

An ornate, symmetrical gold floral border surrounds the central text. It features intricate scrollwork, leaves, and a central fleur-de-lis-like motif at the top and bottom.

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A decorative gold flourish consisting of a long, sweeping curve that ends in a smaller loop.The Ducks Unlimited logo, featuring a stylized white duck head profile facing right.

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# LIVE AUCTION

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**Thank You to Our Florida Ambassadors  
for Supporting Our National Convention:**



## 1. DIAMOND DROP PENDANT

This eye-catching, multi-stone diamond drop pendant features a .47 ct center accented by .15 ct of sparkling diamonds in a classic halo. The center stone is graded H-I in color with VS clarity, offering exceptional brilliance.

*Donated by Robin and Hoyt Utay*



## 2. 2026 GUNS OF THE YEAR - SHOTGUN, RIFLE, HANDGUN

The Browning A5 20ga is featured as the 2026 Shotgun of the Year. It features a nickel-finished receiver paired with a glossy walnut stock and forend, combining elegance with precision. DU-approved artwork and the DU logo mirror the design of the 2016 SOY, adding a collectible touch. Equipped with a 28" barrel, three chokes, and a 3" chamber, it delivers reliable performance. The set includes a polymer case stamped with the DU logo, and each shotgun carries a special DU serial number, making it a true collector's edition.

The rifle of the year is the Browning X-Bolt 2. Chambered in 30-06, this rifle features a stainless barreled action accented with a white gold medallion and a beautifully crafted medallion stock. DU embellishments on the receiver highlight its collectible nature, while a hard case featuring the Ducks Unlimited logo provides secure storage and transport.

The 2026 Handgun of the Year is the Colt Anaconda. The stainless-steel revolver is chambered in .44 Magnum with a 6" barrel, combining power and precision. Custom wood grips provide a refined touch, while exclusive engraving and gold inlay enhance its collectible appeal.

### 3. UNLIMITED QUAIL HUNTING IN MISSISSIPPI FOR TWO

Step into the rich tradition of classic wingshooting with this premier Prairie Wildlife experience. Enjoy southern charm, luxury lodging, and exceptional cuisine at a conservation-driven sporting estate. Follow expert guides and skilled bird dogs through native warm-season grasses in Mississippi's Black Prairie region. Your adventure unfolds across Prairie Wildlife's 6,000 acres near West Point, where coveys erupt from the quiet and race the horizon as you take the shot.

This package includes two nights of lodging in double-occupancy, semi-private rooms with private baths. You'll enjoy two half days of hunting with an expert guide, BLine07 Gundog pointers, and all harvested birds packaged for travel. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided each day, along with alcoholic beverages for each night spent at the lodge. Transportation to and from the hunting locations is included as well as one round of Helice and one round of 5-stand. This dream retreat includes: two blaze orange caps, two bottles of B-Line 07 wine, two shirts, and two cases of 20ga ammo.

*Donated by Prairie Wildlife*



### 4. LOUIS VUITTON NEVERFULL PM WITH HAND PAINTED DESIGN BY JENNY KELLER

The Neverfull PM tote blends timeless Louis Vuitton design with classic heritage craftsmanship. Made from monogram coated canvas and finished with natural cowhide trim, it offers generous space without feeling bulky.

This bag is made even more special by the hand-painted mallard drake artwork created by artist Jenny Keller. Jenny is an artist and leather maker based in Bozeman, Montana, and the founder of BRIDGER LEATHER. She is known for her one-of-a-kind leather bags, totes, and accessories, and her work is frequently featured in Cowboys & Indians Magazine and Big Sky Journal.

*Custom Art Donated by Jenny Keller*



### 5. RIG OF HANDMADE FALSE CAPE PUDDLE DUCK GUNNING DECOYS BY BILL POWELL VIENNA, VA

DU has a wonderful friend in Bill Powell! He once again offered his talents and meticulously hand-carved a decoy rig for DU's National Convention. As a duck hunter and carver working with decoys for over 50 years, Bill has created a one-of-a-kind rig of 24 puddle ducks. He shapes and carves these high-density cork bodies, follows them with tupelo gum heads, and finishes them with a keel of salt-treated pine. This set comes with four Avery 6-slot decoy bags for easy transfer into the field.

