



## Arkansas Outdoors for June 4, 2008

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## Process begins for second alligator hunting season

LITTLE ROCK - The first step in the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's renewal process for a second year of the well-received alligator hunting season has begun. For the past couple of weeks, AGFC field crews have been busy conducting spotlight surveys across south Arkansas.

The population data, a harvest report from the first alligator hunt, a summary of last year's nuisance alligator activities and a report on Arkansas' farm-raised alligators will all be compiled into a single report and submitted to the U. S Fish and Wildlife Service by July 1. The USFWS will have to review the information to determine if the conservative hunting season is having any negative impacts on overall alligator numbers.

The timeline for pulling-off this hunt is very narrow this year, reported Ricky Chastain, AGFC Assistant Chief of the Wildlife Management Division. "Last year, we used spotlight data collected in 2001-2003. All our permit locations and permit numbers were already known going into the approval process. Now, we are required to collect new spotlight data and the survey routes can't be run until late May early June. Unfortunately, this is the schedule we will have to use from now on," Chastain explained

It is the goal of the AGFC Alligator Management Team to have an alligator hunt proposal ready to present to the Commission by July 17. "This proposal will likely precede any official approval from the USFWS," Chastain said. "In order for this hunt to take place, we must proceed with some of these steps without USFWS approval. We are confident the data will support our recommendations for another hunt," he added.

Following the presentation of the alligator hunt proposal, the Commission will begin the process of taking on-line applications for the public land and private land at-large permits. The application period for these randomly drawn permits will be July 18 through Aug. 15. "We do not anticipate any big changes in the number of total available permits or the basic structure of the hunt. Information on hunt locations and permits will be posted on our Web site at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) as they are finalized," Chastain said. The exact locations of available permits will not be known until the surveys are complete and the initial proposal is given to the Commission in July.



Once the hunt is approved by the Commission in August, the pace of the process will quicken. All permits must be issued and confirmations received no later than Sept. 3. The mandatory hunter orientation classes will be held on Sept. 6 and Sept. 13. The first of two alligator hunts will begin 30 minutes after sunset on Friday, Sept. 19 and will end 30 minutes before sunrise on Monday, Sept. 22. The second alligator hunt will begin 30 minutes after sunset on Friday, Sept. 26 and will end 30 minutes before sunrise on Monday, Sept. 29.

Chastain strongly urges anyone interested in a chance to participate in the alligator hunt to be aware of the dates in this process. "We really want the public to understand how this process must be condensed into a short timeframe and to be prepared to respond to the timelines of the application period, as well as plan ahead for the orientation sessions and hunt times if successfully drawn," he said.

During the 2007 alligator hunting season, 32 permits were issued and 21 alligators were harvested. Twelve gators were harvested in the southwest quarter of the state and nine were harvested in the southeast quarter. The largest alligator taken was a 12 foot, 8 inch male taken on private land in southeast Arkansas.

## Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program state championship is June 7

LITTLE ROCK – In sports there's a saying about a lull in the second year of an athlete's career being known as the "sophomore slump." For the Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program, that saying couldn't be further from the truth.

After its initial year in 2007, where over 900 youth participated in the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission program, the program picked up more steam this year with over 2,400 kids participating. Statewide competition winds down this weekend with 160 kids competing in Arkansas's second state championship. The championship culminates a full year of competitive shooting around the state and will be held June 7 at the Remington Arms Gun Club in Lonoke. Youths will be competing in junior and senior divisions for the state title.

Competition gets underway on Saturday at 9 a.m. The gun club is located just off Interstate 40 at Exit 169. Turn south onto Arkansas Highway 15 and the facility is located just south of the Remington plant on the west side of the road.

The program is aimed at teaching Arkansas's youth how to safely handle a firearm. Young hunters have sharpened their skills and children who have no desire to pursue ducks, doves or other game still get to enjoy the challenge of shooting clay targets as they streak away.

