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**Better hunting and associated recreation increase the public’s understanding of wildlife conservation.**
through mounting obstacles to deliver on our agency’s commitment of maintaining abundant wildlife and quality public lands for all New Jerseyans. Our conservation police officers have been in the field and on the waters each day throughout the COVID-19 crisis, enforcing hunting and fishing regulations while upholding order and public safety on our wildlife management areas.

With a continued focus on early successional habitats, our Land Management staff also has been in the field throughout this crisis, maintaining and creating field and young forest habitats across the state. Look for evidence of their hard work when visiting our Stafford Forge, Winslow, Sparta Mountain, South Branch and Flatbrook wildlife management areas, just to name a few.

Speaking of fields, who’s ready for some pheasant hunting? This year the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be providing additional opportunities on wildlife management areas for the pheasant hunting season, as part of its Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation or R3 program. Pheasant & Quail Stamp buyers can look forward to additional pheasants getting stocked this season. Check the stocking schedule on page 50 to know when the birds are going out and where they are going.

Visitors to some of Fish and Wildlife’s outdoor shooting ranges are already enjoying the new, safe, high-quality renovation projects on which our staff worked industriously during the first half of 2020. Renovations are complete at our Clinton and Millville muzzleloader ranges. These renovated ranges have new benches and covered shooting stations to provide comfort and safety for range users. More range projects like this are on the way. Similar renovations should be completed soon at the Colliers Mills and Stafford Forge ranges. Sight in your firearm at one of these free outdoor ranges before heading into the field this season! Additional details about our ranges are found on page 65.

While our ranges were being renovated, many of our online services continued to be innovated. Fish and Wildlife’s new Electronic License System provides easy access for purchasing licenses and permits from the comfort of your home. Our convenient Automated Harvest Reporting System now allows you to report your turkey harvest. Another new online offering this season is zone maps for deer, bear, waterfowl, turkey, beaver/otter plus other species. Having an accurate understanding of the zone boundaries where you hunt or trap is a critical component of your legal participation in these activities. Online maps are found on our website (www.njfishandwildlife.com/hunt-trap_zones.htm) and are meant to help you know before you go.

As you page through this year’s Digest, you may notice several simpler, more straightforward regulation tables. The new archery and firearm deer tables (pages 33 and 34) consolidate New Jersey’s deer regulations into an easy-to-read format. The deer license/permit table on page 27 provides new and returning hunters with a quick understanding of what’s needed for each season while the Take a Kid Hunting Youth Hunt table spells out dedicated youth hunt days at-a-glance on page 18. The new formats are designed to better deliver information to keep you safe and legal in the field. Look for additional design changes in upcoming editions of the Digest.

By all accounts, 2020 has been an incredibly unique year. We’re all looking forward to the familiar feel of fall and getting back into the woods for the start of our hunting and trapping seasons. Time afield — with friends or by yourself — is one of the best remedies to relieve stress and soothe the soul. The outdoors awaits, so know the regulations, grab your gear and go have fun! ☺

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