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## **100 MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Forest County Forest is to manage, conserve and protect natural resources on a sustainable basis for present and future generations. These resources, such as those provided by the County Forest, are the base for addressing the ecological and socioeconomic needs of society.

County Forest resources should be protected from natural catastrophes such as fire, insect and disease outbreaks, and from human threats such as encroachment, over-utilization, environmental degradation and excessive development. While managed for environmental needs including watershed protection, protection and maintenance of biotic diversity, these same resources must also be managed and provide for sociological needs, including the production of raw materials for wood-using industries that provide a wide variety of products fulfilling consumer demands, and provisions for recreational opportunities.

Management must balance local needs with broader state, national, and global concerns through integration of sound forestry, wildlife, fisheries, endangered resources, water quality, soil, and recreational practices. Management will provide this variety of products and amenities for the future through the use of sustainable forest management practices.

## **105 GOAL OF THE COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “PLAN”)**

To administer the County Forest program consistent with the mission statement and the purpose and direction of the County Forest Law as stated in s. 28.11, Wis. Stats., considering input from citizens and groups. The purpose of the County Forest Law being:

“ ... to provide the basis for a permanent program of county forests and to enable and encourage the planned development and management of the County Forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple use to assure maximum public benefits; to protect the public

rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie.”

## **110 COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN**

### **FOREST COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN POLICY**

This plan shall incorporate or reference all official County Forest policies, pertinent county regulations, planning documents and the needs and actions for the period 2021 through 2035.

This plan is the authority for management on county forest lands enrolled under Wisconsin County Forest Law s. 28.11, Wis. Stats. This plan may be encompassed within required local planning efforts.

#### **110.1 MANAGEMENT PLANNING**

##### **OBJECTIVES**

Management planning shall be used to establish objectives, policies, procedures, rules and regulations, and to promote an efficient and orderly program of development and management of the County Forest in the interest of:

1. Determining needs and priorities.
2. Achieving goals set forth in the mission statement of this plan.
3. Satisfying the statutory requirements of s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
4. Satisfying requirements for participation in various state and federal aid programs.
5. Providing broad long-term and detailed short-term guidelines for actions.

#### **110.2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN**

Section 28.11, Wis. Stats., places the responsibility for the plan development on the Committee with technical assistance from the Department and other agencies. The County Forest Administrator will take the lead at the committee’s request. During development of the plan public participation should be utilized to provide for public participation throughout

the planning process. Public participation and inputs into the plan should consider s. 28.11, Wis. Stats., which governs the County Forest program and provides the sideboards to which this plan must adhere.

Forest County's public participation process includes the following:

Once the 15-year plan draft is approved by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department, a 30-day public comment period is opened. It will be advertised in the county's newspapers and website. A copy of the draft can be found on the Forest County website, the Forestry and Recreation office, and the County Clerk's office.

### 110.3 APPROVAL OF THE PLAN

Comments received should be given consideration during plan development. The committee will then present the plan to the County Board for their approval. Following County Board approval, the Plan will then be forwarded to the Department for approval as is required by s. 28.11(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

### 110.4 DISTRIBUTION OF THE PLAN

Each member of the County Board will have access to a copy of the plan at the time of initial review and approval. Updated official copies will be maintained by the Forest Administrator and available electronically.

Plan and future amendments will be: electronic versions of the plan, or plan amendments of electronic links to the documents, and will be distributed to the following:

1. Department of Natural Resources – Liaison and County Forest & Public Lands Specialist.
2. Executive Director – Wisconsin County Forest Association

### 110.5 UPDATING THE PLAN

Necessary changes in policy and procedure will be incorporated into the plan by amendment as required. Amendments to the plan will require approval by both the County



Board and the Department of Natural Resources as stated in s. 28.11(5)(a), Wis. Stats. Changes to official County Forest Blocking map require County Board approval. The annual county board approved work plan, budget, and annual accomplishment report are appended to the plan and do not require official DNR approval. In addition, changes to Chapters 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 do not require a plan amendment or official DNR approval, with the exception of the official County Forest Blocking map.

#### 110.6 COORDINATION WITH OTHER PLANNING

The development of this plan and any future amendments to this plan will include considerations, and if warranted, participation in other local and regional planning efforts. It is expected that these other plans will also, in turn, consider and mesh their efforts with the County Forest Plan. Coordination between Town and County Comprehensive plans (e.g. Smart Growth) s.66.1001, Wis. Stats, Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation plans (SCORP), State Land master plans, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Plan, Land & Water Resource Plans, Forest Legacy, and others is essential for effective land management.

### 115 FOREST RESOURCE PLANNING

The Committee will utilize procedure as set forth in the Department of Natural Resources Public Forest Lands Handbook no. 2460.5.

Silviculture Guidance, supported by Wisconsin's Forestry Community and Silvicultural Guidance Team may be referenced in forest management activities. WisFIRS will be utilized as the primary tool for forest management planning decisions. Additional resources such as forest habitat type classification, soil surveys, and DNR's Best Management Practices for Water Quality guidelines may be utilized in management decisions.

#### 115.1 FOREST CERTIFICATION GROUP ADMINISTRATION

As the certification group manager, the Department of Natural Resources will be responsible for overall administration of the third-party certification efforts. The DNR County Forest & Public Lands Specialist will work in close cooperation with the Wisconsin County Forests Association in coordinating this effort. The group manager's responsibilities will include:

- Record keeping of certification
- Coordinating communication with the certification auditing firms
- Reporting and payment of fees
- Processing new entries and departures from the groups
- Internal compliance monitoring
- Dispute resolution

Detail on the certification group administration is maintained in the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

## 115.2 FOREST CERTIFICATION

### **Forest County's Commitment to Sustainable Forestry**

Our county forests provide a vital contribution to the State and the world by providing economic, environmental and social benefits important to our quality of life. Forest County believes that accomplishing such sustainable forestry requires a commitment and partnership from all the groups and individuals that benefit from these public lands.

### **Forest County's Commitment**

Within the scope of the Wisconsin County Forest Law and the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Forest County will implement forestry practices that promote forest sustainability and multiple use of the forest. In the management of the Forest that will include the sustainable harvest of forest products, the protection of special sites, wildlife, plants, water quality and aesthetics.

All forestland owners have a responsibility to provide sound forest stewardship. Forest County will work in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other natural resources groups / agencies in providing sustainable forestry information to those landowners and individuals impacting forest sustainability in Wisconsin. We will support research efforts to improve the health, productivity, and management of forestlands both internally and through cooperative efforts. In managing the Forest County Forest, a spectrum of forestry practices will be employed to achieve our

sustainable forestry objective. Both intensive and more extensive forest management techniques will be used to provide for wildlife, forest products, recreation, water quality, aesthetics and ecosystem maintenance. In keeping with this responsibility Forest County is committed to the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® C006090) FSC 100% and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® SFI-01617 SFI 100%.

## **120 COUNTY AUTHORITY**

The County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan is the official County Forest authority. The Forestry and Recreation Committee of the County Board enforces the regulations governing the use of the County Forest.

### **120.1 ORDINANCES**

The county ordinances that apply to the administration and management of the Forest County Forest can be found in Chapter 1005.2. In addition, the following will be considered in the planning process.

- Forestry ordinance
- Park ordinance
- Zoning ordinance
- Floodplain- Shoreline Zoning ordinance
- Snowmobile ordinance
- Non- Metallic Mining ordinance
- ATV ordinance
- Bough Gathering Ordinance
- Tree Stand Ordinance
- Tribal Gathering Ordinance
- Recycling Ordinance
- Prohibit Unauthorized Use of Hunter Walking Trails Maintained by Forest County Ordinance

## 125 HISTORY

### 125.1 STATEWIDE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

In 1927, the State Legislature passed the Forest Crop Law, authorizing counties to create county forests. An opinion of the Attorney General with reference to the Forest Crop Law stated that the counties would be exempt from the owner's share of annual tax. In 1929 the law was amended to create the County Forest Reserve Law. In 1963, several major revisions were made, creating the County Forest Law s 28.11 Wis. Stats. The most notable change was the creation of a permanent program of forests that would be managed in accordance with the 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan developed by the county, with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources. Several grants and loans were created and remain available to counties to compensate for public uses of these county forest lands as stipulated in s 28.11 Wis. Stats. To fulfill additional statutory obligations acreage, share payments to towns are currently \$.30/acre, and towns with county forest land receive a minimum of 10% of the stumpage revenue from their respective County Forest each year.

In 2020, thirty counties in Wisconsin owned approximately 2.4 million acres entered under the County Forest Law.

At one time, Forest County was covered with magnificent stands of pine, hemlock, and hardwoods on the highlands and cedar, spruce, and balsam on the lowlands. These forests provided raw materials for a thriving lumbering industry from 1860 to about 1910. The clamor to conquer the wilderness and supply lumber to house the masses, and subsequent lack of proper forest management, led to the forests being nearly destroyed. The intense logging created large amounts of slash, which was ideal for wildfire. Such practices contributed to one of the most tragic wildfires in US history- the Peshtigo Fire. Immigrants rushed to these newly cleared lands hungry for a place to farm and build their lives. But in just a few years, the soils gave out and these people left to seek their fortunes elsewhere, leaving increasingly barren and tax delinquent lands.

A report entitled, "*Making the Most of Forest County Land*", dated May 1931 commences with the statement, "Forest County leads all others in northern Wisconsin in area of merchantable timberland." At that time, the County owned 29,160 acres accumulated through the taking of tax deeds, and there was an additional 92,280 acres on which tax deeds could be attained that year. Although four lumber companies in the County took advantage of the Forest Crop Law, the County Board deemed it unwise to use the law for the County holdings. The prevailing idea was that these lands should be sold back to the tax base, although most of the land was sold to the U.S. Forest Service. In 1931, 51,055 acres were entered under the County Forest Crop Law, but that same year 1,582 acres were withdrawn. Two years later, 39,197 acres were canceled from under the law, leaving 10,277 acres. Most of the canceled lands and those withdrawn in 1933 ended up in the Nicolet National Forest.

Within the last decade the acreage owned by Forest County has grown rapidly. Below is the County owned acreage over the last 15 years:

- 2005- 10,371.07 acres
- 2006- 10,371.01 acres
- 2007- 10,371.07 acres
- 2008- 10,411.07 acres
- 2009- 10,411.07 acres
- 2010- 10,800.89 acres
- 2011- 11,534.94 acres
- 2012- 11,534.94 acres
- 2013- 12,088.63 acres
- 2014- 12,506.56 acres
- 2015- 13,631.90 acres
- 2016- 14,091.90 acres
- 2017- 14,091.90 acres
- 2018- 14,822.84 acres
- 2019- 14,822.84 acres
- 2020- 14,822.84 acres

The County Forest is currently comprised of lands in the Town of Lincoln, Town of Crandon, and the Town of Nashville.

## 125.2 WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION

Forest County is a member of the Wisconsin County Forests Association, Inc. (WCFA). This Association was incorporated on May 15, 1968 under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, without stock and not for profit. The WCFA Board of Directors is composed of fifteen delegates elected from County Forestry Committees who are member of the Association of two members at large.

WCFA provides a forum for consideration of issues and policy that are common to all of the county committees responsible for their respective County Forest programs, including those programs encompassed under s. 28.11 and chapter 77, Wis. Stats. WCFA also provides leadership and counsel to County Forest administrators and forestry committees through regular meetings and active committees on legislative and recreational issues. WCFA develops and implements a strategic plan. The organization's mission statement is as follows:

*Wisconsin County Forests Association provides leadership uniting the interests of the world's largest county forest program while ensuring long term forest health and sustainability.*

## 125.3 TRENDS

The values and uses of the Forest County Forest contribute significantly to fulfilling many of society's ecological and socioeconomic needs now and in the future. Changing trends will impact the values and uses of the Forest in coming years.

- Wisconsin's forests are naturally changing due to forest succession. Most of the County Forest acreage statewide is a result of regeneration or planting from the early to mid-1900's. Mid to late successional northern hardwood forests are replacing the early successional aspen-birch, oak and jack pine forests of the 1940's through the 1970's. The aspen cover type is key habitat for many of the state's premier game

species including deer, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare and woodcock. The county forest system currently has 15% of the State's public land base and 24% of the aspen resource.

- Conflict over timber management practices will likely continue to increase as more individuals and groups demand greater involvement in forestry decisions. Practices such as clearcutting and even-aged management will continue to be controversial. Efforts to educate the public on the merits of these sound forest management techniques will continue.
- Forest County may experience funding problems as municipalities are being required to provide more services with less money. Potential losses of revenue from decreased shared revenues and resistance to tax increases may make county timber revenues increasingly important to the finances of county governments. This is complicated by increasing public pressure to reduce timber harvests on county forests.
- Increasing knowledge about a wider variety of species and their habitat needs is leading to a growing list of threatened and endangered species. This could lead to improvements in managing the forest and mitigating impacts to these species. Mitigating measures have the potential to impede recreational and forest management activities. Refer to Chapter 800 (840) for specifics on this subject.
- Invasive exotic species pose an ever-increasing threat to the County Forest. Gypsy moth, Emerald Ash Borer, garlic mustard, buckthorn, and honeysuckle have all gained a foothold in Wisconsin's forests. Refer to Chapter 610.3 and 610.5 for specifics on this subject.
- The Forest is considered to be an outdoor classroom serving all age groups. It consists of diverse communities with a large variety of plant and animal life giving ample opportunity for study and observation.

#### 125.4 PROTECTING THE PUBLIC RESOURCE

As stated in State Statute 28.11 (1), the county forest program enables and encourages “the planned development and management of the county forests for optimum production

of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple-use to assure maximum public benefits to protect the public rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie.”



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## **200 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### Objectives

1. To comply with and implement the provisions of the County Forestry Ordinance.
2. To administer and manage the County Forest in accordance with s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.
3. To cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources and other agencies and organizations in the interest of furthering the optimum management of the forest on a sustainable basis.
4. To provide adequate financial support for the program by using county designated revenues and appropriations, along with funds available from federal and state sources.
5. To maintain an adequate system of accounts, records and reports for the orderly administration of the forest and evaluation of program needs and implementation.
6. To facilitate the administration of the forest by authorizing personnel, equipment and facilities necessary to assist the Committee and the administrator in carrying out their duties.
7. To establish and maintain a system of roads on the county forest that will meet the needs of timber harvest, recreation access, forest protection and development, as well as other uses.

## **205 ROLES**

In Forest County, there is a Forest Administrator, Assistant Forest Administrator, and Administrative Assistant. As well as a Forestry and Recreation committee. All issues relating to Forestry and Recreation is handled within the department and committee. The Department of Natural Resources assists in the management of County Forests.

The County and the Department have a mutual interest in administration of the County Forest. It shall be the policy of the County Board through the Forestry and Recreation Committee to cooperate with county and Department personnel in carrying out the program on the county Forest. The County/Department roles are further defined in the Public Forest Lands Handbook, 2460.5.

## 205.1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Powers of the Forest County Board, relative to the management of county forest lands are defined in s.28.11(3) and additional authority may include:

- *Annual Budget and Work Plan*
- *Grants/Loans*
- *Land acquisitions*
- *MOUs and MOAs*

### 205.1.1 FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Board of Supervisors assigns the administration of the County Forest to the Forestry and Recreation Committee as detailed below.

1. *Preparation of an annual work plan and budget for the ensuing calendar year to be presented for the Board's approval.*
2. *Establishment and maintenance of the facilities necessary to conduct forest operations.*
3. *Negotiations for and acquisition of lands necessary to further the objectives of the County Forest.*
4. *Review and approval of all proposed recreation projects on the County Forest lands.*
5. *Cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources on all matters pertaining to natural resource management on the County Forest.*
6. *Participation in all other activities involved in the execution and administration of forestry operations in the County Forest Program.*
7. *Employ personnel to administer and implement the County Forest Program.*
8. *Hold committee meetings as necessary to carry out the above duties.*

### 205.1.2 FOREST ADMINISTRATOR

1. *The Forest Administrator will act as the agent of the committee and will carry out its orders, as well as execute assignments outlined in the comprehensive*

*plan, and an annual work plan, all within the framework outlined in s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.*

- 2. The Forest Administrator will prepare an agenda for and will be present at all Forestry and Recreation Committee meetings.*
- 3. The Forest Administrator will record minutes of each meeting and distribute as appropriate, as well as maintain a permanent minute's record.*
- 4. The Forest Administrator will serve as the Director of the Forestry Department in coordinating the programs of work of staff members and other matters as directed by the Committee.*
- 5. The Forest Administrator will supervise the timber sale program, tree planting, site preparation, timber stand improvement, road and firebreak construction and maintenance, land acquisition, entry and withdrawal of county forest lands, trespass investigations, and long and short-term planning, all within the restrictions of s. 28.11 Wis. Stats.*

## 205.2 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The role of the Department in the County Forest program is to:

1. Encourage technically sound management of the County Forest resources.
2. Protect the public rights, benefits and investments in County Forest lands.
3. Administer state compensation to the county for the public rights, benefits and privileges the county forest lands provide as required by s. 28.11-(8) Wis. Stats.
4. Provide County Forest assistance consistent with those identified per the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

### 205.2.1 DIVISION OF FORESTRY

It is the function of this Division to:

1. Certify and make forest aid payments (variable acreage and project loans) to the county and audit county expenditures of the forestry fund account pursuant to s. 28.11(8)(b), Wis. Stats.
2. Certify and make acreage payments to towns pursuant to s. 28.11(8)(a), Wis.

Stats.

3. Maintain and certify County Forest acreage by township, and audit distribution of severance share payments (s. 28.11(9) Wis. Stats.) made annually by the counties.
4. Collect severance share payments of not less than forty percent of actual stumpage sales value on timber cut from the County Forest till loan balance gets below one million dollars per MOU with DNR and pursuant to s. 28.11(9)(a), Wis. Stats.
5. Administer various aids and grants pertaining, but not limited to, the County Forest program.
6. Assist with development and implementation of the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
7. Interpret and administer the laws and regulations set forth by the Legislature and the Natural Resources Board.
8. Review and approve or deny applications for withdrawal and entry of lands into the County Forest Law program.
9. Approve Annual Work Plan
10. 5-year Audit Programmatic and Financials

#### 205.2.2 LOCAL OFFICE

Field representatives of the Department are available to provide technical advice and assistance to the county in natural resources management. This assistance includes, but is not limited to the following:

##### 205.2.2.1 FOREST MANAGEMENT

The forester designated by the Department to serve as Liaison to the Committee will provide technical assistance in managing the resources of the County Forest. The forester's duties include the following, but not limited to:

1. Attend all Committee meetings and any county board meetings as requested.
2. Assist in establishing, inspecting, and administering timber sales in cooperation with County Forest personnel.

3. Process timber sale approvals, cutting notices and reports.
4. Maintain for the Department a record of forest management accomplishments, forms and maps.
5. Assist in preparation of projects, plans and estimates.
6. Provide assistance to the Committee in the preparation of the annual budget, annual work plan and the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
7. Assist in County Forest timber theft and larceny investigations.
8. Organize and prepare minutes of annual partnership meeting as required in the Public Forest Lands Handbook.

#### 205.2.2.2 OTHER DNR PROGRAM FUNCTIONS

1. Fire Management - Maintain a system of communications, equipment, and trained personnel to prevent and suppress forest fires, assist with prescribed burns; and enforce forest fire related laws.
2. Forest Pest Control - Provide technical services for prevention, detection and suppression of forest pests in the district.
3. Wildlife Management-Conduct surveys of wildlife populations, habitat, and public use. Wildlife personnel use this information when providing technical assistance on long term ecosystem planning as well as wildlife habitat management, habitat improvement and wildlife health. Attend committee meetings as requested.
4. Fisheries Management - Maintain the quality of the fishery resource in the waters of the Forest to produce a balanced return to the angler, consistent with sound management principles.
5. Law Enforcement - Enforce state natural resource laws and regulations and assist in the enforcement of county and federal natural resource laws and ordinances.
6. Environmental Protection - Enforce and provide technical assistance in matters related to water and shore land management, pollution detection and waste disposal.

7. Endangered Resources - Provide technical expertise on rare, threatened or endangered species and natural community surveys, identification and management. Assist other DNR functions and the county in identifying local and landscape level issues.

## **210 COOPERATION**

To meet the obligation of the county to the public in accordance with s.28.11, it is in the best interest of Forest County to cooperate with public agencies, non-profit organizations, tribal nations, and others.

## **215 FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

An annual budget shall be prepared by the Committee. This budget shall contain county, state, private, non-profit and federal funds needed to carry out the forestry, park and recreation program on the forest.

### **215.1 REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS**

The following procedure will apply in crediting income from the forest:

#### **215.1.1 TIMBER SALE REVENUE**

The following procedure will apply in crediting income from the forest: Resolution NO. 77, dated November 8, 1967, states that all monies received from the sale of timber stumpage and cut forest products or other monies received by the Committee, shall be deposited in the county forestry account. At the close of each calendar year, the county clerk shall determine all severance tax due the state and towns containing County Forest lands and credit the proper accounts. The balance of the revenue shall be divided, with 50 percent credited to the general fund and 50 percent to the Forest County Forestry fund.

#### **215.1.2 PARKS AND RECREATION REVENUE**

All revenue including, but not limited to, camping fees, rental fees, firewood, ice,



showers, bike rental, soda, dump station, day use and trail use fees shall be deposited in the County Park Revenue fund.

### 215.1.3 MISCELLANEOUS FOREST REVENUE

All revenue collected from fees and use of permits, sale of building materials, sale of surplus materials and equipment, fire or other damage collections, or other revenue received by the committee shall be deposited in the Miscellaneous Forest Revenue fund.

## 215.2 OUTSIDE SOURCES OF REVENUE

### 215.2.1 STATE FUNDS

In addition to other state funds that may subsequently become available for county use, the following state funding sources will be used where appropriate in administration of the Forest:

1. Variable Acreage Share Loan (s. 28.11(8)(b)1., Wis. Stats.). The county may apply for variable acreage share loans in the amount of up to fifty cents per acre of regular entry County Forest land by December 31. Payment is made to the county on or before March 31st of each year and deposited in the State Forest Aid fund. Application is made by County Board Resolution.
2. Project loans (s. 28.11(8)(b)2., Wis. Stats.) are available to undertake acquisition and development projects of an "economically productive nature". Fish and game projects or recreation projects do not qualify. Application is made by County Board Resolution.
3. County Forest Administration Grant Program (s. 28.11-(5m) Wis. Stats). Annual grants are available to fund up to 50% of the salary and fringe benefits of a professional forester in the position of county forest administrator or assistant county forest administration. Benefits may not exceed 40% of salary. Application is made by the Forest Administrator along with approved Annual Work Plan by January 31, with payment by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
4. Sustainable County Forest Grants. Annual grants made for short-term

unanticipated projects that promote sustainable forestry. Details are contained in s. NR 47.75, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

5. County Fish And Game Projects s. 23.09(12), Wis. Stats.).
6. Wildlife Habitat Development Grant (s. 23.09(17m), Wis.Stats).
7. County Forest Road Aids funds are available for each designated mile of County Forest road. The certification is done on a biannual basis.
8. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program: (s. 23.0915, Wis. Stats).

#### 215.2.2 FEDERAL FUNDS AND PROGRAMS

In addition to others that may be available, the following funds and programs will be used where practical:

1. Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (LAWCON) This fund provides up to 50% matching grants for the acquisition, development and renovation of local parks.
2. Resource Conservation and Development (Technical Services).
3. Pittman-Robertson fund. This fund provides for wildlife management and habitat improvement.
4. Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) fund. This fund provides financing for fish management projects administered by DNR.
5. Federal Endangered Species fund. This fund provides cost sharing and grants for surveys, monitoring and management programs that conserve a threatened or endangered species. Contact the DNR Natural Heritage Conservation for information.

#### 215.2.3 OTHER FUNDS

Other potential funding sources are groups such as Ducks Unlimited, Ruffed Grouse Society, Trout Unlimited, Whitetails Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, local sportsman's clubs, service organizations, etc.

The Committee will consider donations, endowments and other gifts, whether real

estate, equipment or cash. The county corporation counsel may be consulted to ascertain whether such gifts benefit the county.

### 215.3 COUNTY EXPENDITURES

All purchases and expenditures shall comply with County purchasing policy, and state statutes.

## 220 COUNTY RECORDS

The County Forest administrator will keep concise and orderly records. The records will include accounts of all revenue received, expenditures incurred and accomplishments resulting from the operations of the forestry department. A job description, time, expense report, and training record will be kept on each employee.

### 220.1 ACCOUNTS

All accounts and bookkeeping procedures will be handled by the Forest Administrator and Administrative Assistant or otherwise directed by the committee.

#### 220.1.1 STATE AID FORESTRY ACCOUNT

Variable acreage share loans (s. 28.11(8)(b)1., Wis. Stats.), project loan funds (s. 28.11(8)(b)(2.)Wis. Stats.), and sustainable forestry grants (s. 28.11(5r), Wis. Stats., and s. NR 47.75, Wis. Adm. Code) that are distributed by the DNR are deposited in this account. Expenditures of variable acreage share funds from this account are restricted to the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the County Forest. Expenditure of project loan funds are governed by the conditions of project approval. Sustainable Forestry grants from this account must be spent specific to the approved project. Revenue received from the sale of equipment purchased with State Aid Account money must be redeposited in the State Aid Account.

## 220.1.2 OTHER COUNTY FOREST ACCOUNTS

*See detailed listing of accounts below*

## 220.1.3 ACCOUNT NUMBERS

*Note: Counties should list the account numbers specific to their budget breakdown.*

<u>County Parks and Recreation:</u>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Revenue</i>
<i>Name of Account</i>		
<i>County Parks</i>	<i>#100-17-55200-000-000</i>	<i>#100-17-46720-000-000</i>
<u>Land, Forest &amp; Parks outlay</u>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Revenue</i>
<i>Snowmobile Trail Fund</i>	<i>#100-49-55400-390-000</i>	<i>#100-49-48900-000-000</i>
<i>County Forestry</i>	<i>#100-28-56900-000-00</i>	<i>#100-28-48610-100-00</i>
<i>Wood Permits</i>		<i>#100-28-46810-200-003</i>
<i>Tree Planter</i>		<i>#100-28-46810-200-001</i>
<i>Bough Permits</i>		<i>#100-28-46810-200-002</i>
<u>State Forest Aid Funds</u>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Revenue</i>
<i>State Aid Forestry Fund</i>	<i>#100-28-56900-350-000</i>	<i>#100-28-43589-200-000</i>
<i>State Aid Conservation</i>	<i>#100-13-56900-000-000</i>	<i>#100-13-43586-000-000</i>
<i>Wildlife Habitat Management</i>	<i>#100-13-56900-000-000</i>	<i>#100-13-43586-100-000</i>
<i>Timber Deposits in Suspense</i>	<i>#100-00-24461-000-000</i>	<i>#100-00-24461-000-000</i>

## 220.2 TIMBER SALES

### 220.2.1 ACTIVE FILES

Active timber sale files (hardcopy or e-copy), at a minimum, should contain or reference the following items:

1. Timber sale cutting notice and report (Form 2460-1)
2. Timber sale narrative (Form 2460-1A)
3. Contract and all addendums

4. Timber sale map
5. Ledger account of scale
6. Timber sale inspection journal / notes
7. Pertinent correspondence
8. Liability insurance
9. FISTA training
10. Financial assurance (performance bonds, ILC, etc...)
11. Field scale sheets
12. Lock box tickets (if applicable)

#### 220.2.2 CLOSE FILES

Once sales have been completed and audited by DNR only the following items need to be maintained in the file as a permanent record:

1. Timber sale notice and cutting report
2. Contract and addendums
3. Timber sale map
4. Pertinent correspondence
5. Financial ledger/summary

### 225 PERSONNEL

The Forest Administrator shall have authorization to organize the workload of the Forestry and Recreation Department employees and contractors. Personnel of the Forestry and Recreation Department will be governed by the work policies as set forth by the county, and their respective work policies.

#### 225.1 COUNTY FOREST STAFF

The following positions are essential for the operation of the Forest: Forest Administrator, Forest Assistant Administrator, Administrative Assistant, one park manager, two seasonal park employees, and one part time Forestry Technician. Part time and seasonal employees

may be hired if needed.

#### 225.2 HIRING PERSONNEL

All hiring of permanent personnel will be approved by the Forestry and Recreation Committee, having been accounted for in the annual work plan and budget. The actual hiring of permanent personnel will be by recommendation of the Forestry Committee with approval of the Personnel Committee. (Seasonal help and short-term labor for special projects will be recruited and hired by the Forest Administrator.)

#### 225.3 OTHER SOURCES OF LABOR

The Forest Administrator will consider supplemental resources that can be utilized on the forest, following county procurement policy.

#### 225.4 TRAINING

The Forester Administrator will be responsible for scheduling and providing appropriate training to keep staff current with safety requirements, BMP's, silviculture, pesticides, new technologies, and other training appropriate to manage the Forest County Forest. A training record will be retained for each employee identifying the course name, content and date of attendance.

### 230 EQUIPMENT

All equipment and supplies will be coordinated by the Forest Administrator. The Forest Administrator will be responsible for locating equipment, considering the most economical alternatives of buying, borrowing, renting or constructing. The Forest Administrator will also be responsible for maintaining an inventory, to be updated annually, of equipment under his/her jurisdiction. Any forestry department employee may purchase equipment and supplies when he/she has prior approval from the Forest Administrator or the department foreman. Equipment shall be purchased by competitive bidding as per county policy.

1. Tractor with loader

2. UTV
3. Truck (3)
  - a. Ford F250 (2)
  - b. Ford F150 (1)
4. Golf cart
5. Trail mower
6. Toro 2010 Z Turn Lawn Mower (2)
7. Husqvarna chainsaw (2)
8. Trailers (3)

### 230.1 FACILITIES

Maintenance of the facilities is assigned to the Forest Administrator and includes the following:

1. *Office space - Provided in the Forest County Courthouse.*
2. *Forestry shop building - located in the courthouse garage. A cold storage garage and adjacent building is used to store vehicles and equipment used in operation of the Forestry and Recreation Program. The garage is also used for construction, maintenance and repair of County Forest equipment and facilities.*
3. *Veterans Memorial Park - Located in the Town of Lincoln, includes changing rooms, toilets, table and grills, shower/ restroom, volleyball, tennis, horseshoe pit, playground equipment, and two picnic shelters.*





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### **300 DESCRIPTION OF FOREST**

#### **300.1 COUNTY FOREST OWNERSHIP**

The County Forest is composed of 29 management compartments, ranging in size from 64 acres to nearly 1303 acres. A map of these compartments is found in the 1000 Appendix. Within the County boundary, approximately 2.28% of the land is County owned. The County Forest Blocking boundary is the entire county.

