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

Volunteer Brush Cut Habitat Days

near Carp Swamp WMA

Group Day April 29 OR Self-Guided April 15-May 7, 2023

What: Hand cut brush to enhance sharp-tailed grouse habitat near Carp Swamp WMA in Lake of the Woods County south of Baudette, MN. You can join in Group Day on Sat., April 29, work self-guided any day from April 15-May 7, 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 University of MN Crookston crew took home the Golden Saw on March 13, 2021 at Palmville WMA. Thirty spirited volunteers cut encroaching tamarack from 19 acres on March 10, 13 and 27, including Bemidji State University students, to generate \$6,410 of in-kind match. These funds then went toward the 10% match required for a CPL grant to enhance even more habitat.

To Sign Up & Log Hours:

<u>Group Day</u> - At least one week prior (by April 22), email the MSGS rep/site contact, Gary, at <u>honkerharmony@gvtel.com</u>. 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.

<u>Self-Guided Work</u>— At least one week prior to working, email Gary 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.

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 <u>not</u> 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? Contact MSGS rep/site contact, Gary, honkerharmony@gvtel.com, or DNR Wildlife Mgr., Scott, 218-395-6033 (office), 218-395-0742 (cell), scott.laudenslager@state.mn.us

Directions: From Baudette, go 1 mile east on Hwy 11, then about 6 miles south on Hwy 72. On Group Day, go east on 19th St. SE to park along the shoulder. Volunteers will be shuttled south on Hwy 72 to where the power line crosses. An approach with room for one vehicle exists there. The group will then walk southeast to the brush cut site. When working self-guided, volunteers can park on this approach provided there is room.

Location Map



Site Map

MSGS Brush Cutting Day at Baudette Baudette is 10 minutes north

