

# QUAIL VII

## CONFERENCE SUMMARY AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

### *ARE WE WHISTLING PAST THE GRAVEYARD?*

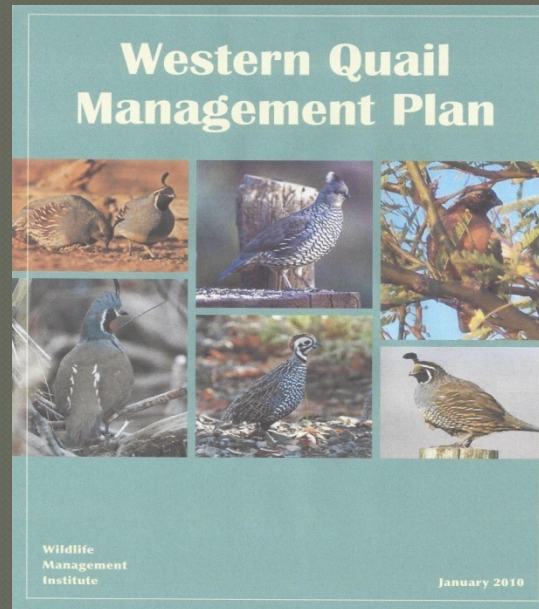
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# “TO WHISTLE PAST THE GRAVEYARD”

- Attempt to stay cheerful in a dire situation
- Proceed with a task
- Ignore an upcoming hazard
- Hope for a good outcome



# Attempt to stay cheerful in a dire situation



Develop the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative

Develop the Western Quail Management Plan

Conduct a broad spectrum of research: Quail VII, et al.



# Proceed with a task

Implement the National  
Bobwhite Conservation  
Initiative

Implement the Western  
Quail Management Plan

*“More research is  
needed.....”*



# Ignore an upcoming hazard

Nearly every prevailing land use in the geographic ranges of all six species of American quails is hostile or hazardous to their continued persistence.



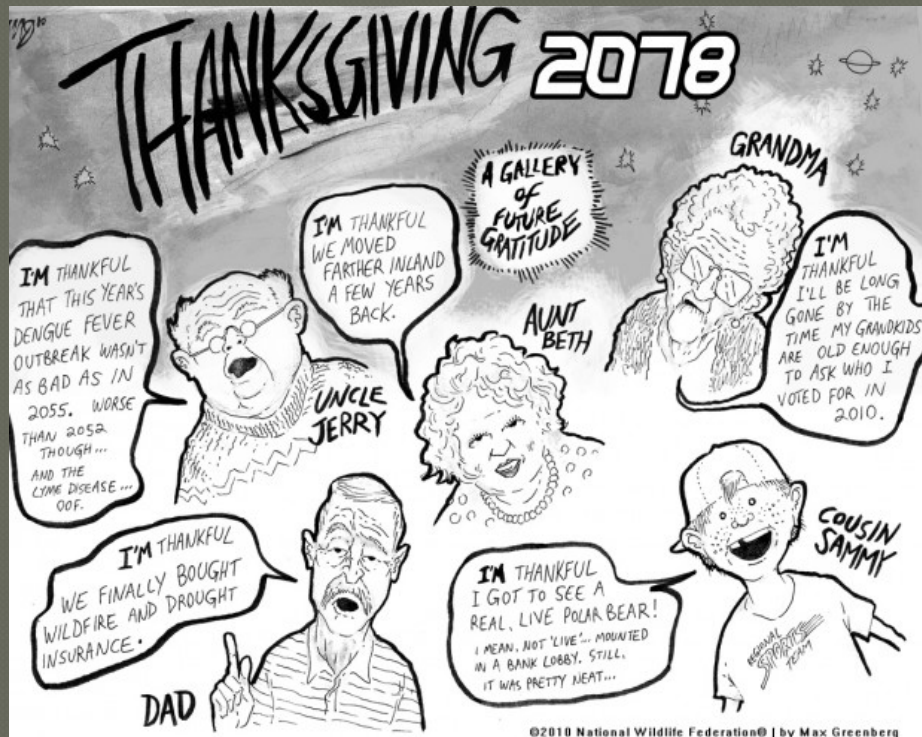
# Hope for a good outcome

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the places where we will have wild quail, and the opportunities to hunt them, will be the places where people implement purposeful management that provides habitat on an appropriate scale which will support their annual life cycle needs.



# An alternative definition for WPTGY:

“To enter a situation with little or no understanding of the possible consequences”



# And speaking of unforeseen consequences.....

Dear Lenny,

Things have just got better and better here.

Biodiversity has been almost completely restored on a 1,200 ha part of my Sussex Study area. Partridge numbers are up 100-fold without any rearing with 400-500 now shot per year, and all achieved since I last saw you in 2006!

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