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Conservation Notes

Current topics and issues affecting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation in our North Dakota.

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R3-Needs Habitat and Access

Wildlife agencies and organizations are all promoting **R3; recruitment, retention, and re-activation** of future and former sportsmen and women, to gain support and funding for hunter participation. Increasing and maintaining hunting participation will be essential to sustain our hunting heritage and the benefits hunting provides to our local economies. Hunter license fees and taxes paid by hunters on arms and ammunition fund most management of wildlife habitat and wildlife populations by state wildlife agencies, including the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

In order to successfully **recruit, retain and re-activate** new hunters, there are two requirements that are essential: **HABITAT & ACCESS!** Habitat to produce the game species; pheasants, grouse, deer, ducks, or doves for hunters to search for, and access to the habitat and land where wildlife abounds.

But, without abundant high-quality habitat and access, **R3** efforts will fail. Beginning hunters and former and current hunters will not be able to hunt if they cannot find a place to hunt or cannot find any wildlife.

Therefore, all our **R3** efforts to increase hunter participation must be accompanied by aggressive actions to provide more habitat and better access to both public lands and private lands that are available for hunting.

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