

# The AMF helps Fish & Game and DNR with Mat-Su projects

The AMF is pleased to announce its first Mat-Su habitat project. Of key importance is the long term goal to begin adequate habitat enhancement within the Mat-Su Borough to reduce the current growing trend of vehicle collisions on the highways.

The AMF is very happy to support Tony Kavalock, ADF&G area biologist, and Glenn Holt with DNR in a multi-agency effort to shear 8 acres of willow, dwarfed birch and alder with a D5 size dozer as a willow regeneration effort in the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

The Mat-Su is experiencing record human growth. This is resulting in increased traffic as well as forest fire suppression. We strive to educate the public that, in an era of fire suppression, habitat must be made by using mechanical methods or controlled burns. In the absence of healthy browse, moose are forced to find their food along highways where DOT clears the right of ways for visibility.

A big thank you goes to Ron Arvin with NPI for providing the operator, Airport Rental for providing the equipment and ADF&G and DNR for putting this together.

The AMF has gladly provided the fuel and mobilization expenses for Phase I.

In addition, the AMF is helping the Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District with a 9 acre hand cutting site beginning on April 1st in the Moose Range. The effort is between 11am—4pm. If you can help, contact Catherine Inman @ (907) 745-1441.

Much more treatment work is needed so if you would like to help to create more browse, please contact us at 33-MOOSE.

