

February Management Recommendations

Fire Ecology

- Develop a safe burn plan
- Check and complete fire breaks
- Obtain burn authorization from local Division of Forestry – day of burn
- Begin conducting prescribed burns as needed

Forestry

- It is a big mast year for longleaf on many properties. Put off burning in blocks where capturing regeneration is needed.
- Plant longleaf seedlings where needed
- Make plans for thinning and other cultural treatments in stands for periods of dry weather

Game Bird

- Prepare fire breaks to burn 50-60% of area in 25-500 acre patches depending on weather, populations, and predation
- Complete disking of fields for brood habitat
- Spread supplemental feed at 2 bu/ac/yr (we will customize each year)
- Take soil samples in dove field
- Burning low areas and turkey woods in late February if dry

Land Management

- Complete any planting of mast-producing trees and shrubs as needed for wildlife food and cover.
- Install wood duck nest boxes.
- Disk strips in fallow fields to promote ragweed and partridge pea for bobwhite quail.
- Prescribe burn pine stands.
- Lime/bottom plow old fields if needed
- Draw down moist soil management ponds for migrating shore birds

Vertebrate Ecology

- Clean and repair eastern bluebird nest boxes.
- Clean and repair wood duck nest boxes.