*Donated by Bill Powell*



### 6. MOLLY'S PLACE MYSTERY TREASURE CHEST

Step right up for a treasure chest straight from the legendary Molly's Place. Tonight, they've packed the mystery treasure chest for an unforgettable auction package. Crack open this handcrafted chest and you'll uncover three guaranteed gems: (1) Beretta A400 Upland 20ga with custom logo, (2) YETI Flask and Shot Glasses, (3) Turtlebox Ranger, and (4) Leupold BX-1 McKenzie HD 8x42 Binoculars. But here's where it gets fun... This chest is far from empty. Hidden beneath the top-tier gear are surprises from every corner of Molly's world — dog accessories, hunting must-haves, lifestyle goodies, and even a splash of bourbon magic. Let's peek inside!

*Donated by Molly's Place*





## 7. GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Encounter the islands' most iconic wildlife up close — giant tortoises lumbering across highland meadows, blue-footed boobies performing their famous courtship dance, marine iguanas basking on lava rocks, Galápagos penguins darting through the water, and playful sea lions that often swim right alongside you. Each day brings new opportunities for adventure: snorkeling in pristine waters, hiking across volcanic landscapes, kayaking along rugged shorelines, and exploring by Zodiac. Throughout the voyage, you'll be guided by Lindblad-National Geographic naturalists and certified photo instructors, ensuring rich interpretation, remarkable wildlife encounters, and expert photography support. Trip may be booked January 14, January 23, February 11, or March 11, 2027 based on availability.

*Donated by National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions*



Credentials for 2 to the 2027 WM Phoenix, Access to the Pin Hi Club and tournament grounds, Complimentary breakfast, lunch, and bar, and Free general parking with shuttle service.

## 8. TWO DAY GOLF EXPERIENCE FOR TWO AT WASTE MANAGEMENT OPEN – WINNER'S CHOICE

Experience "The Greatest Show on Grass" with tickets to the 2027 Waste Management Phoenix Open and green level viewing on the famous par-3 16th hole from the newly designed Pin Hi Club Suite for you and a guest. Even better, this is a Winner's Choice package: Three identical experiences will be sold, and the highest bidder gets first pick of the following date options: February 9-10, 2027; February 11-12, 2027; and February 13-14, 2027.

The package for this experience includes:



## 9. ART LAMAY ORIGINAL WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Art is a Watercolorist with enduring ties to nature, as evidenced by his Exquisite renderings of wildlife in their native habitat. He sees humor, Beauty and even humanity in his subjects. With a long list of prestigious Awards and citations, Art also has the honor of having a wing named for Him at the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury, MD, and has been One of only 15 artists worldwide invited to participate in Epcot's Annual Flower & Garden Show. Art LaMay was named Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year in 1995. He has been selected for the Ducks Unlimited National Art Package 16 times, and he is ranked fifth overall in revenue generated for Ducks Unlimited. Framed size: 46" x 36"

*Donated by Art LaMay*



## 10. COUPLES SOUTH DAKOTA BADLANDS AND FISHING ADVENTURE

Spend Five incredible days and four nights at the legendary Thunderstik Lodge, designed for husbands and wives who want to experience something unforgettable together. Your journey begins high above the Missouri River bluffs, where Thunderstik Lodge sets the stage for adventure and luxury. Over five incredible days, you'll learn to shoot side-by-side in expert-led master classes featuring handguns, rifles, and even the notorious BMG. You'll explore the dramatic beauty of Badlands National Park on a privately guided tour, then head out onto the legendary Missouri River for guided walleye fishing. You'll witness an exclusive bird-dog training demonstration with the famous Thunderstik Labs and take on a 4x4 off-road backcountry experience that will have you grinning ear to ear. Evenings bring spectacular sunsets rolling across the hills and the rare chance to view the lodge's private bison herd. You'll share gourmet, chef-prepared meals and connect with like-minded couples from across the country, creating friendships and memories that last long after the trip ends. Trip to be scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date between April and August, 2027.

