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	<p align="center"><b>QUWF Chapters Approach \$100 Million in Local Spending</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Contact: Paula Bennett, Admin@quwf.net PH: 417-345-5960</b>  <b>P.O. 947, Buffalo, MO 65622 <a href="http://www.quwf.net">www.quwf.net</a></b>  <b>"It's All About Wildlife"™</b></p>

**Buffalo, Missouri:** “The economic impact of QUWF members across this country is significant and growing. In manual, personal surveys taken at QUWF events, the results show a significant investment in their local communities, right where it should be” states Craig Alderman of QUWF. “We are very close to exceeding \$100 million in discretionary spending in local communities by our chapters and their members. QUWF is a strong and growing economic impact to its communities” says Alderman.

Further, the results show of the QUWF members surveyed, about 24% to date in 2012, own 1.32 million acres of land and are working it for wildlife habitat. “Impacting the land is what we are all about at the very local level. It is the core of QUWF and why our business model allows the most dollars to be retained at the local level, more than any other organization and we prove it on the financial sheet and the habitat project reports” emphasizes Nick Prough, Chief Wildlife Biologist.

QUWF’s main purpose is to “turn-the-dirt”™ at the very local level improving not only the upland wildlife habitat but the actual wildlife populations in local communities across the country. Many federal and state programs focus on habitat but do not grade the wildlife population before, during or after work or use the wildlife population data as viable success or failure criteria. For decades, wildlife populations of major upland game species have declined from bobwhite quail, ruff grouse, pheasant and in some cases deer and turkey. Unless there is wildlife in the area, or on the project acreage, we are wasting valuable dollars hoping “if we build it, they will come”.

Since 2010 through 2011, QUWF, and its local chapters and members have spent \$5.92 Million Dollars on wildlife conservation and habitat management efforts on over 904,000 acres across the countries landscape.

QUWF chapters are supporting home town efforts. QUWF members support 10,180 other community organizations, they are the community sparkplugs, with 5,091 registered voters in just the ones surveyed so far, and this 24% of chapters owns nearly 3,000 hunting dogs. “This is a lifestyle of conservation, a passion for the outdoors and a respect of the land provided by our creator” states John Nelson, California State Co-Chair.

Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation, Inc.™, a tax exempt 501(c)(3) conservation organization, serves its members and chapters nationwide, providing a strong local source of habitat focus on quail and upland wildlife and population recovery. Millions of dollars of habitat work have been completed by its members over the years on thousands of acres of both private and public lands, now that work continues with a renewed vitality. Our chapters from coast to coast, provide the grass roots, local habitat work that is making a difference each and every day. For more information or to join QUWF please visit our website at [www.quwf.net](http://www.quwf.net).