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# WISCONSIN SHARP-TAILED GROUSE SOCIETY

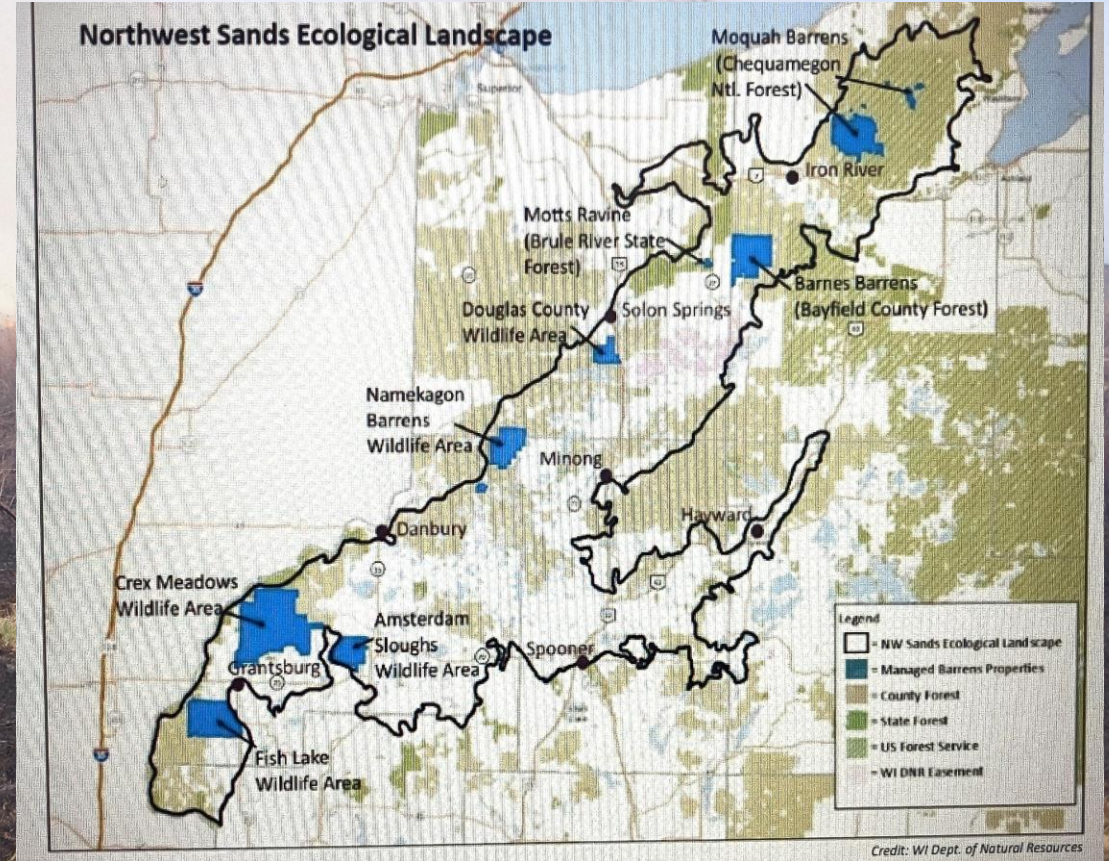
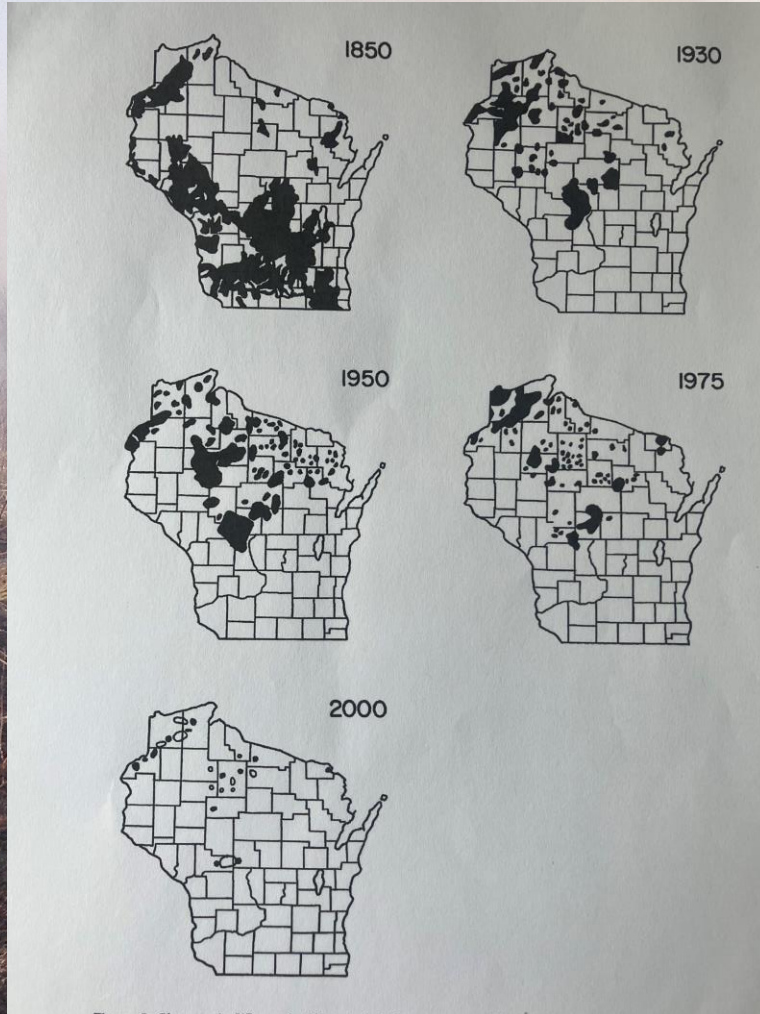
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# Why Does Wisconsin Need a Sharp-tailed Grouse Society?