*Donated by Gage Outdoor Expedition*



### 11. WEATHERBY ORION FOUR GUN SET (.410, 12GA, 20GA & 28GA)



With classical styling from the straight English stock and splinter forend to the double triggers housed in the long tang trigger guard, the Orion SxS is a trusted companion for birds and clays. Offered in all four of 12-Gauge, 20-Gauge, 28-Gauge, and .410, The Orion SxS is equipped with 28" barrels featuring a swamp rib and brass bead sight with a classic blued finish and a corresponding oil finish on its walnut furniture. A perfect middle ground for bird hunting and clay shooting, the 28" barrels swing smoothly and predictably to serve just as well chasing birds in the high plains and breaking targets on the clay course.

### 12. CHESAPEAKE BAY "BODY BOOTING" HUNT FOR TWO W/ BENELLI M2 12GA



Donated by Captain Charles & Patty Jobes and Benelli



Join legendary decoy carver and Chesapeake Bay waterman, Captain Charles Jobes, and special guest Tom DeBolt, Benelli CEO, for two days of "body booting" on the Susquehanna Flats near Havre de Grace, Maryland. Body booting is a hunting method in which the hunters wear dry suits and hide among the decoys for an in-your-face experience like no other! As a bonus, a Benelli M2 12ga 26" will be included with the hunt. The Benelli M2 Field semiautomatic shotgun is legendary for rugged reliability and fast, all-conditions performance. Built on Benelli's Inertia Driven® System, it cycles everything from light target loads to 3-inch magnums. This two-day trip for two includes lodging.

### 13. BIG 5 PHOTO SAFARI IN SOUTH AFRICA

Embark on an unforgettable five-day, five-night photo safari for two in South Africa's breathtaking Limpopo Province, just three hours north of Johannesburg. This exclusive adventure, offered by Primus Villas, invites you to experience the wild African bush from two luxurious camps — a safari tent camp and a lakeside chalet — each providing en suite bathrooms and sweeping views of the untamed landscape. Your days will be filled with exhilarating game drives through a private reserve, where you'll have the rare opportunity to witness the big five: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhino. Wake up to the sounds of the African wilderness and capture once-in-a-lifetime photos of these incredible animals in their natural habitat. After each day of adventure, relax in beautifully appointed accommodations that seamlessly blend rustic charm with modern luxury. Savor gourmet meals prepared by an executive chef, featuring South African cuisine, with wine and spirits served in moderation at meals. A dedicated concierge will assist with every detail, ensuring a seamless and personalized experience from start to finish.

Donated by Primus Villas



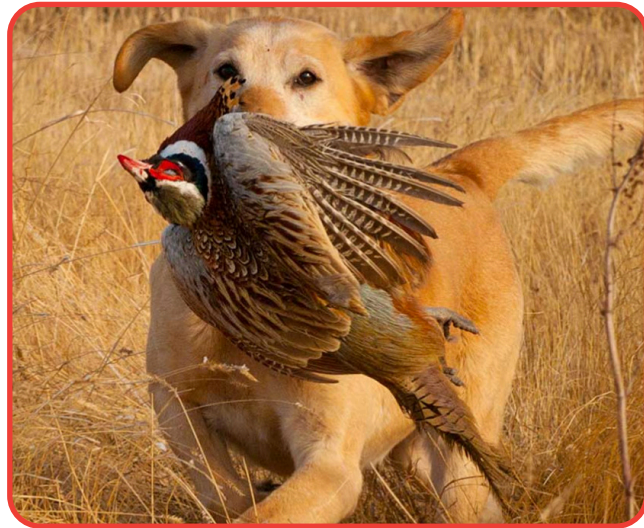
### 14. DUCK HUNTING AT CAJUN OUTBACK FOR TWO

Experience an unforgettable two-day hunting and coastal adventure for two guests on 2,300 acres of private Texas wilderness, including 1,300 acres of impounded habitat behind a levee. Your trip begins when you arrive in Houston on January 21, 2027, where a private van will drive you to a beautiful lodge in Baytown. Day one is packed with action — hog hunting, redfishing, and crabbing, all followed by a gourmet dinner prepared each night by a world-class chef. The next morning, you'll kick off the day with an exciting duck hunt, then enjoy a relaxing afternoon of fishing, great food, and hanging out at the lodge watching football. On Day 2, you'll head out for one more hunt before returning to the lodge for a delicious brunch. Departure is after 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 23rd. This exclusive package blends premier hunting, coastal sportfishing, luxury dining, and true Texas hospitality.

