

Landowner Spotlight - Jeff Johnson

Jeff Johnson is a land owner in the Mima Mounds corridor, a swath of privately owned prairies that are home to some very rare and unique species. He's lived on the prairie for about five years. In the few short years he's lived on the corridor, he said that Scotch Broom went from being just a few small plants to being "totally out of control". One of his neighbors suggested that he give us a call. I asked him had much changed since the work started? "Lots," he said, "for one thing, I can see the contour of the land again, and out here, the mounds are a big part of that. I can see the mountains again too."



Johnson property before Broom removal



Johnson property after Broom removal

Jeff told me he was really looking forward to next spring - seeing the Camas flowers bloom again. "I really like that progression of wildflowers that bloom in the spring - I'm looking forward to that." When I asked him whether he would recommend working with the Nature Conservancy crew to his neighbors with Broom problems he laughed, "Yeah - I can tell you they are real popular right now. They got the job done. We just took a look at the maps and I told them 'just whack it all down'." Thanks for being part of the solution Jeff and congratulations on your new view!