

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program at Oklahoma State University, FY2008



The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) program funds allocated to Oklahoma State University are administered through the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management. Programs focus on three RREA Strategic Issues: Wildlife and Fisheries Resources, Rangeland Stewardship and Health, and Forest Stewardship and Health.

OSU efforts are aimed at identifying key resource concerns, such as inappropriate fire regimes, which impact the three Strategic Issues, and designing programs to increase knowledge and change behavior to better manage Oklahoma's resources. Our target audiences are primarily landowners and youth. By combining our efforts with state, federal, and private partners, we are able to effectively leverage RREA allocations to maximize our impact on the state's natural resources. Examples of RREA funds use are listed below.

Wildlife Expo – RREA funds were used to support outreach efforts to more than 38,000 participants at the 2008 Oklahoma Wildlife Expo. More than 29,000 educational items were distributed to youth, landowners, urban residents, and outdoor recreationists.

4-H WHEP – The 2008 National 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest was partially funded by RREA funds. Eighteen states participated in this event which focuses on natural resource management and youth development.

Prescribed Fire Associations – RREA funds supported Oklahoma's prescribed fire associations and their 219 members. These groups conducted 78 burns on 49,385 acres of private land to control invasive woody plants and improve range health.



4-H Youth participating in the 2008 WHEP National Invitational

WHEP is empowering the minds of our youth. 4-H WHEP youth participant at the 2008 National Contest

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