

Commission Permits Update

In January 2007 Wildlife and Parks held the second drawing for Commission permits. Winners of the permits were: Ducks Unlimited - Shawnee Mission; two Pheasants Forever (Flint Hills and Soloman Valley Chapters); two Friends of NRA (KS-4 Topeka and KS-26 Ottawa); and two NWTF (Lawrence and Ottawa Chapters). Everyone has sent their money in to Wildtrust except for NRA. This year we requested they send in the 85 percent minus the cost of the permit. Permits sold for a total of \$26,973.56 with the 85 percent, minus the cost of the permit, being \$21,340.63. The two Pheasant Forever chapters have requested their money; Flint Hills is spending their money on the Upland Bird Initiative and Soloman Valley is spending their money on a Youth Shoot in Rooks County and Hunter Education programs in Rooks, Phillips, Graham and Osborne counties. However, the money has not been drawn from Wildtrust yet.

In 2006, the combined permits sold for \$49,000 with \$35,402.50 (includes the cost of the permit being subtracted) being the 85 percent for projects. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is the only one with money still in the Wildtrust account. They have requested \$13,000 to be spent on state PAC projects and \$12,500 to stay in Wildtrust to be spent on Archery in the Schools.

Permit applications for 2008 will be available November 1 with the winners being drawn at the January 10, 2008 Commission Meeting in Independence. Applications can be obtained from Sheila Kemmis, KDWP, 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt, KS 67124 (620-672-0702) or sheilak@wp.state.ks.us