

Subject: Goshen County 2 Shot Goose Hunt Benefits State Habitat Effort

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RIVERTON, WY.....The Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust program was a major beneficiary of the annual Goshen County 2 Shot Goose Hunt, held every year in December, with a \$2,500 grant presented to the board at their regular meeting in Wheatland.

Ken Banister, Torrington, who is a member of both boards, said the annual event wanted to make a donation that would make a difference on the land.

"We have a great event, and we have a great time," he said, "but we also raise funds for conservation. Over the past few years, we have seen tremendous results from the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, including wetland habitat projects right here in Goshen County. We wanted to be part of an incredible program, and make sure it continues to work with landowners and others to improve and maintain wildlife habitat and natural resources."

WWNRT Chairman Delaine Roberts, Etna, accepted the contribution on behalf of the Board at a dinner in Torrington. Roberts was a contestant at the 2 Shot Hunt in 2009, and according to Banister, represented the Wyoming team well.

"I missed," Roberts laughed, "but the Governor got both his geese, so I must have been good luck."

The contribution from the hunt will be matched by the Trust program, and an additional match from the Wyoming Legislature will be paid into the corpus of the trust account, building potential conservation funding opportunities into the future. One of the most prevalent uses of WWNRT funds is conservation and development of wetland habitats for waterfowl.

"We have really worked hard to develop water for wildlife and other users," Roberts said. "This is a great help in our efforts to provide habitat for birds and other species, especially in eastern Wyoming."

Funds from the 2 Shot Goose Hunt will be used to enhance habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, and amphibians, among other species.



PHOTO: WNWRT Chairman Delaine Roberts, Etna, (l) accepts contribution from Goshen County 2 Shot Goose Hunt board member, Ken Banister, Torrington (r) at a recent meeting of the Wildlife Trust board in Wheatland.

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