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\$28,600,000 DISTRIBUTED TO STATES FOR WILDLIFE RESTORATION AND HUNTER SAFETY

Distribution of \$28,600,000 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, \$26,500,000 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 \$2,100,000 was distributed on the basis of State population and may be used for hunter safety programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public 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 (Pittman-Robertson) and amended in 1970 to include the tax on pistols and revolvers. The distribution program is administered by Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service.

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 1974

	<u>Wildlife</u> <u>Restoration</u>		<u>Hunter</u> <u>Safety</u>		<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 459,735		\$ 52,877		\$ 512,612
Alaska	1,325,000		21,000		1,346,000
Arizona	602,116		21,000		623,116
Arkansas	469,255		21,000		490,255
California	1,230,307		63,000		1,293,307
Colorado	646,138		33,887		680,025
Connecticut	132,500		46,552		179,052
Delaware	132,500		21,000		153,500
Florida	452,175		63,000		515,175
Georgia	494,890		63,000		557,890
Hawaii	132,500		21,000		153,500
Idaho	529,758		21,000		550,758
Illinois	624,637		63,000		687,637
Indiana	524,235		63,000		587,235
Iowa	526,384		43,372		569,756
Kansas	532,201		34,529		566,730
Kentucky	386,526		49,425		435,951
Louisiana	476,273		55,932		532,205
Maine	297,301		21,000		318,301
Maryland	199,834		60,219		260,053
Massachusetts	132,500		63,000		195,500
Michigan	879,567		63,000		942,567
Minnesota	616,210		58,417		674,627
Mississippi	445,214		34,035		479,249
Missouri	660,361		63,000		723,361
Montana	777,168		21,000		798,168
Nebraska	487,489		21,000		508,489
Nevada	515,602		21,000		536,602
New Hampshire	132,500		21,000		153,500
New Jersey	201,827		63,000		264,827
New Mexico	609,231		21,000		630,231
New York	743,703		63,000		806,703
North Carolina	540,544		63,000		603,544
North Dakota	374,777		21,000		395,777
Ohio	656,331		63,000		719,331
Oklahoma	474,501		39,291		513,792
Oregon	687,722		32,108		719,830
Pennsylvania	1,098,164		63,000		1,161,164
Rhode Island	132,500		21,000		153,500
South Carolina	273,723		39,771		313,494
South Dakota	456,417		21,000		477,417
Tennessee	545,272		60,246		605,518
Texas	1,325,000		63,000		1,388,000
Utah	541,895		21,000		562,895
Vermont	144,490		21,000		165,490
Virginia	524,173		63,000		587,173
Washington	527,989		52,339		580,328
West Virginia	311,481		21,000		332,481
Wisconsin	747,253		63,000		810,253
Wyoming	541,297		21,000		562,297
Guam	44,167				44,167
Puerto Rico	132,500				132,500
Virgin Islands	44,167				44,167
Total	\$26,500,000		\$2,100,000		\$28,600,000