

2007 Summer Meeting Reports

Invasive Woody Vegetation Control Workshop

An Invasive Woody Vegetation Control Workshop, co-sponsored by The Minnesota Chapter of the Wildlife Society, FWS, MN-DNR, and TNC was held at the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center near Spicer, MN on August 2, 2007.

The Workshop was focused on the impact of invasive woody vegetation on prairie grasslands and those grassland dependent migratory bird species. Completed and on-going research projects were presented along with presentations on techniques for controlling invasive woody vegetation on prairie landscapes.

A field tour included pre-and-post woody vegetation removal projects on Waterfowl Production Areas, TNC, and private land, along with equipment demonstrations provided by private contractors and FWS staff.

Approximately 80 attendees participated in the workshop which included presentations by researchers from the University of WI – Madison, Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, FWS staff from the Migratory Bird Office at Fort Snelling, the HAPET office in Fergus Falls, and managers from FWS field stations, MN-DNR managers and TNC project manager.

Attendees included staff from 10 County Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Minnesota, FWS managers, DNR wildlife and forestry management staff, USDA Forest Service and NRCS, private consultants, and private landowners.

Managing for Timber and Ecological Objectives Workshop

The Forest Management Summer Workshop was held on Thursday, August 10th at the Hibbing Community College and was co-sponsored by MN TWS and the MN Chapter of Society of American Foresters. The workshop went well with 32 people attending. Tim Quincer organized the meeting with help from many others including Mike North and members of the Society of American Foresters. Tim said he might do a few things differently next time, but he heard a lot of positive reports from the attendees so it seemed to go over well.

This workshop was primarily field based. Issues discussed included the application of silvicultural guidelines based on native plant communities and options for meeting multiple forest management objectives.