

Building Brush Piles Creates More than Piles of Brush

In March Boy Scout Troop 333 from Decker, MI spent a day building brush piles on the Minden City State Game Area. The project accomplished two things. For one, the brush piles were constructed using invasive species like autumn olive. Cutting down these invasives helps contain them, slowing or preventing their spread in the area. In addition, these brush piles create nice habitat for many species of birds and small mammals, like the cottontail rabbits in the area. Lunch was provided for the boys and the weather stayed nice. As one scout said, "It was fun; we helped rabbits with finding homes." They even managed to work in a late season snow ball fight.



Collecting Brush



Evergreen Brush Pile



Boy Scout Troop 333 Celebrating a Successful Day