



Spring Highlights

Northern Lower Peninsula

Wildlife Division 2016



100 Year Anniversary!

GPS Goal 6

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Gladwin Field Trial Area, (GFTA). Recently, a great celebration took place in northern Gladwin County at the historic Alibi Hall. Field trial groups, dog clubs, and partners from all around gathered to share stories of the great times and the uniqueness of the GFTA. Learn more about the GFTA [here](#).



Spring Birding Tours

GPS Goal 5

The Manistee Marsh and the Houghton Lake Flats hosted their first annual spring birding tours. Both locations are managed wildlife floodings that provide excellent waterfowl hunting in the fall and great birding in the spring. Staff provided history of the managed area, explained our management goals, and our techniques to get us there. Both tours were well received and will be planned again in 2017.



Infrastructure Improvements

GPS Goal 9

Many water control structures can be found on state forest land across the region. Most were constructed over 50 years ago for great waterfowl and furbearer breeding habitat which resulted in great hunting and trapping recreation. Major maintenance is taking place and recently, Cannons #1 and Stoney Creek have been refurbished with new water control structures installed. Both will be ready for the 2016 hunting seasons.



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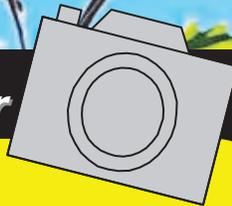
Goose Banding

GPS Goal 1

Across the region, staff are herding Canada geese by the dozens on golf courses, county parks and private land while they are molting and unable to fly. Once the geese are in their temporary pen, staff and volunteers work quickly to band them, while gathering age and sex information. Banding is an important tool for estimating harvest and survival while tracking the location of harvest. The banding goal for the region is 350 geese.



NLR Game Cam Corner



What can you find in a managed wildlife opening?



Meet the Northern Lower Region



Mark Boersen is currently a Wildlife Biologist at the Roscommon Customer Service Center. Mark has been with the DNR for nearly 13 years and oversees wildlife management in Roscommon, Ogemaw, and Iosco counties. He also serves at the NLR black bear contact person. When not working, Mark loves to hunt, scuba dive, boat, and travel with his wife Emily, and daughter Avery.

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