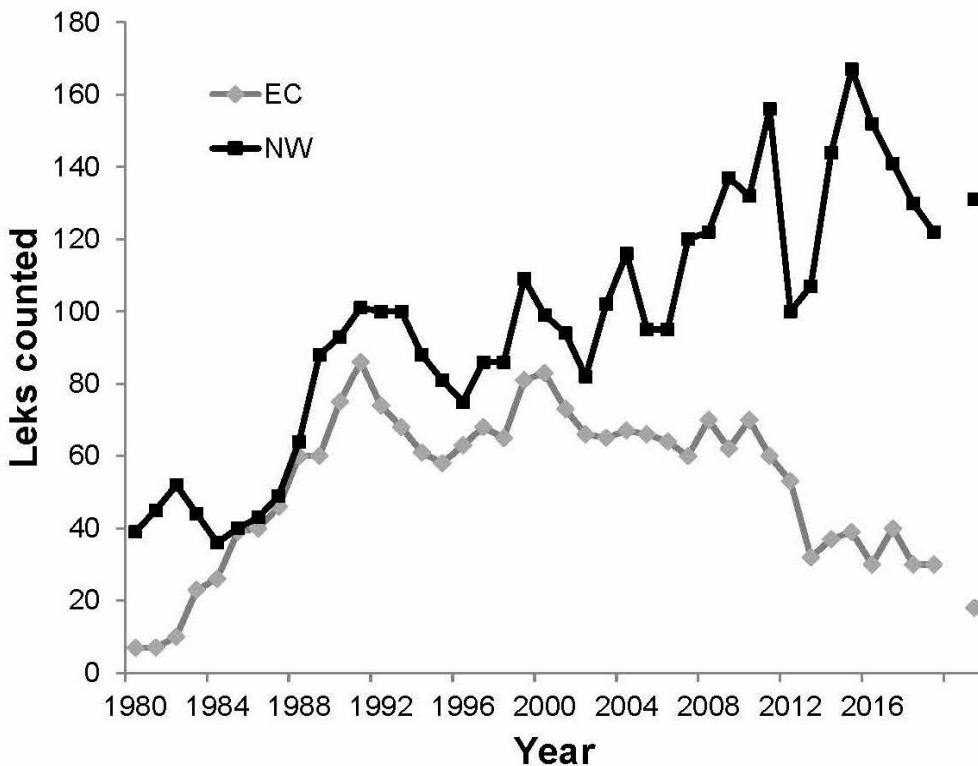




Enhanced Public Lands Open Landscapes – Phase II



This proposal seeks to enhance 5,000 acres of open landscape habitat in the Norther Forest and Forest Prairie Transition Regions to create early successional habitat for Sharp-tailed Grouse and other wildlife species.



Population Trends

Northwest:

Increase suggest stable or increasing populations.

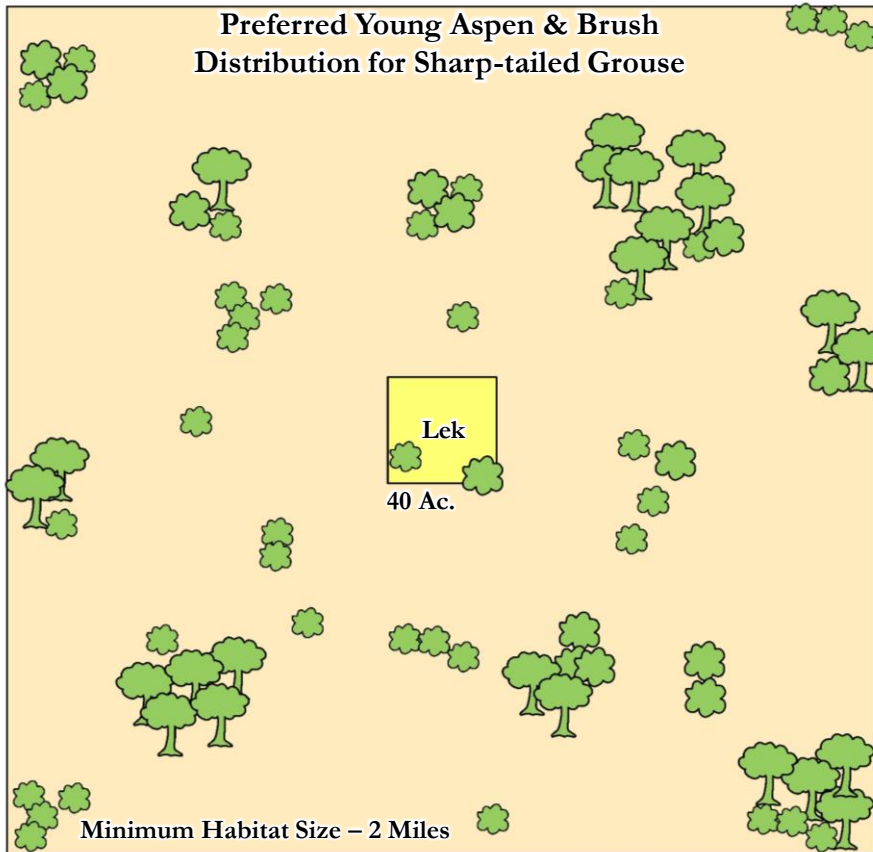
East Central:

Significant decline in population and number of leks.

Number of leks with ≥ 2 birds counted in spring surveys by region from 1980 – 2021. From 2021 Minnesota DNR Spring Grouse Survey.



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Our Priority
Target areas within 4
miles (preferred habitat
size) of an active or
inactive lek.

Open Landscapes Phase I Updates

- Total enhancement budget: \$873,000
- Acre goals: 2,910
- Contracted 3,374.9 acres for \$617,685.20
- Completed 1,727.5 acres for \$329,900.91
- All projects have ≥ 1 lek within 4 miles of the project area.
- 55% of projects have ≥ 2 leks within 4 miles.



Local contractor mowing brush on the Aitkin WMA



Aspen feathering creating desired habitat diversity