



RGS CABIN FEVER SHOOT

Sponsored by the Rum River Chapter

DATE: Saturday, April 4, 2009 (regardless of weather)

TIME: First in field at 9 AM/Meal at 4 PM
Please arrive 1 hour prior to scheduled field time

PLACE: **Pheasant Ridge**-1547 Imperial Street, Ogilvie (320) 980-0193

COST: \$75 per person which includes birds (1 chucker, 2 pheasants),
participation in door prizes and meal
\$20 guest meal may be purchased

MENU: Rib eye, baked potato, salad and dessert/BYOB

RULES

*Team will consist of 1 shooter and 1-2 dogs
Maximum of 30 minutes per field
6 shells
3 birds

Scoring will be based on points, flushes, retrieves and # of shots

Non-competition birds may be purchased and hunted the day of trial
(\$16 for pheasants, \$12 for chuckers). Shooting fees waived on this date.

DEADLINE

Sunday, March 15, 2009
Limit of 22 participants

Once paid registration is received, you will receive your assigned shooting time.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Checks can be made payable to RGS-Rum River Chapter

RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY MINNESOTA ACTIVITY REPORT

January 1, 2006

Management Area Projects:

The first Management Area Project (MAP) in Minnesota was initiated 19 years ago, in 1987. Since that time the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) has funded 125 MAP projects statewide at a cost of almost three-quarters of a million dollars. These funds have helped enhance ruffed grouse and woodcock habitat on about 139,000 acres in the state. Projects have covered the spectrum from building road accesses to allow cost-effective harvesting of smaller blocks of timber, to constructing drumming logs. The attached map shows the distribution of projects by county. The bulk of the projects are located in counties with substantial quantities of public land, resource managers concerned about grouse habitat and very active RGS chapters.

2005 Projects included:

- Hardwood Marking – Managers marked 230 acres of aspen inclusions within maple/basswood forests on WMAs in Aitkin County prior to timber sales. Regenerating these inclusions creates islands of great grouse habitat within a sea of older forests.
- Trail mowing – RGS funded the maintenance of 64 miles of walking trails in Itasca and St. Louis Counties. This work improves the hunting opportunities in those areas, but also maintains logging roads for future habitat management efforts.
- Morph Meadows Road – RGS contributed towards a major road improvement project on Morph Meadows WMA in NW Itasca County. A large beaver dam was removed and replaced with culverts and water control structures, providing access to 1,200 acres of habitat.
- WMA Inventory – RGS provided over \$10,000 to the DNR to perform forest inventories on WMAs. These will identify aspen stands in need of immediate regeneration before they are lost, as well as identify those that can be maintained a while to provide grouse nesting and winter food resources.

Special Projects:

RGS funds Special Projects that typically involve education projects, surveys or indirect management assistance. Highlights in 2005 include funding youth days, sending children to Upland Bird Camp, funding golden-winged warbler surveys, and funding the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program. Education is critical to achieving the goals of RGS in Minnesota.

Outreach and Advocacy:

RGS biologists are very active in many forest wildlife management issues and educational programs within their regions. For example, the Minnesota Regional Biologist accomplished the following in the period from 2001-2005:

