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Ask Permission Before Hunting On CRP, CREP and RIM

Fall is almost upon us bringing with it cooler days and longer nights. We are starting to see the harvest machines dot the landscape and hunters stalking game through the fields and woodlands. It is important for hunters to review state regulations and property laws. All hunters need to be knowledgeable of the laws governing the land they intend to hunt, specifically land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), or the Reinvest In Minnesota program (RIM).

Landowners enrolled in these programs retain the right to control all access to their property. If they choose, the land can be posted and all hunting prohibited. If a landowner requests that you leave the property, you must do so or you are in violation of trespass laws.

Always ask permission before entering private land. **You need permission to hunt on CRP, CREP and RIM land even if it is not posted.** Trespassing is a misdemeanor, and if convicted you could lose your license to hunt and be subjected to additional fines and punishments. All conservation and peace officers enforce trespass laws. Remember, your actions reflect on all hunters. You can view the Minnesota DNR Trespass Law by going to following website: [Hunting and trapping regulations: Minnesota DNR](#)

There are over 1.7 million acres of CRP, CREP and RIM in Minnesota. These acres have been established to grasses and trees to protect the soil, improve water quality, and provide cover for wildlife. The habitat created through grass and tree plantings provides food and cover for wildlife to survive and flourish. However, hunting of the game present is a secondary benefit for those who choose to hunt or allow hunting on their conservation acres.

For hunters that don't have access to private property, Minnesota also has the luxury of over 1.6 million acres of public hunting land. These lands are mostly Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA) and are posted for Public Hunting. Minnesota's 77 Pheasants Forever Chapters have spent over \$36 million on wildlife habitat efforts which includes 343 land acquisitions totaling 29,762 acres.

Lastly, support the conservation efforts of our neighbors and the many private and public organizations that expend an enormous amount of time and money to improve and protect wildlife and their habitat.

