



CHAPTER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Ruffed Grouse Society will be hosting a meeting Monday, January 26, 2009 at the Best Western Hotel, North Shore Grill on the Terrace 7th floor, 820 Shelden Ave, Houghton, MI 49931 from 6:30 pm -7:30 pm.

We encourage you to join us to discuss the organization of the new chapter in our area. RGS Regional Director will be in attendance to help answer questions and give advice.

**We apologize for the mistake on the meeting date in the paper for the past meeting.
Look forward to seeing you there.**

For questions please contact Bob Stinson by Ph - 906-523-3508 or e-mail: rcstinson40@charter.net.

Ruffed Grouse Society

2007 Management Area Projects in Michigan

Hiawatha National Forest Grouse Habitat Improvements,

Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties, Michigan

Work will include non-commercial alder and aspen regeneration harvests as well as improvements to Hunter Walking Trail Systems on the Hiawatha National Forest. Funds will be matched by the Forest Service, therefore doubling on the ground management activities. A portion of these funds will target additional work on the long established Birch Farm Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock Habitat Management Area. This will initiate a five-year Cost Share Partnership Program between the US Forest Service and the Ruffed Grouse Society.

Huron/Manistee National Forest Non-Commercial Aspen Regeneration, Cadillac Ranger District, Lake and Wexford Counties, Michigan

This project will regenerate approximately 35 acres of non-commercial aspen habitat on the Huron/Manistee National Forest. Two project sites have been identified for regeneration on locations that are inaccessible for commercial harvests due to wetland crossings.

Gogebic County Forest Aspen Regeneration, Gogebic County, Michigan

The goal of this project is to regenerate approximately 100 acres of high quality aspen habitat on land managed by the Gogebic County Forestry and Parks Commission. Un-merchantable residual trees remain at recently harvested cutting units. If left untreated, aspen regeneration would be impacted resulting in lower stem densities and poorer habitat for ruffed grouse, woodcock and other young forest wildlife.

LeGrande Management Area Project, Cheboygan County, Michigan

The project area is managed by the Michigan DNR and is located approximately six miles north of Afton, Michigan. Funds will be used to support ongoing ruffed grouse habitat work being conducted on the Pigeon River Wildlife Area. Proposed work will include the rehabilitation of approximately 20 acres of wildlife openings and improvements to access roads and trails used for management activities and as hunter walking trails. This is the second phase of this multi-year project.

Ottawa National Forest Grouse Habitat Improvements,

Iron, Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan

Work planned includes non-commercial alder and aspen regeneration harvests as well as improvements to Hunter Walking Trail Systems on the Ottawa National Forest. Funds will be matched by the Forest Service, therefore doubling on the ground management activities. A portion of these funds may be used for additional work on the long established Harris Creek Disabled Hunting Trail System. This is part of a five-year Cost Share Partnership Program between the Forest Service and RGS that began in 2006.

Michigan Private Landowner Education

Lower Peninsula and one in the Upper Peninsula. Workshops are typically one-day events that include a half day seminar that includes a variety of natural resources specialists, a lunch and a half day in the field viewing ongoing management programs. These workshops introduce landowners to ways to better manage their properties for desired wildlife species.