

Project Subject/Title: Hemlock Shelters – Flambeau River State Forest

County: Rusk and Price

TRS: various

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Type of Prescription: Tree Planting

Year Initiated: early 1990s

Abstract/Prescription:

In early 1990s hemlock seedlings were planted on the Flambeau River State Forest. About 50 acres per year over several years was planted. The spacing used was 10' x 10'. Shelters were put around the seedlings (Tensar brand – black grid type). In addition to hemlock, white and red pine were planted.

Results/Discussion:

- Very effective at keeping critters from browsing.
- Slow growth rates noted (stayed at 1' to 2' range) though hemlock did better than the pines.
- Shelters quite expensive but very durable.
- Use bamboo stake or something other than wood that rots after 2 yrs.

Site/Conditions:

Habitat Type: ATD

Covertypes: northern hardwood

Picture at Price Creek Road on Flambeau River State Forest