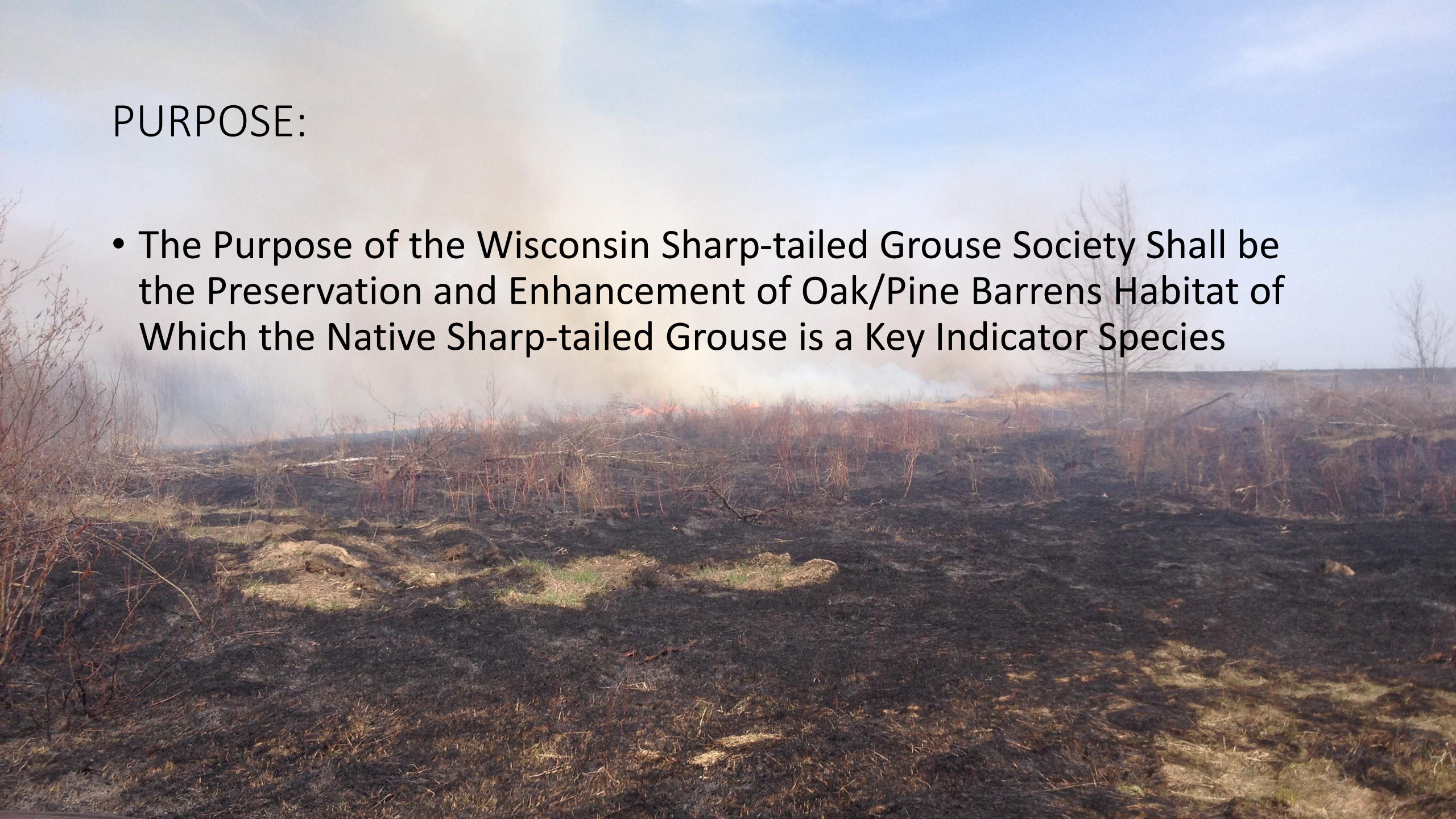
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## PURPOSE:

