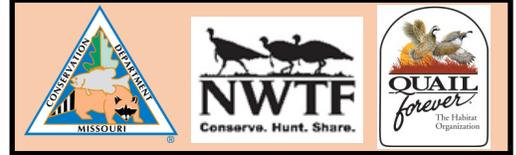


# Mark Twain Prescribed Burn Association

## 2018 Spring Burns



The MTPBA was busy this spring! Thanks to our dedicated members, we tackled **221.4 acres** of prescribed fire this year. We conducted seven total burns for mid-contract management, cool season grass removal, duff removal, stand diversity and sericea lespedeza control.

### The breakdown:

Property	County	Acres	Date	Objective
Hugenot	Monroe	46	3/2	MCM, set back CSG, remove duff
McIntosh	Monroe	47	4/19	MCM, remove duff, prep for sericea lespedeza control
Stenemeyer	Monroe	22.7	4/20	MCM, set back CSG, remove duff
Johnson	Monroe	45	4/24	MCM, remove duff, woody vegetation control
Stenemeyer	Monroe	28.9	4/26	MCM, set back CSG, remove duff
Harmon	Monroe	21.8	4/26	MCM, set back CSG, remove duff
McKinney	Marion	10	4/26	Reduce CSG, prep for sericea lespedeza control, stimulate diversity

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS!

### March

The crew ventured south of Madison to kick off the season! We met for a mid-contract management burn for an established 46 acre warm season grass stand. We met early to capitalize on ideal conditions, which resulted in a very successful burn. To top it off, Grillmaster Verle, treated us to burgers and brats. What a great way to start the season!



# April

Our first burn in April landed us just north of Paris. Here we visited the McIntosh property. Sericea lespedeza control was the name of the game. The plan was to remove the existing litter (old sericea), enhance new growth, and use an herbicide treatment to combat the regrowth. Typical of sericea burns, we had billowing black smoke and a scorching hot blaze that put us to the test. It was a force to be reckoned with, but our members tackled it like pros! It was great to have so many willing participants and such comradery.

McIntosh Property



Here stands a few hardworking gals that contributed to this season's success.



We continued our efforts south of Paris and worked our way to the northernmost part of Marion county. These prescribed fires were used to reach a combination of goals: 1) remove duff and set back brush 2) set back cool season grass and 3) enhance diversity. Our dedicated members conducted 5 burns within a single week, three of which were within a single day. The motivation of these landowners was paramount in driving our success.

Johnson Property



McKinney Property



Here is a great representation of how a green firebreak can make easy work for the PBA crew.

**Stenemeyer Property**



We ended the spring burning season at the Harmon's. And what a great burn it was. A special bonus! The prescribed fire unveiled the shed antlers of one of their resident whitetails. What a find!

**Harmon Property**



## A little fire can go a long way...

The fields of black quickly turn to lush green after prescribed fire. With a little rain, warm season grasses and wildflowers flourish. Below are a few photos of the next few months post fire.

