This field day will showcase a family’s lifelong passion of habitat management for the benefit of game species. Attendees will see how the owners have transformed 700+ acres of overgrown pastures to create an incredibly diverse system of timbered draws, native prairie ridge tops, food plots, riparian corridors, and erosion / sediment control structures (ponds). The wagon tour will highlight several different areas on the farm which have undergone various intensive treatments using a range of cost share programs. You will hear from the owner who has done most of the Timber Stand Improvement projects, ridgetop removal of red cedar trees, prescribed burning to promote native prairies, and food plot layout and installation. This is your chance to get a first-hand account of why the owners have chosen the management options they have, how they completed the tasks, the pros and cons of each practice, and what the future management will be at each site. District Forester Randy Goerndt and ISU Extension Forester Jesse Randall will help to answer questions throughout the day.

If you are interested in Big Game Management, Native Prairie Restoration, Food Plot Installation/maintenance, and Quality Timber Management this is a Must Attend Field day.

9 am - Sign In and Welcome
9:30 am - Head for the Timber
Noon - Meal (Ribeye sandwich by Ringgold County Cattlemen’s Association)
3:30 pm - Depart for Home

Instructors: Carl Jerome, Host
Randy Goerndt, IDNR District Forester
Ryan Harr, IDNR Private Lands Biologist
Jim Coffey, IDNR Research Technician
Helga Offenburger, IDNR Private Lands Wildlife Specialist
Jesse Randall, ISU Extension Forester

To Register and Book a Lunch! Call Janice at 515-294-7991 – you must leave your full name, a contact number and the number that will be attending the forest/wildlife field day.

Directions: From Mount Ayr, head south on P46 for 8 miles. At the corner of P46 and 310th street there will be an ISU field day sign. Head east on 310th street and we will park along the road and in the local field and will use tractors/people movers to get back into the property.