



The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA)
at
Oklahoma State University
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RREA programs at Oklahoma State University have had a significant impact on the landowners and citizens in the state of Oklahoma. Since approximately 97 percent of the land in Oklahoma is owned by private individuals, private landowners have a major impact on natural resource management in the state. RREA funds are leveraged with state, private, and other institutional grants help landowners manage forests and rangelands for wildlife, fisheries and numerous other natural resources in the state. RREA dollars are used with \$1 to \$7 of state, private, and other extramural funds to maximize RREA effectiveness in Oklahoma.

In 2006, RREA funds were used on the following projects:

- The annual Forestry on the Grow Forest Utilization Conference. Experts from universities, federal agencies, and private businesses from across the country presented concurrent sessions with topics of interest to forest landowners, loggers, primary processors, secondary manufacturers, and service providers. Also features an indoor/outdoor equipment and vendor exposition.
- Youth education, including 4-H Forestry Contest, 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) and the Oklahoma Youth Forestry and Wildlife Camp, where 65 students ages 11-15 learned about forest, wildlife and stream management in Oklahoma.
- The Pushmataha Forest Habitat Demonstration Area was used to educate landowners, students, and natural resource professionals about integrated forest, livestock and wildlife management. The area is also used to demonstrate the use and results of prescribed fire in a forested ecosystem. Since 1992, over 612,000 people have been educated at this area.



Participants at the Pushmataha Forest Habitat Demonstration Area said:

"I had no idea fire made such a difference!"

"It is great to be able to walk from one treatment to the next and see how different things are effected all in one place."

"There is something here for everyone that manages land."

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