Donated by Jared Brown



## 15. LADIES PHEASANT HUNT AT ROOSTER RIDGE FOR EIGHT



This is a three-day all-ladies pheasant hunting experience unlike anything on the North American Continent. From the moment you arrive until the moment you leave, your personal hunting guide will do everything possible to make sure your trip is a flawless experience. This is one of only two inaugural Ducks Unlimited Ladies Pheasant Hunting packages being sold for this unprecedented weekend's experience. This package includes four nights lodging, three days guided hunting, four birds per day limit per huntress, all meals, and bird processing. Airfare, licenses, alcohol, ammunition, and staff and guide gratuities are not included. Trip must be booked within 12 months of purchase. Trip is valid for 24 months from the date of purchase on a first come, first serve basis from January?? through March???

*Donated by Gage Outdoor Expeditions*



## 16. ANTHONY PADGETT ORIGINAL ART

Anthony Padgett is a celebrated wildlife artist and longtime Ducks Unlimited contributor. His original work once again headlines this year's live auction, along with his featured painting Colors of Autumn in this year's fundraising package. Anthony earned DU's highest artistic honor in 2007 when he was named International Artist of the Year, propelled by the success of his print featuring his Labrador retriever, Toby. After years of submitting artwork "just to get noticed," his breakthrough launched a career that has since been highlighted by multiple DU features and enduring support from the conservation community.

*Donated by Anthony Padgett*

## 17. COSTA RICA DREAM VACATION FOR TEN



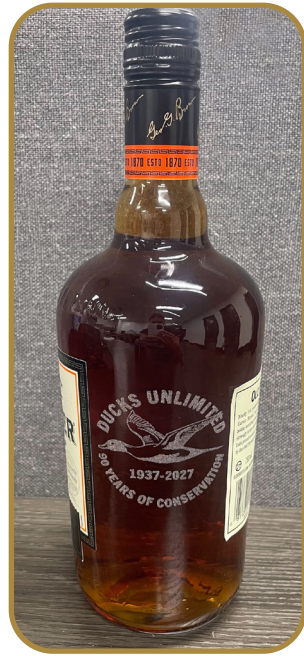
Costa Rica Experience for 10 - Nestled within the narrow isthmus of Central America lies one of the world's most sought after destinations that defines adventure – Costa Rica! This highly diverse ecosystem is an outdoor enthusiast dream. Everything from relaxing beaches to lush rainforests and mountain ranges are all within an hour and a half of the San Jose airport. Primus Villas is providing you and your guests with the opportunity of a lifetime in Petras's 5 bedroom jungle villa. Minutes from the beach with its own private pool. Experience Central America's, "Pura Vida," way of life with North American luxury standards. Activities available in this outdoor paradise include world-class offshore fishing, canopy zipline tours high above the jungle floor and rappelling down one of the regions breathtaking waterfalls. This adventure includes: 7 days and 7 nights lodging for ten, 2 days of fishing for 10 (52' Hatteras), private chef for 3 nights plus \$200 per night food allowance, private pool, and VIP airport transfer.



## 18. BENELLI SUPER BLACK EAGLE 3 12GA SEMI-QUINCENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY TRADITIONAL EDITION

The 2026 Super Black Eagle 3 Semi-Quincentennial Anniversary Traditional Edition is a limited-run firearm created to recognize the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Built on the trusted inertia-driven Super Black Eagle 3 platform, this edition pairs proven performance with detailed, commemorative craftsmanship. Production is limited to just 250 total shotguns, 125 in 12-gauge 3" and 125 in 20-gauge 3", with each firearm featuring its own custom sequential serial number. The shotgun is fitted with hand-selected AA-grade walnut, delivering a clean, heirloom-quality look and feel. The receiver showcases deep, detailed engraving accented with gold inlay, bringing together iconic symbols of America in a presentation worthy of the nation's 250-year milestone. Rich in patriotic detail, the artwork captures the spirit, sacrifice, and strength that define the United States. Prominently featured are the American flag, the enduring words of the Declaration of Independence, and a striking gold 250th Anniversary emblem created specifically for this commemorative edition. At the center of the design is a custom artistic interpretation of the U.S. seal, highlighted by an eagle carrying olive branches on one side and arrows on the other—a timeless symbol of peace through strength and the enduring resolve of a nation forged in freedom. The winning bidder will take home the firearm bearing a serial number ending in 37 — a special tribute to Ducks Unlimited's founding year, 1937.

