



Chippewa Valley Chapter

The Ruffed Grouse Society
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will be having their
Annual meeting on
Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM
At The
Dool ey's Pub
Water Street
Eau Cl aire, WI

The purpose of the meeting is to:
Elect officers

Light refreshments will be available.

**If you cannot make the meeting, and you want your
input for our activities in 2009, Please Contact:**

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**Thank you for your continued support
we hope to see you there.**



RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY 2008 **HABITAT HAPPENINGS IN WISCONSIN**

Wisconsin Overview:

The first Ruffed Grouse Society Management Area Project (MAP) in Wisconsin was initiated in 1985 in Iron County. Since that time, the Society has provided over 600,000 dollars to fund 84 projects in 40 Wisconsin counties. These funds have enhanced ruffed grouse and woodcock habitat on approximately 135,000 acres of public land. Thanks must go out to our local chapter committees and you, the banquet attendees who continue to make all of this possible.

2007:

In 2007, habitat projects were funded on the Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest, Mead Wildlife Area, Sandhill Wildlife Area, Eau Claire County Forest and Marathon County Forest. These projects ranged from the regeneration of important young forest habitat to improving hunter walking trail systems. These projects included the development of a habitat demonstration area on the Mead Wildlife Area and the establishment of a five year partnership program with the US Forest Service. In addition, the Society with the help of several local chapters supported four habitat management work days on public forests in the state.

Three youth events were held in Wisconsin in 2007, events that provided opportunities for young men and women to learn more about their outdoor heritage. In addition, the Ruffed Grouse Society has been active educating private landowners about forest and wildlife management through seminars and workshops held at several sites in the state. The 14th annual Wisconsin Coverts Workshop was held in August in Dodgeville. This 3-day session sponsored by the Ruffed Grouse Society provided private landowners vast training on current land management practices. Since 1994, 345 landowners have taken part in this event and are sharing what they have learned with friends and neighbors. For information on an upcoming Coverts workshop contact Jamie Nack at 608-265-8264.

What's ahead in 2008: Interest to improve ruffed grouse habitat on public lands continues to grow with many projects waiting funding from the Society. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- New Wood Grouse Management Area Habitat Improvement, Lincoln Co.
- Sandhill Wildlife Area Habitat Improvement, Wood Co.
- Kubisiak Grouse Management Area Habitat Improvement, Wood Co.
- Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest Habitat Improvement, several counties.
- Marathon County Forest Woodcock Habitat Management, Marathon Co.

National Emphasis: The Ruffed Grouse Society continues to actively promote common-sense forest wildlife conservation and the interests of sportsmen and women on the ground, in the courts, and in the legislative and policy arenas. At the local, state and federal levels, the Society is protecting the ability of public land managers and private landowners to use the tools needed to manage our forests to benefit ruffed grouse, woodcock, and other wildlife of young forest habitats.

In Washington, over 4 years of work by the nation's leading wildlife conservation organizations, spearheaded by the Society, resulted in significant improvements to regulations that guide habitat management on 191 million acres of National Forest System lands. The improvements to these regulations will greatly enhance opportunities for the Society to promote science-based wildlife conservation on our National Forests.

Thank you for your support!

From Douglas County to Madison to Washington DC, none of the Ruffed Grouse Society's accomplishments would be possible without the generous support from our members. We are in this together; in this struggle to protect the future of our hunting heritage and to preserve our nations forest wildlife. Please consider becoming a committee member if you are not already. If you are interested in receiving regular updates on grouse related issues please consider becoming a member of our Forest Action Network (FAN), a group of grouse enthusiasts who are taking an active role in grouse and woodcock management in Wisconsin. For information contact your [Regional Director](#) or Regional Biologist Gary Zimmer at 715-674-7505, or by email at rgszimm@newnorth.net.

Wisconsin Ruffed Grouse Society Management Area Projects 1985 to 2007