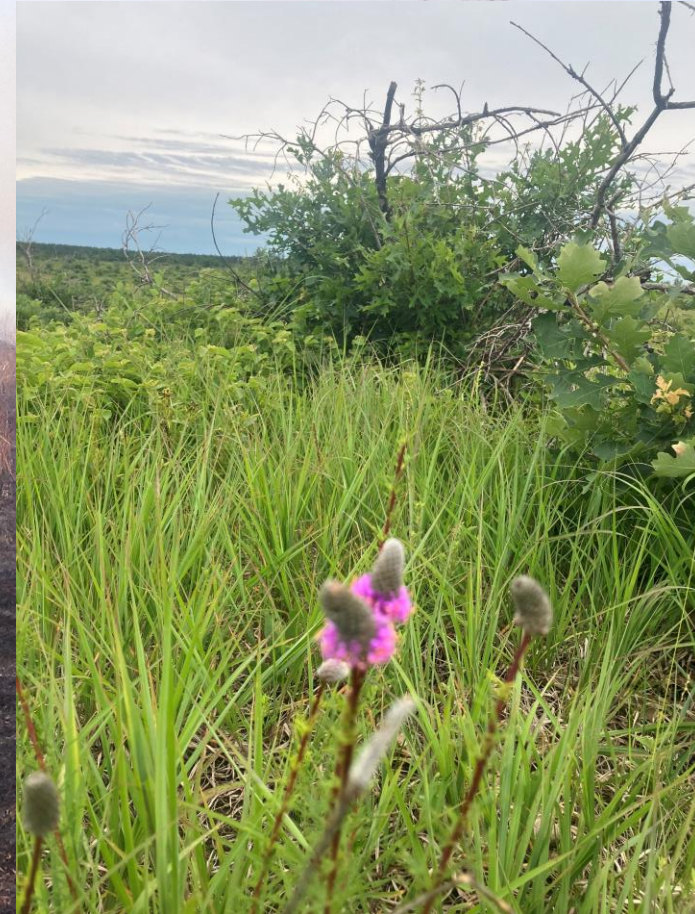
- The Purpose of the Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society Shall be the Preservation and Enhancement of Oak/Pine Barrens Habitat of Which the Native Sharp-tailed Grouse is a Key Indicator Species





## Objective #1

Publicize the Current Plight of Sharp-tailed Grouse in Wisconsin and the Unique Habitat on Which it Depends, With an Emphasis on the Globally Imperiled Pine/Oak Barrens





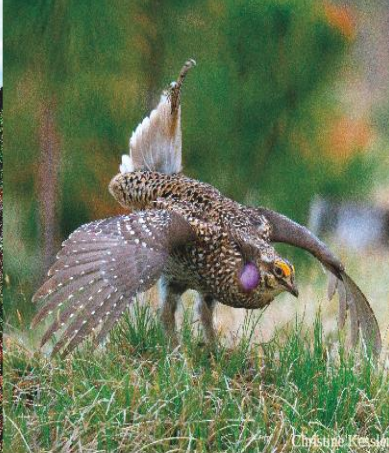
## OBJECTIVE # 2

# Educate the Public and Resource Professionals About STG and Key Habitat Elements That Are Critical For Long Term Population Viability

### RARE SPECIES

The NW corner of Wisconsin is the meeting point of several biomes and, as a result, the home of many rare species surviving at the edge of their range. As the landscape type itself is now uncommon in our state, many of the Pine Barrens' endemic flora & fauna are in short supply.

Our namesake, the Sharp-tailed grouse, is not the only example, but the most charismatic of these creatures. Karner Blue Butterfly, Kirtland's Warbler, Blanding's Turtle, and a host of others all rely on the Pine Barrens ecosystem to survive. Maintaining habitat for these critically rare species is our top priority.



### GET IN TOUCH

- Do you love Barren's species?
- Do you have or want Sharp-tailed grouse on your property?
- Do you want to help secure the future for Wisconsin's rarest plants and animals?

