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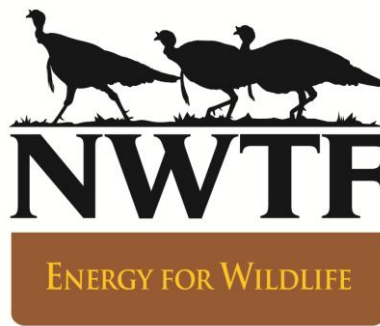
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**Powerful
Opportunity for
Conservation**



There are millions of acres of land that are managed by various electric, gas/oil and coal companies throughout the United States. These properties could be rights-of-way or other tracts owned or controlled by these energy companies and can provide an important portion of the habitat puzzle for many wildlife species, both game and non-game. This is also true for many native plants. Many of these energy companies are good stewards of wildlife and are implementing plans to improve habitat through Integrated Vegetation Management or other initiatives for managing habitats. They need an independent source to help tell the public about these safe and effective plans. Other companies need help formulating plans that maximize wildlife management.

Energy for Wildlife is a program from the National Wild Turkey Federation. It is a membership-based program for energy companies whereby they gain independent certification by being good wildlife stewards. Each company is asked to develop management plans on their own, or with help from National Wild Turkey Federation biologists, where certain objectives must be met. A sample of these includes protecting water quality, ensure long term habitat productivity, cooperating with neighboring landowners, and providing public participation opportunities. The objectives have performance measures tied to each one, ensuring that each company's plan is implemented. Since the program began in May 2002, 36 energy companies have become members and have the potential to have a positive impact on over 3 million acres.

As members, each company receives a number of benefits from the Energy for Wildlife program. Some of these include: third-party credibility for the company's wildlife habitat program, technical assistance from the National Wild Turkey Federation, assistance in relations with state and federal agencies, positive press through local and national outlets, educational opportunities, and many others.

Within this program, there are also benefits for public and private landowners. Other National Wild Turkey Federation programs could be initiated by the member company to help assist other landowners with the management of their property. Even property owned by state and federal agencies would be included in opportunities for education and public relations pertaining to managing for wildlife habitat.

With quality wildlife habitat diminishing in many areas of the United States, the Energy for Wildlife program will provide benefits to everyone involved. By managing correctly, the company should be able to control costs associated with managing rights-of-way or other long term management costs, while also providing the energy needed by the U.S. Even the landowner will see the improvement of their property. And wildlife lovers will enjoy the opportunity to see more songbirds, butterflies, native flowers, and even wild turkeys.



What is Energy For Wildlife?

Energy for Wildlife is a membership based, wildlife management and certification program for energy companies. The primary goal of Energy for Wildlife is to create or enhance wildlife habitat on rights of way and other company properties for the benefit of all wildlife.

Why is Energy for Wildlife Important?

Energy for Wildlife promotes the conservation of wildlife, plants, soil, air and water quality. The program assists member companies in achieving their vegetation management goals for the benefit of native plants and all wildlife.

Who Can Become a Member?

Electric, Natural Gas, Oil/Gasoline providers and support companies are eligible for Energy for Wildlife membership.



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H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

I want to commend the NWTF for developing programs that encourage partnerships between private industry, governmental agencies, and traditional and nontraditional wildlife groups. Expanding these partnerships through programs like Energy for Wildlife will provide more opportunities to create and improve wildlife habitats in the future.

James L. Caswell, Director, Bureau of Land Management

The Energy for Wildlife program is an excellent example of a creative approach to integrating the needs of wildlife, while meeting the country's growing demands for domestic sources of energy.

Dale N. Bosworth, Chief, USDA Forest Service

The goals of the Energy for Wildlife program fit well with many of our focus areas, especially better control of invasive and noxious weeds and improved propagation of noninvasive native plants. Improving wildlife habit on rights of way across the nation on public and private lands is a commendable goal and certainly has my endorsement.

Program Benefits

- Third party credibility for your company's wildlife programs through NWTF.
- Professional technical assistance for your company's vegetation management program.
- NWTF will serve as liaison between your company and state and federal wildlife agencies and organizations.
- Assistance with permitting and regulatory processes.
- Opportunity to become a nationally recognized and certified Energy for Wildlife company.
- Participation in the Energy for Wildlife National Awards Program.
- Positive press through NWTF promotional efforts.
- Participation in local projects with matching dollars from local NWTF chapters and state and federal agencies.
- Educational workshops and materials.
- Opportunity to purchase seed, seedlings and other land management products at special prices.
- Full corporate membership in the NWTF.

