

# Fire Management

- Suppression
  - Responsibility across 45.5 million acres
  - Interagency cooperation for efficiency/effectiveness
  - Partnership with rural fire departments
- Preparation
  - Partnerships
  - Equipment
  - Training
  - Contracts



# Fire Management (cont.)

- Prevention
  - Education (e.g., Smokey Bear, FireWise)
  - Open burning permits (e.g., Fire Wardens)
- Prescribed Fire
  - Wildlife habitat
  - Ecological restoration
  - Reforestation



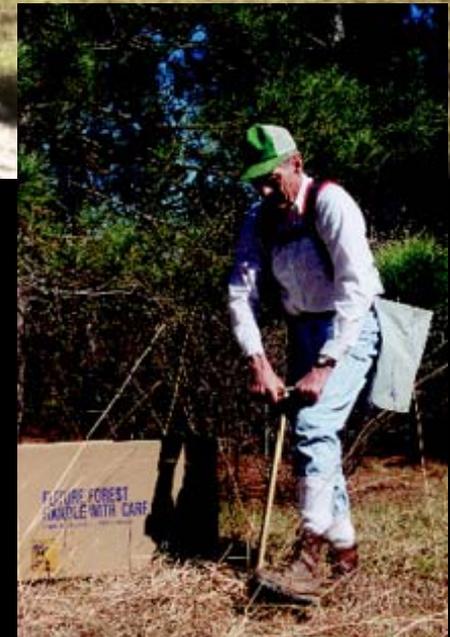
# Cooperative Forest Management

- Assistance to non-industrial private forest landowners
  - Forest management plans
  - Conservation projects
  - Connecting landowners to cost-share funding
- Community forestry assistance
  - Technical assistance
  - Administration of grants (e.g., MN ReLeaf)



# Conservation Tree Planting

- DNR Tree Nurseries
  - Established in 1931
  - Self-supporting since 1984
  - Produce 10 MM seedlings per year
  - Conservation planting on public and private lands.
  - Partnership with private tree nurseries



# Number **1** Priorities (is there a limit?)

- Fire
- State Land Management
- Cooperative Forest Management
- OHV's
- Forest Certification
- Industry Retention

# BIG Issues/Challenges

- Retaining staff and programs.
- Outreach to constituents in a polarized climate (70% urban/suburban)
- Retaining working forests.
- Balancing values on state forests.
  - Governor's industry and conservation initiatives
- Retaining currency in expertise.

**Enjoy your stay!!**

