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Selective Management of Milkweed Monongahela National Forest 2010 Accomplishments

This project was initiated in 2005 to selectively mow around clumps and individual milkweed plants to promote their propagation within the early successional habitat being maintained. The work has been completed with NFWF funding and through a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Over the six years of this selective management of milkweed species, positive results have been seen (Figure 1). This type of management has not only increased the number of individual milkweed plants within the areas, but also has resulted in more utilization of the areas by monarchs (Figure 2).



Figure 1. Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) growing in a large patch as a result of selective management to promote milkweed within wildlife openings.

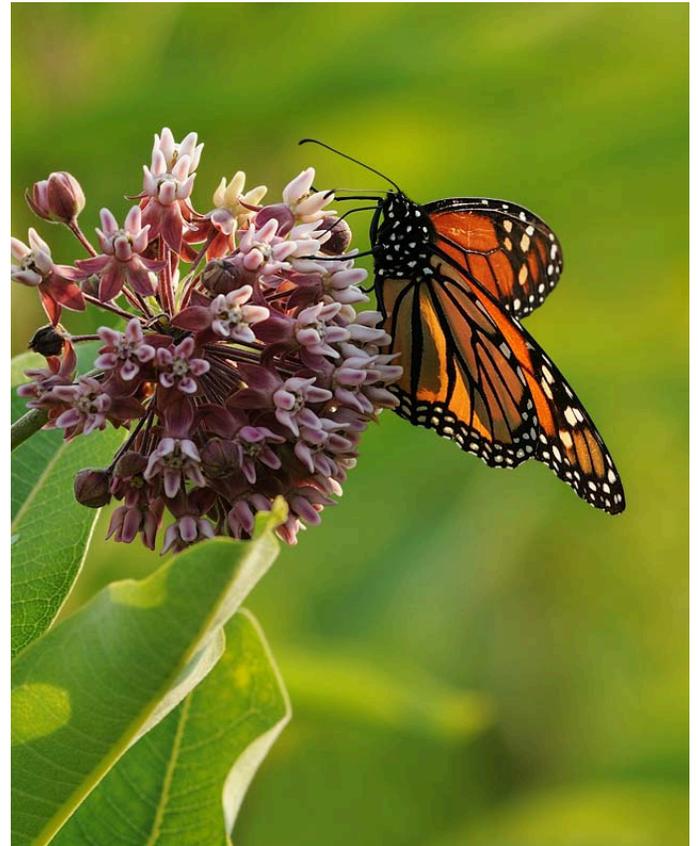


Figure 2. Monarch on milkweed in the field pictured in Figure 1.

Year Project Initiated : 2005

Project completion: Continuing

Report number: 1

Expenditures (through 10/2010): 35000

FY10 funding NFWF 7000

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