

News Release

National Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 26, 2015, Day of Service

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On Saturday, September 26, 2015, thirty-two students from the University of Minnesota Crookston helped with the bud capping of approximately 4000-5000 red, white, and jack pine seedlings on 23 acres near the north entrance to Itasca State Park near the Mary Gibbs Headwaters Center.



There were 47 people involved in the project including 1 staff person from the Department of Natural Resources, 5 Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteers, 32 students at the University of Minnesota Crookston, and 9 members of the U of M Crookston faculty, staff, or their affiliates.



National Public Lands Day was coordinated and sponsored by the Minnesota Master Naturalist Program that provided lunch and a t-shirt to all participants. The University of Minnesota provided transportation. Volunteers helped restore a monarch way-station, bud capped pine trees, hand-collected seeds, removed invasive species, staffed information booths, made bee boxes, and many other activities on this national day of service. There were 13 sites across Minnesota that participated in the event and hosted 301 volunteers who recorded 1533 hours of volunteer service valued at \$37,267.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 33 bachelor's degree programs, 22 minors, and 36 concentrations on campus as well as 14 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from more than 20 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

In the photos: Top, left, student volunteers bud capping trees at Itasca State Park.

Bottom, right, 47 volunteers worked during National Public Lands Day including 32 U of M Crookston students and 9 members of the U of M Crookston faculty, staff, or their affiliates.

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