

PR PROJECT PROPOSAL - GAHAGEN  
EARLY SUCCESSION HABITAT PROJECT  
SOUTHWEST REGION  
GROUP 4 – SGL 228

State Game Land 228 consists of 3,906 acres, and is located in eastern Somerset County. The first draft of the Comprehensive Management Plan was submitted in December 2012. The terrain of this game land is relatively flat with mostly gradual grades leading to the streams. Elevations range from 2340 to 2920 feet. The plant community type is 93 percent terrestrial forest, 4 percent terrestrial woodlands, 2 percent terrestrial shrubland, and one percent herbaceous. The landscape surrounding the gameland is mostly forested with interspersed farmland. The entire gameland and surrounding landscape is within the focal area for golden-winged warbler. The overall goal for this gameland is to manage for mixed successional habitat.

The Southwest Region is conducting a 17 acre non-timber sale habitat project. This will consist of a road daylight that will surround a section of gameland road scheduled for improvement through a Dirt and Gravel road improvement project. The objectives of this project are; to create and improve the habitat for grouse and other mammal and bird species that utilize early successional forests for food and cover, to create a transitional or soft edge of vegetation in the vicinity of one field and two vernal ponds, and to assist in maintaining infrastructure by day lighting a gameland road scheduled for significant improvement.

