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### **FORESTRY FIELD DAY PLANNED AT CHASE THE ADVENTURE**

Plans are underway for a Forestry Field Day to be held Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at Dale & Julie Hogenson's Chase the Adventure Hunt & Gun Club on Middle Calmar Road. The day-long workshop will feature a variety of information on forestry practices, demonstrations, and a tour of conservation practices. Registration begins at 9:00am. The cost to attend is \$8.00, which includes coffee & doughnuts, a lunch of homemade pheasant noodle soup and sandwiches, and materials.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the buffer practices using CRP from Jacob Groth, State Technician with Iowa NRCS. District Foresters Gary Beyer and Greg Heidebrink will provide information on planting seedlings and direct seeding, and Trout Run Reforestation Project Coordinator Richard Kittelson will describe the project and incentives available to landowners.

The field day will also feature a demonstration of planting seedlings by John Olds and Tom Brown of One Stop Forestry, including site prep considerations, planting stock, planting techniques, weed control, and plantation maintenance. A tour highlighting a variety of conservation practices will be held, including wildlife windbreaks/shelterbelts; CRP and field riparian plantings, direct seeding 1- and 2-year old plantings, and streambank stabilization.

Those attending will also have the opportunity to tour the lodge at Hogenson's Chase the Adventure Licensed Hunt & Gun Club, the site of the field day.

The program will conclude at 4:00pm. The Forestry Field Day is being hosted by Dale & Julie Hogenson at Chase the Adventure, 1838 Middle Calmar Road, located East of Calmar. For more information, please call Richard Kittelson at Northeast Iowa RC&D at (563) 864-7112.

This Forestry Field Day is being co-sponsored by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa State University – Forestry Extension, and Northeast Iowa RC&D – Trout Run Reforestation Project, in support of the Upper Iowa River Watershed (UIRW) Project. The UIRW Project is being coordinated through Northeast Iowa RC&D, Inc. and has been funded in part by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Nonpoint Source Management Program (Section 319 of the Clean Water Act), the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, and the McKnight Foundation, and the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry of the USDA Forest Service.

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