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WASHINGTON, D.C. Jan. 8 -- The Kansas Congressional Delegation today announced that the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission has been awarded \$635,425 in federal funds for wildlife restoration and \$193,393 for sport fish restoration.

The funds represent Kansas' share of over \$18 million distributed to the 50 states, Guam, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico by the Department of the Interior.

The funds come from the 10 percent manufacturers' excise tax on fishing equipment and an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition.

Distribution is made to the States using a formula based on area of the State and the number of paid hunting and fishing licenses.