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The National Wild Turkey Federation is a 501 (c) (3) non-governmental organization dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of our hunting heritage. The NWTf is grassroots, volunteer organization governed by a volunteer member board of directors. Its volunteers are organized in a state and local chapter system.

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Founded more than 39 years ago, fueled by hunters and a membership of more than 225,000 strong, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) has protected or enhanced nearly 8.6 million acres of wildlife habitat and opened or secured public access to 1.5 million acres. RMEF also works to fund and advocate for science-based resource management, and to ensure the future of America's hunting heritage.

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The Association of Midwest Fish and Game Law Enforcement Officers (AMFGLEO) was chartered February 1944 at Lincoln, Nebraska. There are currently 23 member agencies from Canada and the United States. The AMFGLEO meets every year taking turns in different states and provinces. The meetings have been beneficial to the member agencies. Over the years, the AMFGLEO has become the lead group among wildlife enforcement organizations in the development and maintenance of training for field officers that protects the resource and benefits the citizens of our states, provinces, and countries.

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