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Wisconsin River Power Prepares for Annual Deer Hunt for Disabled Hunters

A-F FFA Club and Allied Coop in Adams help with planting wildlife food plots

Necedah, WI – Plans for the 8th annual Deer Hunt for Disabled Hunters on the grounds of Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO) are complete. And thanks to an assist from community partners the Future Farmers of America and their advisor Ms. Becky Grabarski from Adams-Friendship High School, along with the Allied Cooperative in Adams, WI, the chances for a successful hunt by some of the more challenged hunters will be improved this year.

During its survey of the hunting experience by hunting participants, WRPCO found that a major limiting factor identified by hunters with restricted upper body mobility is their inability to take timely aim at deer. In fact, several of our past hunters ended up becoming frustrated as a result of missed opportunities. Simply put, some of the hunters, because of their condition, just didn't have enough time to get into position when they saw deer.

The FFA and Coop are involved, along with WRPCO employees, in the planting of winter wheat which will service as four "food plots" for deer. Our goal for placement of the food plots is to give deer a reason to stay put or in a limited area to provide more time for hunters to successfully harvest deer. The plots are ready for fertilizing and planting.

Planning for the food plots was a special project for the FFA kids. The Allied Cooperative evaluated soil samples gathered by the students and assisted in supplying the lime, fertilizer, and seed for the food plots and donated a commercial spreader for the WRPCO employees to use. Shawn Puzen of WPS Environmental Services in Green Bay, who works regularly with WRPCO, is loaning a planter for fertilizing and seeding the food plots. The farming work was completed this week. The hunt is scheduled for October 10 – 12, 2014.

In past years WRPCO partnered with students participating in Necedah High School Industrial Arts Programs to develop deer stands for hunters with limited mobility consisting of wooden decks with access ramps and railings.

Hunters for the 2014 hunt have been selected by WRPCO with assistance from multiple organizations that provide hunting opportunities for disabled hunters in Wisconsin. Thanks to the wildlife food plot development project, WRPCO is looking forward to providing our hunters another safe and even more successful deer hunt in 2014.