The program teaches safe gun-handling skills to children who may never take a hunter's education course and gives children from all backgrounds the chance to learn how much fun waits for them beyond the video screen.

Through this competitive trap-shooting league, high-school-aged children have experienced the excitement of real-world shooting without the need for expensive leases or equipment.

For more information on the Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program, contact program coordinator Chuck Woodson, (501) 978-7326 or visit [www.agfc.com/education-class/programs/ayssp.aspx](http://www.agfc.com/education-class/programs/ayssp.aspx).



## Stockings will resume after Mike Freeze England Community Fishing Pond repairs are completed

ENGLAND – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission fish stockings of the Mike Freeze England Community Fishing Pond have been suspended due to a leak in the lake. Stocking will resume once the leak is fixed and the lake is refilled.

Originally, the lake was losing about 2,000 gallons of water per day. The water loss amounted to about ¼ of an inch in pond height per day, according to AGFC community fisheries biologist Clifton Jackson. "The source of the leak



has not yet been determined, but we are working on a strategy to get this issue resolved," Jackson explained.

The 16-acre pond is located just off Highway 165. The lake is 6 feet deep and sports a 30 foot by 40 foot fishing pier along with a 20 foot wide boat ramp. Water for the lake is provided by a well.

The pond provides a handicap-accessible fishing pier, boat ramp and several earthen jetties for bank fishing. There also are many habitat structures placed throughout the pond to offer cover for fish.

## Agencies to sample creeks in continued search for northern snakehead

LITTLE ROCK – Several state and federal agencies will be sampling Big Creek and Cox Cypress Creek in eastern Arkansas next week as part of the continuing effort to discover the extent of the northern snakehead infestation.

Fisheries biologists from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, along with representatives from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Geological Survey, University of Central Arkansas and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, will be sampling the Big Creek and Cox Cypress Creek drainages in Lee and Monroe Counties beginning June 9.

Sampling is being conducted in light of the recent discovery of the northern snakehead in Piney Creek near Monroe, according to AGFC fisheries biologist Lee Holt. "This is an effort to determine how widely distributed this invasive species has become. Agency officials will be contacting landowners and farmers to request permission to conduct sampling on the properties of interest," Holt said.



Any questions and comments regarding this matter should be referred to the AGFC Brinkley Regional Office at (877) 734-4581.

## Bats the focus of events, activities at Devil's Den Park

WEST FORK – Do bats bother you, or do you know little about these mysterious but numerous little creatures?

The upcoming Bat-O-Rama XIX on June 13-15 at Devil's Den State Park near West Fork can greatly improve your knowledge of the flying mammals that are much into our lore as well as our misunderstanding.

The event is one of the most popular special events in the Arkansas State Parks system, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. All programs on those three days will be about one of nature's least understood mammals, the bat. The schedule includes audio/visual programs, a bat house building demonstration and crevice hike. For more information, phone (479) 761-3325.



## Three Arkansans selected for Outdoor Hall of Fame

LITTLE ROCK – Three Arkansans with decades of innovative activities to improve and expand Arkansas's outdoor resources and the enjoyment of hunting and fishing have been selected as the 2008 inductees for the Arkansas Outdoor Hall of Fame.

Gene Denton of Clarksville, Marion McCollum of Stuttgart and the late Carl Hunter of Alexander will be recognized at the 2008 Outdoor Hall of Fame banquet and ceremony on Friday, Sept. 5, at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. The Outdoor Hall of Fame began in 1992 as a project of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation and Ducks Unlimited to recognize Arkansans' achievements in outdoor fields and to protect wildlife habitat.

This year's inductees:

**Gene Denton** of Clarksville has been an avid turkey hunter for 58 years. He joined the National Wild Turkey Federation in 1975, not long after the organization was founded, and became a member of its board of directors in 1980. He has played a key role in the growth of NWTF into a major and effective conservation organization. Denton and NWTF have been instrumental in a number of Arkansas habitat improvement and expansion projects.



