

SWCD Prescribed Burn

You may have noticed that the tall grass by the Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District tree building was recently burned. This burn was a Prescribed Burn, and it was conducted by the Department of Natural Resources, as a form of grassland management. Burns of this nature are used to develop and maintain various native grasslands. Following a burn, or controlled fire, there is generally an increase in the germination of native grasses and wild flowers. This renewed vegetation also allows small animals and birds to move more freely, and to reestablish their nesting sites. Prescribed burns of areas not generally mowed or disked, are also done to remove excess litter which may have filtered into the tall grass stands where it became trapped, leading to the reduction of quality of wildlife habitat.