#### **300.2 NATURAL FEATURES**

##### **300.2.1 TOPOGRAPHY**

The Forest County Forest, located in the Northeastern part of the state, lies primarily within the Northern Highland physiographic region(s) of Wisconsin. The topography of the forest and surrounding area has glacial origin. The glaciers eroded hilltops and filled valleys, thus reducing relief. Elevations range from 1,700 ft in the northern part of the county forest to 1,939 in the western part. The terrain ranges from gently rolling in the northern part to hilly in the western part of the forest. The fourth highest point in the State, Sugar Bush Hill, is located east of Crandon.

##### **300.2.2 GEOGRAPHY**

Forest County has a land area of approximately 642,430 acres, plus another 24,360 acres of water included in lakes and streams, making it the twelfth largest county in Wisconsin. Approximately ninety-seven percent of the land in the county is classified as forest land. The County Forest, which contains approximately 15,250.84 acres.300.2.3

##### **GEOLOGY AND SOILS**

The soils of Forest County have been derived largely from the weathering of the glacial drift deposits and show a great variation within relatively short distances. Since the glacial period, the soils have been modified by water action, wind, and the accumulation and incorporation

of organic material. Soil types on the County Forest range from silt loam soils in the upland portions of the Forest to imperfectly drained sands, muck, and peat in the lowland sites. A generalized soil map can be found in the Appendix. Detailed soils information is available from the USDA Web Soil Survey at:

<https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

#### 300.2.4 Ecological Landscapes

Ecological Landscapes are regions in Wisconsin containing similar ecology and management opportunities. Each landscape can present unique management opportunities and challenges. These landscapes are essentially based on the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (NHFEU) (Cleland et al. 1997). More information on the 16 Ecological Landscapes defined within Wisconsin is available at:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/landscapes/index.asp?mode=Choose>

The Forest County Forest lies within the Northern Highlands and North Central Forest Ecological Landscape(s)

Northern Highlands – Typically found in northern Wisconsin. Cool temperatures and short temperatures are found here. Soils generally consist of sand and gravel.

North Central Forest – Found across northern Wisconsin. Soils generally consist of sandy loams, sands and silts with forest types dominated by northern mesic forest types such as northern hardwood, aspen-birch and spruce-fir.

##### 300.2.4.1 Land Type Associations

Land type associations are units of the National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units (NHFEU) classification system. They are much smaller than Ecological Landscapes and are generally based on glacial features. They can be useful for planning at finer scales within a landscape. The following Land Type Associations are present within the Ecological Landscapes for the Forest

County Forest. The County Forest lies primarily on the Iron River-Goodman\_Eldron-Cable\_Vilas-Peat Association soils, as well as areas with the Antigo-Onamols-Stambaugh\_Brill-Poskin Peat Association on the upland sites. More information is available at:  
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/landscapes/index.asp?mode=detail&Landscape=11>

### 300.2.5 Vegetative Cover Types

Approximately 93% of the Forest County Forest land base is forested, and approximately 7% of the Forest County Forest is non-forested. Forested uplands are comprised of primarily mixed hardwood and aspen, while fir, spruce and tamarack occupy the forested lowlands. Non-forested include types such as open water, wetlands, right-of-way, grass openings, shrubs, and bogs.

#### FORESTED COMMUNITIES

The forested cover types are made up of a variety of size classes (seedlings, sapling-pole, and saw timber) and structure (canopy, layers, ground vegetation, dead and downed material and inclusions).

Forest cover types associated with the County Forest are:

Northern Hardwoods- 57%. Consisting of a mixture of upland hardwood species.

Aspen-29%. Consisting of primarily aspen species but often found combined with paper birch and red maple.

White cedar- 3%. More than 50% white cedar.

Red Pine- 2%. More than 50% red pine.

Black Spruce- 2%. More than 50% black spruce.

Swamp Hardwoods- 2%. More than 50% swamp hardwood species including black ash, red maple, and elm.

Hemlock- 1%. More than 50% hemlock.

Tamarack- 1%. More than 50% swamp conifer species with tamarack predominating.

Balsam fir- 1%. More than 50% swamp conifer species with balsam fir predominating.

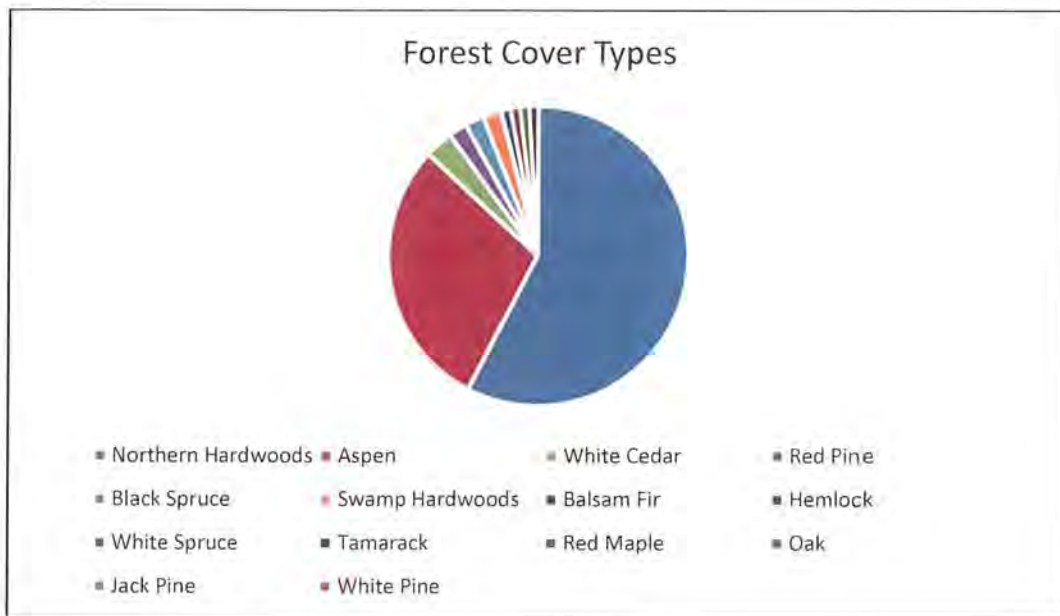
White Spruce- 1%. More than 50% swamp conifer species with white spruce predominating.

Red maple- <1%. More than 50% red maple.

Oak- <1%. More than 50% oak.

Jack pine- <1%. More than 50% jack pine.

White pine- <1%. More than 50% white pine.



## NON-FORESTED COMMUNITIES

Non-Forested habitats are important components of management within the County Forest. Up-land and wetland non-forest types provide important habitat for distinct groups of species.

### Upland Non-Forest

Upland non-forest areas of the County Forest include:

- Grass openings - consist of upland grasses such as brome, quack, bluegrass, timothy, big and little bluestem, and Indian grass.
- Herbaceous vegetation - ground cover predominated by herbaceous species with

bracken fern, sweet clover, giant ragweed, sting nettle, upland aster, goldenrod, and prairie dock being common.

- Shrub openings - primarily upland sites less than 10% stocked with tree species but having 50% or more of the area stocked with taller growing, persistent shrubs. This includes hazel, dogwood, juneberry, sumac, alder, willow, and prickly ash.
- Rock outcrops - include rocky talus and bedrock.

See Chapter 800 for detailed discussion on Biological Community Types.

### Wetlands

Wisconsin State Statutes define a wetland as “an area where water is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation, and which has soil indicative of wet conditions.” Wetland communities are recognized to be a complex association of plants and animals, soils and water levels having special natural values. They provide many functional values including shoreline and flood protection, water quality protection, groundwater recharge, and animal and plant habitat. Therefore, it is the policy of Forest County to preserve, protect, and manage wetlands under its jurisdiction in manner that recognizes the natural values of wetland and their importance on the environment. Scientist distinguish dozens of wetland types, characterized by vegetation, soil type and degree of saturation or water cover. Some of the more prominent types found on the County Forest include:

- Aquatic beds - plants growing entirely on or in a water body no deeper than 6 feet. Plants may include pondweed, duckweed, lotus and water-lilies.
- Marshes - characterized by standing water and dominated by cattails, bulrushes, pickerelweed, lake sedges, and/or giant bur-reed.
- Sedge or “wet” meadows - these wetlands often have saturated soils rather than standing water. Sedges, grasses and reeds dominant, but may also have blue flag iris, marsh milkweed, sneezeweed, mint and several species of goldenrod and aster.
- Scrub/shrub - these areas, which include bogs and alder thickets, are characterized by woody shrubs and small trees such as tag alder, bog birch, willow and dogwood.

- Forested - these areas, include bogs and forested floodplain complexes, are characterized by trees 20 feet or more in height such as tamarack, white cedar, black spruce, elm, black ash, green ash and silver maple.

Forest management is conducted on many of the forested wetlands with activities occurring primarily during frozen conditions. See Chapter 800 for detailed discussion on Biological Community Types.

### 300.2.6 Fish and Wildlife

Wisconsin supports over 650 different types of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish as well as millions of invertebrates. Management of County Forest lands and the biotic communities they support provide a mix of habitat types and ages for a wide range of wildlife species. Each species, or interacting group of species, do best under different conditions. County Forest lands provide a full range of habitats from open grasslands / barrens to mature forests, from bogs to forested wetlands, from spring ponds to lake shorelines. County Forest staffs work closely with WDNR fish and wildlife managers and conservation organizations to identify and manage critical habitat for breeding, migrating and wintering fish and wildlife.

While the Forest County Forest provides for a wide range of fish and wildlife species, current management strategies or programs have emphasized the following species and/or communities:

- Dave Uihlein Management Area- Managing habitat for Ruffed Grouse and the American Woodcock.

### 300.2.7 Rare and Endangered Resources

A review of the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) indicates the presence of a number of rare species, natural communities and unique natural features on the Forest County Forest. All land disturbing projects will include an evaluation phase, to determine whether an NHI screening is required.

The Natural Heritage Inventory Database is the most comprehensive source of rare species data for Wisconsin. The data is used for a variety of purposes including research, land management, state land master planning, community planning, conservation planning and review of public and private activities across the state, the NHI Portal is currently available to the DNR staff and the County Forest staff who hold a data sharing license.

The Wisconsin Historical Preservation Database is the most comprehensive source of cultural resources for Wisconsin. This data is used for a variety of purposes including research, land management, state land master planning, community planning, conservation planning and review of public and private activities across the state. The Wisconsin Historical Preservation Database is currently available to the DNR staff and the County Forest staff.

#### 300.2.8 Water

Forest County has 24,360 acres involving 824 named lakes, 36 flowages and 564 miles of streams. Of this total, 479 miles are classified as trout streams.

Within the County Forest boundaries there is a variety of fishery resources. Approximately 2 named and 13 unnamed lakes have all or portions of their shoreline under county ownership. In addition, the county owns frontage on over 4 named trout streams totaling over 7.5 miles. A complete inventory of the surface water resources in Forest County can be found in the Appendix.

Forest County also has 30 streams totaling 308.21 miles which are classified as Outstanding and Exceptional Resource Waters including:

- Swamp Creek- 9.28 miles
- Gliske Creek- 2.77 miles
- North Branch Oconto River- 17.72 miles
- Spencer Creek- 5.13 miles
- Indian Creek- 4.83 miles



- Stoney Creek- 4.00 miles
- Camp 20 Creek- 1.9 miles
- Rocky Sliding Creek- 2.32 miles
- Otter Creek- 16.29 miles
- Johnson Creek- 1.89 miles
- Wolf River- Main Stem- 6.17 miles
- Camp Eight Creek- 9.00 miles
- Peshtigo River- 39.43 miles
- Middle Branch Peshtigo River- 12.67 miles
- North Branch Peshtigo River- 18.93 miles
- Armstrong Creek- 16.81 miles
- West Branch Armstrong Creek- 5.54 miles
- Little Popple River- 7.76 miles
- Popple River- 14.15 miles
- North Branch Popple River- 11.11 miles
- Pine River- 16.43 miles
- Jones Creek- 9.21 miles
- South Branch Pine River- 18.24 miles
- Mcdonald Creek- 7.08 miles
- North Branch Pine River- 16.51 miles
- Lilypad Creek- 3.39 miles
- Allen Creek- 9.89 miles
- Elvoy Creek- 8.1 miles
- Brule Creek- 10.38 miles
- Huff Creek- 1.22 miles

### 300.3 CULTURAL FACTORS

#### 300.3.1 Economy

The importance of the County Forests to Wisconsin's economic health continues to rise. County Forests sustain over 60,000 full-time jobs derived from logging, trucking, paper production, manufactured building materials, and lumber. Many other jobs are created in such businesses as the expanding printing industry and are located far from the forested northland. County Forests contribute to the 24-billion-dollar forest industry in Wisconsin.

In addition, the lands managed by these 30 counties provide an important recreation resource to complement our state's valuable tourism industry. Tourists spend valuable money at local businesses. By providing 2.4 million acres of public recreation land, we bring tourist to our state. As population increases, and public access to privately owned forestland decreases, the need for accessible lands unquestionably will assume an ever more important role. More information on the economic impact of the County Forest program can be found at <https://www.wisconsincountyforests.com/>

Production of forest products and spin-off industries derived from the recreational opportunities on the Forest and the forest products it produces are vitally important to Forest County's economic well-being. The Forest Industry is the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked employer in the County. Recreation is ranked number 2. This information can be found at the following link:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestbusinesses/factsheets.html>.

#### 300.3.2 Education and Research

Education and research continue to be critical components in making decisions that affect our natural resources. As public needs and demands of our forest and its products increase, we must be prepared to assure that sound decisions result. To this end, Forest County encourages and supports research efforts that relate to the forest, and educational opportunities that will promote a better understanding of forest communities and management.

#### 300.4 OTHER PUBLIC LANDS OWNERSHIP

The Forest County Forest shares a common boundary with the Forest Service, DNR, and private landowners. Roads and trails are connected without interruption between the public lands providing for a more enjoyable experience for the user groups. The Forest County Forest will continue to form and build on these relationships with other adjacent public lands in the best interest of the public.



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## CHAPTER 400 OBJECTIVE

The purpose of Chapter 400 is to identify policy and procedures relating to:

1. The acquisition of land to be enrolled in County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11(4)(b), Wis. Stats. or other lands possessing special or unique values areas that are not suited primarily for timber production to be entered under s. 28.11(4)(c), Wis. Stats. Special use classification.
2. The acquisition of lands throughout the county for the purpose of future trading for priority parcels to be enrolled in County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11(4)(b), Wis. Stats.
3. The acquisition of land interests such as conservation easements, first right of refusal, or other land rights of the benefit to county forests.
4. Location, identification, and protection of county forest ownership boundaries.

### **400 COUNTY FOREST OWNERSHIP**

The majority of the County Forest lands throughout the State were previously in private ownership and came under public ownership in a substantially degraded condition, by way of real estate tax delinquency and subsequent tax deed to Counties. Continued attempts to sell much of the degraded tax deeded lands were unsuccessful. In response to the lack of demand from private owners, counties worked in cooperation with State and Federal Agencies to restore these lands into productive forests and recreational assets. ("The County Forests of Wisconsin", WI Conservation Dept., 1938)

Over time, counties have realized benefits from continuing to retain select tax deeded land, acquiring select land from willing sellers by purchase, trade, or gift, and the continual protection of county forest ownership boundaries.

The County Forest is composed of 29 management compartments ranging in size from 64 acres to 1303 acres. A map of these compartments can be found in Chapter 1000.

### **405 LAND OWNERSHIP GOALS**

It is the goal of Forest County to acquire land from willing landowners for fair prices

established pursuant to Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices or other method approved by the County. See section 420 for criteria on how to achieve these goals.

#### **410 COUNTY FOREST BLOCKING**

Since the beginning of the County Forest Program in the State of Wisconsin, counties established boundaries for the purpose of distinguishing between lands that were best suited for forestry and lands best suited for agricultural production. This boundary became referred to as a “Blocking Boundary” and provided public information, assisted long-term planning, and guided management decisions.

In the early stages of the development of County Forests, counties commonly traded tax deed parcels that were located outside of the Blocking Boundary for the remaining privately-owned parcels within the blocking boundary. A primary purpose for these trades was to promote agricultural economic development by assisting farmers with obtaining the most productive agricultural lands available in a given County.

Blocking boundaries are dynamic and should be evaluated on a routine basis to evaluate adequacy relative to the current priorities. Forestry staff will notify the Committee as parcels become available within the blocking boundary.

County Forest blocking boundaries are established by Committee and by subsequent approval of the Forest County Board. A map of the official boundaries can be found in the Appendix.

#### **415 PRIVATE INHOLDINGS**

Forest County recognizes that extensive private landholdings lie within the forest boundaries. The County will respect the rights of the private landowners who are its neighbors. The County may approach private landowners with proposals for land purchases or trades, but will not coerce landowners to sell or trade. *It would not be the intent of Forest County Forest to pursue properties through condemnation.*



Forest County may wish to list priority properties to be pursued as they become available.

#### **420 ACQUISITION OF LAND WITHIN THE COUNTY FOREST BLOCKING BOUNDARY**

The land within the blocking boundary includes private land as well as land owned by Forest County and other government entities. It is not the deliberate intent of Forest County to acquire all lands within the blocking boundary.

Determination of a parcel's value to the County and the State of Wisconsin shall be made by the Committee in consultation with the County Forest Administrator.

Certain lands are considered to be of higher priority for acquisition due to:

1. Lands that improve management efficiencies such as reducing the length of private/public boundaries or improve access to existing county forest.
2. Lands that will increase the counties inventory of productive timberland and provide a consistent source of raw material to the forest products industry.
3. Lands that conserve surface and groundwater, maintain undeveloped shoreline, and increase public access to water features.
4. Lands that are threatened by private development or fragmentation that may result in a long-term negative impact on adjacent public lands.
5. Lands that are threatened by private development or fragmentation that may result in a long-term net negative impact to local and county governments.
6. Lands that will provide for priority trail connections and expansions or reduce or eliminate existing user conflicts.
7. Lands that contain threatened or endangered plant, animals, or communities; or other natural features considered to be of high conservation value.
8. Lands that, when acquired by the county, will not result in an unreasonable negative impact to local tax collections as determined by the Committee in consultation with the affected Towns.

#### **425 ACQUISITION OF LAND OUTSIDE THE COUNTY BLOCKING BOUNDARY**

Counties may consider acquisition of other lands in instances where:

1. Land becomes available to the County which possess values consistent with the priority criteria listed above and is eligible to be enrolled as County Forest Special Use under s. 28.11(4)(c) Wis. Stats.
2. Land becomes available to the County that, if acquired by the County, will facilitate a fair trade or other transaction resulting in county ownership of land within the County Forest blocking boundary.

#### **430 ACQUISITION OF LAND RIGHTS**

In addition to acquiring fee simple land ownership, Counties may find it advantageous to acquire other interests in private or public lands within the blocking boundary such as:

1. Conservation easements for such purposes as:
  - A. Limiting residential density.
  - B. Managing runoff that affects County Land
  - C. Achieving greater silvicultural consistency, pest management, invasive species control, research, or other on adjacent private lands.
2. First right of refusal.
3. Flowage easements.
4. Ingress and egress easements for county management purposes

#### **435 METHODS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ACQUISITION LAND TITLE OR RIGHTS**

Acquisition may be by outright purchase or trade based on competent appraisal of the value or values involved, or by gift, bequest or action to foreclose tax liens. The County Forest Administrator will be the agent of the Committee in making first contact with potential sellers and in carrying on acquisition activities.

In the event that the County Forest Administrator determines that a land or land rights acquisition is in the best interest of the County, in consideration of the factors described

above, the County Forest Administrator shall present a recommendation to the Committee. Upon approval of the Committee, an authorizing resolution shall be forwarded for consideration by the County Board.

County Board authorization is required for execution of any legal instruments that bind the county to acquiring title or other land rights. In the event that any legal documents are signed by an agent(s) of the county, prior to County Board authorization, said legal documents must include an explicit contingency requiring County Board approval.

#### 440 FINANCING

County Forest Administrators shall propose financing options as part of any recommendations to acquire forwarded to the Committee. Typical funding sources include:

1. Fund balance that has resulted from previous county forest withdrawal proceedings.
2. Fund balance that has resulted from the sale of tax deed parcels.
3. Funds appropriated through the County's capital budgeting procedure.
4. Grants and Loans, including:

##### A. Loans

- i. County Forest Project Loans (s. 28.11(8)(b)(2)), Wis. Stats)
- ii. Variable Acreage Share Loans (s. 28.11(8)(b)(1)), Wis. Stats)
- iii. Board of Commissioners of Public Lands State Trust Fund Loan Program (s. 24.61(3)(a)(2)), Wis. Stats.)

##### B. Grants

- i. Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program (s. 23.0953, Wis. Stats.)
- ii. County Forest Stewardship Subprogram (s. 23.0953, Wis. Stats.)
- iii. Acquisition and Development of Local Parks Subprogram (s. 23.09(20), Wis. Stats.)
- iv. Lake Protection (s. 281.68 Wis. Stats.)
- v. River Protection (s. 281.70 Wis. Stats.)
- vi. County Forest Wildlife Habitat (s. 20.370(5)(as)), Wis. Stats.
- vii. County Forest Fish and Game Projects (s. 23.09(12), Wis. Stats.)

- viii. ATV/UTV Trail Aids (s. 23.33(9), Wis. Stats.)
- ix. Snowmobile Trail Aids (s. 23.09(26), Wis. Stats.)
- x. Federal Funding (s.20.370(5)(cy), Wis. Stats.)

#### **445 ENTRY OF LANDS**

Lands to be entered under the regular classification of the County Forest Law must be suitable for forestry purposes and be within the County Forest blocking boundary. Lands designated for classification as County Forest -Special Use need not be contained within the County Forest blocking boundary nor suitable primarily for timber but they must be suitable for scenic, outdoor recreation, public hunting and fishing, water conservation or other multiple-use purposes.

##### **445.1 TIME OF ENTRY**

Application for entry of newly acquired lands under the County Forest Law will be made as soon as possible. Applications for entry will be prepared with the assistance of the DNR Forestry Liaison. The County Forest Administrator will secure the signatures of the proper county officials and transmit the application to DNR's County Forest & Public Lands Specialist.

#### **450 WITHDRAWAL OF LANDS FROM COUNTY FOREST LAW**

Lands within the County Forest blocking boundary will not normally be considered for withdrawal from the County Forest Law. Applications for the purchase of these lands by the private sector will be discouraged by the committee, unless a greater public benefit can be demonstrated. If, in the opinion of the committee and county board, the land will be put to better and higher use and will benefit people of the county and State to a greater extent by being withdrawn from the County Forest Law program, the County should follow the withdrawal procedure as outlined by the Public Lands Handbook. The legal means by which counties may apply for withdrawal of lands from County Forest status is provided by s. 28.11, Wis. Stats. Initially the County Forest Administrator notifies the DNR Forestry Liaison Forester of the County Forestry Committee meeting at which the proposed

withdrawal will be considered. At that meeting DNR personnel and the County will discuss the proposed withdrawal and, if approved by the County Forestry Committee, the withdrawal will be recommended by the Committee by resolution to the County Board. If approved by the Board by the necessary 2/3 majority, the application is prepared by the county and submitted to the appropriate DNR designee. The DNR may ask for additional information from the County. Pending the results of any investigatory hearings deemed advisable, the DNR will act on the withdrawal application. If the application is denied, the County may appeal as provided in s. 28.11(11)(a)4., Wis. Stats.

#### 450.1 WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

The purpose of this section is to provide general information in formulating and processing applications for withdrawal of County Forest lands under s.28.11(11) Wis. Stats. and ch. NR 48, Wis. Adm. Code. The legal means by which counties may apply for withdrawal of lands from County Forests is provided by s.28.11(11)(a) Wis. Stats. This section states in part: "The County Board shall first refer the resolution to the County Forestry Committee which shall consult with an authorized representative of the department in formulating its withdrawal proposal." Section. 28.11(11)(a) Wis. Stats. also states: "The County Board shall not take final action thereon until 90 days after such referral or until the report thereon of the Forest Committee has filed with the board."

Consequently, if the County Board takes final action on a withdrawal application without referring it to the County Forestry Committee, the application is not valid. On the other hand, if the County Forestry Committee does not report to the County Board within 90 days after receipt of the referral, the Board may act upon the application without a Committee recommendation.

#### 455 LAND SURVEYING

The importance of survey corner monumentation is recognized in the interest of avoiding the problems of trespass both by and against the County, facilitating the settlement of those cases which would occur, and aiding in the proper transfer of property.

#### 455.1 LEGAL SURVEYING

Of prime importance are the forest boundaries and property lines in common with other owners. All such surveying shall be under the supervision of a registered surveyor. When the office of the county surveyor is not staffed, the committee will comply with the provisions of Chapter 59, Wisconsin Statutes by hiring registered surveyors to perform the necessary running of property lines. Section corners, one-quarter corners and forty corners (1/16 corners) will be reestablished where needed and Certified Land Corner Restoration forms filled out in duplicate as time permits, under the direction of registered land surveyor.

#### 455.2 LOCATION OF LINES BY OTHER THAN LEGAL SURVEY

Forestry personnel who are not registered surveyors may, with all possible prudence, establish lines for forest management purposes including those necessary for ordinary management activities such as timber sales and road / trail locations using available equipment including, but not limited to, air photos, quadrangles, county surveyor's records and known corners. In the absence of known corners, lines abutting other ownership may be established by mutual agreement to avert trespass claims. At a minimum, notify the adjoining landowner(s) of the management boundary in writing. This documentation should be retained in the timber sale file.

#### 455.3 PRESERVATION OF LANDMARKS, MONUMENTS, AND CORNER POSTS Section 59.74, Wis. Stats., Provides:

1. Penalties for destruction of landmarks, monuments and corner posts established by government survey, the county surveyor or a surveyor or public record.
2. A procedure for notification of intent to destroy such surveying evidence and referencing prior to destruction.
3. The assignment of enforcement responsibility to the Department of Natural Resources, District Attorneys, and professional land surveyors.

All personnel with land management responsibilities are directed to:

1. Make a reasonable search for the above-mentioned surveying evidence prior to implementing any soil moving or cover type manipulation projects, including timber sales, that could result in covering, destruction or removal of such evidence.
2. In the event such evidence is found:

- A. If practical, redesign the project so that the evidence will not be disturbed or
  - B. If destruction is unavoidable, (s 59.74(2)(b), Wis. Stats.) notify the county surveyor at least 30 days prior to destruction giving the legal description of the monument and the reason for destruction or other obliteration. The notice shall include a description of the landmark, monument of survey, or corner post and the reason for removing or covering it.
3. If reasonable search fails to uncover survey evidence in the suspected vicinity, conduct an additional search if he/she sees fit.
  4. In order to further reduce the possibility of inadvertent destruction of invaluable survey evidence:
    - A. Each forester with County Forest responsibilities should discuss with County Administrators the need for including adequate protective clauses in easements, right-of-way, timber sale contracts, and other agreements that might result in destruction of monuments.
    - B. Personnel advising landowners regarding forestry or other land management practices should alert such owners to possible monument destruction that may be caused by them.
    - C. Any instances of potential or accomplished obliteration of survey monumentation discovered in the course of field operations should be brought to the county surveyor's attention.

#### **460 TERMS OF LAND SALE OR TRADE**

All sale or trading of county lands within the forest boundaries shall be subject to terms established between the Forestry and Recreation Committee and the party which will receive land from the County.

##### **460.1 VALUES AND ACREAGE OF LAND SALE/TRADES**

- 1. For outright land sales, the sale price shall not be less than twice the appraised value of the land being sold.*
- 2. For land trades, the acreage and information shall be brought to committee for consideration.*

##### **460.2 ASSOCIATED COST**

All costs such as appraisals, legal surveys, abstracts, title insurance, transfer fees, recording fees, notices, etc. shall be borne by the party initiating the land transaction. Withdrawal applications shall clearly state the person or entity responsible for such costs.

#### 460.3 PUBLIC HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

The public right of ingress and egress for the purpose of hunting and fishing may be retained whenever lands are sold or traded. Retention of these rights may be included on the deed to the land. Exceptions may be made to this policy only in cases of mutual benefit, or for reasons of public health, safety, or welfare. Any proposed exceptions may be opened to public comment at the public meeting required for land sale/trade proposals and may be specifically approved by the Board of Supervisors as part of the resolution to sell or trade the land. Forest County may retain all currently owned public hunting and fishing rights. These public rights are not subject to sale, trade, repurchase, barter, loan or rent.

#### 460.4 DEED RESTRICTIONS

All land sales and trades approved by the Board of Supervisors may be accompanied by a deed restriction, which identifies the specific uses, reservations, and other conditions attached to the lands being released from public ownership. The restriction may include a reversion clause whereby ownership of the land could revert, without compensation, to the County if terms of the restriction are not observed.

County may wish to obtain deed restriction for first right of refusal if the property is ever sold.

#### 460.5 LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT

Annual stumpage revenues will be set at 2% and will go in a non-lapsing account of the Forestry Budget known as the County Forest Land Acquisition Account. The account shall be used only for the acquisition of other lands for addition to the County Forest. Lands acquired from this fund shall be immediately applied for entry into County Forest under the provisions of s. 28.11 Wis. Stats.



## 465 PROPERTY RIGHTS CONVEYANCES

The instrument used for property right conveyance shall be the one which relinquishes the least amount of County control over public land. All property right conveyances will be made on a case by case basis. Examples are listed below:

- A. Easements: An easement is a permanent right that entitles the easement owner to use of the land of another for a special purpose not inconsistent with the general property rights of the owner. Easements run with the land and do not expire. They may be appropriate for public utilities, such as gas, electric and communication uses, and public road right-of-way.

Easements shall not be used for access to private lands unless there is exceptional advantage to the County Forest, and unless the easement further promotes the purposes of the County Forest program. The committee may consider easement requests on a case by case basis. The County Forest Administrator will consult with DNR's County Forest Specialist on these cases.