**Marion McCollum** of Stuttgart is a member of a multi-generation Grand Prairie family heavily involved in duck hunting and the area's wetlands habitat. He developed Mack's Sport Shop into a leading national mail order sales corporation, Mack's Prairie Wings, and its Stuttgart facility draws visitors from many states and some foreign countries. He was an active and effective commissioner with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission from 1995 to 2002.



**Carl Hunter**, who died in 2005, may have achieved as much renown in his retirement career than as a long-time leader in wildlife biology and conservation. Hunter turned his hobbies of photography and wildflowers into a popular book and into demand as a speaker to garden and other clubs. He was a leader in Arkansas's deer restoration, joining the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in 1945, leaving to help industrialist Edgar Monsanto Queeny develop Wingmead in eastern Arkansas then returning to AGFC and becoming assistant director until retirement in 1986.



Steve Smith, director of the Game and Fish Foundation, said, "We are extremely proud to be honoring outstanding Arkansans who have done so much to benefit our outdoor resources. We're pleased to salute Gene Denton, Marion McCollum and Carl Hunter in our 17th year of Outdoor Hall of Fame celebrations. All three of them have demonstrated the importance of leadership, ingenuity and diversity in bettering our state's conservation and environment. They will make our induction banquet on Friday, Sept. 5, another attractive, successful event for all Arkansas. In our past inductions, we have raised well over a million dollars for critical wildlife habitat and conservation education."

Past inductees of the Outdoor Hall of Fame are: 1992 -- Forrest Wood, Ben Pearson, Henry Gray, Ruth and Rollie Rempel and Neil Compton; 1993 -- Win Rockefeller, Harold Alexander, Rex Hancock, Larry Nixon, Jane Guley and Jerry McKinnis; 1994 -- George Purvis, Bobby Murray, Jane Stern and Charlie Craig; 1995 -- Dave Whitlock, Jane Ross, Bill Apple and George Fisher; 1996 -- Pat Peacock, Joe Nix, George Cochran and Bill Norman; 1997 -- Gene Rush, Kay Kelley Arnold and Cotton Cordell; 1998 - Dale Bumpers, Bob Apple, James Flanigan and Rayo Breckenridge; 1999 -- Jim Gaston, Carol Griffiee and Chick Majors; 2000 -- Mike Huckabee, Steve N. Wilson, Mary Klaser and Fred Berry; 2001 -- Carl Garner, Richard Davies and Nancy DeLamar; 2002 -- Steve Frick, Joe Mosby, Barbara Pardue and John Selig; 2003 -- Charlie Hoover, Andrew Hulse, Zettie Jones and Steve Smith; 2004 -- Janet Huckabee, Larry Grisham and Ron Duncan; 2005 -- Dr. Mamie Parker, Butch Richenback and Randy Hopper; 2006 -- Kirk Dupps, Cathie Matthews and Kaneaster Hodges; and 2007 -- Jim Hill, Rick Hampton and Phyllis Speer.

For more information on the Outdoor Hall of Fame and tickets to the induction banquet, contact Smith at (501) 223-6396.

## AGFC, UALR looking for southeastern shrew

LITTLE ROCK – Biologists from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and UALR's College of Science and Math are asking for the public's help to find and determine the status of the southeastern shrew in Arkansas.

One way to find shrews is to locate the roosts of barn owls, a major shrew predator. The biologists are hoping the public can tell them where the owls are roosting.

"One method to locate shrews is to look for shrew skulls in barn owl pellets," said Blake Sasse, AGFC's non-game mammal coordinator.

Southeastern shrews, tiny mouse-like animals the size of a human thumb, are common in the southeastern United



States, but may be rare west of the Mississippi River. UALR graduate student Garrett Mikel and his advisor David Clark, an instructor of biology, are trying to determine how common the southeastern shrew is in Arkansas.

Arkansas' shrews are mouse-like in appearance, but possess a longer and more pointed nose and the tips of their teeth are dark in color.