Contact us! Use any of the below methods to: follow us, request help or stay up to date. We look forward to hearing from you.



#### OUR CONTACT:

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## Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society

We are a nonprofit organization of: conservationists, citizens, and sportsmen/women dedicated to the preservation of Sharp-tailed grouse and their habitat.

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## Objective #3

Encourage and Support Habitat Management for Sharp-tailed Grouse,  
Which Also Provides Benefits for Other Open Landscape Species





## Objective #4

Promote Hunting and Non-Hunting Recreational Use of Sharp-tailed Grouse





## Objective # 5

Influence Both State of Wisconsin and Local Governmental Decisions, That Will Benefit Sharp-tailed Grouse and Suitable Open Landscapes With an Emphasis on Quality Barrens Habitat;

- 24. Allow training, trialing and hunting without dogs being on an 8-foot leash (090220, 510120)
- Current state regulations limit the training and trialing of dogs because of concern on the impact on nesting birds. On State owned land open to public hunting and are not designated open to dog training under NR17.05, dogs shall be controlled by a person using a leash which is no more than 8 feet in length from April 15, to July 31.
- Various hunting dog owners and associations such as the Wisconsin Association of Field Trial Clubs, The Wisconsin Association of sporting dogs, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the Wisconsin Bear hunters Association and the Wisconsin Coon hunters Association support these changes.
- 24. Do you support the allowing dog training, trialing, and hunting on state-owned land from April 15-July 31 without requiring the use of an 8-foot leash?
- *Conservation Congress Question Spring Hearing 2021*



The Motts Ravine area has been identified as capable of supporting and expanding the globally rare and imperiled pine-barrens community type. This variance would change the management prescriptions within the Motts Ravine, Area 8, Native Community Management Area from a prescribed core area of grass and shrub barrens of 200 to 400 acres to 1,000 to 1,600 acres.

