

2024 Apportionment for the Wildlife Restoration Act

The Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 and subsequent amendments placed a federal manufacturers' excise tax on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment. These funds are eligible to state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies for public hunting access, hunter education, wildlife management and research, R3 related activites, and the development, operation, and maintenance of target ranges. This law is unique and is essential to the conservation, management and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats, and to provide safe hunting access in the United States for current and future generations.

What do these funds do?



Restore Wildlife

Biologists study, monitor, and manage over 500 species of mammals and birds using manufacturers' federal excise tax funds, like the many grants used to study and restore wildlife populations— including the reintroduction of elk to the Eastern United States.



Support Target Shooting Facilities

Today, 811 target ranges are operated and maintained using manufacturers' federal excise tax funds, like Colorado's newly developed NW Region Mobile Shooting Range Trailer.



Educating the Public

Every year, over 1 million people receive hunter education supported by manufacturers' federal excise taxes, like at Rhode Island's Youth Wild Turkey Hunt where individuals are given the opportunity to experience turkey hunting firsthand.



Conserve Public Land

Over 36 million acres are operated and maintained for public access or habitat management with the manfacturers' federal excise taxes.





Partnering to fund conservation and connect people with nature







Total

\$989,531,728