*Donated by Benelli*



### 19. OLD FORESTER BARREL SELECTION FOR THE DUCKS UNLIMITED 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Win the exclusive opportunity to select the Old Forester 100 proof bourbon barrel for DU's 90th Anniversary celebration in Louisville, KY! Enjoy a private Brown-Forman distillery tour and tasting for two, then help choose the perfect barrel for this milestone. Each bottle will feature a custom label with the winner's name and the official 90th anniversary logo etched into the glass.

*Donated by Brown Forman*



### 20. CABO SAN LUCAS TRIP FOR EIGHT

Escape to Casa de Cerveza, an exquisite Hacienda-style villa tucked inside the exclusive gated community of Punta Ballena in Cabo San Lucas. Just a two-minute stroll from the beach, this breathtaking one-level retreat offers more than 4,700 square feet of indoor-outdoor luxury, complete with sweeping ocean views, a stunning private pool and spa, and beautifully crafted palapas and terraces perfect for relaxing in true Baja style. With four spacious bedrooms—each with its own private bath—this villa comfortably hosts up to eight guests, making it ideal for couples, families, or a group of friends seeking an unforgettable getaway. Guests enjoy access to world-class amenities including the Esperanza Auberge Beach Club, gourmet dining, tennis, a fitness center, and pristine private beaches. Dates are on mutually agreed upon availability in 2026 or 2027.

*Donated by Jared Brown*

### 21. OSCEOLA TURKEY EXPERIENCE FOR TWO

Experience the thrill of the Osceola Turkey Hunt in Yeehaw Junction, Florida, an exclusive adventure donated by Dean Saunders and co-hosted with Rob Springer. This premier package offers 2½ days of guided hunting for the coveted Osceola turkey, complete with comfortable lodging and delicious meals served onsite. Arrive in the afternoon on Day 1 and settle in for an unforgettable outdoor experience. Spend the next two days pursuing trophy birds across pristine Florida habitat, then depart after a final morning hunt on Day 3. As part of this exceptional package, guests will also enjoy a private habitat tour of the DeLuca Conservation Easement, showcasing one of Florida's most remarkable conservation landscapes. Trip to be taken on mutually agreed upon dates from March 20th – April 25th, 2027.

*Donated by Dean Saunders*



### 22. BENELLI SBE3 FLYWAY SERIES FOUR GUN SET

The Super Black Eagle 3 Flyway Series is a tribute to North America's legendary waterfowl flyways - Atlantic, Pacific, Central, and Mississippi. Built on the proven SBE 3 platform and elevated with AAA-grade walnut furniture, each shotgun features region-specific gold inlay waterfowl engravings framed by traditional landscape scenes inspired by the habitat, heritage, and species unique to its flyway. From flooded timber and prairie potholes to coastal marshes and western migration routes, every detail reflects the culture and tradition of waterfowling across North America. Combining refined craftsmanship with the unmatched reliability of the SBE 3, the Flyway Series is built for hunters who appreciate both performance and legacy.

*Donated by Benelli*



### 23. TRACKER GRIZZLY 1650 T PRAIRIE WINGS EDITION



The perfect boat for pursuing ducks on rivers, bayous, and sloughs, Bass Pro has donated the Tracker Grizzly 1650 T Prairie Wings Edition. This all-welded aluminum boat is 16 feet in length, 50 inches in width, and powered by the stealthy Mercury FourStroke outboard. The open floor plan and cockpit are coated with Sure Tread and are perfect for the waterfowler carrying buddies, decoys, dogs, and gear. The boat is finished in flat green or True Timber. Trailer included.

