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\$24,300,000 DISTRIBUTED TO STATES FOR WILDLIFE RESTORATION AND HUNTER SAFETY

Distribution of \$24,300,000 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, \$22,100,000 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 \$2,200,000 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 (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 1973

	<u>Wildlife</u> <u>Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter</u> <u>Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 396,334	\$ 55,395	\$ 451,729
Alaska	1,105,000	22,000	1,127,000
Arizona	511,933	22,000	533,933
Arkansas	377,040	22,000	399,040
California	1,042,258	66,000	1,108,258
Colorado	557,547	35,501	593,048
Connecticut	110,500	48,769	159,269
Delaware	110,500	22,000	132,500
Florida	368,933	66,000	434,933
Georgia	416,242	66,000	482,242
Hawaii	110,500	22,000	132,500
Idaho	434,194	22,000	456,194
Illinois	491,055	66,000	557,055
Indiana	434,262	66,000	500,262
Iowa	419,008	45,437	464,445
Kansas	437,196	36,173	473,369
Kentucky	316,345	51,778	368,123
Louisiana	394,319	58,595	452,914
Maine	257,479	22,000	279,479
Maryland	161,690	63,086	224,776
Massachusetts	110,500	66,000	176,500
Michigan	810,751	66,000	876,751
Minnesota	536,890	61,199	598,089
Mississippi	355,807	35,656	391,463
Missouri	569,348	66,000	635,348
Montana	633,149	22,000	655,149
Nebraska	395,272	22,000	417,272
Nevada	427,156	22,000	449,156
New Hampshire	110,500	22,000	132,500
New Jersey	154,191	66,000	220,191
New Mexico	500,669	22,000	522,669
New York	660,963	66,000	726,963
North Carolina	447,415	66,000	513,415
North Dakota	303,863	22,000	325,863
Ohio	509,076	66,000	575,076
Oklahoma	418,883	41,162	460,045
Oregon	565,580	33,637	599,217
Pennsylvania	911,162	66,000	977,162
Rhode Island	110,500	22,000	132,500
South Carolina	233,526	41,665	275,191
South Dakota	366,493	22,000	388,493
Tennessee	432,288	63,115	495,403
Texas	1,105,000	66,000	1,171,000
Utah	451,412	22,000	473,412
Vermont	129,233	22,000	151,233
Virginia	414,626	66,000	480,626
Washington	454,005	54,832	508,837
West Virginia	251,071	22,000	273,071
Wisconsin	605,771	66,000	671,771
Wyoming	488,399	22,000	510,399
Guam	36,833		36,833
Puerto Rico	110,500		110,500
Virgin Islands	36,833		36,833
Total	\$22,100,000	\$2,200,000	\$24,300,000