"Shrews are remarkable – very active predators that search through leaf litter for insects, spiders, and other prey sometimes much larger than themselves," Clark said. "They have voracious appetites and an unusually high metabolism that requires them to eat nearly their body weight in food daily."

Mikel said "barn owls can be distinguished from other owls by a tawny orange-brown plumage, lacking ear tufts and possessing a white heart-shaped face".

"The public can help locate barn owls because they may roost in barn lofts, church steeples, trees, and large nest boxes". "Their roosts can be identified by the presence of owl pellets, which consist of hair and

bones that can not be digested by the owl," Clark said.

Anyone knowing of any barn owl roost sites in Arkansas can contact Clark at (501) 569-3502 or e-mail Mikel at [gamikel@ualr.edu](mailto:gamikel@ualr.edu).

## Boating education class schedule

Click here for boating education information: <http://www.agfc.com/education-class/boating-education.aspx>

## Hunter education class schedule

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## What's open for hunting

Current and approaching seasons in Arkansas:

Deer:

Archery – All zones: Oct. 1, 2008 to Feb. 28, 2009.

Modern Gun - Zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11: Nov. 8-30.

Zone 4: Nov. 8-9.

Zone 5: Nov. 8-9 and Nov. 15-16.

Zone 4A, 5A, 13, 14 and 15: Nov. 8-Dec. 7.

Zones 4B and 5B: Nov. 8-16.

Zones 9 and 12: Nov. 8-Dec. 14.

Zone 16, 16A and 17: Nov. 8-Dec. 25.

Muzzleloader - Zones 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5A, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15: Oct. 18-26 and Dec. 13-15.

Zones 9, 12, 16, 16A and 17: Oct. 18-26 and Dec. 29-31.

Zones 4, 4B, 5 and 5B: Closed.

The statewide Christmas holiday modern gun deer hunt will be Dec. 26 to 28 with the special youth modern gun deer hunt in all zones (excludes certain WMAs where a modern gun or muzzleloader permit is required to hunt) scheduled for Nov. 1 to 2.

Spotted Skunk, Weasel Hunting:

Closed

Spring Turkey:

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4B, 5, 5B, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, and 10 - April 12-May 2

#### Fall Turkey:

Archery: All Zones: Oct. 1, 2008-Feb. 28, 2009.

Firearms: Zones 3, 5B, 6, and 17: Oct. 11-17.

Zones 1, 1A, 2, 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 5A, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 9A and 10: Closed.

#### Bear:

Archery: Zone 1: Oct. 1-Nov. 30

Zone 2: Sept. 15-Nov. 30

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed

Muzzleloader: Zones 1 and 2: Oct 18-26

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed

Modern Gun: Zones 1 and 2: Nov 3-30

Zone 5: Dec 6-14

Zone 5A: Nov 29-Dec 14

Zones 3, 4, 6 and 7: closed

Special Youth Modern Gun Bear Hunt: Zones 1 and 2 (does not include WMAs requiring a deer permit to harvest a bear): Nov. 1-2

Zones 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6 and 7: Closed

#### Furbearers (2008 Season):

Raccoon night hunting July 1-Aug. 31.

Badger, spotted skunk and weasel hunting is closed.

#### Furbearers (2009 Season):

Trapping (other than coyote, beaver, muskrat, nutria): sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, Feb. 22.

Coyote trapping: sunrise, Aug. 1-sunset, March 31.

Beaver, muskrat, nutria trapping: sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, March 31.

Gray fox, mink, opossum, red fox, striped skunk hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1-sunset, Feb 28.

Raccoon day or night hunting: sunrise, Sept 1-sunset, March 31.

Raccoon night hunting: sunset, July 1-sunrise, Aug. 31.

Bobcat hunting: sunrise, Oct. 1-sunset, Feb. 28 and from the first day of spring turkey season through June 8.

Coyote hunting: sunrise, July 1-sunset, Feb. 28 and from the first day of spring turkey season through June 14.

River otter hunting: sunrise, Nov. 15-sunset, Feb. 28.

