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Monday Breakfast: Archery Trade Association
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Monday Awards Luncheon:
Ducks Unlimited and Canadian NAWMP Partners
Terry Steinwand, Tim Sopuck, David Brakhage and Dean Smith

Monday Dinner:
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Terry Steinwand, Keith Trego, NDNRT; Kelsey Hersey, BIS
Tuesday Breakfast: National Wild Turkey Federation

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Black Leg Ranch

Ranch Tour
Owner: Jerry Doan

Supper Entertainment
Blind Joe
MAFWA - Tuesday Offsite Event
Nishu Bowmen Archery Complex

Shooting
Competition

Winner - Keith Sexson
MAFWA Award Luncheon - Speakers

Ducks Unlimited
David Brakhage

Canadian NAWMP Partners
Tim Sopuck
MAFWA Award Luncheon - Winners

**Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**
Todd Schaller accepting for Edward McCann, WI
Terry Steinwand

**Wildlife Biologist of the Year**
Terry Steinwand, Nancy Christel, WI
MAFWA Award Luncheon - Winners

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Danny Hartwig, MO; Terry Steinwand
MAFWA Award Luncheon -

Winners

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Terry Steinfeld, Amanda Wuestefeld, IN
MAFWA Award Luncheon - Winners

Special Recognition
Key Partner - St Louis Zoo; Bob Merz, Terry Steinwand

Special Recognition
50 Years of Service
Keith Sexson, KS; Terry Steinfeld
MAFWA Award Luncheon - Winners

President’s Award
Todd Porter; Terry Steinwand

Other Special Recognition Awards
Tom Melius, USFWS
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MAFWA Speakers

Welcome
Lt. Governor Brent Sanford

Opening Remarks
Terry Steinwand, ND - MAFWA President

Randy Meissner singing U.S. and Canadian National Anthems
MAFWA Speakers

Remarks from USFWS

Gary Sheehan, Principal Deputy Director, USFWS

Keynote Speaker
Tribal Partnerships

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MAFWA/USFWS Panel Discussion and Progress on Science Applications

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Monarch Conservation Report
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Passing the Gavel

Terry Steinwand, ND to Mike Miller, OH