- B. Lease: A lease is a written document which grants use of real property and/or improvements to another party for a specified period of time, for monetary or other consideration. Specific County Forest Law provisions regarding leases can be found in ss. 28.11(3)(i) and (j), Wis. Stats. Leases on County Forest lands shall be negotiated for the shortest possible period of time and in no case shall they exceed ninety-nine years.
- C. Permit: A permit is a written document conferring a right, power or privilege to do a particular act or series of acts on land of another without possessing any interest therein. A permit can be revoked with cause and cannot be assigned to other parties. A permit, unlike an easement, does not imply an interest in the land and is not transferred with the land. Permits issued on County Forest lands shall be issued every five years.

Permits shall be the preferred property rights conveyance for private driveways

and most other activities dealing with the private individuals using County Forest lands. The County will retain the right to revoke a driveway permit with cause. "Cause" can include, but is not limited to, violation of permit terms, misuse of County land, damage to County property, and noncompliance with County ordinances.

- D. Agreement: An agreement is a written document executed by two or more persons or entities expressing a mutual and common purpose. An agreement details the responsibilities, obligations, conditions, liabilities, etc. of all parties concerned and would be an appropriate instrument for dealing with activities such as public-school forests, flowages, gravel crushing operations, and concessions. Agreements shall be effective for the shortest possible time.

#### 465.1 TERMS OF PROPERTY RIGHTS CONVEYANCES

Any agreement, license, permit, lease or easement must contain at least the following information, requirements and terms. More restrictions may be added as needed to protect the interests of the public.

- A. Location by legal description
- B. Permitted uses under the conveyance
- C. Fee for the use of the land
- D. Expiration date
- E. Right of the County to cancel or suspend the conveyed rights with cause
- F. Requirement for restitution to original condition upon expiration or cancellation of the conveyance.

#### 465.2 PROCEDURES FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS CONVEYANCE

Proposals to use County Forest lands for private purposes without purchasing the land may be approved depending on the nature of the proposal and its consistency with the purpose of the forest. The following steps are required to consider property rights conveyance to a second party:

1. All proposals must be filed with the Forestry and Recreation Department on the

appropriate form with the required processing fee and supportive documentation. (Refer to Chapter 1000). Municipalities, other units of government, and public utilities may be exempted from the processing fee by the Forestry and Recreation Committee.

2. If the proposal can be addressed through a permit or agreement as defined in Section 1, then a report shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Forestry and Recreation Committee. The Committee shall consult with the DNR Liaison on the matter. The Committee may then approve, deny, or modify the proposal.
3. If the proposal for addition is approved, the Forestry and Recreation Committee shall apply to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to enter the land under the County Forest Law.



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## **500 LAND USE**

### **500.1 OBJECTIVES**

1. To identify policies and procedures employed to effectively manage, utilize and sustain the resources of the County Forest.
2. To identify regulated management activities, land uses and special resource areas.
3. To layout proper permits needed for certain activities on the County Forest.

## **505 TIMBER SALES**

Regulated cutting of timber is essential to the goals and objectives of this plan. Timber harvesting will be conducted to achieve a sustainable harvest level. Harvest areas will be distributed in the forest to accommodate such needs as biodiversity, wildlife, aesthetics, watershed protection and other biological needs. WisFIRS will be used for planning all timber harvests activities on the County Forest. All sales will be established, administered and reported in accordance with the DNR Timber Sale Handbook (2461). All sales on the forest are to be advertised for public bidding, with the exception of small sales with an appraised value of \$3,000 or less or sales that would qualify under a salvage provision (s. 28.11(6)(c), Wis. Stats.). These sales may be sold direct without advertising.

### **505.1 FIELD PREPARATION OF TIMBER SALES**

The County and the DNR will cooperate to locate, designate and prepare harvest areas for sale. The Forest Administrator and DNR Liaison forester shall jointly be responsible to see that the field work on sales is accomplished. The Administrator and Liaison will also jointly be responsible for ensuring that all proper documentation for each timber sale is properly filled out and routed for signatures.

### **505.2 ADVERTISING FOR BIDS**

After field work is completed and necessary reports receive DNR approval, the administrator shall prepare a sale prospectus and make it available to interested loggers. Under s.28.11(6)(b) Wis. Stats, timber sale advertisements, at a minimum, will be by classified ad in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. Ads shall be run once each week for two consecutive weeks, the last being at least one week prior to the



bid opening. A longer advance time will be given when feasible. Bid sales will generally be offered in early spring and fall, or as needed.

### 505.3 PROSPECTUS

The following minimum information will be made available to prospective bidders:

1. Species to be harvested and estimated volume
2. Maps of sale areas
3. Special contract provisions
4. Procedures for bidding
5. Bid forms
6. Timber sales bond and advance stumpage schedule

### 505.4 METHOD OF BIDDING

Bids will be reviewed at a meeting of the committee. A sealed envelope showing tract number and marked "sealed bid" shall be submitted on County Forest bid forms by the bidder for each tract bid on, and shall contain:

1. The bid price per unit per ton or per thousand board feet for each species offered and the total for each species bid. The total value of the timber sale bid shall be indicated on both scaled and lump sum bids. The total bid value must meet or exceed the advertised sale minimum.
2. A minimum of 10% of the bid value of each tract must accompany the bid as a bid bond, payable to Forest County.

### 505.5 AWARDED SALES

1. The high bidder is normally awarded the sale contract; however, the committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids and accept the bid offer most advantageous to the county. Grounds for rejecting bids may include without limit:
  - A. Non-compliance with County Forest contract requirements.
  - B. Delinquent financial obligations.
  - C. Unsatisfactory past performances.

- D. Inability to demonstrate financial or professional capability. Evaluation criteria on timber sales will be price and documented ability to satisfactorily complete the contract. Factors to be assessed may include proposed equipment and operation, references, proof of financial stability, past performance and documented training completed. The award of contract to the successful bidder shall be based upon the bid determined most advantageous to the County.
2. Tie bids may be settled by toss of a coin if both parties are agreeable; otherwise the bids on that tract will be rejected and the sale re-advertised.
3. Sales remaining unsold after being advertised for one bid openings may be sold direct at appraised or advertised value. (See DNR [Timber Sale Handbook](#)).

#### 505.6 SALE CONTRACTS

1. Contracts will be prepared with copies provided to the logger, with the original filed in the administrator's office.
2. Contracts are to be signed by the successful bidder within 15 days of the sale or before cutting begins, whichever occurs first, with payment being made according to the County Timber Sale Bond and Advance Stumpage Payment Schedule. Failure to sign the contract within 15 days may result in forfeiture of the bid bond. Reference your County policy for specific requirements.

#### 505.7 TIMBER SALE PERFORMANCE BOND

1. Surety bonds or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank which is a member of the Federal Reserve System or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation may be used in lieu of cash as a performance bond on sales. The letter of credit or surety bond must be in effect for a period of time equal to the term of the contract, plus a sufficient time to allow for possible extension(s) and for closeout of the contract after cutting is completed.
2. The bid bond may be transferred to the performance bond.

## 505.8 CONTRACT PROVISIONS

All timber sale contracts will be on the form approved by the committee and all provisions therein shall apply. A copy of the timber sale map will be attached and become a part of the contract. The following items are essential contract provisions that should be covered in each contract.

### 505.8.1 CONTRACT NUMBER AND CONTRACT NAME

Every contract shall have a unique numerical number and depending on county policies/procedures shall have a unique name.

### 505.8.2 CONTRACT PARTIES

Contracts must have Name, Address, and other contact information of the Purchaser

### 505.8.3 SLASH DISPOSAL, LANDINGS, DECKING

This objective is to control conditions that affect the following:

Fire, insects, disease, aesthetics, regeneration, wetlands, wildlife and public interest.

The purchaser must comply with the State Slash Law, Section 26.12 (b). Each timber sale contract will have specific slash disposal instructions and aesthetic safeguards and will include without limit the following:

- A. All slash must be reduced to a maximum specified height: no trees, tops or limbs shall be leaning or hanging in standing timber
- B. No machinery may be operated in lakes or streams
- C. No slash may be deposited in lakes or streams pursuant to s. 26.12 (6), Wis. Stats
- D. No slash, logging debris or machinery operation outside the sale boundary unless approved by the County
- E. Landings and decks are not allowed within 100 feet of any public road except by proper authorization from the County
- F. Any debris or material not natural to the land shall be properly disposed of as it is generated

- G. All slash disposal, road or landing areas, and other woods operations shall be conducted in compliance with state regulations and local shoreland and wetland zoning.
- H. Slash falling in a right-of-way or on land adjoining landowner shall be immediately removed.
- I. All trees shall be completely felled and not left leaning or hanging in other trees.

#### 505.8.4 DURATION AND EXTENTION OF CONTRACTS

- A. All contracts begin on the date of signature of the County Representative. Contract MUST have a specific end date.
- B. A one-year extension, if deemed necessary by the seller, may be granted at the same stumpage rate as the original contract. Each successive extension will have a progressive 10% increase in stumpage rates.
- C. The maximum time duration of a timber sale contract, including extensions, shall be 4 years. An extension beyond this period of time shall be considered by the committee only in the event of special justification. Special stumpage rate adjustments may be made.
- D. If purchasers do not wish to have contracts renewed or extended and do not finish the sale prior to expiration, appropriate penalties may be assessed. Double stumpage may be charged for any timber left on the sale area.
- E. The contractor may request a contract release due to severe physical or financial disability. The committee shall determine whether a release shall be granted and may withhold all or a portion of the bond deposit for damages.

#### 505.8.5 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT BY SELLER

The Seller may terminate the Contract, on oral or written notice upon said breach as determined by the Seller or at other times when deemed necessary by the Seller. The Seller may also consider the Purchaser an irresponsible bidder and place Purchaser on a timber sale “no bid list” upon said breach of contract as determined by the Seller. The intent of placing a Purchaser on the “no bid list” is to prevent a Purchaser from bidding on a future Forest County timber sale, then becoming a contractor (Purchaser) again, repeating poor performance on a county timber sale contract. Issues that may place a

Purchaser on the "no bid list" include, but are not limited to, items such as carelessness with fire, failure to properly complete previous timber sale contracts, financial insecurity, habitual or intentional damage to timber sale areas and residual standing timber. Once placed on the timber sale "no bid list", a purchaser will not be eligible to bid on or perform work on any Forest County timber sales for a minimum of three years from the date of notification to the Purchaser, by the Seller, in writing *by certified mail*. Any violation of the "no bid list" by the Purchaser, as determined by the Seller, will automatically place the Purchaser on the "no bid list" for an additional two years from the date of the known violation. *A person/company cannot generate revenue or profit from a Forest County Timber Sale while on the "no bid list"*. A Purchaser is defined in Clause 32 of the timber sale contract and will include all Purchaser owned, operated, leased or contracted equipment used by the Purchaser, their respective officers, employees, agents, directors, assignees, partners, representatives, successors, heirs, members and servants. The seller may also reject high bids from Purchaser for "cause" in accordance with the Timber Sale Handbook HB2461.62.

#### 505.8.6 PERFORMANCE BOND, DAMAGES, FUTURE CONTRACTS

A minimum performance bond, of 25% of the total bid, in the Seller's favor in cash, check or letter of credit (expiring no earlier than 1 year after contract expiration date) or in any other form accepted by the Seller, shall be submitted by the Purchaser prior to signing the contract and be retained by the Seller to assure full and complete performance of the Contract by the Purchaser, to the Seller's satisfaction. Failure to submit the bond will be considered a breach of this Contract and subject the Purchaser to liability for damages. The Purchaser agrees that the bond shall be forfeited to the Seller as liquidated damages upon the Seller's determination a condition or term of this Contract has been breached by the Purchaser, unless the Seller chooses and can reasonably determine the actual damages suffered as a result of the breach of the Contract. Damages assessed under this Contract are the responsibility of the Purchaser and may be deducted from this performance bond and otherwise collected by the Seller. The Purchaser agrees that the performance bond may be retained by the Seller until all performance under this Contract has been completed to the Seller's satisfaction and the

Seller determines the performance has been completed. If the Seller determines the performance has not been completed satisfactorily and in conformance with this Contract, the performance bond may be retained by the Seller until the Seller can determine damages caused by the lack of performance. If damages exceed the amount of the performance bond, the Seller may retain any prepaid stumpage up to the amount of calculated damages, at the Seller's discretion. If damages exceed the amount of the performance bond, the Seller may bill and seek damages from the Purchaser, inequity or in law, for the amount of calculated damages in excess of the performance bond, at the Seller's discretion. Upon written notice of sale completion to the Seller, the Seller shall have sixty (60) days to determine that performance has been completed as required under this contract.

Examples of damages include:

- A. Undesignated timber removed
- B. Removal of timber without payment
- C. Damage to residual timber, roads or other infrastructure
- D. Restoration of sale area
- E. Costs associated with resale of uncut timber
- F. Other costs

#### 505.8.7 TITLE TO TIMBER

Title to timber cut under this contract shall remain with the Seller until payment is received by the Seller or written authorization is given by the Seller. If the inspection reveals any violations of this Contract, the Purchaser shall promptly take measures to remedy the violation.

#### 505.8.8 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Purchaser will make stumpage payments in full within 15 days of billing date. Any amount not paid within 15 days will accrue interest at the rate of 1.5% per month and be billed until the stumpage bill is paid in full.

#### 505.8.9 UTILIZATION SPECIFICATIONS

Typical standards are the following:

- A. Cordwood: 4" DIB small end to 10" DIB
- B. Sawlogs: 10" DIB small end and larger

#### 505.8.10 TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Performance of this Contract complies with the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at the website:

<http://www.fistausa.org> or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that training has been attained prior to signing the timber sale contract.

Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to seller verifying that certification has been maintained during performance of the sale.

#### 505.8.11 Best Management Practice (BMP)s, ROADS, LANDINGS...

Locations, construction, use of logging roads, mill sites and campsites is subject to advance approval by the county. All such areas or facilities used or constructed by the purchaser must be operated, maintained and restored prior to termination of the contract in a manner satisfactory to the seller. Slash that has entered into designated trail right of ways, parking lots, woods roads, and other designated use areas shall be removed on a daily basis and scattered within the sale area to the satisfaction of the county.

Logging roads that intersect town, county, or state roads or highways must have the intersections approved by the proper authorities prior to construction and cleared of all unsightly debris at the time of the maintenance.

All timber sale activity including, but not limited to: felling, bunching, skidding, piling, decking and hauling can be limited, restricted or suspended during periods of wet weather when soil damage, tree damage, or when damage to County Forest roads.

The Purchaser shall comply with all recommended BMPs for Water Quality guidelines as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-093, unless specifically provided otherwise.

The Purchaser shall comply with all recommended Forestry BMPs for Invasive Species as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Invasive Species*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-444-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. The publication can be found at:

<http://www.wisconsinforestry.org/initiatives/other/invasive-species-bmps/forestry-bmps>. Prior to moving equipment onto or off the timber sale area, scrape or brush all soil and debris from the exterior surfaces of all four sides, top and bottom of equipment and all attachments, to the extent practical to prevent the spread of invasive species. Pressure wash (preferably steam clean) all equipment and attachments in the same manner prior to locating equipment on county forest land.

The Purchaser shall comply with all General Guidelines as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-435-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. The publication can be found at:

<http://www.wisconsinforestry.org/initiatives/other/woody-biomass>

#### 505.8.12 SOIL DISTURBANCE AND RUTTING

The Purchaser agrees to take all steps and precautions to avoid and minimize soil disturbances, such as soil compaction and rutting. If soil disturbances occur, the Purchaser agrees to work cooperatively to mitigate and repair and all instances of soil disturbance.

#### 505.8.13 LIABILITY AND WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE

All contracts require proof of insurance. Certificate of Insurance, includes workers compensation must be included, shall be kept in the sale folder and must cover the entire operation period of the contract.



#### 505.8.14 SCALING AND CONVERSION FACTORS

The county may stop and inspect trucks hauling forest products from the premises and check the sale at any time.

When peeled cordwood is measured, it is agreed that 12.5% will be added to hand peeled or ring debarked volume, and 25% will be added to other machine peeled volume to compute equivalent unpeeled volume.

The Scribner Decimal C Log Rule shall be used for scaling logs.

Conversion to MBF (thousand board feet) to cords or cords to MBF will be 2.44 cords per MBF for softwoods and 2.20 cords per MBF for hardwoods.

Conversion to Tons from cords will be per the Forest County Weight Conversion Factors. A copy of which is attached and made part of this contract.

All sawlogs and bolts shall be separated from pulpwood when piled.

All pulpwood shall be piled for scaling. Piles shall be level and square with at least 2 cords per pile. At least 5 MBF of sawlogs will be skidded and yarded, before a scale is requested.

Logs and bolts will be yarded for scaling. If logs are decked, the log length shall be marked on the small end with lumber crayon. Decks shall be no higher than six (6) feet.

If the Mill Scale Ticket System is used, purchaser agrees to have load tickets sent directly from the receiving mill to the county within twenty-five (25) days of delivery. Load tickets received after twenty-five (25) days, or not received at all, will be invoiced by the county at 20 cords per load.

#### 505.8.15 FOREST CERTIFICATION

Forest County is dual certified and shall abide by the rules and regulations of both Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® C006090) FSC 100% and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® SFI-01617 SFI 100%.

#### 505.8.16 OTHER CONTRACT CONDITIONS

- A. Waste
- B. Stump heights
- C. Zone/Unit completion
- D. Slash requirements
- E. Cleanup of sale area
- F. Forest fire prevention
- G. Survey monument restrictions
- H. Indemnification
- I. Independent contractor
- J. Assignment (sub-contracting)
- K. Right of inspection by seller
- L. Applicable law
- M. Other conditions

#### 505.8.17 ATTACHMENTS TO CONTRACT

Prospectus/map, payment schedule and cutting requirements.

#### 505.9 TIMBER SALE RESTRICTIONS

1. To minimize resource damage, the types of logging equipment, methods, and times of operation used on sale areas may be restricted by the county.
2. Special restrictions may be required in accordance with county aesthetic policy, if applicable.
3. Seasonal restrictions may be applied to protect roads, minimize recreation use conflicts, benefit wildlife management, avoid endangered resources concerns, minimize insect and disease problems, or to assist in fire protection.

#### 505.10 TIMBER SALE ROADS

Locations, construction, and use of logging roads, mill sites and campsites are subject to advance approval by the Seller. All such areas or facilities used or constructed by the Purchaser must be operated, maintained and restored prior to termination of the Contract

in a manner satisfactory to the Seller. Slash that has entered into designated trail right of ways, parking lots, woods roads, and other designated use areas shall be removed on a daily basis and scattered within the sale area to the satisfaction of the Seller.

No residence, dwelling, permanent structure, or improvement shall be established or constructed on the premises.

Prior to construction new logging roads that intersect town, county, or state roads or highways must have the intersections approved by the proper authorities and cleared of all unsightly debris at the time of construction.

The Purchaser agrees to maintain a minimum of 3" of snow on all State funded snowmobile trails, when snowmobile trails are open, as well as remove all bark, limbs and logging debris from the trail daily as determined by the Seller.

The Purchaser agrees to pay for the cost or repair or replacement of any land survey monument or accessory that is removed or destroyed or made inaccessible. Purchaser will also pay for the cost of repair or replacement of any gates damaged or destroyed. Payment of cost or repair shall not prevent enforcement or recourse to other statutory provisions that apply to such action or conduct of the Purchaser.

#### 505.11 SUPERVISING SALES

Sale inspections will be performed periodically by county and/or DNR Forestry personnel, as requested, with corresponding notations in the sales record.

#### 505.12 FOREST PRODUCTS ACCOUNTABILITY

##### 505.12.1 SCALING MERCHANTABILITY

1. Sawlogs will be scaled by the Scribner Decimal C. log rule. A log is defined as:

- *10" diameter or larger inside bark (d.i.b.) at 8' in length (plus trim) for softwood*
- *10" diameter or larger inside bark (d.i.b.) small end at 8' in length for hardwood*
- *Minimum net scale of 50% of the gross scale of the log*

2. The standard unit of measure for cordwood is measuring 4'x4'x8' of unpeeled wood. A pulpwood tree contains at least one 1-8' stick, to a minimum top diameter as defined in the contract.
3. The DNR Timber Sale Handbook will be used as a guide in determining the conversion rates for posts, poles, bolts, chips, weight-scaled wood or other types of forest products not explicitly described in the contract.

#### 505.12.2 UTILIZATION STANDARDS

Utilization standards will be specified on individual contracts to provide maximum utilization of all merchantable timber and will be based on the scaling standards noted in the contract.

#### 505.12.3 METHODS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Wood harvested from the sale area must be accounted for and payment made in accordance with existing policy and procedure. One or more of the following may be used on an individual sale:

1. The ticket system utilizes serialized three-part tickets that must be paid for in advance, based on the approximate stumpage value of the wood to be hauled. One ticket must accompany each load of wood to the mill. Mill scale will be accepted for volume determination.
2. Wood may also be scaled on the landing. This method is generally used for sawlogs. Payment for wood products scaled is normally due within 15 days of billing/prior to hauling.
3. Lump sum sales may be utilized and divided into cutting units when practical. Payment for a cutting unit must be received in full before any cutting begins in that unit.

#### 505.13 SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCT PERMITS

1. Written permit for taking fuelwood for personal use must be purchased for a specific area designated on the permit.

2. A written permit for cutting boughs for personal use will be issued for a specific area designated in the permit. Bough payment rate will be set by the Forestry and Recreation committee.
3. Written permits may be issued for special forest products for community or personal use, with fees established by the Forestry and Recreation committee. Stumpage of fuelwood, Christmas trees, boughs, posts and poles and other special forest products for resale will be handled as a regular timber sale.

## **510 TIMBER THEFT**

All cases of alleged timber theft on the county forest shall be investigated and resolved promptly. An allegation of theft by cutting and /or removing timber from the county forest does not alleviate the county from payment under s. 28.11 (9) Wis. Stats. The county will collect damages pursuant to s. 26.05 Wis. Stats, and may also pursue criminal charges under s. 943.20 Wis. Stats. and /or seek civil damages.

Timber shall not be removed from the premises until paid for or guarantees for payment acceptable to the Seller are provided. Timber removed without proper authorization or payment will result in timber theft citations. Citations will be issued to the Purchaser, trucker and all parties involved. Citations issued for theft will result in immediate termination of all Timber Sale Contracts and retention of all Performance Bonds or pursuit of actual damages with this specific Purchaser in accordance with Clause #5 and #6 of the Contract. The Seller's damages upon the Purchaser's failure to perform this Contract include, but are not limited to:

- A. The Purchaser's bid value of timber not cut and removed under this contract
- B. Double the mill value, as determined by the Seller, for timber cut, removed or damaged without authorization under or in violation of this Contract.
- C. All costs of sale area cleanup, restoration or completion of performance not completed by the Purchaser.
- D. All costs of resale of timber not cut and removed as required under this Contract.
- E. If the Seller seeks damages for breach of this Contract through court proceedings, and if the Seller prevails in such proceedings, in whole or *in part*, then the

Purchaser agrees to pay all of the Seller's actual and reasonable expenses, including attorneys and expert witness fees.

#### 510.1 TIMBER THEFT INVESTIGATION

The following procedure should be used in all cases of alleged timber theft:

##### Determination of Theft

- A. Gathering facts - The county, through its sheriff's department and along with assistance of the DNR Liaison, rangers and wardens, will ascertain the facts pertinent to the alleged theft, including determination of the damages to the county. Legal counsel representing the county should be involved in all aspects of investigation. Property involved in the alleged theft may be seized pursuant to s. 26.064 Wis. Stats. for use as evidence.
- B. Boundary determination - If property boundaries are involved, the county shall conduct a legal survey of the boundary in question.

#### 515 ENCROACHMENTS

The county will actively investigate all suspected cases of encroachments on the County Forest. To insure the integrity and continuity of the County Forest land, all cases will be dealt with promptly and in a consistent manner. The following procedures will be used in all cases of suspected encroachments:

1. The county will establish property boundaries; if necessary, a legal survey will be conducted.
2. The county will gather all facts.
3. The Committee, in consultation with the forest administrator, county legal counsel, and the DNR, will decide as to the disposition of the case.
  - A. All above ground encroachments that are movable will be removed from county property.
  - B. Permanent type facilities, such as homes, garages, and septic systems shall be addressed individually and commonly be removed but may be handled by a land use agreement in rare situations. For example, when the encroachment will be removed within a short and defined time period (e.g. septic system

needs replacing dilapidated structure needs to be rebuilt and relocated). Sale or transfer of the encroachment should remain an option depending on the circumstances involved and the viability of an adverse possession claim (s. 893.29 Wis. Stats.).

- C. Provisions in the land use agreement, if that option is pursued, may include granting the encroacher permission to encroach on the County Forest lands with the following stipulations: no other encroachments will be allowed; the permit is non-transferable; the county must be notified once encroachment is terminated; county continues full ownership and control of property; permittee agrees to waive any rights to any future declaration of ownership or interest in the encroached county property; county reserves the right to cancel the permit and the permit is to be filed in the office of the Forest County Forestry Department and all fees related to the land use permit shall be paid by the permittee.
- D. A copy of the actual Land Use Agreement can be found in the Appendix (Chapter 1000).

## **520 OTHER COUNTY FOREST USAGE**

1. Recognizing the vast potential for a variety of uses of the County Forest by governmental units, businesses, organizations or individuals, the committee may designate specified areas for special uses. Specific management methods are to be considered on these areas. Uses must be consistent with the intent and purposes of the County Forest Law.
2. All requests for specialized uses of any County Forest lands will require a permit authorized by the Committee.
3. A list of existing special use areas can be found the Appendix.

### **520.1 SAND AND GRAVEL**

Sand and gravel pits located on the County Forest may be used only by units of government or contractors performing public works. Use of existing pits and the opening of new pits by other than the County Forestry Department will require Committee

approval and be authorized by permit only. The condition of such permits may include, but are not be limited to:

1. Requiring the pit and its access road to be screened from view from any public highway
2. Severing trees from the stump
3. Disposition of brush and dirt by leveling or hauling away
4. Sloping to prevent steep banks
5. Filing with the forestry office an annual written report of gravel and sand removed

Other conditions may be set at the discretion of the Committee or County Forest Administrator. The Committee may set fees for materials removed. Other non-metalliferous materials will be dealt with on an individual basis.

All active, nonmetallic sites greater than one acre in size, including those on the County Forest, are also subject to the provisions of the Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Program, Chapter NR 135, Wis. Adm. Code. The County Forestry Department shall work with the local permit coordinator (often county or local zoning office) in obtaining the necessary permits for nonmetallic mining operations.

Sand and gravel may, under some circumstances, be leased to private contractors for private use. In these situations, the land must be withdrawn from the County Forest Law until sand/gravel removal and reclamation of the site is completed. Upon completion of reclamation to the satisfaction of the county and the state, the lands shall be reapplied for entry under the County Forest Law.

## 520.2 EXPLORATION, PROSPECTING, AND MINING

1. The committee may investigate all mineral exploration, prospecting and mining requests as they are received.
2. The DNR shall be notified of all requests as they become known in accordance with s. 28.11(3)(i) and (j) and with DNR Manual Code 2712.1 or other codes which may be subsequently adopted.



The Public Lands Handbook should be referenced for more detailed procedure.

### 520.3 SANITARY LANDFILLS

The use of County Forest lands for sanitary landfills will not be allowed unless the lands involved are withdrawn from the County Forest Law.

### 520.4 MILITARY MANEUVERS

Military maneuvers on County Forest lands will be considered under a lease or written land use agreement. Upon receipt of a written request from the military the Committee, other necessary County staff, Military, and DNR representatives will discuss the issue at a public Committee meeting. After the needs have been outlined, the site shall be field checked, DNR input and consistency with the County Forest Law sought, and town officials advised. Depending on the scope of the project, a public hearing may be appropriate. If all aspects and concerns are addressed and agreed to, a legal instrument will be drafted. The matter will then be brought back to a Committee meeting for final input and approval. The Public Forest Lands Handbook will be used for further direction in this matter.

### 520.5 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Easements for public utilities may be considered by the Committee. Underground installations will be encouraged. The following main provisions shall be included in any County Board resolution granting permission for construction of any utility transmission line:

1. Utility may be billed for merchantable forest products and existing timber reproduction.
2. Utility may be billed for land removed from production due to right-of-way clearing for losses of future income and multiple use benefits.
3. Land removed for utility operations that is no longer suited "primarily for timber production or, that is no longer suitable for scenic, outdoor recreation, public hunting & fishing, water conservation or multiple use purposes" (s. 28.11(4)(c) Wis. Stats) may need to be withdrawn from county forest law designation. The utility shall replace

any lands requiring withdrawal from county forest with other lands suitable for county forest entry that are in the forest blocking of the County Forest.

4. Utility companies will be encouraged to use existing corridors and underground lines to minimize disturbance to the county forest and native plants and animals.
5. Merchantable timber will be removed in a manner approved by the Committee. Timber cut must be reported to the DNR on form 2460-1.
6. Utility must provide notice of proposed route, including a map of not less than 1 inch /mile scale, 90 days in advance of proposed construction.
7. Special maintenance, controlled access and signage concerns shall be addressed in any proposal.
8. An appropriate fee shall be charged for easements.

#### 520.6 ACCESS TO PRIVATE LAND

The Department has determined that granting a private easement across county forest lands is not consistent with the County Forest Law program. This determination is based on an Attorney General opinion (*OAG-08-10*). Easement grants to individuals are generally determined to be an exclusive right on a publicly owned asset. Counties are generally restricted from granting easements on county forest lands unless the easement helps to achieve the purposes of the County Forest Law program.

##### 520.6.1 TEMPORARY ACCESS

Requests for temporary access across County Forest Lands will be reviewed for any potential conflicts with management activities or public access. If impacts are minimal, access for short term needs will be permitted through the use of access agreements or letters of authorization. Temporary access is generally for activities such as access to maintain utilities (rail, powerline, etc.) or for logging access on private lands. The recipient of temporary access is required to restore the roadway to at least its prior condition and to expand coverage of any performance deposits or liability insurance to cover the use of the County road.

## 520.6.2 ACCESS AGREEMENTS

Requests for access to private lands may be made by private parties to build or improve access roads through the County Forest. Access agreements will be considered on a case-by-case basis and with the understanding that the County is not legally obligated to provide access to private lands.

A one-time fee will be charged of \$900 for the cost and installation of each county owned gate, if necessary, to prevent damage to the road system or to prevent access to additional county owned lands. A one-time fee of \$100 will be charged for administrative fees. This will be assessed by the Committee for access permits. The Committee may elect to waive these fees in cases of agreement renewals or in cases of existing roads or driveways.

