

PHEASANT's FOREVER

Recognizing the need to expand the use of prescribed fire to effectively managed project grasslands while challenged with limited manpower and suppression equipment, the Wilson Project Natural Resource Management Staff turned to the Lincoln County, KS., Chapter of Pheasants Forever to complete a 289 acres prescribed fire in the Rocktown Natural Area of Lucas Park, Wilson Project.

The PF habitat crew developed the burn plan and provided all labor, equipment and manpower to complete a safe burn in 2006 for the per acre cost of \$7/acre. In addition PF posted a one million dollar liability policy and assumed full burn responsibility. The Wilson Project Staff prepared fire guards and provided a 1,000 gallon water tender. While limited by weather allowances, this partnership continues with agreements to burn 50-300 acres of project land on an annual basis.

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