

You're Invited
by MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Society,
Pheasants Forever – East-central Spurs, & MN DNR to

Volunteer Brush Cut Habitat Days

on Firebird WMA

Group Day April 22 (Earth Day!) OR Self-Guided April 1- 23, 2023

What: Hand cut brush to enhance sharp-tailed grouse habitat on Firebird WMA in Carlton County, north of Kettle River, MN. You can join in Group Day on Sat., April 22, work self-guided any day from April 1-23, or do both! Enjoy the reward of giving back for wildlife conservation and know your volunteer power will serve as match for a Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant for more habitat work. Not to mention the outdoors, fresh air, exercise, camaraderie, and great food on Group Day/Earth Day!



The Vermillion Community College crew raised their tools high on March 20, 2021 after narrowly stealing the Golden Saw from South Dakota State University. The robust volunteers cut 1.6 acres of willow on Mille Lacs WMA, improving habitat and creating \$2,072 of in-kind match. These funds then go toward the 10% match required for a CPL grant to enhance even more habitat.

To Sign Up & Log Hours:

Group Day - At least one week prior (by April 15), email the MSGS rep/site contact, Marshall, at muzzdog@hotmail.com. Complete a volunteer agreement form and log hours with him on Group Day. Gather at the site by 9:30 am for a welcome, project, and safety briefing. Morning snacks and lunch will be provided. Work convenes by 3 pm.

Self-Guided Work— At least one week prior to working, email Marshall to get the volunteer agreement form, complete, and email it back. Directions and maps are on back of this flier. After working, email your number of hours worked plus travel time to Marshall.

SEE BACK FOR MORE INFO

To Cut Brush: Take this flier with below directions and maps, warm layers, hat, gloves, water-proof warm boots, snowshoes if deep snow, water bottle, snacks, charged cell phone, and very importantly, hand tools of a hand saw and/or loppers. Saws work well for larger diameter brush and small trees, and loppers best for smaller/whippy diameter brush. Power tools, such as chain saws, are not allowed except for by certified contractors. Cut all brush and small trees feasible (usually < 3 inches in diameter) within the project area. On Group Day, some hand tools will be available from MSGS, but please bring your own favorites if feasible to ensure enough tools for all.

Site or Cutting Questions? Call, text or e-mail MSGS rep/site contact, Marshall, at 651-747-7566, muzzdog@hotmail.com

Directions: From Kettle River, go 3.7 miles north on Hwy 73, then 1.1 miles west on Leppioja Road to Firebird WMA. Park in the gravel area on the south side of road by the large wood-routed WMA sign. From Cromwell, go 11.5 miles south on Hwy. 73, then 1.1 miles west on Leppioja Road. From Barnum, go 9 miles west on Co. Rd. 6, then 2.3 miles west and north on Hwy. 73/Co. Rd. 6, then 1.1 miles west on Leppioja Road.

Location Map

