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Local conservation groups help wildlife at site M

(Quail Forever and National Wild Turkey Federation Partner for Wildlife)

Oakford, IL – January 31, 2009 – The local Prairie Rockets chapter of Quail Forever (QF) and the New Salem Longbeards chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) joined forces to provide a high quality, stable food source for quail, turkeys, pheasants deer and other wildlife at the Jim Edgar Panther Creek state Fish and Wildlife Area (aka Site M).

The presentation was made by Frank Llano and Bill VanderLaan from the Prairie Rockets QF chapter and Rhett Rossi from the New Salem Longbeards chapter of NWTf to site superintendant Mike Wickens at the Prairie Rockets Quail Forever banquet Saturday at the Hill Prairie Winery in Oakford. “Partnerships like this are critical to providing wildlife essential habitat components necessary for survival, especially when the state is struggling financially,” stated Wickens.

Quail Forever is a national conservation organization dedicated to improving habitat for quail and other upland wildlife and to youth conservation education. The National Wild Turkey Federation is dedicated to the preservation of wild turkeys and preserving the hunting tradition. To learn more about these organizations visit www.quailforever.org or www.nwtf.org.