to this MOU with the written concurrence of all the Parties.

17. This MOU takes effect on the date it is fully executed and will expire five years from its effective date. This MOU may be extended or amended upon written request of either the Agencies or the Private Organizations and written concurrence of the other parties.

Either the Agencies or the Private Organizations may terminate this MOU upon 60 days written notice.

18. By signing below, the Parties certify that the individuals identified in paragraphs G.13, G.14, and G.15 and Appendix A of this MOU are their respective representatives and are authorized to act in their areas of responsibility on matters related to this MOU.

19. By signing below, the Parties certify that the individuals identified in Part G of this MOU are their respective representatives and are authorized to act in their areas of responsibility on matters related to this MOU.

/s/ Joel D. Holtrop Date: 8/17/06  
for Chief, USDA Forest Service (06-SU-11132424-118)

/s/ Kathleen Clarke Date: 8/17/06  
Director, Bureau of Land Management

/s/ J M King Date: 8/17/06  
for Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

/s/ Gordon Robertson Date: 9/6/06  
American Sportfishing Association

/s/ Jay McAninch Date: 8/17/06  
Archery Trade Association

/s/ John Baughman Date: 8/17/06  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

/s/ A.C. Smid Date: 9.6.06  
Bear Trust International

/s/ Bob Model Date: 8/17/06  
Boone and Crockett Club of America

/s/ Jay McAninch Date: 8/17/06  
Bowhunting Preservation Alliance

/s/ Leonard Vallender Date: 8/17/06  
CampFire Club of America

/s/ Jeffrey Crane Date: 8/17/06  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

/s/ Chrissie Jackson Date: 8/17/06  
Conservation Force

/s/ Gray Thornton Date: 8/17/06  
Dallas Safari Club

/s/ Joel Brice Date: 8/30/06  
Delta Waterfowl Foundation

/s/ John A. Tomke Date: 8/17/06  
Ducks Unlimited

/s/ Raymond Lee Date: 8/17/06  
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep



/s/ R. John Pepper Date: 8/17/06  
Houston Safari Club

/s/ Thomas M. Franklin Date: 8/17/06  
Izaak Walton League of America

/s/ John Astle Date: 9/20/06  
National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses

/s/ Chris W Cox Date: 8/17/06  
National Rifle Association of America

/s/ Christopher C Dolnack Date: 27 Sept 06  
National Shooting Sports Foundation

/s/ James M Buell Date: 8/18/06  
National Trappers Association

/s/ Robert Abernathy Date: 8/17/06  
National Wild Turkey Federation

/s/ Brian Bachman Date: 9/26/06  
North American Bear Foundation

/s/ Jim Mosher Date: 8/17/06  
North American Grouse Partnership

/s/ Dave Nomsen Date: 8/17/06  
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Two Additional NGO's added.

1. Texas Wildlife Association (TWA)

Mission Statement: The Texas Wildlife Association was organized to serve as an advocate for the benefit of wildlife and for the rights of wildlife managers, landowners, and hunters in educational, scientific, political, regulatory, legal, and legislative arenas. We are absolutely dedicated to educating all persons, especially the youth of Texas, about the conservation, management and enhancement of wildlife and wildlife habitat on private land to ensure the preservation of our cherished rural heritage for future generations.

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Mission Statement: Orion-The Hunters Institute is an organization that is instrumental in the arena of national public education. Our focus is on responsible and ethical hunting, wildlife conservation and the preservation of our hunting heritage through an outreach program that crosses all boundaries.

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