

MPCS & MSGS Prairie Grouse Conference

“Habitat and a Future for *Tympanuchus*”

Friday, April 15, 2011

Best Western, Thief River Falls, MN

- 9:00 Registration, Coffee and Visiting
- 9:30 Welcome – Moderators - Ross Hier, DNR & Jodie Provost, DNR
- 9:40 Prairie Grouse Partners & the Grassland Conservation Plan for Prairie Grouse – Stepping It Down - Joe Duggan, PF
- 10:05 Habitat Conservation & Restoration in Light of a Changing Climate: Adapting Conservation Strategies for the Tallgrass Aspen Parkland - Cary Hamel, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Manitoba Region
- 10:30 Minnesota’s 25 Year Prairie Landscape Conservation Plan – Greg Hoch, MPCS
- 10:55 Break
- 11:10 Sharp-tailed Grouse Habitat (Lek) Model – Wes Bailey, MDNR
- 11:35 Grazing as a Habitat Management Tool for Prairie Grouse – Mark Hayek, NRCS
- 12:00 Lunch Buffet
- 1:00 Greater Prairie Chicken Ecology in Northwestern Minnesota - Nesting 1992-2010 - John Toepfer, Society of Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus
- 1:25 Prairie Chicken & Sharp-tailed Grouse Trends in the Dakotas & MN - Dave Trauba, MDNR
- 1:50 Break
- 2:00 LSOH Funds: A Dream Come True, But How to Secure Them & Maximize Their Use – Ryan Bronson, LSOH Council
- 2:25 HOLY COW! Success with the first LSOH funds: Protecting Sharp-tail Habitat in East-central MN – Dave Pauly, MDNR
- 2:50 Break
- 3:00 Prairie & Brushland Mgt. Reports – Open to Habitat Managers/Researchers from All Agencies/Organizations & States/Provinces (5-10 minutes apiece)
- 3:45 Group Discussion – Factors Limiting More & Better Habitat, & How to Address Them
- 4:30 Adjourn, Social, Sat. Registration, Blind and Field Trip Sign-Up, then Supper on our own