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## \$20,700,000 DISTRIBUTED TO STATES FOR WILDLIFE RESTORATION AND HUNTER SAFETY

Distribution of \$20,700,000 in Federal Aid funds to the States for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton.

Of the total, \$18,550,000 was distributed according to a formula based on hunting license holders and the area of each State, and may be used on approved State wildlife projects which include acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and manipulation of habitat, and research to aid in managing game species.

The remaining \$2,150,000 was distributed on the basis of State population and may be used for hunter safety programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public outdoor target ranges. The States, however, may use the total amount distributed for wildlife restoration projects.

Funds come from the 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and the 10 percent excise tax on pistols and revolvers. The funds are deposited into a special fund created by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 and amended in 1970 to include the tax on pistols and revolvers. The distribution program is administered by Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service.

This is the first distribution using excise tax receipts from pistols and revolvers and also the first for hunter safety programs.

The amounts announced today will enable States to continue their programs after July 1 until an additional apportionment is made in the fall.

The attached table shows the distribution of funds that will be available July 1.

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1972

	<u>Wildlife</u> <u>Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter</u> <u>Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 351,061	\$ 54,135	\$ 405,196
Alaska	927,500	21,500	949,000
Arizona	429,096	21,500	450,596
Arkansas	314,981	21,500	336,481
California	896,559	64,500	961,059
Colorado	458,430	34,694	493,124
Connecticut	92,750	47,661	140,411
Delaware	92,750	21,500	114,250
Florida	309,910	64,500	374,410
Georgia	356,220	64,500	420,720
Hawaii	92,750	21,500	114,250
Idaho	371,825	21,500	393,325
Illinois	411,766	64,500	476,266
Indiana	370,213	64,500	434,713
Iowa	345,495	44,404	389,899
Kansas	369,872	35,351	405,223
Kentucky	264,080	50,601	314,681
Louisiana	332,157	57,264	389,421
Maine	211,407	21,500	232,907
Maryland	135,829	61,653	197,482
Massachusetts	92,750	64,500	157,250
Michigan	700,185	64,500	764,685
Minnesota	446,927	59,808	506,735
Mississippi	297,364	34,846	332,210
Missouri	458,294	64,500	522,794
Montana	528,847	21,500	550,347
Nebraska	327,224	21,500	348,724
Nevada	359,174	21,500	380,674
New Hampshire	92,750	21,500	114,250
New Jersey	126,817	64,500	191,317
New Mexico	418,516	21,500	440,016
New York	572,147	64,500	636,647
North Carolina	383,068	64,500	447,568
North Dakota	249,899	21,500	271,399
Ohio	425,087	64,500	489,587
Oklahoma	335,620	40,226	375,846
Oregon	479,355	32,872	512,227
Pennsylvania	771,260	64,500	835,760
Rhode Island	92,750	21,500	114,250
South Carolina	194,253	40,718	234,971
South Dakota	306,281	21,500	327,781
Tennessee	361,922	61,681	423,603
Texas	927,500	64,500	992,000
Utah	362,309	21,500	383,809
Vermont	106,032	21,500	127,532
Virginia	350,436	64,500	414,936
Washington	389,201	53,586	442,787
West Virginia	210,148	21,500	231,648
Wisconsin	518,760	64,500	583,260
Wyoming	375,889	21,500	397,389
Guam	30,917		30,917
Puerto Rico	92,750		92,750
Virgin Islands	30,917		30,917
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,550,000</b>	<b>\$2,150,000</b>	<b>\$20,700,000</b>