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SUBJECT: PAS – JANUARY PHOTO CONTEST

Purpose. To announce the winner of the January contest

Expiration Date. September 30, 2008.

Mike Oja, District Conservationist, Grand Rapids, has been named the recipient of the January 2008 Digital Photo Contest award. The photo theme for January was **Helping People Help the Land.**

This photo shows The Soil Conservation Technician, Kyle Asplund, cutting hybrid popple. The cuttings are placed in soil and grown for 5 months at the North Central Research and Outreach Center greenhouse. In the spring, the rooted hybrid popple seedlings will be planted at the KEETAC Taconite Pellet Mine to reduce wind erosion on tailing basins.



The theme for the February contest is Working Farms and Ranch Lands. This photo contest is open to NRCS employees. Please to submit **one** photo for the photo contest and e-mail your picture along with a brief narrative to julie.macswain@mn.usda.gov by **February 29, 2008. Utilize the highest camera resolution such as 300 dpi and a minimum image size of 8 ½ x 11 inches.**

If you have any questions regarding the contest, contact Julie MacSwain, State Public Affairs Specialist. Thank you to everyone who participated in the January 2008 photo contest.

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