Access across County Forest lands must be demonstrated by the applicant as the route of last resort, including evidence of an offer of fair compensation for access across other private lands. The following stipulations will be included in access agreements:

1. No legal easement will be granted, only permission to cross county lands.
2. County retains all rights of ownership.
3. The permit is non-transferable.
4. The road must be open to the public through county land.
5. Forestry personnel will have the right to limit or restrict usage in periods of wet weather when road or tree damage may occur as well as require users to repair the road or reimburse the county for necessary road repairs.
6. A one-time fee will be charged of \$900.00 for the cost and installation of each county owned gate, if necessary, to prevent damage to the road system or to prevent access to additional county owned lands. A one-time fee of \$100 will be charged for administrative fees.
7. Forestry personnel will approve location and standards or conditions to be followed.
8. At any time, the county feels it is no longer in the best interest of the public to continue access, the permit will be terminated.

### 520.6.3 PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENTS

Historical access points and driveways may meet the legal requirements of prescriptive use. A prescriptive use easement does not generally trigger a need to withdraw lands from the County Forest program unless the public is excluded from motorized travel on the subject road. Any potential claims of prescriptive easement across County Forest lands must be reviewed by legal counsel in order to determine legal validity and possible legal defense or standing.

### 520.6.4 OTHER TYPES OF ACCESS

Complex issues of private access needs may arise in the future. Any proposals to grant an easement across County Forest must help achieve the purposes of the County Forest Law and meet a standard of better and higher public use. Easements to private parties will require withdrawal from County Forest Law and are to be discussed with the Department prior to initiating any proposals.

### 520.7 PRIVATE UTILITY SERVICE LINES

If a landowner cannot gain utility access across other lands, the committee may consider a land use agreement for access across County Forest. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis. These agreements should consider the inclusions mentioned below:

1. The permit is non-transferrable
2. The County retains full ownership of the utility corridor; however, it shall not be liable for maintenance, upkeep, or other damages associated with the utility service.
3. The permittee waives any rights to any declaration of ownership or interest in the utility corridor on County land for administrative costs as a result of this Land Use Agreement – Utility permit. This agreement is granted upon the signature and any fees being received by Forest County.
4. The fee for such a land use agreement is set at \$5.00 per lineal foot for each utility with a minimum fee of \$200.

## 520.8 CELLULAR COMMUNICATION TOWERS

The siting of communication towers on the Forest County Forest will be considered by the Committee on a limited basis. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis subject to the following conditions:

1. It must be demonstrated that the site is in a practical location for such a tower.
2. Land selected for such a tower is no longer suitable for continued entry in the County Forest program. According to section 28.11(4), Wis. Stats, any accompanying lands needed for tower support wires that inhibit the practice of forestry and are no longer suitable for scenic, outdoor recreation, public hunting & fishing, water conservation or multiple use purposes may also need to be withdrawn from County Forest Law. Withdrawal is subject to approval by both County Board and DNR.
3. A request to withdraw lands from County Forest Law by a private communication company shall follow withdrawal protocol.
4. Forest County shall be fairly compensated for the siting of communication towers, either monetarily (e.g., rent) or in kind (e.g., use of a portion of the tower).
5. The County Board shall consider the inclusions listed under 520.5 (items 1-8) in any County Board resolution granting permission for construction of a communications tower.

## 520.9 OTHER

Other types of special uses of the county forest may be considered by the committee. Regulations governing these uses will be developed on an individual basis. *These may include, but are not limited to: research, independent study and scientific areas.*

## 525 TREATY RIGHTS: GATHERING MISCELLANEOUS FOREST PRODUCTS

Ordinance No. 02-92, adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Forest on February 18th, 1992, authorizes Forest County to require permits for gathering miscellaneous forest products on County land by Native American treaty rights

participants. The ordinance, Section one of the General Code of Forest County, adopts language of, and complies with, the Federal District Court decision and states as follows:

1. Any treaty rights participant interested in gathering firewood, tree bark, maple sap, lodge poles, boughs, marsh hay or other miscellaneous forest products (except fruits, seeds, or berries not enumerated in County ordinances) from County land shall obtain a County gathering permit from the County forestry office. The County shall respond to the gathering permit request no later than 14 days after receipt of the request. The gathering permit shall indicate the location of the material to be gathered, the volume of material to be gathered, and conditions of the gathering of the material necessary for conservation of the timber and miscellaneous forest products on the County land, or for public health or safety.
2. The County may not deny a request to gather miscellaneous forest products on county property under this section unless: (a) the gathering is inconsistent with the management plan for the property, (b) the gathering will conflict with the pre-existing rights of a permittee or other person possessing an approval to conduct an activity on the property, including a contractor of the county or, (c) is otherwise inconsistent with conservation or public health or safety. See subchapter IV, Ch.NR13, Wis. Adm. Code.

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## **600 PROTECTION**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To protect and manage the resources of the forest from preventable losses resulting from fire, insects, diseases and other destructive elements including those caused by people. Protective methods shall include proper silvicultural methods.

The DNR provides statewide technical guidance that will be used to inform local decisions. This guidance will be referenced to make decisions at the county level.

## **605 FIRE CONTROL**

Damage to the forest caused by uncontrolled fire can create an important challenge in the management of the forest. Loss of resource values caused by fire will be minimized through organized prevention, detection and suppression methods. Maintaining a healthy forest is key to fire management. The DNR is responsible for all matters relating to the prevention, detection and suppression of forest fires outside the limits of incorporated villages and cities, as stated in s.26.11(1), Wis. Stats. The DNR works cooperatively with local fire departments in all fire control efforts. Forest County Forest is part of the Intensive Forest Fire Protection Area. The Fire Management Handbook No. 4325.1 and the Area Operations Plan shall serve as the guidelines for fire control activities.

### **605.1 COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Pursuant to s. 26.11(4) and s. 28.11(4)(f), Wis. Stats., and of the Forest County Forest Ordinance, the county may cooperate with the DNR in the interest of fire prevention, detection and suppression on the County Forest. This is accomplished through agreements authorizing the DNR to use County Forest land or to utilize county personnel and equipment for fire protection activities.

#### **605.1.1 PERSONNEL**

County Forest personnel, upon request from the DNR, shall be made available for Forest County Court House fire control efforts within the county in accordance with an established memorandum of understanding (MOU). The DNR is responsible for training and directing the activities of county personnel in accordance with the rules identified in the Fire Management Handbook, No. 4325.1.

#### 605.1.2 EQUIPMENT

Forest County currently has no fire equipment.

#### 605.1.3 FIRE DETECTION

Fire detection is the responsibility of the DNR. County Forestry personnel may assist and report any wild fires to the DNR, local Fire Department or 911 Dispatch.

#### 605.1.4 FOREST FIRE PREVENTION

DNR fire control personnel are authorized by the county to place fire prevention signs at recreational areas and other strategic locations within the forest. The County conducts and controls all operations (including harvesting) on the forest in a manner designed to prevent forest fires. The use of the County Forest and the Department will coordinate during high fire danger periods to impose any necessary restrictions. These restrictions may include, but are not limited to, recreation and logging.

#### 605.2 DEBRIS BURNING

Unauthorized burning of debris will not be permitted on County Forest Lands pursuant to s. 26.12(5), Wis. Stats.

#### 605.3 CAMPFIRES

During periods of high fire danger, use of campfires may be restricted.

#### 605.4 PRESCRIBED BURNING

All prescribed burning on County Forest lands will follow the DNR recommendations. See Prescribed Burn Handbook No. 4360.5 for details. Prescribed fire may be an effective management tool on the County Forest.

#### 605.5 COUNTY FOREST FIRE HAZARD AREAS

The DNR places primary emphasis will be placed on fire control efforts in pine areas. Maps of these areas are available at the local DNR field office. The County will cooperate with DNR Fire Control in providing for firebreaks or access ways. Existing access roads, firebreaks and water access points will be maintained as deemed necessary. Secondary emphasis will be placed on hardwood areas with no firebreaks developed or maintained. However, access roads will be maintained as defined in Chapter 700 of this plan.

## 610 CONTROL OF FOREST PESTS & PATHOGENS

### 610.1 DETECTION

Damage to the forest caused by insects, other pests and diseases can adversely affect management of the forest resources. Losses to resource values impacted by forest pests will be minimized through integrated pest management methods, with emphasis on silvicultural prescriptions (timber sales). The detection and control of pest problems will be accomplished by county and DNR personnel in cooperation with other agencies.

### 610.2 PEST SURVEYS

Pest surveys are conducted under the direction of the DNR's forest health specialists. The County may cooperate by providing personnel and equipment to assist in these operations.

### 610.3 SPECIFIC PESTS & PATHOGENS OF CONCERN

Integrated pest management for the purpose of this Plan, is defined as follows:

*"The maintenance of destructive agents, including insects, at tolerable levels, by the planned use of a variety of preventive, suppressive, or regulatory tactics and strategies that are ecologically and economically efficient and socially acceptable."*

The integrated pest management control and methodology shall be determined jointly by the County Forest Administrator, and DNR Liaison Forester in consultation with the DNR district Forest Health Specialist. Suppression of forest pests may include the following:

1. Silvicultural prescriptions, including timber sales.
2. Biological control.
3. Chemical control.

#### 610.3.1 SPECIFIC PESTS OF INTEREST

##### 610.3.1.1 GYPSY MOTH

This introduced pest has progressed westward from the northeastern United States since the early 1900's. It reached eastern Wisconsin and has been widespread in some counties since 1988. Despite efforts to slow-the-spread and suppress outbreaks, it is progressing westerly through Wisconsin. The

Forest County Forest's strategy to combat this defoliating insect will focus on using silvicultural techniques to maintain and improve forest vigor, so as to decrease the likelihood and severity of defoliation. In addition, suppression spraying with approved insecticides may be considered in high use recreation areas and stands containing a high percentage of susceptible, high valued timber.

The presence or discovery of threatened or endangered species in these areas may impact both the type of treatment and the decision to apply suppression tactics. Current insecticides for gypsy moth control include a bacterial insecticide (Btk) and a commercial formulation of a naturally-occurring virus (Gypchek). DATCP is the agency responsible for quarantine procedures for wood products from infected counties.

- 20 acres in size and of a compact and regular shape (minimum eligible size for aerial spraying through the state suppression program) OR high use, developed recreation areas
- 500 egg masses per acre based on 1/40<sup>th</sup> acre (180.6 ft radius) plots
- Located on the Forest County Forest

#### 610.3.1.2 JACK PINE BUDWORM

Jack pine budworm, *Choristoneura pinus*, is a native needle-feeding caterpillar that is generally considered the most significant pest of jack pine. Red, scotch and white pine, and spruce, can also be defoliated suffer top-kill and mortality by jack pine budworm. Vigorous, young jack pine stands are less likely to be damaged during outbreaks. The most vigorous stands are well stocked, evenly spaced, fairly uniform in height, and less than 45 years old. Stands older than 45 years that are growing on very sandy sites and suffering from drought or other stresses are very vulnerable to damage. Tree mortality and top-kill are more likely to occur in these stands. In addition, stressed stands are more susceptible to attack by Ips bark beetle. Mortality from Ips can occur from 2-3 years after the jack pine budworm outbreak collapses. This mortality and top-kill create

fuel for intense wildfires.

It will be Forest County's Strategy to harvest at the appropriate rotation age, maintain high stand densities (without overcrowding), and use good site selection for jack pine. This will be an effort to help avoid budworm-caused tree mortality and reduce the threat of damaging wildfires while still providing suitable conditions for jack pine regenerations. Prompt salvage following an outbreak will also help reduce the possibility of wildfire. Esthetic strips and/or islands should not be used. Leaving these esthetic strips/islands can prolong the outbreak by giving the budworm areas for breeding. Use of insecticides is not warranted in combating this forest pest on the County Forest.

#### 610.3.2.3 OAK WILT

Oak wilt, *Bretziella fagacearum*, is a destructive disease of oak trees. It is responsible for the death of thousands of oak trees in forests, woodlots, and home landscapes each year. Oak wilt is caused by a fungus that invades and impairs the tree's water conducting system, resulting in branch wilting and tree death. Trees in both the red oak group and white oak group are affected. There is no known cure once a tree has oak wilt. Prevention of new oak wilt infection centers is the best management option and involves avoiding injury to healthy trees and removing dead or diseased trees. Counties should use the *Oak Harvesting Guidelines to Reduce the Risk of Introduction and Spread of Oak Wilt* for management guidance. If pruning is necessary or damage is incurred during high risk periods, (e.g. through construction activities or storms), the wounds should be painted immediately with a wound paint.

It will be Forest County's policy to remove infected trees and debark or chip them when located in a high intensive use area. Once chipped or debarked, the materials shall be covered with plastic for a period of six months to kill the fungus and any insects in the material. A vibratory plow, or similar implement, will also be used to sever root grafts on isolated pockets where feasible. Timber harvest of red oak will be restricted between April 15th and July 15th. Follow oak harvesting guidelines.

#### 610.3.1.4 FOREST TENT CATERPILLAR

Forest tent caterpillar, *Malacosoma Disstria*, can be found throughout the United States and Canada wherever hardwoods grown. The favored hosts in Wisconsin are aspen and oak. This native insect causes region-wide outbreaks at intervals from 10-15 years; outbreaks usually last 2-5 years in the Lake States. Severe and repeated defoliation can lead to dieback and/or reduced growth of affected trees, which in some instances may be significant. Populations are often controlled by natural enemies, helping the population crash. Aerial spraying of insecticides can be an option for control as well. It will be Forest County's strategy to employ sound silvicultural practices to combat this cyclic pest.

#### 610.3.1.5 TWO-LINED CHESTNUT BORER

The two-lined chestnut borer, *Agrilus bilineatus*, is a common secondary pest in trees which have been severely defoliated several years in a row. Oaks that are under stress from drought and/or defoliation by insects such as gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*), fall cankerworm (*Alsophila pomataria*), and forest tent caterpillar (*Malacosoma disstria*) can be infested and killed by two-lined chestnut borer. Prevention of two-lined chestnut borer through sound silvicultural practices is the best management option. Postponing management activities in stressed stands for two years after severe drought and/or defoliation have ended will provide time for trees to recover and reduce their susceptibility to two-lined chestnut borer attack. Infestations should be salvaged promptly. Forest County will strive to maintain healthy trees through sound silvicultural practices to discourage infestation.

#### 610.3.1.6 EMERALD ASH BORER

The emerald ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis*, was accidentally introduced to North America from Asia in 2002. Emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations in Wisconsin have resulted in widespread mortality to *Fraxinus* species including green, white, and black ash. It is expected that 99% of the ash trees in Wisconsin will die. Ash comprises a significant component in the northern hardwood

timber type and can be found in nearly pure stands in some lowland areas. Adult EAB beetles feed on foliage but it is the larvae that cause mortality by feeding on the phloem and outer sapwood of the ash trees.

The [Emerald Ash Borer Silviculture Guidelines](#) are available to help resource managers make informed stand-level decisions to manage forests that are not yet infested by EAB, as well as implement salvage harvests and rehabilitation in stands that have already been impacted by EAB.

It is Forest County's policy to follow the *Emerald Ash Borer Silviculture Guidelines*.

#### 610.3.1.7 HETEROBASIDION ROOT DISEASE

Heterobasidion root disease (HRD, previously called annosum root rot), is caused by the fungus, *Heterobasidion irregulare*. It is a serious disease that causes pine and spruce mortality in Wisconsin, but over 200 woody species have been reported as hosts. Red and white pine trees are most commonly affected in plantation-grown stands subjected to thinning. The disease was first confirmed in Wisconsin in 1993 and has since been found in a number of counties throughout Wisconsin. Diseased trees, including overstory trees and understory seedlings and saplings, will show fading, thin crowns with tufted foliage, and eventual mortality. Currently there are no curative treatments to eliminate the HRD pathogen from a stand once it is infested, so preventing disease introduction is the best approach.

#### 610.3.2 FUNDING

The County Forest will make all reasonable efforts to secure funding for control efforts, through county funds, or other state, federal or private funding sources.

#### 610.3.4 SPECIAL PROJECTS

The County may cooperate with other agencies in forest pest research.

#### 610.4 DEER BROWSE

Forest regeneration and reproduction is critical to sustain both timber production and wildlife habitat and the overall health of the deer herd. As a keystone species, deer can affect forest regeneration, long-term forest production, and forest sustainability. This is a concern for all interested in forest production and trying to balance deer numbers with habitat.

Forest County Forest may monitor herbivory impacts during forest reconnaissance.

#### 610.5 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Invasive plants can cause significant negative impacts to the forest. Invasive species can displace native plants and hinder the forest regeneration efforts. Preventing them from dominating habitats is critical to the long-term health of the forest. There are a number of invasive plant species in varying densities on the County Forest. Some warrant immediate and continual treatment efforts while others may be allowed to remain due to extent and financial ability to control them. The County will continue to train staff in invasive species identification as well as attempt to secure funding sources to control them as much as is practical. Invasive plants on the forest should be documented as well as potential response to new infestations.

##### 605.5.1 FUNDING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Grant opportunities for invasive species control funding can be found on the [Financial Assistance webpage](#) of the Wisconsin Invasive Species council. The number of grants for local governments and County Forest is limited, especially for terrestrial invasive plant control. Some grants, such as the Department of Natural Resource's [turkey stamp program](#), support invasive plant control as part of larger efforts to promote certain outcomes and might be applicable.

The Department of Natural Resources promotes the formation of cooperative



invasive species management areas (CISMAs) through its [Weed Management Area – Private Forest Grant Program](#). While activities funded by this grant are restricted to non-industrial private forests, CISMAs are encouraged to partner with other groups in their area and some can provide technical support to County Forests. The CISMAs of Wisconsin can be found on this [map](#).

## 605.5.2 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

In 2009, the Department of Natural Resources and many stakeholder groups approved a series of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for minimizing the spread of forest invasive plants. The full text of the [BMPs](#) is found on the Wisconsin Council on Forestry website. Voluntary use of the BMPs during forestry stewardship activities reduces the spread of invasive plants that can impede forest regeneration in County Forests.

BMPs used before, during and after a harvest promote forest regeneration. Reasonable efforts to clean vehicles, equipment, footwear and other clothing helps reduce the spread of seeds and plant fragments to un-infested forests. Planning the sequence and timing of stewardship activities to reduce contact with invasive plants during forestry operations is another helpful strategy. Similarly, controlling populations of invasive plants before logging reduces the risk of spreading them. Follow-up monitoring of disturbed stands can detect populations of invasive plants while they are still small and more easily managed.

## 605.5.3 CURRENT PLANT INVASIVES

### 605.5.3.1 BUCKTHORN

Two species of invasive buckthorn impact Wisconsin's forests. Common buckthorn, *Frangula cathartica*, is more often found growing on well-drained soils while glossy buckthorn, *Frangula alnus*, favors wetter soils. Both species grow in shade or sun, quickly form dense, even-aged thickets that shade

out understory plants, including tree seedlings, and hinder forest regeneration. Their dark colored fruits are eaten by birds who disperse them long distances. Both buckthorns green-up before native plants and remain green after the natives drop their leaves.

#### 605.5.3.2 GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic mustard, *Alliaria petiolate*, is an herbaceous, biennial, native to Europe. During the first year a basal rosette of only leaves develops. The second year, several stems from 1 – 4 feet tall grow from the basal rosette. The leaves have a distinct garlic fragrance when crushed. From the stems grow several small white flowers. Each plant can produce 100's of tiny seeds inside long, narrow capsules. Garlic mustard can quickly colonize disturbed forests as it often follows corridors such as game trails or man-made roads/paths. As garlic mustard spreads, it quickly displaces native plants and is known to radiate chemicals into the soil that disrupt associations between mycorrhizal fungi and native plants. Small populations can be hand pulled, while larger populations are better controlled with prescribed fire and/or herbicide. All pulled plant materials should be bagged and removed from the forest as seeds have been known to mature on dead plants left on site. Treatment should be repeated until the seed bank is depleted, which takes multiple years. Garlic mustard sites should be monitored annually, until no plants are discovered for several years.

#### 605.5.3.3 HONEYSUCKLE

Bush Honeysuckles (*Lonicera maackii*, *L. tatarica*, *L. morrowii*, *L. X bella*) were introduced from Eurasia as ornamentals, wildlife cover and soil erosion control. Bush honeysuckles are upright deciduous shrubs, ranging from 5-12 feet tall with gray shaggy bark. The leaves are opposite, simple, oval and untoothed and can be smooth, to velvety depending on species. Flowers are fragrant and tubular ranging in colors of white, red and pink. They bloom May through June and then form red to yellow berries that are found as pairs on the leaf axils. Honeysuckles replace native forest shrubs and herbaceous plants by

inhibiting growth of understory plants due to early leaf-out which shades out herbaceous ground cover and depletes soil moisture. Control options include hand pulling small infestations and prescribed burning which kills seedlings and top kills mature shrubs. Herbicide options include cut stump treatment and foliar spraying. With all control efforts repeated, monitoring is needed.

#### 605.5.3.4 SPOTTED KNAPWEED

Spotted knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe*, is an herbaceous, short-lived perennial native to Eurasia that can grow 2-4 feet tall. This plant first appears as a basal rosette of somewhat silvery leaves and may persist this way for several years before developing pink-purple flowers on long spreading stems. The flowers are thistle-like with many petals and stiff bracts. Knapweed invades dry-upland areas including disturbed sites such as forest trails and openings. The roots exude an allelopathic chemical which inhibits establishment of other plants; hindering forest regeneration. Small populations can be hand pulled provided the entire tap root is removed. Gloves, long sleeves and pants should be worn when handling this plant as it may cause skin irritation. Chemical control should be applied directly to plants or broadcast across large areas of infestation. Biological control is also available as part of an integrated pest management plan.

#### 605.5.3.5 JAPANESE BARBERRY

Japanese barberry, *Berberis thunbergii*, was introduced from Japan around 1875 and now ranges across most of North America. It is a compact, spiny, deciduous shrub with arching branches of dense foliage. It commonly grows 2-3 ft tall and has been known to reach heights of 6 ft. Japanese barberry regenerates by seed, creeping roots and branches that root freely when they touch the ground; which increases its overall spread. Small, rounded, smooth edged leaves are clustered in tight bunches close to the spiny branches and small yellow flowers bloom through May forming red oblong berries that mature in mid-summer and persist into winter. This plant is highly adapted to growing in young forests where it forms thorny thickets that shade out and

limit the growth of native plants and spreads easily under the shade of established forests. The primary method of mechanically controlling barberry is hand pulling or digging early before seed set in areas where there are only a few plants. It has shallow roots but re-sprouting may occur if the entire root system is not removed. Larger populations may be controlled by herbicides with a cut stump treatment and repeated monitoring for both seedlings and roots re-sprouting.

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## 700 ACCESS CONTROL AND HISTORY

Resource management, protection activities, recreational uses, and other public uses on the Forest County Forest require several different types of access. Since the Forest is large and diverse, a broad network of access opportunities has developed over the years. A combination of geology, soils, vegetation, surface waters, seasons of the year, presence/absence of roads or trails, ownership of adjoining lands, and public regulations interact to control access to any part of the Forest.

Many of the existing roads and trails were originally developed as logging roads, forest fire protection lanes, or trails used to reach popular hunting and fishing areas. The locations and standards for these earlier roads were not routinely established by county personnel, nor were they maintained on a regular basis.

Over the years, the road density and frequency of vehicle use on the Forest has increased in response to an expanding number of motorized recreational vehicles and to provide access for our harvest program. Often times, different uses have occurred on the same trails with minimal conflicts. But the diverse demands for, and uses of, the County Forest have reached the point where integrated access management planning is needed.

User conflict between groups: e.g., snowmobiling versus cross-country skiing; hunting on foot versus use of vehicles for access to game populations.

Safety: e.g., pleasure riding of horses on the same trail with ATV vehicle traffic, or hiking.

Erosion: soils eroding due to use, or over-use by vehicles without routine maintenance.

Damage to access: rutted or impassable roads requiring costly repair by the county or other specific user groups (e.g., snowmobile/ATV club).

Litter: depositing garbage and waste on the Forest.

Over-utilization of a resource: e.g. reduced availability of trophy-sized deer, excessive harvest of ruffed grouse along trails, overharvest of bobcat.

Fires: e.g. increased exposure of the resource to forest fire occurrence.

Invasive species: e.g. introduction of invasive exotic species along travel routes.

Road placement: e.g. some roads should be closed for improper location and evaluated for replacement.

## 705 CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

1. Provide direction to the committee and resource managers in order to maintain a network of roads and trails on the County Forest. This will meet the needs for resource management and protection activities, as well as provide public access for recreation opportunities.
2. Identify the distribution, density, and types of roads and uses of roads and trails needed to establish a safe and efficient transportation and recreation system that complements the economic, environmental, and social interest in the County Forest.
3. Identify the existing and future County Forest roads eligible for transportation aids under s. 86.315(1), Wis. Stats.
4. Identify areas on the County Forest where the access is limited or restricted.
5. Identify the provisions and criteria that will be policy when addressing management issues on the County Forest.

## 710 ROADS

Forest County Forestry staff will oversee the construction and maintenance of all roads within the County Forest. These roads may be constructed and maintained by the County/private contractors working under contract/the direction of the county/other public resource agencies/cooperative agreement with non-profit organizations.

The specifications for road construction and maintenance will vary with the frequency, duration, and planned use of each road. Three major types of roads occur on the Forest: permanent primary roads; permanent secondary roads, and temporary roads.

New road establishment should consider information identifying areas with sensitive soils or severe slopes that have the potential for adverse water quality impacts from land management practices. County staff can work with local DNR forest hydrologists to

develop site-specific measures where appropriate and to follow all required permitting processes when applicable.

The forest should have enough roads to provide sufficient, access, without degrading water resources, while still maintaining recreational experience. Program evaluation of road infrastructure will continuously occur.

#### 710.1 PERMANENT PRIMARY ROADS (County Forest Roads)

These roads are the primary roads accessing the County Forest. They are designed, constructed, and maintained for year-round use. These roads serve as essential access corridors for multiple use management. Some of these roads are graveled and routinely graded. Vehicle use may be restricted at various times of the year to minimize physical damaged to the road or for safety reasons.

Forest roads in this category qualify for the County Forest Road Aids program. Qualifying roads in this program must meet minimum design standards set by s. 86.315 (4) (a) and 86.315 (3) Wis. Stats. and administered by WI DOT. A yearly aid payment is used to maintain and improve these certified public roads.

Forest County currently has no permanent forest roads.

#### 710.2 PERMANENT SECONDARY ROADS

These roads often serve a variety of uses including forest management, fire protection, and recreation. These roads are maintained as part of a permanent road system but are often narrower than permanent primary roads and are built and maintained to lower standards. Some of these roads are designed for use only when the ground is frozen or firm.

Some roads in this category are located in areas on the Forest where motor vehicle use is limited or restricted. In these instances, the roads will be blocked and/or signed as restricted.

In instances where motorized traffic is restricted, vehicle access will only be authorized for planned management activities, fire protection, and in cases where motorized handicapped access has been approved. Foot traffic is allowed on all roads.



### 710.3 TEMPORARY ROADS

Many of the roads on the Forest fall into this classification. These roads are designed and constructed for short-term use for a specific project; often for timber harvest access. These roads are used only for a short duration and when the activity is done, the temporary road is closed. These roads are naturally or artificially revegetated and closed by use of earthen berms/bunkers or other physical barriers. In some cases, roads are completely closed with slash and debris to prevent future use and to encourage natural regeneration of trees.

Temporary roads on existing and past sales will be considered for closure. Reasons will include protection of perpetually wet soils, human safety, and prevention of illegal dumping.

The need for new temporary roads will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Road locations will be included in designing timber harvests. Considerations will be given to the objectives within each County Forest unit, existing road density, potential use, and soil type.

### 710.4 STATE, COUNTY, TOWN DRIVEWAY PERMITS

#### 710.4.1 STATE HIGHWAYS

Wisconsin DOT generally requires permits for permanent and temporary driveways on state highways. The County should track and retain permit records and work with local DOT officials for access.

#### 710.4.2 COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Forest County generally requires permits for permanent and temporary driveways on County Highways. The application may be filled out and turned into the highway and zoning departments for approval.

#### 710.4.3 TOWN ROADS

Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department corresponds with towns on timber harvest access and/or recreational uses.

## 710.5 UTILITIES

The Forest County Highway Department requires an application to be filled out in order to obtain a permit for utility crossing. You will be asked to describe the following for the proposed work: Utility type, orientation, work type, and construction methods.

## 710.6 CULVERTS

In many cases culverts are needed in all three classifications of roads that are on the County Forest when dealing with drainages, wetlands and stream crossings. Some of these are temporarily placed culverts that are used during a specific project then removed, while others are permanent structures.

In all instances, culverts should be placed according to required DNR permitting procedures and should follow BMP's for culverts that can be found in chapters 4 and 5 of the *Wisconsin Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality* (PUB FR-093 2010).

Routine maintenance of these structures should also be completed to make sure structures are adequately working. The county may want to consider documenting the location of culverts on the forest and provide a list of the culverts that should be routinely checked.

## 715 RESTRICTED ACCESS AREAS

In addition to providing trails for motorized vehicle use, the Forest may also provide and designate areas where motorized equipment is not permitted unless authorized by the Committee. The principal intent of these areas is to prevent environmental damage to sensitive areas, protect historical or archeological sites, protect endangered and threatened species, provide for human safety and provide areas for quiet, secluded recreation. A few of these locations include: Otter Springs Recreational Area, Hemlock Lake Recreational Area and Ruffed Grouse Management Area.

## 720 ROAD CONSTRUCTION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR WATER QUALITY

The layout and construction of any new road or trail situated on the County Forest shall adhere to *Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality* (PUB-FR-093-2010). This access management plan addresses the need and diversity level of forest

roads and trails within the County Forest. The BMP Manual provides guidelines for road construction. Soil disturbance activities in highly erodible soil areas may require mitigating measures in excess of those currently listed in the Best Management Practices manual PUB-FR-093-2010. Wider buffers, sediment control structures and water diversion techniques will be used as appropriate in these sensitive areas.

