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	<p><b>Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation, Inc™ Partners With Virginia</b></p> <p><b>Contact: Paula Bennett, Admin@quwf.net PH: 417-345-5960</b> <b>P.O. 947, Buffalo, MO 65622 www.quwf.net</b> <b>“It’s All About Wildlife”™</b></p>

**Buffalo, Missouri:** "We are very pleased to announce a joint Memorandum Of Understanding with the State of Virginia, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, to place the highest priority on the restoration of the wild quail" announces **Craig A. Alderman, Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation, Inc (QUWF)**. "Virginia Director Robert Duncan is a great advocate in preserving our upland game and has established a step down plan from the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) to keep emphasis on the need for quail habitat restoration. "Turnin-the-dirt"™ is the only way we are going to stabilize and grow existing populations of wild quail and that means involving the landowners at the local level to get involved" explains Craig. "We know we can do it, we have done it and partnerships like these share the passion and engage the landowners as we all work together for a common and critical goal" Craig points out.

"Virginia formed the Quail Council to enlist and engage all possible partners to stop the further decline of the habitat of the wild quail" states Marc Puckett, Small Game Project Leader. "QUWF and its members understand the task at hand, their key stone phrase "turnin-the-dirt"™ says it all. Since we know the primary cause of the decline is the loss or degradation of early succession habitat we must engage all landowners to initiate the practices that will preserve a heritage of this country. As an active member of the NBCI we took the next step to get it done in our state, and QUWF is part of that strategic direction in the Quail Action Plan" concludes Puckett.

Since the 1980's the wild quail has declined at an alarming rate across its total range as a result of urban sprawl, changing agricultural practices and a lack of early succession management on private and public lands, all compounded by heavy spring rains, drought or heavy snow. "QUWF and its Virginia members and chapters are on the front lines to get the job done at the local level" states Nick Prough, Chief Wildlife Biologist and Conservation Program Director , QUWF.

Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation, Inc.™, a tax exempt 501(c)(3) conservation organization, was formed to serve 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).