Muskrat, nutria, beaver hunting: sunrise, Sept. 1-sunset, March 31.

Badger, spotted skunk and weasel hunting: Closed.

#### Elk:

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and A: Sept. 22-26.

Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, A and B: Dec. 8-12.

#### Quail

Statewide: Nov. 1-Feb. 8.

#### Rabbit

Statewide: Sept. 1-Feb. 28.

#### Squirrel

Spring 2008: May 10-June 8, 2008.

Statewide: Sept. 6, 2008 - Feb. 28, 2009

Spring 2009: May 16 - June 14, 2009 statewide

#### Crow

Statewide: Sept. 6-Feb. 23.

Projected opening dates for the 2009-2010 deer hunting season.

Archery: Oct. 1, 2009

Muzzleloader: Oct. 17, 2009

Modern Gun: Nov. 14, 2009

## Coming up in the outdoors

May 31 - Talkin' Outdoors at the Corner Café with Steve "Wildman" Wilson, 8:30 a.m. on KARK Channel 4. Topic of the show will be "Fishing Free for All."

June 3 – Hunters can voice their opinions about the upcoming Arkansas waterfowl hunting regulations and seasons at one of

12 public meetings to be held around the state.

These meetings are part of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's hunting regulation setting process. They will be held to give hunters and other interested parties the opportunity to make comments and proposals on the 2008-2009 waterfowl hunting seasons. The meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Comments may be either verbal or written. Written comments may be submitted at one of the meetings or mailed to the AGFC, attn: Hunting Regulations Proposals, 2 Natural Resources Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72205. They can also be emailed to [huntregs@agfc.com](mailto:huntregs@agfc.com). The deadline for comments is July 31.

Meeting sites, locations and phone numbers are:

Little Rock - AGFC Office  
2 Natural Resources Drive  
(800) 364-4263

Nashville - Carter Training Center  
200 Lake Nichols Drive  
(877) 777-5580

Fort Smith - Janet Huckabee  
Arkansas River Valley Nature Center  
8300 Wells Lake Road  
(877) 478-1043

Brinkley - AGFC Regional Office  
1201 Hwy. 49 North  
(877) 734-4581

Jonesboro - Forrest L. Wood  
Crowley's Ridge Nature Center  
600 East Lawson  
(877) 972-5438

Stuttgart- Phillips Community College  
2807 Highway 165 South  
(877) 367-3559

Fayetteville- U of A, Pauline Whitaker  
Animal Science Arena  
1335 West Knapp  
(877) 967-7577

Russellville - AGFC Regional Office  
1266 Lock and Dam Road  
(877) 967-7577

Hot Springs - AGFC Regional Office  
350 Fish Hatchery Road  
(877) 525-8606

Calico Rock - AGFC Regional Office  
Hwy. 56 North  
(877) 297-4331

El Dorado- South Arkansas  
Community College, West Campus  
Library Auditorium  
300 Summit  
(877) 836-4612

Paragould - Paragould Community Center  
3404 Linwood Drive  
(877) 972-5438

June 6-7 - Arkansas Youth Hunter Education Challenge C. A. Vine 4-H Center in Ferndale. Competition starts at 8 a.m. on Friday and continues until 6 p.m. with dinner and the Arkansas Waterfowl Association Duck Calling Contest following. On Saturday, competition will start at 8 a.m. continue until completion. Dinner and awards banquet follows at 6 p.m. Make plans to attend the awards banquet, where over 300 trophies will be awarded plus door prizes. Scholarship winners to the International YHEC competition in Mansfield, Penn. will also be announced. For more information contact Gary Jobe at (713) 253-7914 [jobepack@hotmail.com](mailto:jobepack@hotmail.com).

June 7 – Marion Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Motorcycle Poker Run, Barton Ag Center. For more information call David Jett at (901) 848-9720 or email at [jfastlog@comcast.net](mailto:jfastlog@comcast.net).