## **725 SIGNS**

Signs on the County Forest will be used discreetly to perform and function with minimal disruption to the multiple uses of the Forest. Private signs promoting personal, commercial or political objectives will not be permitted. Signs erected by the County for management purposes or by non-profit recreational trail groups will be as follows:

1. Informational Type Signs
  - A. Interpretive Signs – to educate the general public about forest management practices.
  - B. Public Land Signs – to identify the land as Forest County Forest property.
  - C. Trail Markers – to provide direct direction and safety to trail users
  - D. Scientific, Historical or Geological Markers – to identify points of interest.
  - E. Recreational Facilities Markers – to identify park entrances, etc.
  - F. Directional Markers
2. Regulatory Type Signs – to regulate the use of the Forest in specific areas

### **725.1 SIGNING STANDARDS**

To assure that signs will serve a purpose without damaging aesthetics, the following standards will be maintained:

1. All signs will be mounted on treated wood posts or steel posts.
2. Routed wood signs will be used wherever practical. Fiberboard or painted metal signs, when used, will be of neat appearance.
3. Signs placed on snowmobile/ATV trails must conform to state standards and be approved by the committee.
4. All authorized signs shall be protected by ordinance from being damaged, defaced, obstructed, removed, or possessed by unauthorized persons.

5. All unauthorized signs will be removed by the Forestry staff. No compensations will be afforded for loss or damage to signs during removal. Individuals erecting unauthorized signs may be prosecuted under s. 943.13(3), Wis. Stats.

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## 800 CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

1. To introduce and communicate to the public, the County Board of Supervisors, and to the Wisconsin DNR, the integrated resource approach that forestry, wildlife and other natural resource staff will use on the Forest County Forest during this planning period.
2. Counties may wish to consider “Integrated Resource Management Units” (IRMU) approach, that will identify and summarize the natural resources, social and physical management potential and opportunities for each unit.

## 805 MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS TO REDUCE LOSS

### 805.1 RISK FACTORS

- Wind  
Wind events are a common occurrence on the County Forests. Wind events are natural disturbances that cannot be preventable. There are ways a County can help minimize the risk if a wind event does happen, such as planning harvests to minimize wind throw risks on shallow soils. If a wind event does take place on the County Forest damaging the timber, a salvage sale is set up by the department quickly before the loss of economic value.
- Flooding  
Flooding events are another natural disaster that cannot always be prevented. There are management strategies that can help reduce the losses such as planting flood tolerant species. Another way to prevent flooding is keeping an eye on beaver activity across the forest and take action through the USDA for removal of the beaver and the dam.
- Fire
- The areas of the County Forest that have the highest risk of wildfires are due to tree/ plant composition and dry/ droughty soils. Maintaining road systems throughout the forest along with maintaining a close working relation with DNR fire staff are a few ways fire can be mitigated.

- Climate change  
Climate change may change how Forest County is managing their forests. As plant/ tree species may change in the future it is also affecting wildlife habitat, invasive species, pests/ diseases, and recreational trails. Forest County is keeping up to date with current climate change data and how it may impact future timber management.
- Timber markets  
Unpredictable timber markets are a common issue faced and an issue the industry will probably continue to face in the future. One management technique to help mitigate the impact is managing a diverse forest with a variety of species and forest products, that way if one species or products goes down you still have other available.

## **810 PLANT COMMUNITIES MANAGEMENT**

Forest County recognizes the importance of maintaining the diversity of the forest under an ecosystem approach. The process involved in making management decisions to encourage or not encourage specific species or communities is complex. It includes an understanding of:

- Objectives of the County
- Integration of landforms, soils, climate, and vegetative factors
- Habitat classification
- Past, present and future desired condition
- Surrounding ownership patterns and general objectives
- Wildlife habitat and other values
- Social needs

### **810.1 SILVICULTURAL PRACTICES/TREATMENTS**

Silviculture is the art and science of controlling forest composition, structure, and growth to maintain and enhance the Forest's utility for any purpose. These practices are based on research and general silviculture knowledge of the species being managed. The goal is to encourage vigor within all developmental stages of forest stands, managed in an even

aged or uneven aged system. The application of silviculture to a diverse forest needs a unified, systematic approach. The DNR public Forest Lands Handbook (2460.5) and DNR Silvicultural Guidance will be used as guidelines for management practices used on the County Forest.

#### 810.1.1 NATURAL REGENERATION

Where feasible, natural regeneration will be encouraged through the use of silvicultural methods that promote regrowth and recruitment of the Forest. In general, the particular silvicultural method chosen will depend on the biological functions of the target species or forest type.

##### 810.1.1.1 CLEARCUTTING/COPPICE

Clearcutting is a silvicultural method used to regenerate shade intolerant species. Complete, or nearly complete removal of the forest canopy will stimulate the regeneration and growth of species such as aspen, jack pine and white birch. This method is also used as a final rotation removal in species such as red oak, red pine and others. Tree retention guidelines are followed when prescribing clearcut or coppice cuts.

##### 810.1.1.2 SHELTERWOOD/SEED TREE

Shelterwood harvest is a method used to regenerate mid-shade tolerant and shade tolerant species. Partial canopies stimulate regeneration, enhance growth and can provide seed source. Canopies are eventually removed. This method is used for white birch, white pine, red oak, and northern hardwood (when managing even aged).

##### 810.1.1.3 ALL AGED REGENERATION HARVESTS

All aged regeneration harvests are used in shade tolerant species. Gaps in the forest canopy allow regeneration to occur throughout the stand. Over time, multiple entries into the stand will create multiple age class structure with the intent of creating a fully regulated stand. All aged regeneration harvests may be prescribed in the form of single tree selection, group

selection or patch selection. This method is used in northern hardwood and occasionally in swamp hardwoods (when managing for all aged).

#### 810.1.1.4 PRESCRIBED BURNING

Prescribed burning may be utilized as a tool to promote regeneration. A number of forest types in Forest County are ecologically tied to fire. Burning may create seeding conditions or release regeneration from competing vegetation. Prescribed fire may be used for regeneration of red oak, jack pine or white pine.

#### 810.1.1.5 SOIL SCARIFICATION

Scarification is a technique used to prepare a seedbed beneath forest stands scheduled for harvest and regeneration. This mechanical disturbance that exposes bare mineral seedbeds and creates conditions necessary for regeneration of pine species. Disturbance that mixes seed into duff and soil layers creates optimal conditions for regeneration of oak, white birch, fir and others. Forest County utilizes salmon blades, root rakes, straight blade, anchor chain for soil scarification.

#### 810.1.1.6 OTHER

Other natural regeneration techniques may be considered where necessary and appropriate. New methods for natural regeneration are continually tested for effectiveness.

### 810.1.2 ARTIFICIAL REGENERATION

When natural regeneration fails, or when tree species present do not coincide with management objectives for the site, artificial means will be employed to establish a desirable stand of trees. Artificial regeneration on a site usually requires some form of site preparation followed by seeding or planting.

#### 810.1.2.1 MECHANICAL SITE PREPARATION

Mechanical site preparation includes the use of soil disturbance equipment

such as a disc, roller chopper, patch scarifier, disk trencher or V-plow prior to tree planting or seeding. These types of equipment are used to reduce logging debris to a smaller size, incorporate debris into the soil, clear brush and debris from the site, and to reduce competition from other vegetation.

#### 810.1.2.2 CHEMICAL SITE PREPARATION

Herbicide application can be an effective means of controlling unwanted vegetation in order to establish seedlings or plantations. It should be used sparingly and in situations where mechanical treatment is not expected to provide the level of vegetative control needed. Chemical will be applied in strict accordance with label recommendations, requirements, and under the oversight of a certified applicator. Herbicides will normally be applied with motorized, ground based equipment, hand applications, or aurally. A written prescription for each herbicide application will be prepared and kept on file.

#### 810.1.2.3 PRESCRIBED BURNING

Prescribed burning for site preparation can be used to reduce logging debris, clear the site, reduce competing vegetation, and to release nutrients into the soil.

#### 810.1.2.4 TREE PLANTING/SEEDING

Both machine and/or hand planting/seeding will be utilized to insure adequate regeneration. The selection of species will be determined according to the specific management objectives and capabilities of each site. Planting or seeding will primarily occur in areas where natural regeneration is inadequate or conflicts with the management goals of the site. Forest County will make all reasonable efforts to source seeds/seedlings from local genetics.

### 810.1.3 INTERMEDIATE TREATMENTS

Intermediate treatments are those practices used to enhance the health and vigor of a

forest stand. In general, intermediate treatments are applied to forest stands managed as even aged.

#### 810.1.3.1 MECHANICAL RELEASE

Mechanical release is the removal of competing vegetation by means other than herbicide or fire. Mechanical may include releasing young pine plantations from competing vegetation using chain saws or other hand-held equipment; or mowing to release regeneration.

#### 810.1.3.2 CHEMICAL RELEASE

Chemical Release is the removal of competing vegetation from desirable trees through the use of herbicides. It should be used sparingly and in situations where mechanical treatment is not expected to provide the level of vegetative control needed. Chemicals will be applied in strict accordance with label recommendations, requirements and under the oversight of a certified applicator. A written prescription for each herbicide application will be prepared and kept on file.

#### 810.1.3.3 NON-COMMERCIAL THINNING (TSI)

In general, most thinning needs are accomplished through commercial harvest operations. Non-commercial thinning may be considered if the individual site requirements, funding and/or available labor make it desirable.

#### 810.1.3.4 THINNING/INTERMEDIATE CUTS

Management of some even aged forest types necessitates the use of commercial thinning, also known as intermediate harvests, to maintain forest health and vigor. Thinning is generally prescribed in forest types such as red pine, red oak, and in cases of even aged hardwood management. Thinning may be prescribed on other even aged types as appropriate and where feasible. Intermediate harvests include prescriptions for residual densities, marking priorities, spacing, crown closure, diameter distribution,

or other measurements.

## 810.2 SILVICULTURAL PRESCRIPTIONS

### 810.2.1 EVEN-AGED MANAGEMENT

A forest stand composed of trees having relatively small differences in age. Typical cutting practices include: clear cutting, shelterwood cutting and seed-tree cutting. Even aged management is generally required to manage shade intolerant, early successional forest types.

#### 820.2.1.1 ASPEN

These are types where aspen trees comprise of more than 50% of the stems. On the forest, aspen types may be dominated by quaking or big tooth aspen or a combination of both. Aspen stands contain a wide variety of associated hardwood and conifer species.

Shade tolerance	Intolerant
Habitats	PArVAm, AVDe
Intermediate treatments	None
Median rotation age	50 years
Primary regeneration method	Natural
Harvest method	Clearcutting with coppice
Habitat value	Early successional related species
Economic value	Fiber production/bolts
Insect disease considerations	Hypoxylon and other cankers
Trends	Declining
Landscape considerations	Retain/increase acreages where possible

#### 810.2.1.2 RED PINE/ EASTERN WHITE PINE

These are types where red/white pine makes up more than 50% of the stems. There are few associates, but the most common are, jack pine, aspen, and oak.

Shade tolerance	Intolerant
Habitats	PA <sub>r</sub> VH <sub>a</sub> , PA <sub>r</sub> VA <sub>m</sub> , PA <sub>r</sub> VA <sub>a</sub> , PA <sub>r</sub> VA <sub>a</sub> -Vb, PA <sub>r</sub> VA <sub>a</sub> -Po, PA <sub>r</sub> VPo VD-D, D-DM, M, M-WM, ArA <sub>b</sub> VC, TMC
Intermediate treatments	Thinning
Median rotation age	90-110 years
Primary regeneration method	Artificial and natural
Harvest method	Clearcut Seed tree and/ or shelterwood
Habitat value	Mid to late successional species
Economic value	Poles, posts, cabin logs, fiber, bolts, logs
Insect disease considerations	Moths, blights, sawfly's, beetles, weevils, Armillaria root disease, etc. White pine blister rust, white pine tip weevil, Heterobasidion Root Disease
Trends	Slight increase for red pine, decrease for white pine
Landscape considerations	Maintain

### 810.2.1.3 NORTHERN RED OAK

These are types where Northern red oak makes up more than 50% of the stems. Common associates in Forest County are sugar maple, basswood, red maple, aspen, white birch, and ash.

Shade tolerance	Intolerant
Habitats	PA <sub>r</sub> VH <sub>a</sub> , PA <sub>r</sub> VA <sub>m</sub> , PA <sub>r</sub> VA <sub>a</sub> , PA <sub>r</sub> VA <sub>a</sub> -Vb, PA <sub>r</sub> VA <sub>a</sub> -Po, PA <sub>r</sub> VPo
Intermediate treatments	Prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, and thinnings.
Median rotation age	70-140 years, depending on habitat type
Primary regeneration method	Natural and artificial



Harvest method	Coppice, overstory removal, seedtree and shelterwood
Habitat value	Early successional species
Economic value	Fiber, bolts, logs
Insect disease considerations	Oak wilt, anthracnose, cankers, borers, etc.
Trends	General decline
Landscape considerations	Increased regeneration methods, change management goals and disturbance regimes.

#### 810.2.1.4 RED MAPLE

These are types where red maple makes up more than 50% of the stems. There are over 70 common associates in Forest County, some of the common ones are balsam fir, white pine, sugar maple, black cherry, and eastern hemlock.

Shade tolerance	Mid-tolerant
Habitats	ATM, ATD, and AOC <sub>a</sub>
Intermediate treatments	Thinning
Median rotation age	50-110 years, depending on habitat type group
Primary regeneration method	Natural
Harvest method	Group and/or patch selection, strip clearcut/coppice, shelterwood
Habitat value	Early successional species
Economic value	Fiber, bolts and sawlogs
Insect disease considerations	Sap suckers, gypsy moth, cankers, borers, etc.
Trends	Slight increase
Landscape considerations	Maintain

#### 810.2.1.5 BLACK SPRUCE/ TAMARACK

These are types where fir and spruce make up more than 50% of the stems. Common associates in Forest County are paper birch, quaking aspen, red

maple, northern white cedar, black spruce, eastern hemlock, red pine, and white pine.

Shade tolerance	Very tolerant
Habitats	TMC, A <sub>r</sub> C, AA <sub>r</sub> S, AASM TTM, TTS, PO, PCS
Intermediate treatments	Row thinning, clearcut, strip cut on adequate regeneration
Median rotation age	100-110 years
Primary regeneration method	Natural
Harvest method	Shelterwood
Habitat value	Early successional species
Economic value	Fiber and sawlogs
Insect disease considerations	Stem root and decay, spruce budworm Larch Sawfly, beetles, root rot, etc.
Trends	No change
Landscape considerations	Maintain

#### 810.2.1.6 HEMLOCK

These are types where hemlock makes up more than 50% of the stems. Common associates in Forest County are northern red oak, red maple, basswood, white ash, northern white cedar, paper birch, and balsam fir.

Shade tolerance	Very tolerant
Habitats	TMC, ATM, ATD, AFD, AViO, AH
Intermediate treatments	Thinning
Median rotation age	Economic rotation age: 150 years Biological rotation age: 320 years
Primary regeneration method	Natural
Harvest method	Shelterwood
Habitat value	Late successional species

Economic value	Fiber and bolts
Insect disease considerations	Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
Trends	Slight increase
Landscape considerations	

#### 810.2.1.7 SWAMP HARDWOOD

These are stands dominated by shade tolerant and mid-shade tolerant species. In Forest County, swamp hardwood stands are typically dominated by black ash, green ash, Red maple, and elms.

Shade tolerance	Mid tolerant to tolerant
Habitats	FnThAbAt, FnAbArOn, ThAbFnC, AbFnThOs, AbFnThAs
Intermediate treatments	Even aged thinning
Median rotation age	80-120 years depending on rotation age
Primary regeneration method	Natural
Harvest method	Strip clearcut/coppice, shelterwood, overstory removal, group selection
Habitat value	Late successional, wildlife plan
Economic value	Fiber and bolts
Insect disease considerations	Emerald Ash Borer
Trends	Decreasing statewide
Landscape considerations	Maintain

## 810.2.2 UNEVEN-AGED MANAGEMENT

A forest stand composed of trees in various age and size classes. The typical cutting practice is selection cutting, where individual trees are removed from the stand.

Regeneration is continually occurring after the stand is cut. Uneven-aged management is generally used to manage shade tolerant forest types.

### 810.2.2.1 NORTHERN HARDWOOD

These are stands dominated by shade tolerant and mid-shade tolerant species. In Forest County, northern hardwood stands are typically dominated by sugar maple, basswood, white ash and yellow birch.

Shade tolerance	Tolerant to mid-tolerant
Habitats	AAs, ATD, ATDH, AHVb, AFAd, AFAl, ACaCi, AOCa, AH
Intermediate treatments	None
Median rotation age	N/A
Primary regeneration method	Natural – all aged regeneration
Harvest method	Single tree, gaps
Habitat value	Early – mid successional species
Economic value	Fiber, bolts and sawlogs
Insect disease considerations	Emerald ash borer, others
Trends	Increase statewide
Landscape considerations	Maintain

## 810.3 LOCALLY UNCOMMON TREES/FOREST TYPES

The presence or lack of a particular tree species is dependent on land capability, climate, natural range, natural or human disturbance and many other factors. The following trees and types are considered uncommon on the Forest County Forest and likely across the general region. These trees may be left as reserves in even aged management prescriptions, or in thinning's and all aged regeneration harvests.

#### 810.3.1 AMERICAN ELM (ULMUS AMERICANA)

American Elm is scarce primarily due to Dutch elm disease. Healthy looking elm may be left uncut in hope that they may continue on the landscape as potential resistant seed sources

#### 810.3.2 BUTTERNUT (JUGLANS CINEREA)

Butternut is declining due to butternut canker. Healthy individuals that appear to be canker free will be reserved in the forest as potential resistant seed sources.

#### 810.3.3 EASTERN HEMLOCK (TSUGA CANODENSIS)

Hemlock is a highly preferred deer and small mammal browse species. Regeneration is difficult and remnant stands will be retained to provide seed sources for future management activities.

#### 810.4 FOREST TYPES REQUIRING INTENSIVE EFFORT TO REGENERATE

There are certain forest types within the County Forest that are difficult to regenerate. In many cases, this difficulty may be related to the exclusion of fire from the landscape, deer herbivory or other factors. The following list itemizes forest types with difficult regeneration and County management goals:

- **WHITE BIRCH** – White birch is a shade intolerant species normally found in even aged stands. It appears white birch evolved to regenerate after disturbances such as fire. The County is committed to retain as much of the existing acreage of white birch as possible. Regeneration efforts will include pre-sale salmon blade scarification.
- **NORTHERN RED OAK** – Northern red oak is a shade intolerant to mid tolerant species found in primarily even aged stands. Northern red oak appears to require disturbance to regenerate and herbivory appears to be a limiting factor on regeneration success. The County is committed to retain as much of the existing acreage of northern red oak as possible. Regeneration efforts will focus on timing soil scarification with good acorn crops and shelterwood harvests. Regeneration may require prescribed burning to release seedlings from competing vegetation.

- RED PINE – Red pine is a shade intolerant. There are a few ways that red pine is regenerated, primarily clearcut the stand and plant artificially. Or you could leave a few seed trees, making sure there is not much shade, for a natural regeneration method.

#### 810.5 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES OF CONCERN

Invasive plants can cause significant damage to the forest. Invasive species can displace native plants and hinder the forest regeneration efforts. Preventing them from dominating forest understories is critical to the long-term health of the forest. There are a number of invasive plant species in varying densities on the County Forest. Some warrant immediate and continual treatment efforts while others may be allowed to remain due to extent and financial ability to control them. The County will continue to train staff in invasive species identification as well as attempt to secure funding sources to control them as much as is practical.

On Forest County forests, two invasive species have been identified. One being buckthorn, as of now buckthorn is only found in one specific area on the county forest. Our approach is to cut the buckthorn down, and use herbicide to prevent regrowth and spreading. Garlic mustard has also been identified in various spots. Small populations are hand pulled, bagged, and removed from the forest while large populations are controlled with approved herbicides. New infestations are documented when found.

#### 810.6 LEGALLY PROTECTED AND SPECIAL CONCERN PLANT SPECIES

There are plants in Wisconsin that are protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act, the State Endangered Species Law, or both. On County Forest, no one may cut, root up, sever, injure, destroy, remove, transport or carry away a listed plant without a valid endangered or threatened species permit. There is an exemption on public lands for forestry, agriculture and utility activities under state law. The County will, however, make reasonable efforts to minimize impacts to endangered or threatened plants during the course of forestry/silviculture activities (typically identified in the timber sale narrative).

The Wisconsin Department Natural Resources Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation tracks information on legally protected plants with the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) program. The NHI program also tracks Special Concern Species, which are those for which some problem of abundance or distribution is suspected, but not yet proven. The main purpose of this category is to focus attention on certain species before they become threatened or endangered.

The County has access to this data under a license agreement and is committed to reviewing this database for endangered resources that may occur within proposed land disturbing project areas.

#### **810.7 TREE RETENTION GUIDELINES**

Follow the silviculture handbook and Green Tree Retention recommendations.

#### **810.8 BIOMASS HARVESTING GUIDELINES**

Forest County currently does not advertise sales for biomass harvesting. If a contractor would like to do biomass harvesting, it is handled through administration using the Biomass Harvesting Guidelines.

### **815 ANIMAL SPECIES MANAGEMENT**

Forest County Forest provides a wide range of wildlife habitats from open grasslands/barrens to mature forests, from bogs to forested wetlands, from spring ponds to lake shorelines. A primary goal of wildlife management on the Forest County Forest is to provide a diversity of healthy ecosystems necessary to sustain and enhance native wildlife populations. This forest will be managed primarily to provide habitats for a suite of species rather than focusing on a specific species, with exceptions made for Federal or State Listed Endangered or Threatened Species.

#### **815.1 TECHNICAL PLANNING**

Management of wildlife populations on the Forest County Forest falls under the jurisdiction of the DNR. Planning may be a cooperative effort of the County Forest staff, DNR liaison forester and wildlife manager in formulating management plans and

utilizing forest and wildlife management techniques to accomplish desired forest and wildlife management goals.

## 815.2 GUIDELINES

DNR operational handbooks including the Public Forest Lands Handbook (2460.5), manual codes and guidance documents are important references and guidelines to utilize in fish and wildlife planning efforts.

## 815.3 INVENTORY

Habitat needs will be determined by analysis of forest reconnaissance information. Population estimates will be conducted periodically by DNR Wildlife, Natural Heritage personnel, and other trained cooperators. Currently, Bureau of Wildlife staff conduct the following surveys on or adjacent to the Forest County Forest:

Yearly:

- Summer Deer Observations
  - Fawn recruitment survey conducted in August or September
  - No special routes, but DNR and others record deer seen while out in the field
- 10 Week Brood Survey
  - Turkey, woodcock and ruffed grouse broods observed
  - Occurs from June to August
- Wolf tracking surveys
  - Conduct December through April
  - Mid- winter population count

Periodically:

- Bear Hair Snare Survey
  - Conducted in 2019 and planned for every 5 years
  - Had 2 bait sites on County Forest
  - Collect hair for DNA sampling and population analysis
- Wolf Howl Surveys
  - May not occur on the County Forest every year



- Surveys are not conducted in every pack territory, but likely to occur on county forest occasionally
- Conduct in August- September

#### 815.4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR WILDLIFE

The following areas of focus are identified for achieving plan objects and for benefit of wildlife.

##### 815.4.1 GENERAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Forest management practices may be modified to benefit wildlife and diversity. The following will be considered when planning for management activities:

- Even-aged regeneration harvests (clearcuts) should vary in size and shape and include retention considerations.
- A diversity of stand age, size and species.
- Mast-bearing trees and shrubs, cavity trees, and an adequate number and variety of snags.
- Cull trees (future snag or den trees) not interfering with specific high value trees.
- Timber types, habitat conditions and impacts on affected wildlife.
- Access management.
- Best management practices for water quality (BMP's).

#### 815.5 IMPORTANCE OF HABITATS

Important habitat types are those cover types known to be of importance to certain native wildlife and whose absence would make that wildlife significantly less abundant. These shortages may be on a local or broader scale. The following habitat types can be considered important:

##### 815.5.1 NON-FORESTED WETLANDS

The Forest County Forest contains 1,043 acres of non-forested wetland types providing a variety of habitats for common, rare and endangered species. Emergent wetland,

sedge meadow, muskeg bog and deep marsh provide habitat for species such as wood turtle, black tern, American bitternut, and numerous other species.

#### 815.5.2 AQUATIC HABITATS

The Forest County Forest includes 25 acres of lakes, rivers, streams, ponds and other aquatic habitats. Open water provides habitat for species such as wood duck, boreal chorus frog, water shrew and many other species reliant on water related resources.

#### 815.5.3 RIPARIAN AND OTHER NON-MANAGED AREAS

Undisturbed shoreline and riparian areas present on the forest and provide habitat for species such as red shouldered hawk, green frog, and woodland jumping mouse.

#### 815.5.4 EARLY SUCCESSIONAL FORESTS

Management of aspen, white birch, jack pine and other shade intolerant species creates habitat for a large suite of wildlife species that benefit from early successional forests. On the Forest County Forest there are currently 4,068 acres of these forest types present. This is a key habitat used for recreational hunting activities providing conditions favorable for American woodcock, ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer and non-game species such as golden-winged warbler, Kirkland's warbler and black-billed cuckoo.

#### 815.5.5 CONIFERS

Conifers, whether jack pine, white pine, spruce, fir or other types appear to be an important habitat for a number of wildlife species. The Forest County Forest currently has 1,443 acres of coniferous habitat. Connecticut warbler, red crossbill, northern flying squirrel, and many others utilize conifer types. Jack pine areas can be managed to provide temporary barrens habitat providing habitat for Kirtland's warbler and other barren related species.

#### 815.5.6 OAK MANAGEMENT

Oak is an important mast producing food source on the Forest, providing acorns for a wide variety of game and non-game species. The Forest County Forest has 40 acres of

oak habitat. It is considered a critical resource to retain on the landscape for both its timber and wildlife value, providing habitat for species such as scarlet tanager, wood thrush, red headed woodpecker, and black bear.

#### 815.5.7 UNEVEN/ALL AGED MANAGEMENT

Management of uneven aged stands provides for multi-storied canopies, diverse age structure and potentially older forest characters. The Forest County Forest has 8,025 acres being managed under an all aged management system. Species such as Canada warbler, little brown bat, black throated blue warbler and many others benefit from these forest types. In addition, numerous amphibian and reptiles utilize these forest types.

#### 815.5.8 LARGE FOREST BLOCKS

Large blocks of County Forest, in addition to abutting other public lands provide habitat for numerous interior species. Gray wolf, black throated blue warbler, Canada warbler and least flycatcher are a few examples of animals that rely on these large blocks.

#### 815.5.9 GRASSLANDS, OPENINGS, UPLAND BRUSH

Wildlife openings, grass rights-of-way, natural openings, upland brush and other upland open habitats provide for diversity and unique habitats benefitting pollinators, numerous species including upland plover and whip-poor-will. The Forest County Forest currently has 93 acres identified as open grassland or upland brush habitat.

#### 815.5.10 FOREST GAME SPECIES

The management of forest game (white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, black bear, turkey, snowshoe hare, and numerous furbearers) is centered on maintaining early successional species such as aspen, jack pine, white birch, and scrub oak; with aspen and oak being prime species of importance.

## 815.6 INTENSIVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Forest County has one grouse management unit known as the Dave Uihlein Grouse Management Area. This area is composed of mostly aspen, with a mix of some hardwood species. This area is to provide good habitat for ruffed grouse and woodcock.

### 815.6.1 WISCONSIN WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN/SPECIES OF GREATEST CONSERVATION NEED (SGCN)

In addition to species listed as endangered, threatened or special concern within the NHI database, the Department also maintains a statewide list of species of greatest conservation need.

This list includes species that have low or declining populations and may need conservation action. The list includes birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects that are:

- Already listed as threatened or endangered
- At risk due to threats
- Rare due to small or declining populations
- Showing declining trends in habitat or populations

The WWAP working list can provide information on how management activities may impact, or in many cases benefit species of greatest conservation need. More information is available on the WWAP website:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/actionplan.html>

## 815.7 FISH AND WATERS MANAGEMENT

Public waters shall be managed to provide for optimum natural fish production, an opportunity for quality recreation, and a healthy balanced aquatic ecosystem. Emphasis will also be place on land-use practices that benefit the aquatic community. Management of County Forest lands will attempt to preserve and/or improve fish habitat and water quality.

#### 815.7.1 TECHNICAL PLANNING AND SURVEYS

Management of all waters within the County Forest is the responsibility of the DNR. Technical assistance will be provided by the local fisheries biologist. Studies and management will be conducted in the manner described in DNR Fish Management Handbook 3605.9. Water and Population Surveys fall under the jurisdiction of the Department and will be conducted as needed by fisheries biologists.

#### 815.7.2 SPECIAL PROJECTS

There are currently no special projects on Forest County Forests.

#### 815.7.3 SHORELAND ZONING

The practice of silviculture within shoreline zoning jurisdiction is exempt from zoning permit requirements provided it is carried out without filling, flooding, draining, dredging, ditching, tilling, or excavating. Shoreland zoning jurisdiction is defined as “areas of Forest County which are within one thousand (1,000) feet of the ordinary high-water mark of navigable lakes, ponds, or flowages. Lakes, ponds, or flowages. Lakes, ponds or flowages in Forest County shall be presumed to be navigable if they are listed in the DNR publication “Surface Water Resources of Forest County” or shown on the 7.5-minute series United States Geological Survey quadrangle maps and within three hundred (300) feet of the ordinary high-water mark of navigable rivers or streams or to the landward side of the floodplain, whichever distance is greater. Rivers and streams in Forest County shall be presumed to be navigable if they are designated as either continuous or intermittent waterways on the United States Geological Survey quadrangle maps. Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which have been adopted by Forest County, shall be used to determine the extent of the floodplain of navigable rivers or streams in Forest County. Floodplain areas are subject to the Forest County Zoning and Shorelands Protection Ordinance. See Chapter 1000.

#### 815.7.4 ACCESS AND DEVELOPMENT

Access and development of County Forest waters will be limited to those activities consistent with the above water management policies. See Chapter 740 also for further information on water access.

