



Superior State Forest

THE DUCK LAKE FIRE was started by a lightning strike on May 21, 2012. In less than a week the fire quickly consumed more than 21,000 acres of forested land spanning an 11 mile stretch along the Lake Superior shore line. It was Michigan's third-largest fire in modern history, and it took more than 300 personnel to contain the fire.

The newly planted Jack pine forest resulting from this year's planting will provide good habitat for deer, turkey and grouse. The federally endangered Kirtland's warbler may also find some areas to be useful as nesting habitat, particularly where cover is thick and adjacent to small openings. This project will largely benefit the Two Hearted River and Lake Superior watersheds.

500,000 trees were grown at the Wyman State Forest Nursery and then lifted in mid-April. The bare-root Jack pine trees were grown from locally collected jack pine seed. The entire project took approximately one month to complete and was a huge success thanks to Arbor Day Foundation supporters.

