

I would like to encourage you to support SB 240 which will enable the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism to purchase from Pheasants Forever a 1,080 acre tract of land adjacent to Sherman State Wildlife Area. My understanding is that Pheasants Forever was able to acquire the land from a willing seller who was interested in the land becoming a wildlife area with public access. If KDWPT is allowed to purchase the land from PF, it will facilitate long-term management and enhance public access. The purchase would be made with KDWPT funding dedicated to wildlife management which is derived from user fees . . . not state taxes . . . and which cannot be legally swept into the state's general fund.

Far western Kansas has very little public land and it seems to me SB 240 could facilitate a wonderful improvement in public recreation for northwest Kansas citizens. Please do what you can to make this happen. Thanks for your consideration.

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