Sportsmen's Connection

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We've just gone through an assortment of days that are now expanding to weeks, do you know which day it is?

There was Thanksgiving Thursday, Black Friday, Rivalry Saturday, Sunshine Sunday, Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday, and Survivor Wednesday!

We're also in the heart of hunting season and there are lame ducks everywhere. No reports of any northern waterfowl flights yet, but we have our share of politicos that have had their ticket punched. There are changes on both the state level as well as the federal level, however the playing field on the state side didn't see changes in the majorities either on the legislative or the executive branch that should impact sportsmen/women.

With the change in the US House however, we'll likely see an environmental switch, particularly in the Natural Resources Committee, where there will be leadership changes. <u>https://www.outsideonline.com/2357951/what-democrats-raul-</u>grijalva-plan-do-about-zinke

In the waning days of the 115th Session of Congress, some key legislative matters important to conservation issues and funding, as well as sportsmen/women hang in the balance. Some of those include the Farm Bill, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Pittman-Robertson Modernization, HELP for Wildlife Act and Recovering America's Wildlife Act to name a few. A couple might make it, and several likely won't. Those that don't, will be subjected to the next Session if they get out of the gate.

At every turn groups and people have their hand(s) out begging, asking or demanding your money: "Donate Now" is routine and Double and Triple your match adorp the anti's daily bullcting. Their offerts

are relentless, persistent and at times nauseating. All enough to lull the average hunter, angler or shooter to ignore them, and simply worry about their tag, their bonus point, their lure or if they have adequate ammo. "We" do this at our collective peril.

As the year winds down, count your blessings, but take the time to ponder what kind of ride 2019 is going to be. It'll likely be a rollercoaster.

Happy Holidays! Jim Unmacht Executive Director



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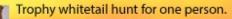


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