June 7 - Arkansas Catfishing Association Tournament at Lake Norfolk at the Gamaliel Access. For ACA members: rod and reel, catch and release, and alive and well. Launching behind the Highway 101 Grocery and Bait and sponsored in part by the Lake Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. For an ACA application form, constitution and bylaws, local conditions and information along with the rules and regulations, contact ACA president James Freeman of Pocahontas at (870) 810-3294 or by email at [big\\_vato98@yahoo.com](mailto:big_vato98@yahoo.com), or Lee Fields of Russellville at (479) 331-0399 or by email at [leefields@centurytel.net](mailto:leefields@centurytel.net).

June 7 - The Independence County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is hosting their Waterfowl Hunter Party at the BUBBA Hut in Batesville. For more information please contact: Shannon Huff at (870) 612-3757 or by email at [black\\_mallard@hotmail.com](mailto:black_mallard@hotmail.com).

June 10 – Deadline for application for AGFC conservation scholarships. Considering a career in conservation? Many fields of study can lead to a career in conservation. Education in law enforcement, fisheries management, wildlife management, public relations, environmental education and interpretation and many other fields is always a benefit to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The Conservation Scholarship Program uses funds from the sale of conservation license plates to let students reach their potential and create tomorrow's conservation professionals. Minimum Requirements: Applicants must be Arkansas high school seniors or Arkansas college undergraduates pursuing a career in the field of natural resources conservation with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 scale) the first year. A 3.0 GPA will be required thereafter, beginning with 2009 fall semester renewals. Applicants must not have received a full scholarship or grant from another source. Only resident students paying in-state tuition may apply. Selections are based purely on merit, without discrimination to race, sex, religion, age, color or national origin. Minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Completed applications must be postmarked by June 10, 2008, for the fall semester. Successful applicants will be notified by July 15, 2008. Application forms and instructions may be downloaded at <http://www.agfc.com/education-class/programs/conservation-scholarship-program.aspx>.

June 19 – AGFC Commission monthly meeting at the Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center in Fort Smith beginning at 10 a.m.

June 21 - The Paragould Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is hosting their Waterfowl Hunter Party at the National Guard Armory. For more information please contact: Bryan Murray at (870) 335-6049 or by email at [bejmurray@grnco.net](mailto:bejmurray@grnco.net).

July 26 - Arkansas Catfishing Association (ACA) Tournament at Bull

Shoals (night) for ACA members: Rod and Reel, Catch and Release, and Alive

And Well. For an ACA application form, constitution and bylaws, local conditions and information along with the rules and regulations, contact ACA president James Freeman of Pocahontas at (870) 810-3294 or by email at [big\\_vato98@yahoo.com](mailto:big_vato98@yahoo.com), or Lee Fields of Russellville at (479) 331-0399 or by email at [leefields@centurytel.net](mailto:leefields@centurytel.net).

June 28 - The Benton County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is hosting their 11th annual David Bain Memorial Ducks Unlimited Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. shotgun start at the Kingswood Golf Course in Bella Vista. For more information please contact: Blayne Estes at (479) 721-3394 or by email at [baestes@cox.net](mailto:baestes@cox.net) or Jay Johnston at (479) 531-7632 or by email at [jkjohnston42@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkjohnston42@sbcglobal.net).

Aug. 23-24 - Arkansas Catfishing Association ACA Charity tournament at Lake Millwood and Lake Earling in southwest Arkansas. For an ACA application form, constitution and bylaws, local conditions and information along with the rules and regulations, contact ACA president James Freeman of Pocahontas at (870) 810-3294 or by email at [big\\_vato98@yahoo.com](mailto:big_vato98@yahoo.com), or Lee Fields of Russellville at (479) 331-0399 or by email at [leefields@centurytel.net](mailto:leefields@centurytel.net).

Sept. 20 - Delta Wings Chapter of Delta Waterfowl will hold it's third annual banquet on at Southland Park Gaming and Racing in West Memphis. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Contact Gary Harlow at [gjharlow@aol.com](mailto:gjharlow@aol.com) for more information.

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