



NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

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HISTORY



**SAVE THE
HABITAT.
SAVE THE
HUNT.**



**CONSERVE OR ENHANCE 4 MILLION ACRES OF
CRITICAL WILDLIFE HABITAT**

- 8-YEAR TOTAL: 4,007,920 ACRE; GOAL SURPASSED IN 2020

RECRUIT 1.5 MILLION HUNTERS

- 8-YEAR TOTAL: 1,530,162; GOAL SURPASSED IN 2019

**OPEN ACCESS TO 500,000 ADDITIONAL ACRES FOR
HUNTING**

- 8-YEAR TOTAL: 667,772 ACRES; GOAL SURPASSED IN 2018



A misty forest scene with a dirt path leading through trees and ferns. The path is covered in fallen leaves and branches, and the surrounding vegetation is lush and green. The trees are tall and thin, with some larger trunks in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

MICHIGAN – NWTF

NWTF MICHIGAN FOCUSES ON CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS THROUGH POLITICAL ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIPS.

NWTF MICHIGAN WORKS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE HUNTING ACCESS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS.

NWTF MICHIGAN IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO INCREASE HUNTER EDUCATION AND MENTORED HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES.

STEWARDSHIP ON THE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FOREST

- UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE PROVIDED OVER \$320,000 IN RETAINED RECEIPTS THROUGH AN ONGOING AGREEMENT MATCHED WITH MORE \$84,000 IN PARTNER FUNDING TO CONSERVE/ENHANCE ABOUT 600 ACRES OF IMPERILED OAK SAVANNA HABITAT ON FS LANDS IN WEST MICHIGAN, AS PART OF LARGER EFFORT TO RESTORE 3,000 ACRES.
- AGREEMENT NEARING \$1MILLION IN VALUE



LAND ACQUISITION

- ASSISTED MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE ACQUISITION OF A 445 ACRE TRACT IN EATON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, CALLED THE POTTERVILLE STATE GAME AREA





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N A T I O N A L W I L D T U R K E Y F E D E R A T I O N

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MATCH RATIO: **17:1**

ACRES CONSERVED: **4,764**

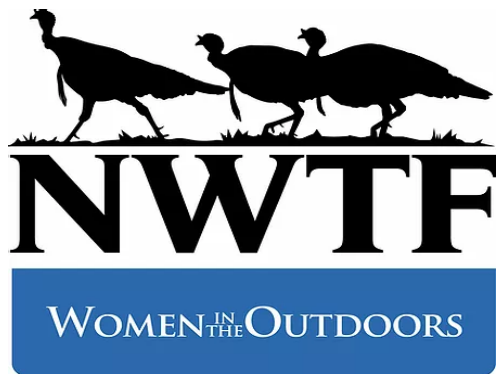
ACRES OPENED FOR ACCESS: **445**



NWTF Hunting Heritage Programs

Hunter Recruitment, Retention & Reactivation





BUCHOLTZ RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FROM NWTF

- KEN BUCHHOLTZ'S DEVOTION TO PROVIDING OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS AND SPECIAL NEEDS EARNED HIM THE WHEELIN' SPORTSMEN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION.
- DUE TO THE LACK OF ACCESSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH IMPAIRMENTS, BUCHHOLTZ WORKED TIRELESSLY TO DEVELOP THE WHEELIN' SPORTSMEN PROGRAM IN AND AROUND ESCANABA.
- THE NWTF WHEELIN' SPORTSMEN PROGRAM PROVIDES ALL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS. NWTF CHAPTERS HOST WHEELIN' SPORTSMEN EVENTS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA TO HELP PARTICIPANTS GAIN A SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE BY LEARNING TO STAY ACTIVE IN THE OUTDOORS.



STATE EFFORTS AND BEYOND



Recruit | Retain | Reactivate



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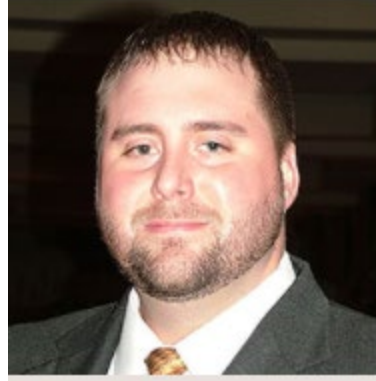
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