

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

Quarterly Partners Report



Jason Andersen - Harrison, Pottawattamie, Shelby Counties **January - March 2021**

The winter months can be tough on morale, but I keep my mood up by using that time for planning projects. This quarter I worked on several project proposals for the spring as well as a bunch of management and burn plans. March was especially busy as producers were gearing up to get to work with the warmer weather. Many of them had lots of last minute questions. As always, it gives me a lot of satisfaction to be the person that producers call for help and I'm glad I can deliver what they need so they can keep moving the habitat needle!

Quarterly Achievements	
138 Landowner contacts	24 Habitat projects
31 Site visits	2 Outreach events

Bringing fire knowledge home

I am a passionate proponent of using fire to manage our natural systems. That passion causes my professional life to often bleed over into my personal life, with (mostly) positive results. Part of my job is to advise producers on how to safely and effectively implement fire on their conservation plantings. I strongly feel that, in order to do that effectively, one has to also be a fire practitioner themselves. Every year, I use a significant portion of my free time from work to engage in fire activities, on the prescribed fire side with local conservation groups and on the wildfire side through volunteering with my local fire department. This helps me deliver sound advice to producers and create better conservation products, while also allowing me to grow as a conservation professional.



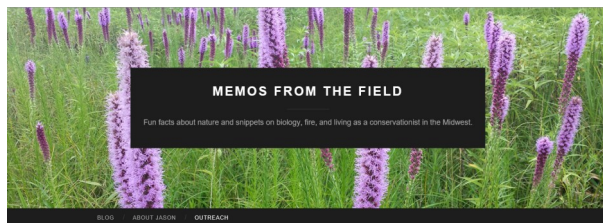
Lighting fire off of a mowed firebreak on a prescribed burn in the Loess Hills. I was tasked with taking up the rear to patrol the fireline and monitor weather conditions for the burn.



My chicken-scratch field notes for planning a burn. Planning informed by real-world experience helps ensure I'm planning safe and effective prescribed fire.

New project: Habitat Help Hour webinar series

I spent a good chunk of time this quarter planning an outreach series that I'll begin delivering this spring. This virtual series will happen each month on the second Thursday at 2pm and cover various wildlife conservation topics. All are welcome!



Check the schedule on my website at www.jasoneandersen.com/outreach.

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