

NSSF Backs President's Selection of Gorsuch for Supreme Court

The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®), the trade association for the firearms, ammunition and related industries, tonight expressed its strong support for President Donald Trump's nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit to become an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

"We are pleased to lend our support to President Trump's nomination of Judge Gorsuch to the Supreme Court and urge the Senate to approve his nomination in as expeditious manner as possible," said Lawrence Keane, NSSF senior vice president and general counsel. "We are confident that Judge Gorsuch will serve our nation with distinction as an Associate Justice of our nation's highest court and that his service will do honor to the legacy of the late Justice Antonin Scalia in the protection of the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans." Active Shooter? Biased Media

Industry News

NSSF Calls Foul On USFWS Director's Parting Shot On Traditional Ammunition

The National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®), the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industries, condemned the decision by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe banning the use of traditional ammunition on Service lands in just five years.

The parting shot, Director's Order 219, was issued on the final full day of President Obama's administration. The last-minute action revives an effort the administration undertook eight years ago to ban the use of traditional ammunition.

"This directive is irresponsible and driven not out of sound science but unchecked politics," said Lawrence Keane, NSSF senior vice president and general counsel. "The timing alone is suspect. This directive was published without dialogue with industry, sportsmen and conser-

vationists. The next director should immediately rescind this, and instead create policy based upon scientific evidence of population impacts with regard to the use of traditional ammunition."

The order requires several initiatives to go into effect immediately. Regional Directors are to work with state agencies to ban the use of traditional ammunition. It also ends the use of traditional ammunition on Federal land, including National Parks, tribal lands and national wildlife refuges in order to mirror policies in states where traditional ammunition is already restricted. The order "expeditiously" bans traditional ammunition "when available information indicates" that lead is harmful to wildlife, without requirement of a scientific threshold on which to base that action.

It also requires creation of a timeline to restrict traditional ammunition for dove and upland bird hunting.

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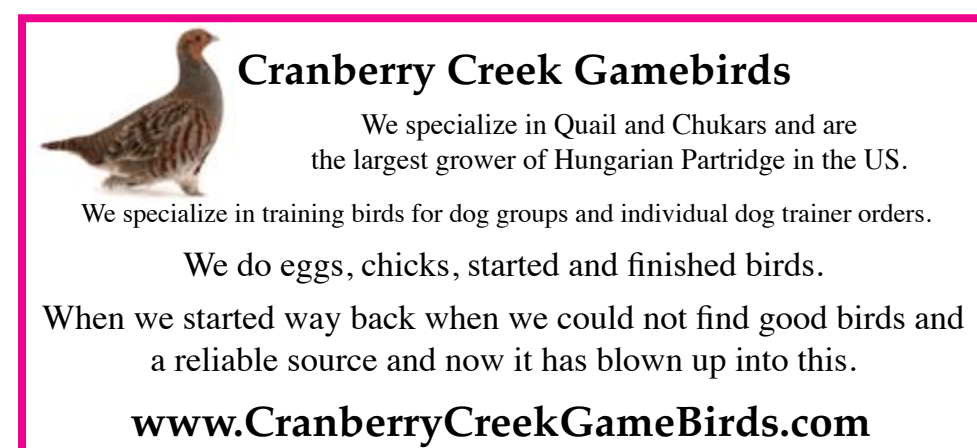


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