#### 815.7.5 IMPORTANT WATER RESOURCES

Management activities adjacent to these water resources, or in areas with sensitive soils or severe slopes, should consider measures above and beyond the customary BMP practices. County staff may work with their liaison forester in cooperation with the local DNR water resources staff to develop site-specific measures where appropriate. An inventory of water resources can be obtained from the DNR. Important water resources on the Forest County Forest includes:

- Otter Creek
- Lake Metonga
- Swamp Creek
- Hemlock Creek
- Bug Lake
- Lake Lucerne

### 820 EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCES, UNIQUE AREAS

#### 820.1 HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE FOREST (HCVF) FOR FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL (FSC) AND DUAL CERTIFIED COUNTIES

The DNR established criteria for establishing HCVFs on state lands is found below. For the purpose of this plan, the County recognizes this criterion for identifying HCVFs on County land. This does not preclude the County from identifying other unique areas that do not meet the definition of HCVFs.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/documents/DNRLandsHCVFSelectionCriteriaFinal.pdf>

## HIGH CONSERVATION AREAS

- Forest areas containing globally, regionally or nationally significant concentrations of biodiversity values including RTE species.
- Forest areas containing globally, regionally or nationally significant large landscape level forests, contained within, or containing the management unit, where viable populations of most if not all naturally occurring species exist in natural patterns of distribution and abundance.
- Forest areas that are in or contain rare, threatened or endangered ecosystems.
- Forest areas that provide basic services of nature in critical situations (e.g., watershed protection). **Wisconsin does not have known locations meeting this criterion.**
- Forest areas fundamental to meeting basic needs of local communities (e.g. subsistence, health of indigenous communities) **Wisconsin does not have known locations meeting this criterion.**
- Forest areas critical to local communities' traditional cultural identity (e.g. areas of cultural, ecological, economic or religious significance identified in cooperation with such local communities).

Forest County currently has no HCVEs on County Forest lands.

### 820.2 AREAS RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Forest County currently does not have any.

### 820.3 AREAS RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNTY OR LOCALLY

Forest County may contain areas that are locally considered exceptional or unique. Some are recognized by other agencies, while others are designated only within this Plan. These resources may include wild rivers, lakes, natural areas, geological features or historical/archeological sites.

#### 820.3.1 FORESTS WITH OLD GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS

- There are no old growth stands on Forest County Lands.

#### 820.4 CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES

- Cemetery- There is one old homestead cemetery on recently purchased Knowles Nelson land.
- Otter creek spring house – This spring house is a small cedar log structure that is listed on the National Historic register. The spring house was used by the CCC camp located just to the North of the spring. After the CCC camp, the spring ponds were a favorite trout fishing hole. Numerous people scribe their names and catch in the logs. The structure is in very poor shape.

#### 825 AESTHETICS

Public perception of forestry has changed over the last planning period and in general it appears that the public is much more accepting of the visual impact of sound forestry. In response to this, aesthetic management planning is intended to be much more simplified in this Plan.

##### 825.1 AESTHETIC MANAGEMENT

Aesthetic management techniques may be applied in areas of high visibility or high public use. Altered management, visual screens, slash disposal, conversion to other species, no cut zones or other methods may be employed, depending on the circumstances of the specific site.

##### 825.2 AESTHETIC MANAGEMENT ZONES

Aesthetic Management Zones include areas where there may be high levels of public presence because of scenic attraction, or some use of the area that would be enhanced by special timber management practices.

###### 825.2.1 AESTHETIC MANAGEMENT ZONE AREAS

- Park and recreation areas
- Lakes and rivers with significant recreational use
- Roads with heavy traffic or scenic drive



#### 825.2.2 AESTHETIC MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS/OPTIONS

- Adjustment timing of timber harvesting
- Slash restrictions/requirements
- Staggered Harvests / Visual Screens
- Forced conversion to longer lived species
- Irregular harvest lines, interrupted sight distances

### 830 LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

The County will make efforts to evaluate surrounding landscapes while managing the County Forest. The County will strive to provide management that compliments the landscapes, but also try to provide for resources or forest types that are lacking or declining within surrounding landscapes.

#### 830.1 CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

For the purposes of this plan, biological diversity will be interpreted to reference the variety and abundance of species, their genetic composition, and the communities, ecosystems, and landscapes in which they occur. Forest management activities on the Forest County Forest enhance biological diversity by managing for a wide variety of habitat types, age structures and by attempting to perpetuate and protect declining forest types.

#### 830.2 HABITAT FRAGMENTATION

For the purposes of this plan, habitat fragmentation is interpreted as conversion of forests to land uses other than forestry. Lands enrolled in the County Forest Law help protect against habitat fragmentation. A continued program of encouraging land acquisition within the forest blocking boundary is intended to decrease the conversion of forest land to other uses.

### 835 INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT UNITS

#### 835.1 OBJECTIVES

Previous chapters have outlined the planning objectives, decision guides and management considerations for administering the County Forest.

The intent of using integrated resource management units is to document the differing physical characteristics of individual units on the Forest as well as any unique management considerations. Resource managers can use these chapters as a tool to guide management and to communicate management goals and resource needs to other foresters and resource managers.

#### 835.2 COMPARTMENTS AND STANDS

All compartments and stands in the Forest County Forest are compiled in Chapter 3000 of this plan.

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## **900 RECREATION**

Recreation is an integral part of the management of the Forest County Forest and recreation uses are referenced in most of the previous chapters. Due to the tremendous growth in recreational demands over the duration of the last planning period, this Plan recognizes the importance of more intensive recreational planning and emphasizes its importance with a separate chapter.

## **905 PLANNING**

In addition to this plan, the Forest County Outdoor Recreation Plan (FCORP) also guides the recreation program. This FCORP plan is revised every five years and is made part of this plan. The Forest County Outdoor Recreation Plan includes, but is not limited to, activities on the County Forest. It incorporates snowmobile and ATV plans, campgrounds, parks and boat landings, recreational maintenance and development plans and other recreation surveys and reports.

The Outdoor Recreation Plan, Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), public input, and other local or regional planning documents will be used as resources in recreational planning and development efforts. The responsibility for recreational planning, development and maintenance on the County Forest will rest with the Committee.

## **910 AUTHORITY**

The *Forestry and Recreation Code of Forest County* and s.28.11 Wis. Stats, authorize the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Committee to provide recreational opportunities for the public. This authority is further recognized in the mission statement for the County Forest Plan (Chapter 100), which specifically identifies outdoor recreational opportunities. This mission statement also charges the Committee to conduct activities in a manner that prevents or minimizes environmental damage.

Maps of the recreational facilities managed through the Forest County Forest program are appended or referenced in Chapter 1000.

**915 ENTRANCE AND USER FEES**

The Committee is empowered and shall have responsibility for establishing entrance, camping and other user fees on recreational facilities maintained by the County Forest. Camping, entrance or other fees shall be comparable to fees charged by other private facilities and surrounding counties and are subject to periodic change by the Committee. Fees, where appropriate, will be utilized to assist in the maintenance of recreational facilities.

**920 RECREATIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

It is permissible for the Committee to contract with clubs or individuals to provide for recreational maintenance or services to the public. As part of the Plan, the County contracts for the following services:

1. Snowmobile trail grooming and maintenance
2. ATV trail grading and maintenance
3. Single track bike use agreement
4. Equestrian horse trail user agreement

**925 RECREATIONAL USE PERMITS FOR ORGANIZED EVENTS**

Any event on the Forest which is advertised to the public, for which a fee is charged, or is otherwise organized as an event, requires a permit or authorization by the Committee. Permits may be issued by the Committee provided the use is consistent with management activities and will not cause resource damage. Appropriate levels of event liability insurance are required. No permits for sale of malt or intoxicating beverages will be issued on the County Forest. Permits will not be issued for cabin sites on the Forest.

**930 UNDESIGNATED RECREATIONAL USE OF THE FOREST**

Undesignated recreation includes those informal activities for which the County generally does not provide a facility or service. These uses include activities such as hunting, fishing, biking, hiking and others. These uses do not require a permit but must be conducted in compliance with ordinance. The Forest Administrator and the Committee

shall periodically review such uses and enact ordinances as necessary to protect from resource damage.

#### 930.1 HUNTING

The entire County Forest is open for regulated hunting, with the exception of areas developed for high public use. Veterans Memorial Park is the only high public use area currently owned by the county.

The Forest County Code of Ordinances regulates activities relating to hunting. Refer to Chapter 1000 for a full text of the Ordinance. In general, the following activities are regulated:

- Temporary hunting stands are permissible but must be removed from the forest after use.
- Elevated stands must be removed at days end.
- The use of nails, lag screws, screw steps, or other damaging devices is not permitted.
- No permanent type structure shall be permitted.

#### 930.2 FISHING

All lakes and streams within the Forest are available for fishing unless otherwise listed in state regulations.

#### 930.3 PICNICKING/DAY USE

Picnicking and other day uses outside of established facilities is allowed. The Forest County Code of Ordinances also regulates day use. In general, the following activities are regulated:

1. All litter, trash, or rubbish must be removed
2. Cutting or harvesting vegetation is not permitted
3. Fires may not be left unattended unless the ground is 100% snow covered
4. No site destruction

#### 930.4 CAMPING

*Forest County does not require a permit to disperse camp on the County Forest, however campers must adhere to the following regulations:*

No littering or site destruction will be tolerated.

Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days at any campsite.

Natural vegetation and terrain may not be damaged or altered in any way, except for the construction of an adequate fire ring. Fasteners such as nails, screws, or bolts may not be attached to trees.

Manufactured materials (lumber, concrete, plastics, etc.) may not be left on the site when it is vacated. No trees or other vegetation, either native or exotic, may be planted on the site.

#### 930.5 MOTORIZED TRAVEL

The Forestry and Recreation Code of Forest County (and road and access plan if applicable) regulates motorized uses on the County Forest. The full text of these regulations is included in Chapter 1000. In general, the following regulations apply to motorized travel outside of a developed recreational trail system.

1. No person shall drive a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or off-road vehicle on any land under the supervision, management or control of the County Forestry and Recreation Department that is posted as "closed to unauthorized motor vehicles" or closed in accordance with section 6.1 of the County Snowmobile and ATV Ordinance.
2. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any land under the supervision, management or control of the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Committee except on designated trails or unplowed roads.
3. No person shall drive a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle at speeds in excess of 10 mph on any portion of an approved snowmobile trail that is posted with a yellow sign indicating "slow", "steep hill", "dip", "turn" or other caution.
4. Operators of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on approved snowmobile trails or approved ATV trails must adhere to all posted speed limits.



5. Operators of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on approved snowmobile trails or approved ATV trails must stop at all locations marked with a red sign indicating “stop”.
6. No person shall place unauthorized signs on any property, snowmobile trail or ATV trail administered by the Forestry Committee.
7. No person shall deface, destroy or remove any all-terrain or snowmobile sign posted on any approved all terrain trail or approved snowmobile trail.
8. No person shall deface, destroy or remove any gate, berm, boulders, barricade or bridge on any all-terrain or snowmobile trails.
9. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle with tire chains or studded tires on any snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trail.
10. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on any approved all terrain trail, the Nicolet State Trail or the Wolf River State trail from the official close of the snowmobile trails until May 1, of each year.
11. No person shall operate any motorized vehicle off of any approved all terrain trail, snowmobile trail or established logging road on any Forest County forest property. This activity commonly referred to as “cross country travel” is strictly prohibited on any Forest County Forest property.

#### 930.6 OTHER USES

Other uses of the County Forest are permitted provided that they are not specifically addressed with the Forestry and Recreation Code of Forest County. Mountain Biking, Horseback riding, and other non-motorized uses are currently not regulated. The County Board may, at any time, enact ordinances to protect the Forest, should damage begin to occur.

#### 935 DESIGNATED RECREATION AREAS/USES

Designated recreation includes those uses for which the County provides a trail or facility. The Forest County Forest has developed sites and areas to accommodate a fairly high degree of public use. The Committee may prohibit other recreation activities that are not compatible with the intent of the developed facilities.

The Committee and the Forestry and Recreation Department has noted a marked increase in demand for recreation facilities. Forest County may attempt to develop additional facilities and will maintain its currently developed facilities.

#### 935.1 CAMPGROUNDS

##### 935.1.1 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Veterans Memorial Park is located on the South end of Lake Metonga. The park facilities include 58 campsites, electricity, shower house, 1 pit toilet, beach, boat landing, dump station, firewood and ice sales. The facility is fee based for camping and day use.

#### 935.2 PICNIC/DAY USE AREAS

Picnic areas open to the public include:

1. Veterans Memorial Park
2. Forest County ATV trail
3. Otter Springs skiing and hiking trails
4. Hemlock Lake skiing and hiking trails

#### 935.3 SWIMMING AREAS/BEACHES

Designated swimming areas include:

- Veterans Memorial Park – located at the South end of Lake Metonga

#### 935.4 BOAT LANDINGS

As a result of the wide distribution of lakes, streams, rivers, and other surface waters on the Forest, water access may be planned, developed, or restricted as a component of the overall Forest access management plan. One boat landing currently provides water access on the Forest primarily for recreational activities. In addition, these water access points also provide water supply points for fire apparatus working to suppress forest fires or nearby structural fires.

The existing water access points will be maintained to provide a place to launch a small fishing boat or canoe. Not all watercraft will be able to use these access points. These

landings are built for public use and not for private boat mooring sites. Mooring or storing boats for longer than 24 hours is prohibited. A boat washing station along with a fish cleaning station is provided at our Lake Metonga Boat Launch.

The following public boat access sites have been developed on the County Forest and are open to public use: Veterans Memorial Park

935.4.1 PUBLIC BOAT ACCESS SITES MAINTAINED BY FOREST COUNTY  
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- Veterans Memorial Park

935.4.2 PUBLIC BOAT ACCESS SITES MAINTAINED BY TOWNS

- City of Crandon: City Beach on Lake Metonga and Peshtigo Lake.
- Town of Ross: Lake Van Zile Community Park

935.4.3 PUBLIC BOAT ACCESS SITES MAINTAINED BY THE DNR

- A listing of DNR maintained boating sites in Forest County is found at:  
[https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=Boat\\_Access](https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=Boat_Access)

935.5 SHOOTING RANGE

Forest County owns one shooting range. The facilities currently at the range include 4 smaller shooting shelters to accommodate a 50-yard range, two 100-yard ranges and a 200-yard range.

**940 DESIGNATED RECREATION TRAILS**

Designated recreation trails are those for which the County provides a designated trail and/or facility. The County currently provides trail systems that accommodate a fairly high degree of public use. The Committee may prohibit other activities on these trails that are not compatible with the intent of the development.

Whenever possible, multiple uses of various trail systems are encouraged and are subject to policy review of the Committee. Wherever possible, attempts will be made to avoid user conflicts. Recreational users, however, will frequently encounter forest management

activities instrumental to the existence and future of the County Forest. Trail systems are identified in Chapter 1000.

#### 940.1 NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAILS

The Forest County Forest is a multiple use forest. Non-motorized recreation trails are a legitimate use of the forest. Design and maintenance of these trails may highlight natural features present on the Forest, should minimize damage, and reduce user conflict. Trail use and development must be compatible and sustainable with the characteristics of the landscape.

It is the policy of the Committee to manage non-motorized recreation trails on the County Forest.

##### 940.1.1 HIKING TRAILS

All portions of the County Forest are open to hiking or foot travel unless marked with signs closing an area. Designated hiking trail systems include the following:

###### OTTER SPRINGS

East of Crandon on Hwy 8, turn North down Otter Creek Rd. Hiking trails are maintained by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department. The trail system offers many loops of various mileage and difficulty.

###### HEMLOCK LAKE

South of Crandon, down County Hwy W, turn west onto Hemlock Lake Rd. Hiking trails are maintained by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department. The trail system offers many loops of various mileage and difficulty.

##### 940.1.2 MOUNTAIN BIKE/FAT TIRE/BICYCLE TRAILS

All trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for recreational bicycle use. Off-trail mountain bike use may be restricted to designated areas if use causes damage to the landscape. Designated trail systems include the following:

## OTTER SPRINGS TRAILS

Open to all foot and non-motorized bike traffic. This system is maintained by the Forest County Area Single-track Association (FCASA). This includes a separate fat tire bike trail, with signs indicating the route

### 940.1.3 EQUESTRAIN TRAILS

All trails, roads, and fire lanes are open for horseback trail riding. Off-trail riding within 50 feet of rivers, streams, or lakes is not permitted except when watering horses. Use may be restricted to designated areas if use causes erosion or other environmental damages. Forest County has the following designated equestrian trail system:

#### OTTER SPRINGS EQUESTRAIN TRAILS

Located east of Crandon on Hwy 8, turn North down Otter Creek Rd. In the future, there will be additional trail miles added on and a maintenance agreement will be drawn up with the horse club to ensure the trails are taken care of for the safety of the public.

### 940.1.4 SKI TRAILS

#### OTTER SPRINGS TRAILS

Located East of Crandon on Hwy 8, on Otter Creek Rd. Ski trails are maintained by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department. The trail system offers many loops of varying mileage and difficulty.

#### HEMLOCK LAKE TRAILS

Located south of Crandon, on Hemlock Lake Rd. Ski trails are maintained by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department.

### 940.1.5 SNOWSHOEING

#### OTTER SPRINGS TRAILS

Located east of Crandon on Otter Creek Rd. The snowshoeing trails are maintained by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department. The trail system offers many loops of various mileage and difficulty.

## HEMLOCK LAKE TRAILS

Locate south of Crandon on Hemlock Lake Rd. The snowshoe trails are maintained by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department.

### 940.1.6 HUNTER WALKING TRAILS

All portions of the County Forest are open to foot travel unless marked with signs closing an area.

Forest County has many designated hunter walking trails. Hunter walking trails are maintained by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department. See Chapter 1000 for a map of available trails.

### 940.1.7 FUTURE NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL SYSTEMS

The development of additional non-motorized trail systems will include careful consideration of public demand, analysis of user conflicts and potential damage to the natural resource. Trail system development should comply with the Outdoor Recreation Plan goals and be referenced in SCORP or other regional planning documents.

Non-motorized trail systems generally are not supported by statewide grant programs. The County may require proof of an organized club, or user group, with the ability to assist with maintenance and support of the trail and associated facilities. Appropriate trail passes, or other user fees, may be implemented as indicated in Section 905.

Additional horseback riding trails around the Otter Springs Trail system is planned to be built in the future.

## 940.2 MOTORIZED RECREATION TRAILS

### 940.2.1 DESIGNATED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Designated snowmobile trails are those recognized by the Committee as the official trails within the County. The Forestry and Recreation Department manages the snowmobile trail system in Forest County. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance and insurance obligations between the County and local clubs.

The Forestry and Recreation Code of Forest County and the Road and Access Plan regulate snowmobile trails. A summary of rules and regulations relating to snowmobile trails is as follows:

1. The Forest Administrator, with assistance from snowmobile clubs, will make determinations to officially open and close snowmobile trails based on snow and maintenance conditions.
2. Snowmobile trails used for logging access during snowmobile season will be posted with signs indicating logging activity.
3. No person shall operate any four-wheel drive vehicle, passenger car, all-terrain truck or motorcycle on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County, except for snowmobile club trail maintenance activities, without notification to the Forest County Snowmobile Coordinator at County Forestry Department, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520, Phone (715) 478-3475. This subsection shall not apply to any person or persons, or their assigns, who owns or leases lands abutting that portion of the snowmobile trail, or for club trail maintenance activities.
4. No person shall operate any unauthorized motor vehicle, off road vehicle or all-terrain vehicle on roads or trails which are closed by, but not limited to, being gated, cabled, bermed, barricaded, ditched, embanked, bouldered or posted as closed, to prohibit motor vehicle travel in accordance with sub. (2)(b)1 of this section.
5. Reference Chapter 1000, Forestry and Recreation Code of Forest County section, for a full listing of regulations.

#### 940.2.1.1 TRAIL TYPES

Forest County recognizes the following categories of snowmobile trails:

- State Funded Trails – these are state approved and funded trail miles on designated trails that are part of a statewide network of trail systems. Snowmobile registration fees and gas tax allotments fund grants that support maintenance, rehabilitation and development of

these trails. There are approximately 405.4 miles of funded trails in Forest County.

- Unfunded Trails – these are segments of trail that meet the eligibility requirements for a funded trail system but have not been included in the grant system due to restrictions on available funding. It is recommended that the County continues to apply for grants to include these in the funded system.
- Local/Club Trails – these are trails that are not funded by State maintenance grants and may or may not be groomed by local clubs. These trails may not meet eligibility requirements of a funded trail and may dead end at local businesses. There are approximately 358.2 miles of club trails in Forest County.

#### 940.2.1.2 TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Forest County contracts with 100 Mile Snow Safari, Blackbear Sportsman's Club, Lumberjack Memorial Trails, Three Lakes Trails, and Tombstone-Pickerel to groom the funded snowmobile trail system. The County periodically assists with mowing, grading or trail maintenance. The County monitors club activity to ensure that grooming and trail maintenance are completed in compliance with established protocols.

The County shall inspect and monitor bridges and other infrastructure on the trail system and attempt to secure funding from grants, or other sources, to periodically replace or rehabilitate as needed.

#### 940.2.1.3 FUTURE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

The Committee shall have jurisdiction over any trail development proposals. It is recommended that future trails be considered only after careful consideration of costs, benefits and impacts and as part of a larger planning effort.

Proposals to relocate trails or to adjust the existing trail system will be encouraged where there are concerns relating to public safety or



environmental damage. Unfunded and club trails should be evaluated for maintenance funding application.

#### 940.2.2 DESIGNATED ATV TRAILS

Designated ATV Trails are those recognized by the Committee as official trails within the County. These may lie on County, private, or other agency lands. Registered Off Road Motorcycles are allowed on ATV Trails. Annual agreements outline the operation, maintenance and insurance obligations between the County and local club. The County contracts with the following snowmobile/ATV clubs for trail maintenance:

There are numerous types of designated ATV trail managed by Forest County. These trails are further identified in the appendix.

##### 940.2.2.1 TRAIL TYPES

The County recognizes several different classifications of ATV trails. Maps are appended for reference.

- Funded Winter ATV Trails – A majority of state funded snowmobile trails on the County Forest are also designated and funded as winter use ATV trails. There are approximately 54.1 miles of winter funded ATV trail managed by Forest County.
- Funded Summer ATV Trails – these are trail systems funded for summer use only. These trails are open from approximately May 1st – November 1<sup>st</sup>. There are approximately 62.1 miles of summer use ATV trails managed by the County.
- Funded Year-Round Trails – these are trail systems funded for both winter and summer use. There are approximately 62.1 miles of year-round funded ATV trails managed by Forest County.
- Funded UTV Trails – UTV's, or side by sides, can be allowed on ATV trail systems. Forest County allows for UTV's on 62.1 miles of the trail system within the County.

- State Trails – Forest County currently maintains two state trails: Nicolet State Trail (NST) and the Wolf River State Trail (WRST). The NST is 32.8 miles in length, the WRST is 14.4 miles in length. The County signed an MOU with the DNR in agreeance with the trail maintenance specifications.

#### 940.2.2.2 ATV TRAIL MAINTENANCE

For the purpose of ATV trails, the term sustainability is intended to mean the development of a trail surface that is maintainable. It appears evident there are no circumstances where an ATV trail can be considered sustainable without intensive maintenance. Of primary importance, trail surfaces need to be conducive to periodic grading or restoration that promotes water runoff from the trail surface and eliminates the opportunity for water flow to gain velocity, causing erosion.

Forest county does contract with local ATV clubs for work to be done on the trails. This work involves grading the trail, rolling the trail to pack it, brushing the trail (including cutting the grass/weeds on the side of the trails), addressing erosion issues, installing appropriate signage, and removing blown down trees. Any larger issues such as culverts and bridges are coordinated with the Forestry and Recreation Department.

The County shall inspect and monitor trails, bridges and other infrastructure and attempt to secure funding from grants, or other sources, to periodically replace improvements or rehabilitate trail surfaces or bridges as needed.

#### 940.2.2.3 FUTURE ATV TRAILS

The use and popularity of ATVs and UTVs increased dramatically over the period of the 2006-2020 County Forest Plan. Increased usage of trail systems proved a tremendous need for much higher levels of trail maintenance in order to manage environmental damages.

Adding ATV trails should be done as part of larger planning effort that incorporates considerations for impact on other users and user groups; how future trail systems will be maintained; and impact on the natural resources. New ATV trail systems will only be considered with the following framework:

- Trails should be designed and planned to connect communities
- New trails will only be allowed with committee approval
- Trails will only be considered on suitable soils, topography and in appropriate locations

It is critical that trail layout and design is done in such a way as to prevent erosion and soil loss. Trails must be developed with a goal of sustainability. For the purpose of this plan, sustainability is defined as follows:

**Sustainability** – For the purpose of ATV trails, the term sustainability is intended to mean the development of a trail surface that is maintainable. It appears evident there are no circumstances where an ATV trail can be considered sustainable without intensive maintenance. Of primary importance, trail surfaces need to be conducive to periodic grading or restoration that promotes water runoff from the trail surface and eliminates the opportunity for water flow to gain velocity, causing erosion. Trails should be built with a slight crown and appropriate ditching to allow for adequate and proper water dispersal.

### 940.3 RECREATION TRAIL PERMITS

#### 940.3.1 STORM WATER DISCHARGE

In general, any trail construction or rehabilitation activities that disturb one acre or more of land will require a Storm Water Discharge Permit. There have been instances of inconsistent application of permit requirements statewide. In order to further define the County's understanding and implementation of permit requirements, the following current acceptable process will be used for determining when a permit is needed.

- The 1-acre threshold will be determined by measuring/estimated new disturbance or disturbance of previously grassed surfaces.
- Periodic grading of impervious or non-grassed trail surfaces is not considered disturbance.
- Restoration of water filtration/diversion devices, such as sediment traps or catch basins is considered maintenance and not disturbance
- Reconstruction of previously grassed ditch lines as part of trail rehabilitation is considered disturbance.

#### 940.3.2 BRIDGES OR CULVERT CROSSINGS (Chapter 30, Wis. Stats.)

Permits are required for bridges or culvert crossings of navigable waterways. These permits will either be classified as general or individual depending on specific site conditions. These permits are not required for culvert or bridge crossings of non-navigable or intermittent streams, nor are they required to install a clear span bridge over wetlands.

#### 940.3.3 WETLAND FILL

Permits are required at any time that fill is placed in a wetland. Permits are available to fill small wetlands for recreation trail purposes. Wetland fill must be less than 10,000 square feet and the permit does not require wetland mitigation. Clear span bridge and boardwalks placed on pilings generally do not require a wetland fill permit. Puncheon style bridges do require a permit.

### 945 RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDING AND GRANTS

#### 945.1 RECREATION AREA FUNDING

Funding for recreation areas is generally fee based. Aid for Development of Local Parks (ADLP) funding is available for facility development or enhancement, but there is normally a very high level of completion for these funds.

#### 945.2 RECREATION TRAIL FUNDING

##### 945.2.1 NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL SYSTEMS

At this time, there is very limited access to any grant funds that will assist with non-motorized recreational trail maintenance. The County relies on timber revenue, Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grants, clubs, and individual volunteers.

#### 945.2.2 MOTORIZED TRAIL SYSTEMS

There are numerous grant programs available to offset motorized trail system costs. Forest County utilizes the following funding sources:

1. Snowmobile Maintenance - \$300/mile
2. ATV Summer Maintenance - \$600/mile
3. Joint ATV and Snowmobile Winter Maintenance - \$100/mile
4. Joint UTV and Snowmobile Winter Maintenance - \$100/mile
5. ATV Only Winter Maintenance- \$200/ mile
6. UTV Only Winter Maintenance- \$100/ mile
7. UTV Summer Maintenance - \$200/mile
8. ATV Rehabilitation - 100% grants
9. ATV Development - 100% grants

### 950 PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RECREATION PROGRAM

The following are recommended changes that this Plan recognizes as improvements or enhancements to the recreation program.

#### 950.1 CAMPGROUND

- There has been a standing water issue at the park after heavy rainfall. We are planning to raise the campground and possibly add drain tiles to help fix the issue.
- Install additional water lines throughout at Veterans Memorial Park for campers.
- Expanding and adding new campground facilities/ campsites around the county as opportunities present themselves.

#### 950.2 TRAILS

- Forest County is continuously looking for ways to increase recreational opportunities through both motorized and nonmotorized trails.



