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# NICHES Land Trust Haul & Burn Workday with the Help of Purdue Student Volunteers

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday January 16), Purdue student volunteers and NICHES Land Trust will be hauling and burning brush at the Moyer-Gould Woods property, in Carroll County. Located just outside of Delphi - Indiana - Moyer-Gould Woods was once the homestead of the Moyer and Gould family, originally acquired years prior to the American Civil War. In 2009, these 77 acres of rolling hills bordering the Tippecanoe River were purchased by NICHES Land Trust.

"We are in the process of restoring the property to an open oak woodland which means reducing the canopy cover (in this case the target was Sugar Maples) and prescribed fire management," said Brad Weigel, NICHES Land Trust, Stewardship Manager. "The intention is to allow more sunlight to reach the forest floor to increase native grass, sedge, and forb diversity, as well as encourage Oak regeneration."

NIPSCO provided a gracious donation to NICHES Land Trust in support of the Moyer-Gould Woods restoration project. This donation, along with the continual and enduring efforts of volunteers, has been critical for the work done to the property since 2009. Several dilapidated buildings were removed, a trail system leading down to the Tippecanoe River was installed, and a prairie was restored on the south section of the property.

NICHES Land Trust is always in need of volunteers - If you are interested, check out our website at NICHESLandTrust.org and find us on Facebook!

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