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FRUITS OF OUR LABOR (Literally)

I acquired the apple trees we were supposed to have already put into the ground. I have them potted at my home and they are doing well. I will discuss with Mim Dunne when she feels the best time would be to actually put these in the ground. It may be a good late autumn project for us.

Many of you participated in one or more of the project days we had last winter at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. We thinned a lot of old aspen in hopes of regeneration. I took a run over to the work site last night , I am happy to report quite a bit of new Aspen growth coming up throughout the field. There is fairly heavy growth in the area where we took out an isolated stand in the middle of the field. I did not get to check every area we cut too many ticks prevented this, and if you go to see don't expect to see 12 ft long shoots like we had at Wallkill River NWR, the new growth at this point mostly appears to be in the 2-3 ft range with some larger trees here and there. I then went to Hainseville WMA and checked there. To my surprise the first thing I noticed was the evergreens we planted a couple of years ago are really starting to grow. I saw one tree approaching 5 ft in height. I did notice considerable Aspen regeneration in this field as well probably more than at the gap although the trees are smaller 1-3 ft tall. This is all good news for us and the birds that will use these areas in the future. The state will be using RGS ground cover for the first time this year. For those of you that don't know RGS came out with a blend of ground cover designed for upland game. Our chapter will donate funds to help pay for the seed. The state will be planting the food plots at appropriate times. I will keep you informed of where and when. Our next meeting is Thursday July 17, at 7:00 PM at the Lafayette house there are things we need to cover we will have dinner and as always all are welcome to attend Jim