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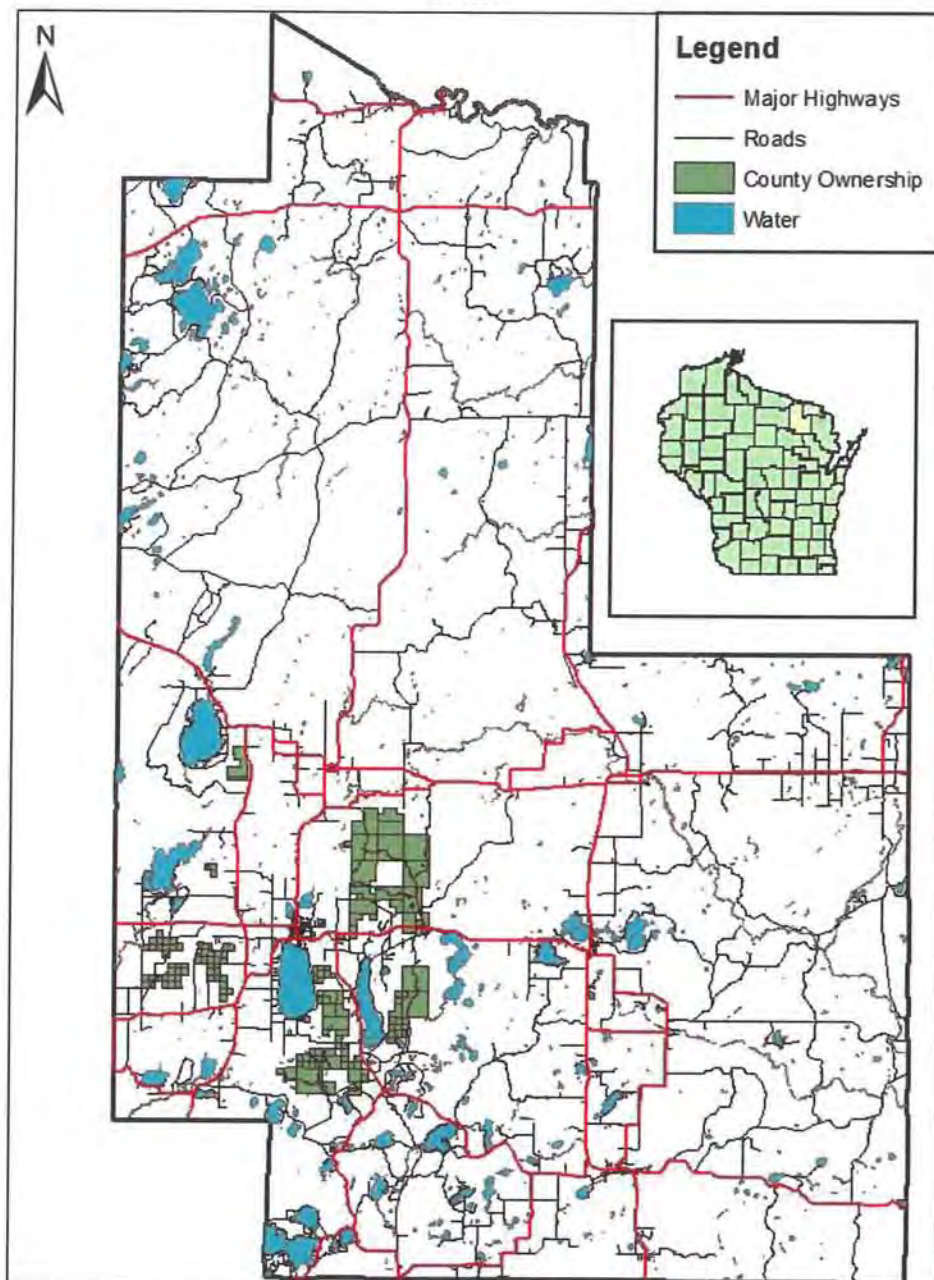
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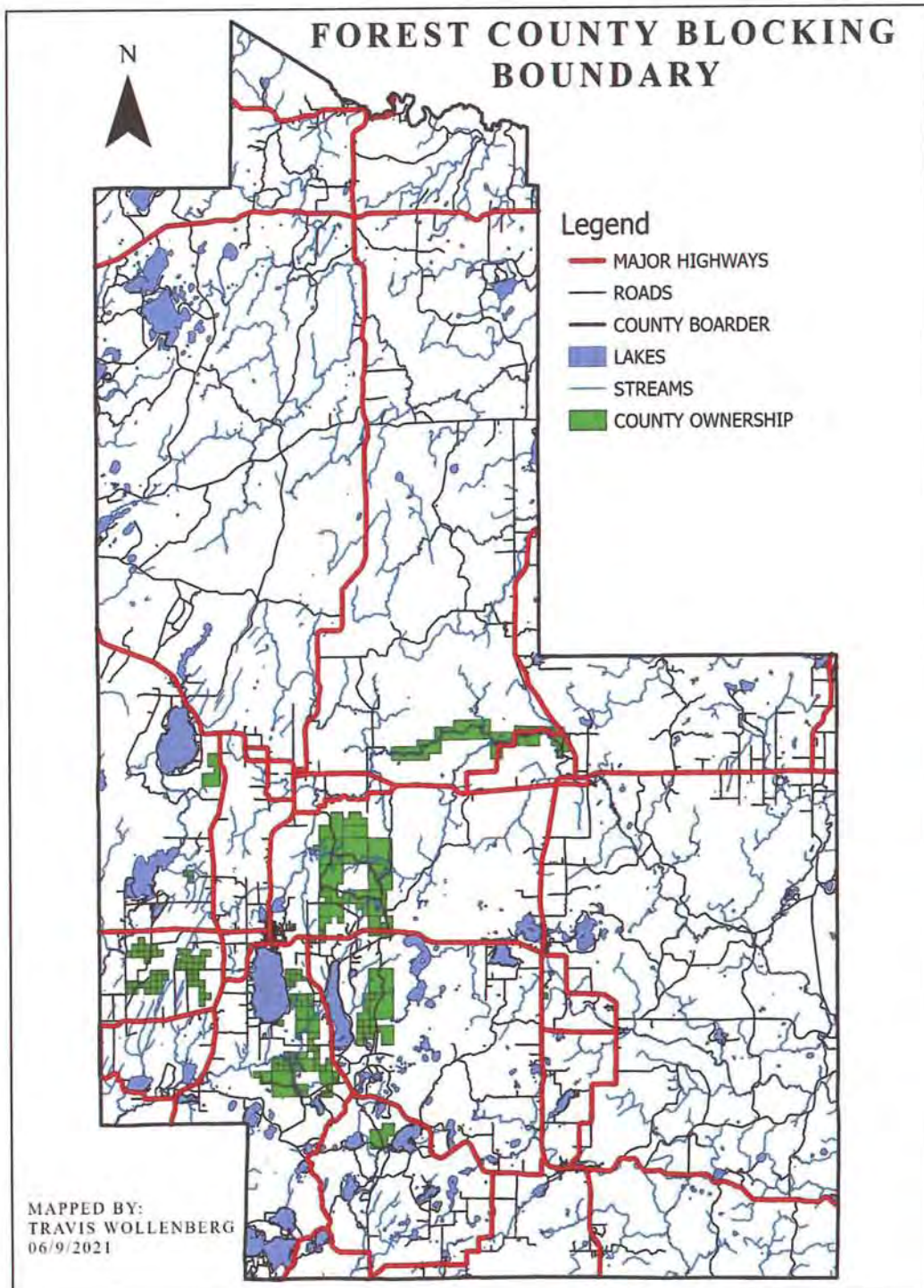
### Forest County Forest Location

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1000.2 OFFICIAL COUNTY FOREST BLOCKING BOUNDARY MAP

*ALL OF FOREST COUNTY IS THE BOUNDARY FOR LAND ACQUISITIONS.*



## 1005 LAWS AND ORDINANCES

### 1005.1 COUNTY FOREST LAW – S.28.11 WIS. STATS

#### 28.11 ADMINISTRATION OF COUNTY FORESTS

28.11(1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to provide the basis for a permanent program of county forests and to enable and encourage the planned development and management of the county forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple-use to assure maximum public benefits; to protect the public rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie.

28.11(2) DEFINED. "County forests" include all county lands entered under and participating under ch. 77 on October 2, 1963, and all county lands designated as county forests by the county board or the forestry committee and entered under the county forest law and designated as "county forest lands" or "county special-use lands" as hereinafter provided.

28.11(3) POWERS OF COUNTY BOARD. The county board of any such county may:

28.11(3)(a) Enact an ordinance designating a committee to have charge of the county forests and specifying the powers, duties, procedures and functions of such committee. The members of such committee shall be appointed pursuant to s. 59.13 and may include well-qualified residents of the county who are not members of the county board.

28.11(3)(b) Establish regulations for the use of the county forests by the public and to provide penalties for their enforcement.

28.11(3)(c) Appropriate funds for the purchase, development, protection and maintenance of such forests and to exchange other county-owned lands for the purpose of consolidating and blocking county forest holdings.

28.11(3)(d) Enter into cooperative agreements with the department for protection of county forests from fire.

28.11(3)(e) Establish aesthetic management zones along roads and waters and enter into long-term cooperative leases and agreements with the department and other state agencies or federal agencies for the use of the county forests for natural resources research.

28.11(3)(f) Establish transplant nurseries for growing seedlings, from the state forest nurseries, to larger size for planting in county forests, but no ornamental or landscape stock shall be produced in such nurseries.

28.11(3)(g) Establish forest plantations and engage in silviculture, forest management and timber sales.

28.11(3)(h) Engage in other projects designed to achieve optimum development of the forest.

28.11(3)(i) Enter into leases or agreements, for terms not exceeding 10 years, to explore and prospect for ore, minerals, gas or oil upon any county forest lands. These leases or agreements shall contain proper covenants to safeguard the public interests in the lands involved and to guard against trespass and waste. The county board shall require proper security to ensure that the person engaged

in exploration or prospecting fully informs the county of every discovery of ore, minerals, gas or oil and restores the land surface to an acceptable condition and value if no discovery of valuable deposit is made or if county forest lands are not withdrawn from entry under this section. Before a lease or agreement under this paragraph is effective, approval of the lease or agreement by the department is required. If the department finds that the proposed lease or agreement fully complies with the law and contains the proper safeguards, it shall approve the lease or agreement.

28.11(3)(j) Enter into leases for the extraction of valuable deposits of ore, minerals, gas or oil upon any county forest land. If the extraction can be accomplished without permanently affecting the surface of the land, extraction leases may be entered into and extraction may occur while the land remains county forest lands. If the extraction cannot be accomplished without permanently affecting the surface of the land, extraction may not commence until the land is withdrawn as county forest land. Before an extraction lease under this paragraph is effective, approval of the lease by the department is required.

28.11(3)(k) Establish energy conservation projects which permit individual members of the public to remove up to 10 standard cords of wood without charge from county forest lands for individual home heating purposes. The county board shall limit removal of wood for energy conservation projects to wood that is unsuitable for commercial sale. The county board may require a permit to remove wood for energy conservation projects and may charge a fee for the permit to administer projects established under this paragraph. A county board shall restrict participation in projects established under this paragraph to residents, as defined under s. 29.001 (69), but may not restrict participation to residents of the county. No timber sale contract is required for wood removed under this paragraph.

#### 28.11(4) ENTRY OF COUNTY FOREST LANDS

28.11(4)(a) A county may file with the department an application for entry of county-owned land under this section. Such application shall include the description of the land and a statement of the purposes for which the lands are best suited. Upon the filing of such application the department shall investigate the same and it may conduct a public hearing thereon if it deems it advisable to do so at such time and place as it sees fit.

28.11(4)(b) If after such investigation the department finds that the lands constitute a well blocked county forest unit or that they block in with other established county forest lands and are otherwise suitable for the purposes of this section it shall make an order of entry designating such lands as county forest lands. All county lands entered under and participating under Ch. 77 on October 2, 1963 shall be designated "county forest lands" without further order of entry.

28.11(4)(c) If the department finds that the lands are not suited primarily for timber production and do not otherwise qualify for entry under par. (b) but that they are suitable for scenic, outdoor recreation, public hunting and fishing, water conservation and other multiple-use purposes it shall make an order of entry designating such lands as "county special-use lands".

28.11(4)(d) A copy of the order of entry shall be filed with the county clerk and the county forestry committee, and the order shall also be recorded with the register of deeds.

28.11(4)(e) From and after the filing of such order of entry, the lands therein described shall be "county forest lands" or "county special-use lands", as the case may be, and shall so remain until withdrawn as hereinafter provided.

28.11(4)(f) The department may construct and use forest fire lookout towers, telephone lines and fire lanes or other forest protection structures on any lands entered under this section and the county clerk of such county shall execute any easement on or over such lands which the department may require for forest protection. The general public shall enjoy the privilege of entering such lands for the purpose of hunting, fishing, trapping and other recreation pursuits subject to such regulation and restrictions as may be established by lawful authority.

#### 28.11(5) (5) MANAGEMENT.

28.11(5)(a) On or before December 31, 2005, a comprehensive county forest land use plan shall be prepared for a 15-year period by the county forestry committee with the assistance of technical personnel from the department and other interested agencies, and shall be approved by the county board and the department. The plan shall include land use designations, land acquisition, forest protection, annual allowable timber harvests, recreational developments, fish and wildlife management activities, roads, silvicultural operations and operating policies and procedures; it shall include a complete inventory of the county forest and shall be documented with maps, records and priorities showing in detail the various projects to be undertaken during the plan period. The plan may include an application for aids under s. 23.09 (17m). The application will be considered an annual application for these aids during the 15-year period of the plan. The initial plan may be revised as changing conditions require. Upon the expiration of the initial 15-year plan period, and upon expiration of each subsequent 15-year plan period, the plan shall be revised and shall be in effect for another 15-year period. If a plan under this paragraph is not revised upon expiration of the 15-year plan period, or if a plan under s. 28.11 (5) (a), 2003 stats., is not revised on or before December 31, 2005, that plan shall remain in effect until such time as that plan is revised and the revised plan takes effect.

28.11(5)(b) An annual work plan and budget based upon the comprehensive plan shall be prepared by the county forestry committee with the assistance of a forester of the department. The plan shall include a schedule of compartments to be harvested and a listing by location of management projects for the forthcoming year. In addition, the plan shall include other multiple-use projects where appropriate. A budget, listing estimated expenditures for work projects, administration and protection of the forest, shall accompany the annual plan both to be submitted to the county board for approval at the November meeting.

#### 28.11(5m) COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATION GRANTS.

28.11(5m)(a) The department may make grants, from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bw), to counties having lands entered under sub. (4) to fund all of the following for one professional forester in the position of county forest administrator or assistant county forest administrator:

28.11(5m)(a)1. Up to 50 percent of the forester's salary.

28.11(5m)(a)2. Up to 50 percent of the forester's fringe benefits, except that the fringe benefits may not exceed 40 percent of the forester's salary.

28.11(5m)(am) The department may make grants, from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bw), to counties having lands entered under sub. (4) to fund up to 50 percent of the costs of a county's annual dues to a nonprofit organization that provides leadership and counsel to that county's forest administrator and that functions as an organizational liaison to the department. The total amount that the department may award in grants under this paragraph in any fiscal year may not exceed \$50,000.

28.11(5m)(b) The department may not make a grant under this subsection for a year for which the department has not approved the annual work plan that was approved by the county board under sub. (5) (b). The department may not base the amount of a county's grant on the acreage of the county's forest land.

28.11(5m)(c) The department may choose not to make a grant to a county under this subsection if the county board for that county is more than one year delinquent in approving a comprehensive county forest land use plan or revised plan under sub. (5) (a).

28.11(5r) Sustainable forestry grants.

28.11(5r)(a) In this subsection, "sustainable forestry" has the meaning given in s. 28.04 (1) (e).

28.11(5r)(b) The department may make grants, from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bw), to counties having lands entered under sub. (4) to fund the cost of activities designed to improve sustainable forestry on the lands.

28.11(5r)(c) The department may choose not to make a grant to a county under this subsection if the county board for that county is more than one year delinquent in approving a comprehensive county forest land use plan or revised plan under sub. (5) (a).

28.11(6) TIMBER SALES AND CULTURAL CUTTINGS.

28.11(6)(a) Limitations. The county forestry committee is authorized to sell merchantable timber designated in timber sale contracts and products removed in cultural or salvage cuttings. All timber sales shall be based on tree scale or on the scale, measure or count of the cut products; the Scribner Decimal C log rule shall be used in log scaling. All cuttings shall be limited to trees marked or designated for cutting by qualified personnel recognized as such by the department.

28.11(6)(b) PROCEDURES.

28.11(6)(b)1. Any timber sale with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more shall be by sealed bid or public sale after publication of a classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located. Any timber sale with an estimated value below \$3,000 may be made without prior advertising. Any timber sale with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more requires approval of the secretary.

28.11(6)(b)2. Timber sales shall be subject to presale appraisals by qualified personnel recognized as such by the department to establish minimum sales value. Appraisal methods and procedures shall be approved by the department.

28.11(6)(b)3. No merchantable wood products may be cut on any lands entered under this section unless a cutting notice on forms furnished by the department is filed with and approved by the department. Any unauthorized cutting shall render the county liable to the state in an amount equal to double the stumpage value of the cut products which amount shall be paid by the county to the state. If the county does not pay the amount of such penalty to the state, the department may withhold such amount from future state contributions to the county.

28.11(6)(b)4. Within 90 days after completion of any cutting operation, including timber trespass, but not more than 2 years after filing the cutting notice, the county shall transmit to the department on forms furnished by the department, a report of merchantable wood products cut. The department may conduct any investigations on timber cutting operations that it considers to be advisable, including the holding

of public hearings on the timber cutting operations, and may assess severance share payments accordingly.

28.11(6)(c) Exception. Paragraph (b) 1. does not apply to any sale of timber that has been damaged by fire, snow, hail, ice, insects, disease, or wind. Timber damaged in that manner that is located in a county forest may be sold by the county forestry committee for that county on such terms and in such manner as the committee determines is in the best interest of the county.

28.11(7) County forest credit. The department shall set up an account for each county showing the lands entered; the sums previously paid under s. 28.14, 1961 stats.; the sums hereafter paid under this section; the sums previously received in the form of four-fifths severance tax collected pursuant to s. 77.06 (5), 1961 stats.; the sums received as forestry fund severance share under this section; and the sums previously reimbursed to the state on withdrawn lands pursuant to s. 28.12 (4), 1961 stats. Whenever the forestry fund account of any county shows an overpayment of such severance tax or severance share as of June 30 of any year, the department shall return such overpayment to the county. All severance taxes previously paid by any county and deposited in the general fund shall be credited to the forestry fund account of the county. If such credit exceeds the balance due to the forestry fund account from such county, the overpayment shall be credited to the county and applied in lieu of future severance shares due to the state until the county account is balanced.

#### 28.11(8) STATE CONTRIBUTION.

28.11(8)(a) (a) Acreage payments. As soon after April 20 of each year as feasible, the department shall pay to each town treasurer 30 cents per acre, based on the acreage of such lands as of the preceding June 30, as a grant out of the appropriation made by s. 20.370 (5) (bv) on each acre of county lands entered under this section.

#### 28.11(8)(b) FORESTRY FUND ACCOUNT.

28.11(8)(b)1. A county having established and maintaining a county forest under this section is eligible to receive from the state from the appropriations under s. 20.370 (5) (bq) and (bs) an annual payment as a noninterest bearing loan to be used for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands and the payment shall be credited to a county account to be known as the county forestry aid fund. A county board may, by a resolution adopted during the year and transmitted to the department by December 31, request to receive a payment of not more than 50 cents for each acre of land entered and designated as "county forest land". The department shall review the request and approve the request if the request is found to be consistent with the comprehensive county forest land use plan. If any lands purchased from the fund are sold, the county shall restore the purchase price to the county forestry aid fund. The department shall pay to the county the amount due to it on or before March 31 of each year, based on the acreage of the lands as of the preceding June 30. If the amounts in the appropriations under s. 20.370 (5) (bq) and (bs) are not sufficient to pay all of the amounts approved by the department under this subdivision, the department shall pay eligible counties on a prorated basis.

28.11(8)(b)2. The department may allot additional interest free forestry aid loans on a project basis to individual counties to permit the counties to undertake meritorious and economically productive forestry operations, including land acquisitions. These additional aids may not be used for the construction of recreational facilities or for fish and game management projects. Application shall be made in the manner and on forms prescribed by the department and specify the purpose for which the additional aids will be used. The department shall make an investigation as it deems necessary

to satisfy itself that the project is feasible, desirable and consistent with the comprehensive plan. If the department so finds, it may make allotments in such amounts as it determines to be reasonable and proper and charge the allotments to the forestry fund account of the county. These allotments shall be credited by the county to the county forestry aid fund. After determining the loans as required under subd. 1., the department shall make the remainder of the amounts appropriated under s. 20.370 (5) (bq) and (bs) for that fiscal year available for loans under this subdivision. The department shall also make loans under this subdivision from the appropriations under s. 20.370 (5) (bt) and (bu).

28.11(8)(b)3. All payments made under this paragraph shall be known as the "forestry fund account".

#### 28.11(9) COUNTY FOREST SEVERANCE SHARE.

28.11(9)(a) Except as provided under pars. (b) and (c), on timber cut from lands entered as "county forest lands" the county shall pay a severance share of not less than 20 percent of the actual stumpage sales value of the timber. A higher rate of payment may be applied when agreed upon by the department and the county. When cutting is done by the county and timber is not sold or is sold as cut forest products the severance share shall be 20 percent of the severance tax schedule in effect under s. 77.06 (2).

28.11(9)(ag) The severance share paid by a county to the state shall be credited to the forestry fund account of the county and shall be divided into 2 payments as follows:

28.11(9)(ag)1. An acreage loan severance share payment that is equal to the product of multiplying the amount of the severance share paid by the county by the percentage of the balance due in the forestry fund account of the county that is attributable to loans made under sub. (8) (b) 1.

28.11(9)(ag)2. A project loan severance share payment that is equal to the product of multiplying the amount of the severance share paid by the county by the percentage of the balance due that is attributable to loans made under sub. (8) (b) 2.

28.11(9)(am) The acreage loan severance share payments shall be deposited in the conservation fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bq), and the project loan severance share payments shall be deposited in the conservation fund and credited to the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bu).

28.11(9)(ar)1. Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (c), if the sum of the unencumbered balances in the appropriations under s. 20.370 (5) (bq), (bt) and (bu) exceeds \$400,000 on June 30 of any fiscal year, the amount in excess of \$400,000 shall lapse from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bq) to the conservation fund, except as provided in subd. 2.

28.11(9)(ar)2. Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (c), if the amount in the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bq) is insufficient for the amount that must lapse under subd. 1., the remainder that is necessary for the lapse shall lapse from the appropriation under s. 20.370 (5) (bu).

28.11(9)(b) No severance share payment is required if there is no balance due in the forestry fund account of the county. A severance share payment shall not exceed the balance due in the forestry fund account of the county.

28.11(9)(c) No severance share payment is required for wood removed from county forest lands for energy conservation projects established under sub. (3) (k).



28.11(9)(d) Of the gross receipts from all timber sales on the county forests 10 percent shall be paid annually by the county to the towns having county forest lands on the basis of acreage of such lands in the towns.

#### 28.11(11) WITHDRAWALS.

28.11(11)(a)1. The county board may by resolution adopted by not less than two-thirds of its membership make application to the department to withdraw lands entered under this section. The county board shall first refer the resolution to the county forestry committee, which shall consult with an authorized representative of the department in formulating its withdrawal proposal. The county board shall not take final action on the application until 90 days after referral of the application to the forestry committee or until the report of the forestry committee regarding the application has been filed with the board. The application shall include the land description, a statement of the reasons for withdrawal, and any restrictions or other conditions of use attached to the land proposed for withdrawal.

28.11(11)(a)2. Upon the filing of an application to withdraw lands under subd. 1., the department shall investigate the application. During the course of its investigation the department shall make an examination of the character of the land, the volume of timber, improvements, and any other special values. In the case of withdrawal for the purpose of sale to any purchaser other than the state or a local unit of government, the department shall establish a minimum value on the lands to be withdrawn. In making its investigation the department shall give full weight and consideration to the purposes and principles set forth in sub. (1), and it shall also weigh and consider the benefits to the people of the state as a whole, as well as to the county, from the proposed use against the benefits accruing to the people of the state as a whole and to the county under the continued entry of the lands to be withdrawn. The department may conduct a public hearing on the application, if it considers it advisable, at a time and place that it determines, except that if the county requests a public hearing in writing, the department shall hold a public hearing.

28.11(11)(a)3. If the department finds that the benefits after withdrawal of the lands described in the application under subd. 2. outweigh the benefits under continued entry of the lands and that the lands will be put to a better and higher use, it shall make an order withdrawing the lands from entry; otherwise it shall deny the application.

28.11(11)(a)4. If the application is denied, the county board may, by resolution adopted by not less than two-thirds of its membership, appeal to a review committee. The department shall submit the findings of its investigation and of any hearing on a proposed withdrawal to the committee, which shall be composed of the following members:

- a. One member appointed by the county board submitting the application for withdrawal.
- b. One member who is appointed by the governor, who is from another county that has land enrolled under the county forest law, and who shall be chairperson of the review committee.
- c. One member appointed by the department.
- d. One member appointed by the University of Wisconsin from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.
- e. One member to be selected by unanimous vote of the appointed members or, if the appointed members fail to achieve unanimity, by the governor.

28.11(11)(a)5. 5. The review committee appointed under subd. 4. shall, by majority vote within 60 days after receiving the findings of the department, do one of the following:

a. Approve the application for withdrawal if it finds the proposed use to be of a greater benefit considering all losses and benefits to the people of the state as a whole, as well as to the people of the county.

b. Provisionally deny the application for withdrawal giving specific reasons why it finds the proposal deficient and making any suggestions for revising the application to reduce the conflict of the proposed use with the public interest.

28.11(11)(a)6. If the committee approves a withdrawal under subd. 5., it shall notify the county board of its approval stating, as necessary, specific procedures to be followed by the county relating to the withdrawal. The county board may then by a resolution approved by not less than two-thirds of its membership, withdraw the lands from the county forest law and shall send copies of this resolution to the department and to the county register of deeds who shall record the resolution.

28.11(11)(a)7. If the committee provisionally denies the proposed withdrawal under subd. 5., it may consider an amended application for withdrawal upon presentation of the application and supporting information, or it may require additional investigation of the amended application by the department before reconsidering the application. Any additional investigation shall include additional public hearings if requested by the county, the department, or the committee.

28.11(11)(b) If the application is approved the county shall reimburse the state the amounts previously paid to the county pursuant to sub. (8) (b) which reimbursement shall be credited to the county forestry fund account; except that the department may waive all or part of such reimbursement if it finds that the lands are withdrawn for a higher public use or that the amount of such reimbursement is unreasonable when compared to the value of the land. If the department has waived any portion of such reimbursement and if at any subsequent time the land ceases to be used for the purpose designated in the application for withdrawal, the full amount of reimbursement due the forestry fund account on the lands withdrawn shall immediately become due and payable to the department and shall be credited to the forestry fund account, unless the department finds and determines that the lands will continue to be put to another higher public use in which case payments of such reimbursement may be deferred by the department so long as the lands are devoted to a higher public use. If payment is not made prior to the time of the next forestry aid payment to the county, forestry aid payments in an amount to be determined by the department shall be withheld until the amount due the forestry fund account is reimbursed.

28.11(12) ENFORCEMENT. If at any time it appears to the department that the lands are not being managed in accordance with this section it shall so advise the county forestry committee and the county clerk. If the condition persists the department may proceed against the persons responsible for such noncompliance under s. 30.03 (4).

28.11(13) REVIEW. All orders of the department made under this section may be reviewed under ss. 227.52 to 227.58.

28.11 History: 1971 c. 215; 1975 c. 39 s. 734; 1975 c. 342; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 34 ss. 723 to 725, 2102 (39) (a); 1983 a. 27; 1983 a. 192 s. 304; 1983 a. 424 ss. 2 to 5; 1985 a. 29 ss. 655ce to 655cg, 3202 (39); 1985 a. 182 s. 57; 1987 a. 27; 1989 a. 31, 79; 1993 a. 16, 184, 301; 1995 a. 27, 201; 1997 a. 237, 248; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16, 103; 2003 a. 242; 2005 a. 48; 2007 a. 20.

28.11 Cross-reference: See also ch. NR 48 and ss. NR 1.24, 47.60 to 47.75, and 302.03, Wis. adm. code.

A county forest withdrawal appeal review committee under sub. (11) (a) is not a state agency whose decisions are reviewable under ch. 227. *Allen v. Juneau County*, 98 Wis. 2d 103, 295 N.W.2d 218 (Ct. App. 1980).

County boards cannot sell or exchange county forest lands without first withdrawing them from the county forest program under sub. (11). 66 Atty. Gen. 109.

Conservation easements and restrictive covenants are permissible in county forests as long as they are consistent with and do not interfere with the purposes of county forests and the management plans properly developed for them under the county forest law. OAG 08-10.

## 1005.2 FORESTRY AND RECREATION CODE OF FOREST COUNTY

### Forestry and Recreation Code of Forest County

#### Chapter 1 - COUNTY FORESTS

##### Section 1.01. - Purpose

This chapter is hereby established to prescribe rules and regulations for the administration of County powers and duties as provided in Chs. 26, 28, 29, 59, and 77, Wis. Stats., under which the County Board is granted, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, hereafter referred to as the "DNR", specific powers relative to the establishment, protection, development and management of County forests to provide sustained yield of forest products for commercial use and the associated benefits of soil and water conservation, scenic and recreational values, fish and game resources, multiple-use purposes and related uses.

##### Section 1.02. - Defined

- (1) Determination is hereby made that for the purpose of proper and complete identification, all County owned forest lands or special use lands now held or hereafter acquired by the County are established and designated as County forests or special use lands and such lands shall be shown on an official County map available at the County Clerk's office according to the records in the office of the Register of Deeds and Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department, hereafter referred to as the "Department".
- (2) It is the intent of the County Board to consolidate County forest holdings as lands are acquired by the County within the above defined areas and to apply to the DNR to enter such lands under § 28.11, Wis. Stats.

##### Section 1.03. - Committee of administration.

- (1) *Appointment.* The County Board assigns administration of the Department to the Forestry/Recreation Committee. This will be the committee of jurisdiction for the Department, hereafter referred to as the "Committee".
- (2) *Powers and duties.*
  - (a) The Committee is empowered to recommend to the County Board the acquisition of land within County forest areas by purchase, gift or bequest, or by exchange of County owned lands outside such areas for the purpose of blocking the forest for better administration. Each recommended acquisition shall be presented to the County Board for approval.
  - (b) The Committee may make application for entry of County forest lands under § 28.11(4), Wis. Stats.
  - (c) The Committee shall direct and supervise the County Forestry and Recreation Office. Shall employ a competent County Forest Administrator as its agent and such other competent personnel to direct, perform and enforce the administrative mid-management functions of this ordinance.
  - (d) The Committee may establish and maintain in appropriate centers a forest headquarters for office space and the housing of machinery, tools, equipment and supplies needed in conducting forest operations.
  - (e) The Committee may purchase, acquire, sell, trade or dispose of instruments, tools, equipment and supplies required for the operation of the forest pursuant to the bidding requirements of Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 28 and 59. Purchases not provided for in the budget must receive specific approval of the Finance and Public Property Committee and be referred to the County Board.
  - (f) The Committee shall cooperate with the DNR in preparing budgets for County Forest administration, capital and direct expenditures of forestry funds advanced by the DNR and for the other revenues accruing to the County under this Chapter for submission to the County Board.

- (g) The Committee shall do all things necessary for the protection of the forest whether from fire, insects, disease, trespass, or from damage by animals or persons, or from other causes, in cooperation with the DNR.
- (h) The Committee shall regulate the disposal of slash.
- (i) The Committee may designate timber harvest boundaries to establish timber sales on County forest lands.
- (j) The Committee may construct, improve and maintain a system of forest roads, trails and fire breaks, and purchase or secure easements for accessways required to cross privately owned lands. Purchase of easements shall be referred to the County Board for approval.
- (k) In order to protect the public rights the Committee may prohibit specified vehicles from entering County forest or special use lands where such vehicles would interfere with or be detrimental to wildlife, game management, other recreational activities, aesthetic management zones, nursery areas, areas of unique flora and fauna, stream banks or ground cover where erosion may result. The Committee shall have discretion in reasonably marking roads or trails. Gates or other barricades shall be clearly marked.
- (l) The Committee shall conduct forest improvement work, including reforestation, release cuttings, thinnings, pruning and weeding by any method, including spraying or dusting of DNR approved herbicides and pesticides by airplane and other methods and shall authorize disposal of all salvaged materials.
- (m) The Committee shall prepare an intensive 15-year County forest land use plan, with assistance from the DNR, and the plan shall be approved by the County Board and the DNR.
- (n) The Committee is authorized to sell merchantable timber in accordance with § 28.11(6), Wis. Stats.
- (o) The Committee may establish, construct and maintain within the County forest the following: picnic grounds, waysides, camps and campsites, public access roads and boat landings, scenic areas, trails and natural or historic markers. The Committee may establish fees or use permits for the use of these areas. The Committee may also assign certain forest lands to school districts for educational purposes.
- (p) The Committee or its designee may issue permits within the County forest for the collection of firewood per § 28.11(3)(k) Wis. Stats., boughs, Christmas Trees or other natural resources for private use and may charge a fee for such permits.
- (q) The Committee will cooperate with the DNR pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 19, 1967, on all matters relating to game and fish management within the County forest and may prohibit hunting or fishing, as advised by the DNR, where such hunting or fishing would be inconsistent with other planned land uses.
- (r) The Committee may enter into agreements with Forest Experiment Stations, the University of Wisconsin System, other universities or with the DNR for the use of tracts of County forest lands, labor, materials or equipment for conducting research.
- (s) The Committee may authorize special forest or recreation development work on other public lands not included in the County forest, including school forests, community forests, other County lands, watersheds, public highways or similar projects with funds from the County Forestry Aid Fund.
- (t) The Committee may enter into agreements to prospect for ore or minerals upon County lands under the jurisdiction of the Committee, subject to approval by the County Board and the DNR.