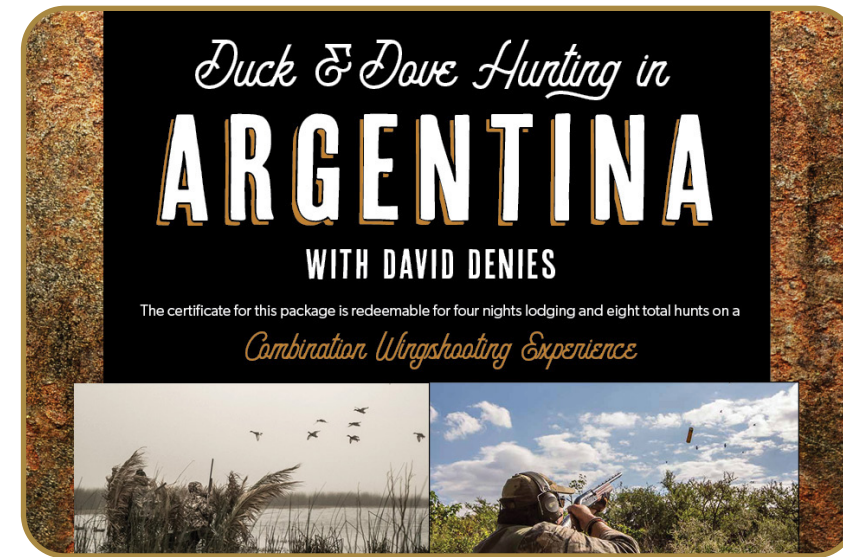
**Important note:** The winner will coordinate delivery with their preferred Bass Pro or Cabela's retail location. The winner is responsible for paying the sales tax and title fees upon registration.

*Donated by Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's*



### 24. DUCKS UNLIMITED PRESIDENT'S GUN SBE3 ROB ROBERTS CUSTOM

Custom-designed and commissioned by Ducks Unlimited President Rex Schultz, this firearm is one of just fifty that will be offered in select fundraising events during his tenure as the organization's 47th president. Built for serious waterfowlers, this exclusive Super Black Eagle 3 combines Benelli's most advanced technology with custom Ducks Unlimited detailing. Finished in Mossy Oak Original Shadow Grass camouflage for concealment in flooded timber, marshes, and shoreline environments. Each shotgun is individually engraved 1 of 50, 2 of 50, etc., and features a custom Ducks Unlimited duck head logo engraved and filled in black.



### 25. DUCK AND DOVE HUNTING IN ARGENTINA FOR TWO HUNTERS

Experience the best of Argentina wingshooting with this unique combo-package for liberal-limits duck hunting and world-class dove shooting from two separate properties, El Tobar Camp and Tucumán Lodge, both near Tucumán City. Morning and afternoon hunting at El Tobar provides an excellent opportunity to harvest an array of South American duck species. A short 90 minutes away, Tucumán Lodge provides some of the best high volume dove shooting in the region with crops planted specifically for doves and several large dove roosts on the property. Enjoy two days duck hunting and two days dove hunting (eight total hunts) with two nights lodging at each location. This trip is available May through August, 2027.

*Donated by David Denies?*



### 26. FLORIDA CONSERVATION DAY & EVERGLADES PYTHON HUNT FOR TWO

Spend a full day inside one of America's most extraordinary—and most threatened—landscapes organized by Inversa, which runs FWC's PATRIC (Python Action Team Removing Invasive Constrictors) Program. Your adventure begins with a guided airboat tour through sawgrass prairies and cypress sloughs, where you'll see the wetlands Ducks Unlimited has fought to protect up close. As the sun drops, settle in for a rustic dinner at a remote Everglades camp, followed by a live capture demonstration with a real invasive Burmese python — an up-close look at how field specialists safely handle a

species responsible for a 90%+ collapse of mid-sized mammals across the southern Everglades, including raccoons, opossums, bobcats, and marsh rabbits. Then it's out into the night for the main event: a guided python hunt to remove the apex invaders from the Everglades. Each guest takes home a pair of handcrafted western boots by Inversa Leathers — premium leather sourced directly from Florida's invasive Burmese pythons. Every step is conservation in action: airboat, dinner, live python demo, night hunt, and a story worth telling. Trip to be scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date between June and July.

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