

# September Management Recommendations

## Fire Ecology

- Execute late growing season prescribed burns for native ground cover.
- Establish fire breaks for next year's spring burns.

## Forestry

- Apply fall herbicides for control of hardwoods.
- Conduct site-preparation burns to capture longleaf regeneration.

## Game Bird

- Begin to mow or chop hunting lanes in late September.
- Mow odd areas in late September.
- Begin dog training.
- Begin conditioning of horses and mules.
- Continue supplemental Feeding at 1-2 bu/ac/yr.
- Discontinue Predation Management.

## Land Management

- Plant fall food plots, if rainfall is sufficient.
- Begin mowing or harvesting dove fields.
- Plant second round of millet in dove fields, for those who want grain available for the second phase of dove season.
- Implement deer surveys to determine harvest strategy.
- Apply herbicide for exotic grasses.
- Apply herbicide for hardwood control.

## Vertebrate Ecology

- Fall songbird migration begins in earnest; watch for colorful birds along streamside zones and in hardwood forests.
- Early Bald Eagles start to return to stake out territories and begin courtships.
- Red-cockaded Woodpecker translocations begin; trucks in the woods at night may be helping this endangered species.