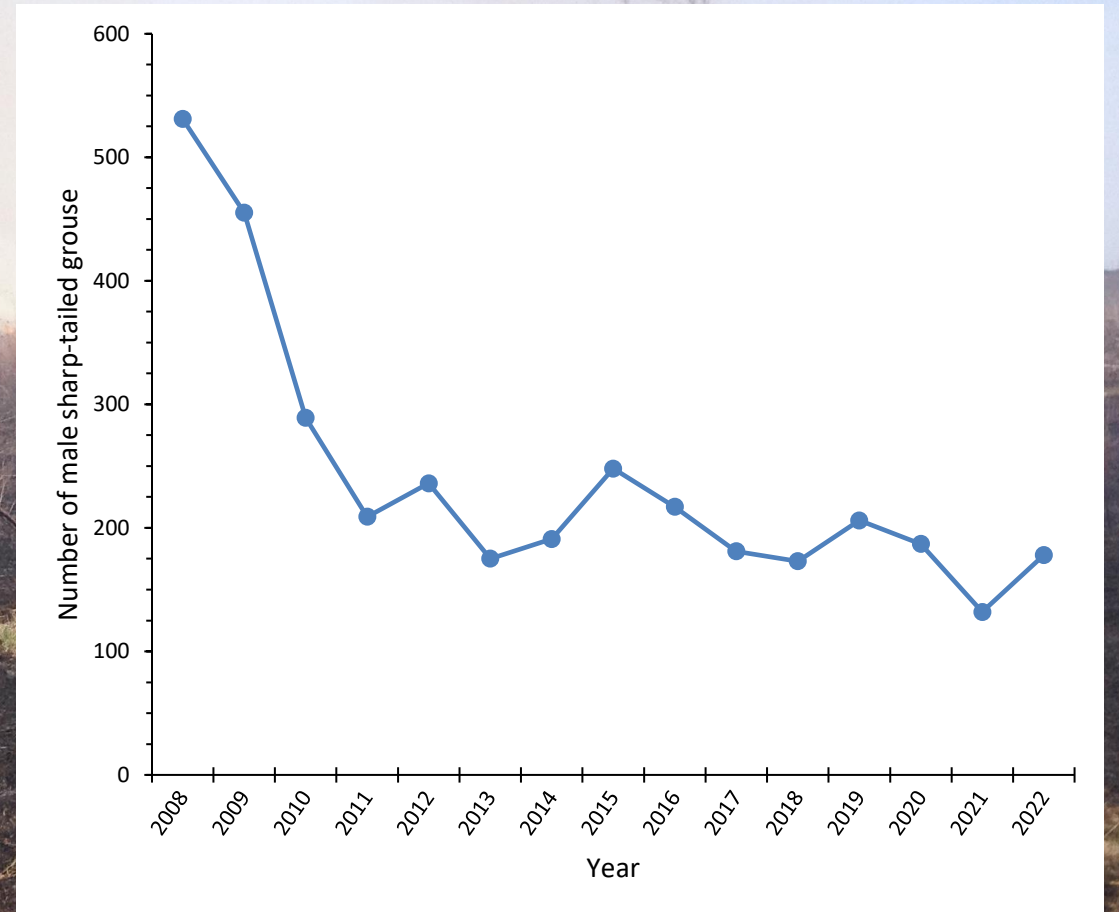
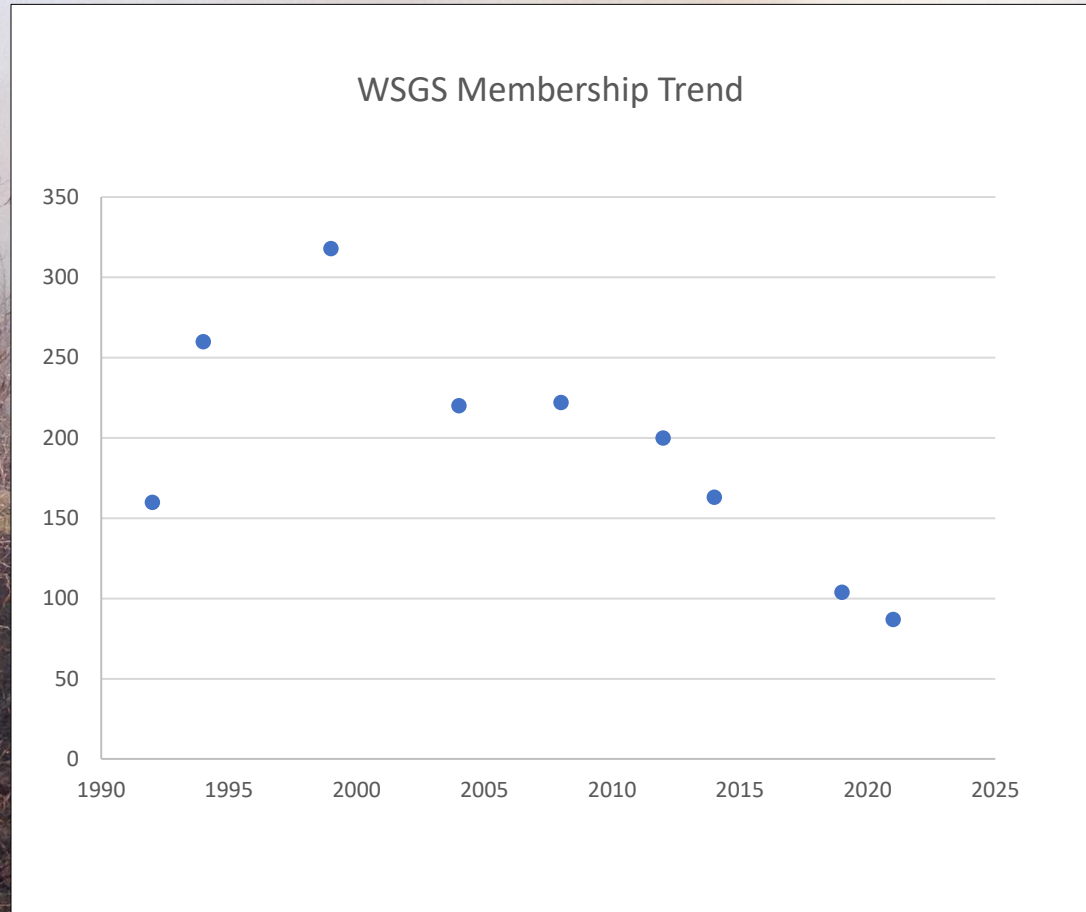


# What We Accomplished So Far ...

- Supported , sponsored, and conducted sharptail workshops, seminars, symposiums and various meetings throughout the state.
- Provided input to management plans for county forests, state forests, WDNR wildlife areas and federal properties.
- Lobbied for continued existence and enlargement of STG mgnt. areas and continued regulated hunting for sharptails.
- Providing funds for acquisition and habitat management, sharptail research and translocation.
- Contribute funding for Crex Meadows wildlife Education and Visitor Center and the WI Breeding Bird Atlas I & II
- Cooperated with US Forest Service and WI & MN DNRs in a major trap and translocation project to increase sharptail numbers on Moquah Barrens WA
- Joined other non-profit barrens oriented organizations to network for wildlife conservation and aided establishment of Friends groups at Douglas Co. and Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Areas.



# Membership = Dollars For the Mission





And Now For the Rest of The Story .....

