



You're Invited
by MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Society
& MN DNR to



Volunteer Brush Cut Habitat Days

on the Lac Qui Parle WMA - Crosby Ripple Unit

Group Day April 1 OR Self-Guided April 1-23, 2023

What: Hand cut brush to enhance habitat for sharp-tailed grouse and other brushland and prairie wildlife on Lac Qui Parle WMA in Swift County near Appleton, MN. You can join in Group Day on Sat., April 1, work alone/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!



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 March 25), email Walt at gessler9876@gmail.com, or walt.gessler@state.mn.us. 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 Walt 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 Gary.

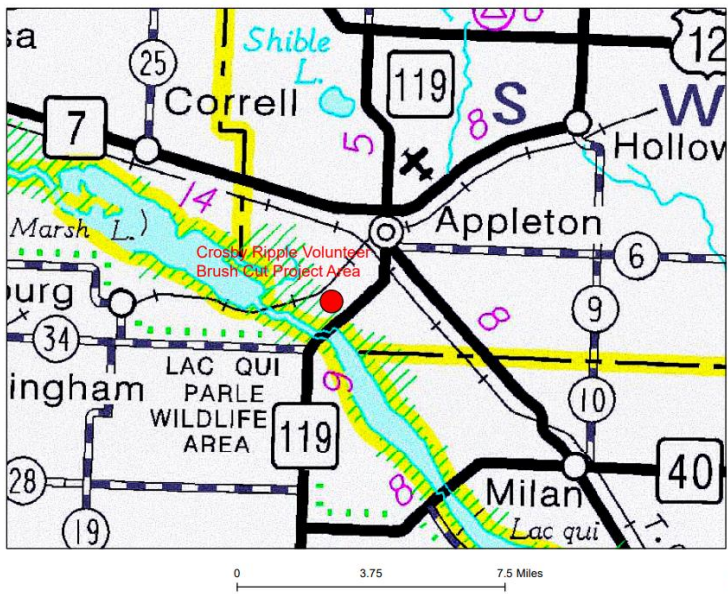
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To Cut Brush: Take this flier with directions and maps (see below), warm layers, hat, gloves, water-proof warm boots, snowshoes if deep snow, water bottle, snacks, charged cell phone, and very importantly, hand tools of a hand saw and/or loppers. Saws 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. 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 or e-mail Walt at 320-226-8006, gessler9876@gmail.com, or walt.gessler@state.mn.us

Directions: Go 2 miles south and southeast of Appleton on Hwy 119, then northwest on 115th St. SW about a half mile. The brush cut site will be on your right to the northeast. Watch for flagging at the Hwy 119 & 115th St. intersection and bevy location.

Location Map



Site Map