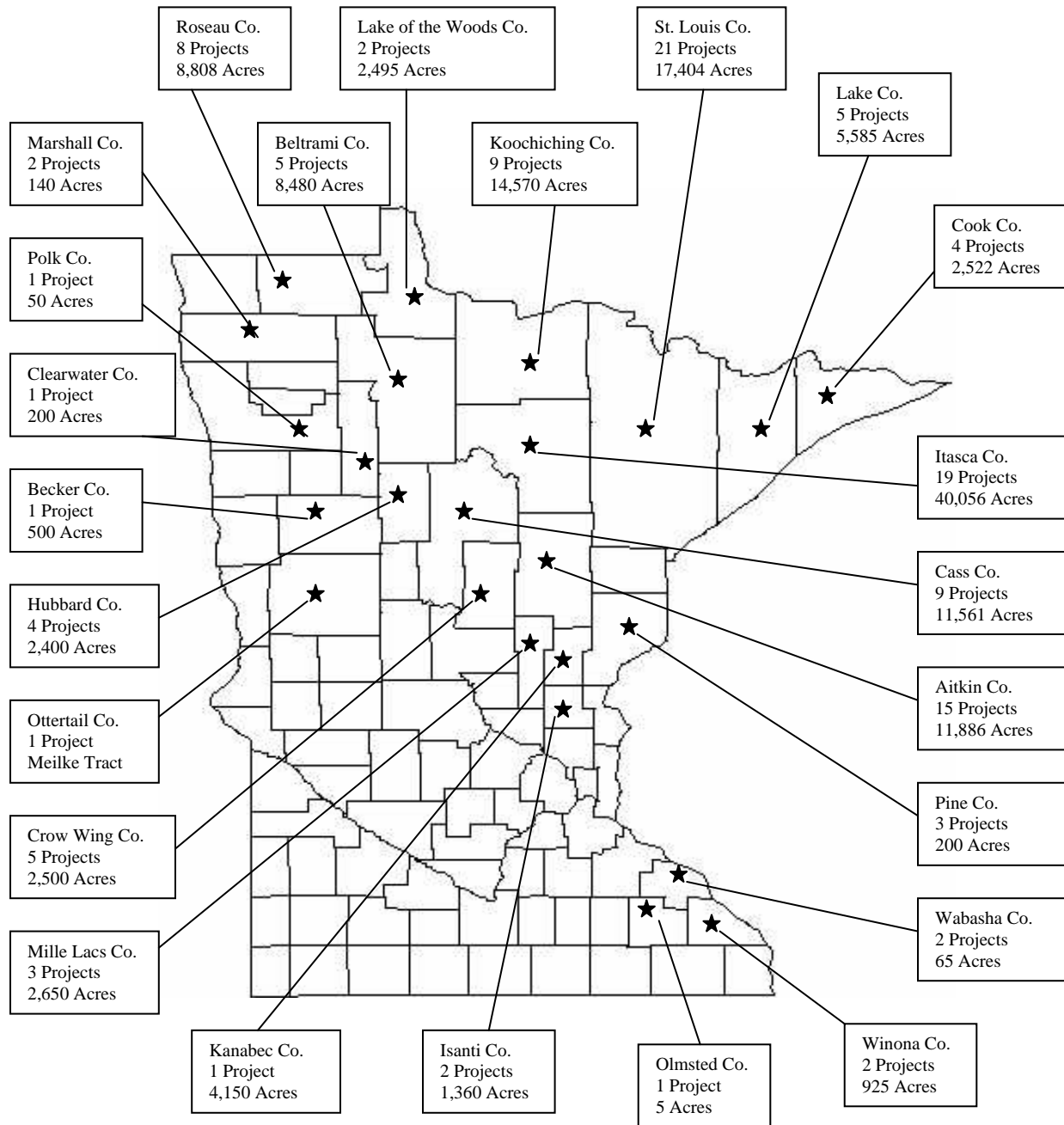
- Resource Agency Advocacy: Attended over 200 meetings with resource managers with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, USDA Forest Service, county land management departments and others. Provided analysis and written comments on 52 different land management plans, including MNDNR Subsection Forest Management Plans, USFS Environmental Assessments, USFS Environmental Impact Statements and USFS Forest Plan Revision documents. Appointed to eleven different standing committees, including Senator Coleman's Sportsmen's Advisory Committee and Chairman of the MNDNR Budgetary Oversight Committee. Testified 7 times before the state legislature or legislative commissions.
- Outreach: Had over 125 press contacts, including numerous television and radio appearances, press releases, interviews and magazine articles. Maintained an e-mail newsletter group with over 700 members to inform and educate supporters. Spoke to 85 different groups (~2,750 attendees) about forest management, often invited as a keynote speaker. Manned numerous booths at trade shows and events.
- Education: Held 5 forest wildlife management and landowner workshops. Wrote and printed numerous educational brochures and interpretive signs. Organized and taught at 34 different youth events attended by over 2,200 children and 12 different field events attended by 250 adults. Conducted 24 different private landowner consultations covering ~7,500 acres of land.
- Fund-raising: Awarded 9 grants totaling \$108,300 for education and habitat efforts. Attended numerous RGS fund-raising events.

National Forest Efforts:

RGS organized a coalition of 6 conservation organizations and 4 Chippewa tribes to meet with officials from the Chippewa and Superior National Forests. We were very concerned about their reduced emphasis on game management and efforts to reduce forest access for hunters. Together we were able to get the Forest Service to increase efforts to maintain healthy populations of deer, bear, moose, grouse and woodcock in Minnesota.

MINNESOTA MAP PROJECTS

1987 - 2005



The Ruffed Grouse Society is also very involved in forest management issues with public agencies. If you want to help us with our efforts you must get involved. Contact RGS biologist Russ Sewell (320-838-3608) and ask to be on the FAN e-mail network so you will be informed of grouse related issues as they occur. An informed hunter is a powerful force!!