

Forest Management for Ruffed Grouse

September 13, 2023

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- 9:00-9:05am** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:05-9:50am** **Ruffed Grouse Biology and Habitat Considerations (Jon)**
- Sexing/ aging grouse
 - Grouse ecology refresher
 - Habitat considerations by season
- Special Management Considerations for Ruffed Grouse (Jon)**
- Highlighting current/long-term population status/trends
 - Disease concerns/considerations
 - Climate change concerns/considerations
 - Managing at the landscape scale for conservation deliveries
- 10:00-10:15am** **Break**
- 10:15-11:45am** **Forest Management for Ruffed Grouse Case Studies (Mike)**
- Nesting habitat for grouse
 - Brood rearing habitat
 - Late summer and fall foraging locations
 - Winter foraging location
 - Modifying ruffed grouse habitat management to benefit other species
- 11:45am-1:00pm** **Lunch and Drive to Field Tour Site**
- 1:00-4:00pm** **Ruffed Grouse Habitat Management Demo Site, Clark County Forest**
Sequential Harvest, considering:
- Proximity of various elements of habitat
 - Short-term: early succession wildlife especially birds
 - Long-term: mid-to-late succession wildlife
- Managing for Elements of Early Successional with Later Successional Forests
- Patch cuts, canopy gaps, conifer reserves
 - Road/trail system management
 - Wetland management
 - Other species considerations
- 4:00pm** **Dismissal**