#### **Section 1.04. - Administration of County forest lands.**

Applications for entry of County owned lands under § 28.11, Wis. Stats., shall be prepared and approved by the Committee and signed by the County Board Chairman and the County Clerk. The County Forest Administrator will forward the applications to the DNR within the time limits prescribed by the DNR. Withdrawal

of lands entered under the County forest law shall be in the manner prescribed by § 28.11(11), Wis. Stats. No deed to land so withdrawn shall be issued prior to recording the County Board Resolution and the DNR order of withdrawal with the Register of Deeds.

**Section 1.05. - Forest financing.**

- (1) All appropriations from the DNR to Forest County under § 28.11(8)(b), Wis. Stats., for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the County forest shall be deposited in the County Forestry Aid Fund. Income from the sale of lands or equipment purchased with State aid funds shall be restored to this fund. All unexpended funds shall be non-lapsing.
- (2) All monies received by the County from the sale of timber stumpage, cut forest products, fees and use permits, sale of building materials, sale of surplus materials and equipment, or other revenue received by the Committee, except income specified in sub. (1) of this section, shall be deposited according to chapter 215.1, Revenue From Operations, of the County Forest 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Forest County.
- (3) The Committee shall prepare a budget of sums required for operations under this chapter and when the sums are appropriated by the County Board, they may be expended by the Committee for the purposes covered by this chapter.

**Section 1.06. - County forest use regulations.**

- (1) *Recreation use.*
  - (a) The Committee may designate suitable areas for forest parks, campsites, picnic areas, waysides, parking lots and boat landings, and is authorized to provide needed conveniences, including wells and sanitary facilities. Such areas shall be for public use as prescribed by the Committee.
  - (b) "Camp" or "camping" shall be defined as the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes. No person shall camp in any County forest without a camping permit issued by the Committee or its designee. Camping may be permitted in some areas of the County forest without charge for a period not to exceed 14 consecutive days. In order to protect the public rights the Committee may prohibit camping on designated areas of the County forest or special use lands where such activities would interfere with or be detrimental to wildlife, game management, other recreational activities, aesthetic management zones, nursery areas, areas of unique flora and fauna, stream banks or ground cover where erosion may result. The Committee or its designee shall have discretion in reasonably marking areas restricted to camping. The Committee or its designee may authorize by permit persons to camp in waysides and parking lots. Violation of any state law or any rules of the Committee by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and ejection from the County forest.
  - (c) Persons using County forest facilities must observe all county rules and regulations posted in the areas.
- (2) *Snowmobile and ATV's*
  - (a) *Definitions.* The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV).* An engine driven device which has a net weight of nine hundred (900) pounds or less, which has a width of fifty (50) inches or less, which is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and which is designed to travel on three (3) or more low-pressure tires. A low-pressure tire is a tire which has a minimum width of six (6) inches and which is designed to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed ten (10) pounds per square inch as recommended by the manufacturer.

*All-Terrain Vehicle Route.* A highway or sidewalk designated for use by ATV operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized by S.S. 23.33, Wis. Stats.

*All-Terrain Vehicle Trail.* A marked corridor on public property or on private lands subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by ATV operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction.

*Snowmobile.* Any engine driven vehicle of a type which utilizes sled type runners, skis or an endless belt tread or any combination of these or similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated, but does not include such vehicles which are either manually propelled or driven by a motor of 4 horse power or less and operated only on private property.

*Snowmobile Route.* A highway or sidewalk designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized by S.S. 350-04, Wis. Stats.

*Snowmobile Trail.* A marked corridor on public property or on private property, subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by operators of snowmobiles by the County Snowmobile Coordinator, but excluding highways, except those highways on which the roadway is not normally maintained for other vehicular traffic by the removal of snow.

*Official Trail Opening.* That date and time selected and published in the official County newspaper designating the approved snowmobile trails opened for snowmobile use and approved all-terrain vehicle trails are open for all terrain vehicle use.

*Official Trail Closing.* That date and time selected and published in the official County newspaper designating the approved snowmobile trails closed for snowmobile use and/or all-terrain vehicle trails are closed for all terrain vehicle use.

*Snowmobile Coordinator.* The County Forest Administrator, and such other individuals so designated by the Forestry Committee.

*Approved Snowmobile Trails.* Includes all snowmobile trails or routes that have been designated by the County Snowmobile Coordinator or Forestry Committee.

*Off Road Vehicle.* Includes, but is not limited to, trail bikes, motorcycles, mini bikes, air boats and air cushioned vehicles or golf carts.

(b) *Restricted Uses of Snowmobiles and ATVs*

1. No person shall drive a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or off-road vehicle on any land under the supervision, management or control of the County Forestry Department that is posted as "closed to unauthorized motor vehicles" or closed in accordance with sub. (2)(d)1 of this section.
2. No person shall operate a snowmobile on any land under the supervision, management or control of the Forest County Forestry Committee except on designated trails or unplowed roads.
3. No person shall drive a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle at speeds in excess of 10 mph on any portion of an approved snowmobile trail that is posted with a yellow sign indicating "slow", "steep hill", "dip", "turn" or other caution.
4. Operators of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on approved snowmobile trails or approved ATV trails must adhere to all posted speed limits.
5. Operators of a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on approved snowmobile trails or approved ATV trails must stop at all locations marked with a red sign indicating "stop".
6. No person shall place unauthorized signs on any property, snowmobile trail or ATV trail administered by the Forestry Committee.
7. No person shall deface, destroy or remove any all-terrain or snowmobile sign posted on any approved all terrain trail or approved snowmobile trail.
8. No person shall deface, destroy or remove any gate, berm, boulders, barricade or bridge on any all-terrain or snowmobile trail.
9. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle with tire chains or studded tires on any snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle trail.
10. No person shall operate an all-terrain vehicle on any approved all terrain trail, the Nicolet State Trail or the Wolf River State trail from the official close of the snowmobile trails until May 1, of each year.

11. No person shall operate any motorized vehicle off of any approved all terrain trail, snowmobile trail or established logging road on any Forest County forest property. This activity commonly referred to as "cross country travel" is strictly prohibited on any Forest County forest property.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this ordinance, the Forestry Committee and their agents may, at their discretion, close any and all trails or roads within the County forest boundaries to protect the trails and roads from damage caused by all forms of motorized vehicular travel.

(c) *Restricted Use of Snowmobile and ATV Trails*

1. No person shall operate any four-wheel drive vehicle, passenger car, all terrain truck or motorcycle on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County, except for snowmobile club trail maintenance activities, without notification to the Forest County Snowmobile Coordinator at County Forestry Department, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520, Phone (715) 478-3475. This subsection shall not apply to any person or persons or their assigns who owns or leases lands abutting that portion of the snowmobile trail or for club trail maintenance activities.
2. No person shall operate any snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on any approved snowmobile trail until officially opened by the County Snowmobile Coordinator.
3. No person shall operate any snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle on any approved snowmobile trail after such trail is officially closed by the County Snowmobile Coordinator.
4. All-terrain vehicles are not allowed on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County except the Nicolet State Trail and Wolf River State Trail.
5. Operation of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles by youthful operator is restricted and defined in § 350.05 and 23.33(5), Wis. Stats.

(d) *Gated Roads and Trails*

1. No person shall operate any unauthorized motor vehicle, off road vehicle or all-terrain vehicle on roads or trails which are closed by, but not limited to, being gated, cabled, bermed, barricaded, ditched, embanked, bouldered or posted closed to prohibit motor vehicle travel in accordance with sub. (2)(b)1 of this section.
2. The Forestry Department may authorize, by permit, persons with physical disabilities to use a motorized vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance behind gated roads and trails. A permit is required for disabled persons.
3. No person shall park any vehicle or place any obstruction on the groomed portion of any snowmobile trail or ATV trail.

(3) *Tree stands and Ground Blinds*

- (a) *Tree Stands.* No person shall construct, cause to be constructed, use or occupy any permanent elevated scaffold or other permanent platform or elevated device commonly referred to as a tree stand, on any lands owned or under the control of Forest County. Portable tree stands may be used, provided that they are erected after September 1 of any year and completely removed no later than January 1 of the following year. Portable tree stands shall not, in any manner, be bolted, nailed or screwed to the tree. Portable tree stands shall not cause any permanent damage to the tree in which they are placed. The use of nails, spikes, screws, screw-in steps or other devices to aid in climbing a tree is prohibited. All portable tree stands must have the owner's name and address attached in such a manner as to be easily read. Tree stands found in violation of this ordinance may be removed and destroyed by authorized agents of Forest County. The cutting of trees, brush or other natural growing plants shall be prohibited to establish what are commonly referred to as shooting lanes.
- (b) *Ground Blinds.* A ground blind means a structure, enclosure, or any material, natural or manufactured, placed on the ground to assist in concealing or disguising the user or occupant for the purpose of hunting, photographing, or wildlife viewing. The following types of ground blinds are legal on Forest County Forest Land:



1. *Dead Natural.* These blinds must be completely made of materials natural to the area such as dead leaves, branches, bark or naturally fallen trees. Screws, screw steps, metal spikes, wire, nylon rope or other non-biodegradable materials may not be used to fasten materials together or to trees.
  2. *Portable Manufactured.* These blinds must be clearly portable. These blinds can be placed after September 1 of any year and completely removed no later than January 1 of the following year. Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot damage any living trees and must be removed with the blind.
- (c) *Violations.* All tree stands and ground blinds must have the owner's name and address attached in such a manner as to be easily read. Tree stands found in violation of this ordinance may be removed and destroyed by authorized agents of Forest County. The cutting of trees, brush or other natural growing plants shall be prohibited to establish what are commonly referred to as shooting lanes.

#### (4) *Tribal Gathering Rights*

- (a) *Permit Required.* Any treaty rights participant interested in gathering firewood, tree bark, maple sap, lodge poles, bows, marsh hay, or other miscellaneous forest products (except fruits, seeds or berries not enumerated in County ordinances), from Forest County owned land shall obtain a County Gathering Permit from the County Forestry Office prior to the exercise of said gathering rights.
- (b) *Application and Processing.* The County Forest Administrator shall prepare an appropriate application requesting pertinent information from all treaty rights participants who seek gathering rights. Said application shall be available upon request. Upon receipt of an application, the County shall respond to the gathering permit request no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of said application. Said response shall either grant or deny the request. Should the request be denied, the reason for said denial shall be set forth in the response of the County, including the basis for said denial with specific reference to the limitations set forth in paragraph (d) of this section. Any application which is incompletely or incorrectly prepared shall be returned within said fourteen (14) days to the applicant with specific directions as to which portion or portions of said applications are defective.
- (c) *Rights Granted by Said Permit.* The gathering permit shall indicate the location of the material to be gathered, the volume of the material to be gathered and any additional conditions on the gathering of the material necessary for conservation of timber and miscellaneous forest products on County land, or for public health and safety.
- (d) *Denial of Gathering Permit.* The County may not deny a request to gather miscellaneous forest products on Forest County property under the terms of this ordinance unless:
  1. The gathering is inconsistent with the forest management plan for said property
  2. The gathering will conflict with pre-existing rights of a permittee or other person possessing an approval to conduct activity on the property, including a contractor of the County
  3. Or is otherwise inconsistent with the conservation of public health or safety.

#### (5) *Timber Cuttings*

- (a) "Cultural cuttings" shall include thinnings, release cuttings, sanitation cuttings and improvement cuttings to remove trees of inferior species, form or condition for the purpose of stand improvement. All cultural cuttings on County forests shall require approval of the Committee, and such cuttings shall be in accordance with plans made by, or under the supervision of the Team Leader of the DNR. Materials cut in such operations by the Department shall be used by the Department or given to other

public agencies for their use, or sold, as the Committee shall determine. When given to other public agencies, the latter shall pay the County a sum equal to the severance tax thereon.

- (b) "Salvage cuttings" shall include the cutting of timber damaged by fire, storm, insect or disease. Salvage cutting shall be done under procedure specified for cultural cutting or for commercial cutting, as the Committee may decide.
- (c) "Commercial cutting" shall include all cutting where stumpage is sold under contract in which the primary objective of the cutting is the marketing of the timber products, including logs, ties, poles, posts, pulpwood, piling, Christmas trees and boughs, or other forest products.
- (d) Proposed timber sales shall be submitted to the Committee by the County Forest Administrator after all provisions relating to forestry practice have been endorsed by the Team Leader or designee of the DNR.
- (e) Contract specifications for each cutting operation pertaining to payment and financial responsibility of the bidder shall be determined by the Committee in consultation with the County Forest Administrator and the Team Leader or designee of the DNR.
- (f) After approval of any sale by the Committee a Notice of Intention to Cut shall be filed with the DNR as provided by § 28.11(6)(b)(3), Wis. Stats. Cutting operations shall not be started until cutting notice approval is received by the County from the DNR.
- (g) All timber sales shall conform with the provisions of § 28.11(6), Wis. Stats.
- (h) Payment for forest products shall be made promptly after billing. Prepayment and other payment arrangements may be adopted with the approval of the Committee.

(Ordinance 05-2009; Ordinance 01-2012; Ordinance 02-92)

#### **Section 1.07. - Fees, rules and permits.**

- (1) *Fee schedule.* No persons shall use any facility, shelter, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee without payment of such a fee or charge.
- (2) *Additional rules.* Rules and regulations may be made governing the use and enjoyment of all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the County and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee. Any person who shall violate such rules or regulations or who refuses to subject himself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facility.
- (3) *Permits.* Any person to whom a permit has been issued by the Committee or its designee shall be bound by the provisions of all ordinances of Forest County as fully as though the same were inserted in each permit.
- (4) *Exceptions.* Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the Committee, Forest Administrator, Supervisors, Managers or other authorized agents or any law enforcement officers from performing their official duties.

#### **Section 1.08. - General offenses.**

- (1) *Sales.* No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, merchandise or service in any County forest except as authorized by the Committee or its designee and when holding proper permits.
- (2) *Posting bills or advertising.* No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any County forest without written permission of the Committee or its designee.
- (3) *Personal conduct.* No person shall engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which the conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance in any County forest.
- (4) *Property of others.* No person shall disturb, molest or remove the property or personal effects of others.

- (5) *Unreasonable noise.* No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonably loud sounds or noises under circumstances which tend to annoy or disturb others, except that noises customary to accepted County forest activities are permitted.
- (6) *Obstructing.* No person shall knowingly obstruct a Forestry Department employee or any law enforcement officer while the employee or any law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the employee or any law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation.
- (7) *Destruction and entry.*
- (a) *Deface, remove or destroy.* No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, or other natural growth, or natural or archeological feature; disturb or remove shoreline rip-rap; carve on any rocks, archeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees or move, deface or vandalize in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or other County property. This paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit any natural growth from being cut or cleared to create shooting lanes. Edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be picked or gathered without a permit.
- (b) *Prospecting prohibited.*
1. In this subsection, the term "prospecting" means exploring for the presence of rocks, minerals or fossils by means of relocation, removal or displacement of soil or other organic or inorganic materials.
  2. No person may collect, or engage in prospecting for, rocks, minerals, or fossil materials located on any Forest County Forest land or the bed of any body of water located thereon.
- (c) *Entry and manipulation.* No person shall enter in any way any building, installation or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use or molest or manipulate any water control structure, dam or culvert or enter or be upon any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice in any County forest.
- (8) *Cleaning and refuse.*
- (a) *Washing.* The washing of motor vehicles, persons, pets, cooking utensils or clothing is prohibited in any lakes, streams or on any picnic areas, boat landings, parking lots or roadways or within 50 feet of any pump, fountain or drinking water outlet in any County forest.
- (b) *Refuse.*
1. No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, sewage, or other waste material upon any body of water or other area in any County forest except in an appropriate solid waste or recycling container.
  2. No person shall deposit or leave any residential or commercial waste material in any waste receptacle or other area in any County forest.
- (9) *Vehicular traffic.*
- (a) No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed contrary to official traffic signs in any County forest.
- (b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in an abusive, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly manner under circumstances which tend to cause or provoke a disturbance. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, conduct which tends to disturb, annoy or endanger one or more persons because of unnecessary or deliberate spinning of wheels, squealing of tires, revving of engine, blowing the horn, causing engine to backfire or causing vehicle while commencing to move or in motion to raise one or more of its wheels, tracks or skis off the ground or operate at an unreasonable or imprudent speed in any County forest.
- (c) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in any County forest or on any forest road or trail closed by a gate, soil berm, barricade or other device designed to block access to such area or road or posted as closed, unless such party is authorized by permit or contract issued pursuant to this chapter. The

Committee or its designee may authorize special motor vehicle use areas or trails and establish rules and regulations for the use thereof by the general public. The Committee or its designee may authorize by permit persons with physical disabilities to use a designated motor vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance. A permit is not required for disabled persons using a motorized wheelchair. A motor vehicle shall be defined as any self-propelled device for moving persons or property or pulling implements from one place to another, excluding a self-propelled motorized wheelchair or similar device designed solely to aid the mobility of a physically disabled person.

- (d) No person shall operate any vehicle for recreational use or other purposes in such a manner as to cause soil erosion or other damage to County property, except that all-terrain vehicles as defined in § 340.01(2g), Wis. Stats., are permitted on trails specifically designated for such use in accordance with posted regulations.

(10) *Parking.*

- (a) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle or obstruction:
    - 1. In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, sidewalk, parking lot, waterway or winter sport facility.
    - 2. Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas.
    - 3. Contrary to posted notice.
  - (b) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporarily or otherwise, in areas reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying registration plates or identification cards which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person as defined in § 346.505, Wis. Stats.
  - (c) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporary or otherwise, in areas designated as fire lanes with signs.
  - (d) The forfeiture for a violation of paragraph (a) shall be \$10.00. The forfeiture for a violation of paragraphs (b) or (c) shall be \$30.00. In the event that the violator fails to appear in court on the date and time indicated on the citation, or fails to enter a "not guilty" plea by mail by the court date, or fails to stipulate to the violation by posting the forfeiture required in the office of the Forest County Clerk of Courts at the address indicated on the citation by the court date, said forfeiture shall be ordered by the court in default and shall be increased by the amount of \$30.00 as a penalty for failure to pay in a timely fashion, for a total forfeiture of \$40.00 for a violation of paragraph (a) and \$60.00 for a violation of paragraph (b) or (c).
  - (e) The provisions of § 345.28, Wis. Stats., and any subsequent amendments thereto, are specifically adopted and incorporated herein by reference. If the alleged violator fails to pay the amount of the forfeiture as provided herein, or to appear in court, the County may take any or all of the actions authorized under § 345.28, Wis. Stats.
  - (f) The registered owner of a vehicle is deemed to have authorized the parking of a vehicle found parked in violation of this subsection.
- (11) *Abandoned vehicles.* No person shall leave any vehicle unattended without approval of the Committee or its designee for more than 48 hours under such circumstance as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. An abandoned vehicle shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to removal at the owner's expense. Removal of the vehicle shall not relieve the owner or the operator of the vehicle from any penalty incurred because of such violation.
- (12) *Fires.* No person shall abandon any fire or leave any fire unattended or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes or embers without first extinguishing them. No person shall start, tend or use in any manner any fire contrary to posted notice in any County forest.
- (13) *Fireworks.* No person shall possess or discharge any fireworks regulated by § 167.10(1), Wis. Stats., in any County forest.

- (14) *Animals in public facilities.* No person shall allow a dog or other animal to enter any public buildings or picnic areas in any County forest, except for dogs assisting physically impaired persons or as authorized by the Committee.
- (15) *Animal feces.* The owner or person having immediate care, custody or control of a dog or other animal shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left or deposited by the animal within any trailhead, parking area, day-use area, camping area, or on a trail.
- (16) *Horses.*
  - (a) The owner or person having immediate care, custody or control of a horse or other beast of burden shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left or deposited by the animal in any designated parking, day use or camping area.

**Section 1.09. - Legal action.**

- (1) *Criminal action.* Whenever an arrest shall have been made for unlawful cutting on land owned by Forest County or on which the County holds a tax certificate, the District Attorney shall take appropriate action under § 26.18, Wis. Stats.
- (2) *Seizure.* Whenever forest products are found known to have been unlawfully severed from County forest lands, the Sheriff shall, on satisfactory evidence, seize such materials pursuant to § 26.06, Wis. Stats., for use by the County or sale as the Committee may determine.
- (3) *Civil action.* Whenever evidence of unlawful cutting on Forest County lands shall be lodged with the Corporation Counsel, who shall, on recommendation of the Committee, bring suit to recover damages as provided by § 26.09, Wis. Stats. The Committee may bring civil suit against parties responsible for forest fire damage under § 26.21, Wis. Stats.
- (4) *Cooperation.* The Committee and its appointed administrative agent shall secure information and seek the cooperation of the State, County and town officers in securing information required for legal action.
- (5) *Jurisdiction over minors and underage persons.* Any and all County ordinances conferring jurisdiction on the Circuit Court for persons 12 years of age or older, including all subsequent amendments and/or revisions thereto, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section.
- (6) *Authority to issue a citation.* Citations for violations of this chapter may be issued by any law enforcement officer or by the Administrator, per Forest County Ordinance 01-99, and those administrative, supervisory or managerial Department personnel delegated by the Administrator and listed below:

Forest Administrator;

Assistant Administrator

County Forester;

Natural Resources Technician

Trails Technician

**Section 1.10. - Schedule of cash deposits, County forests.**

Section	Title	Deposit
1.06(1)	Recreation Use	\$20.00
1.06(2)	Snowmobile and ATV Use	100.00
1.06(3)	Tree Stands and Ground Blinds	50.00
1.06(4)	Tribal Gathering Rights	50.00
1.07	Fees, Rules and Permits	50.00
1.08(1)	Sales	40.00
1.08(2)	Posting Bills or Advertising	40.00
1.08(3)	Personal Conduct	40.00
1.08(4)	Property of Others	50.00
1.08(5)	Unreasonable Noise	20.00
1.08(6)	Obstructing	40.00
1.08(7)(a)	Deface, Remove or Destroy (Plus Restitution for Damages)	50.00
1.08(7)(b)	Prospecting Prohibited	50.00
1.08(7)(c)	Entry and Manipulation	30.00
1.08(8)(a)	Washing	20.00
1.08(8)(b)	Refuse	50.00
1.08(9)	Vehicular Traffic	40.00
1.08(11)	Abandoned Vehicles	40.00
1.08(12)	Fires	30.00
1.08(13)	Fireworks	30.00

1.08(14)	Animals in Public Facilities	10.00
1.08(15)	Animal Feces	10.00
1.08(16)	Horses	10.00

## Chapter 2 – COUNTY PARKS

### Section 2.01. - General, administrative and terms.

(1) *Terms.*

- (a) *Forestry and Recreation Committee.* The term "Forestry and Recreation Committee" is the committee of jurisdiction for the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department, hereafter referred to as the "Committee" under this subchapter.
- (b) *County park.* The terms "County park" and "park" mean all lands and water previously and subsequently acquired by the County for park or recreational purposes or placed under the jurisdiction of the Committee and including without limitation, parks, beaches, campgrounds and privately-owned lands, the use of which has been granted or leased to the County for park, recreational or like public purposes under this subchapter.

(2) *Scope.*

The provisions of this subchapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the County and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.

- (3) *Forest Administrator.* The Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department, whose head shall be the Forest Administrator (Administrator), shall be the administrative or executive agency of the Committee. The Administrator shall be the authorized agent of the Committee as referred to in this subchapter.

- (4) *Closing hours.* No person shall enter or be in any County park between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except registered campers in or en-route to designated campgrounds; persons transporting watercraft to and from designated boat landings are permitted at any hour.

(5) *Fees, charges and deposits.*

- (a) *Fee schedule.* No person shall use any facility, shelter, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee without payment of such a fee or charge.
- (b) *Deposits.* Shelters or facilities will be reserved upon completion and approval of a use agreement; payment of the rental fee; and payment of the security deposit. The Security deposit will be subject to retention, in whole or part, by the Committee, if the shelter or facility has been subjected to abuse; inadequately cleaned; or used in violation of current facility use regulations.

(6) *Additional rules, permits, exceptions.*

- (a) *Additional rules.* Rules and regulations may be made governing the use and enjoyment of all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the County and under the management, supervision and control of the Committee. Any person who shall violate such rules or regulations or who refuses to subject himself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facility.
- (b) *Permits.* Any person to whom a permit has been issued by the Administrator shall be bound by the provisions of all ordinances of Forest County as fully as though the same were inserted in each permit.

- (c) *Exceptions.* Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the Committee, its Administrator, Supervisors, Park Managers, Rangers or other authorized agents or any law enforcement officers from performing their official duties.
- (7) *Public utilities and private construction.*
- (a) *Public utilities.* The location of all sewers and receivers, gas pipes, water pipes, stopcock boxes, hydrants, lamp posts, telegraph, telephone and electric power posts and lines, manholes, conduit and pumps within any park or parkway shall be subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Committee; and their construction, erection, repair or relocation shall be undertaken only after written permission is received from the Committee.
  - (b) *Private construction.*
    - 1. No curb, whether stone, concrete or grass, shall be cut for the purpose of constructing a private driveway across any parkway border nor for any other purpose, without written permission of the Committee.
    - 2. The location, width, grade and construction of all paths, driveways and roadways across any sidewalk border along any parkway shall be subject to the approval of and constructed only after written permission is obtained from the Committee.
    - 3. Every person who receives a permit to open a trench, cut a curb or deposit materials in or upon any park or parkway shall at all times after such work has been commenced or materials deposited and until the same has been completed and all accumulations of materials resulting from such work have been removed so guard and protect the same that persons driving or passing along the roadway or sidewalk in the vicinity of the place where the work is being done shall not be likely to meet with any accident therefrom; and shall from sunset to sunrise while such work is in progress cause the same to be securely fenced and guarded by a warning light or lights placed in a conspicuous position and so secured that the same shall not be extinguished.

#### **Section 2.02. - Public meetings and sales.**

- (1) *Public meetings.*
  - (a) Any person desiring to hold a public meeting of any kind in any park shall first obtain written permission from the Committee or its authorized agent. Permission shall be applied for not less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.
  - (b) Permission will be granted for the purpose of holding any lawful public assembly in accordance with published regulations governing the reasonable use of parks.
- (2) *Sales.* No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods, merchandise or service in any park, except as authorized by the Committee and when holding proper permits.
- (3) *Soliciting boat rides.* No person shall use in any manner the dock, pier, wharf, boat landing, mooring facilities in or the waters in or immediately adjacent to any County park for the purpose of soliciting rides of any kind unless authorized by the Committee.
- (4) *Posting bills or advertising.* No person shall distribute or post bills or advertisements in any park without written consent of the Committee.

#### **Section 2.03. - Personal conduct and nuisances.**

- (1) *Personal conduct.* No person shall engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which the conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance in any County park.
- (2) *Property of others.* No person shall disturb, molest or remove the property or personal effects of others.
- (3) *Unreasonable noise.* No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonably loud sounds or noises under circumstances which tend to annoy or disturb others. No person shall operate a loudspeaker within



any County park except upon written consent issued by the Committee or its authorized agent upon such terms and conditions as will ensure that the public peace and order will not be unreasonably disturbed.

- (4) *Jumping and diving.* No person shall jump, dive, or otherwise launch themselves from any bridge or approach thereto into any body of water within any County park.
- (5) *Docks and piers.* No person shall use docks or piers adjacent to any boat landing in any manner as to obstruct or hinder the launching, landing, loading or unloading of watercraft.
- (6) *Obstructing.* No person shall knowingly obstruct a park employee or any law enforcement officer while the employee or law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the employee or law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation.

#### **Section 2.04. - Destruction, entry, cleaning and refuse.**

##### **(1) *Destruction and entry.***

- (a) *Deface, remove or destroy.* No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, or other natural growth, or natural or archeological feature; disturb or remove shoreline rip-rap; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees or move, deface or vandalize in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or other County property. Edible fruits, nuts, wild mushrooms and wild asparagus may be picked or gathered without a permit.
- (b) *Prospecting prohibited.*
  1. In this subsection, the term "prospecting" means exploring for the presence of rocks, minerals or fossils by means of relocation, removal or displacement of soil or other organic or inorganic materials.
  2. No person may collect, or engage in prospecting for, rocks, minerals, or fossil materials located on any Forest County Park land or the bed of any body of water located thereon.
- (c) *Entry and manipulation.* No person shall enter in any way any building, installation or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use or molest or manipulate any water control structure, dam or culvert or enter or be upon any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice in any County park.

##### **(2) *Cleaning and refuse.***

- (a) *Washing.* The washing of cars, persons, pets, cooking utensils or clothing is prohibited in any lakes, streams or on any picnic grounds, playgrounds, recreation areas, boat landings, parking lots or roadways or within 50 feet of any pump, fountain or drinking water outlet in any County park. The washing of persons, cooking utensils and clothing shall be permitted at designated campgrounds or at other authorized and posted locations.
- (b) *Fish and game cleaning.* No person shall clean, butcher, scale or skin any fish, game, livestock or poultry in any County park except that fish may be cleaned at designated fish cleaning tables provided for such purposes. Refuse from such cleaning operations shall be suitably wrapped or packaged and deposited in the refuse containers provided for that purpose.
- (c) *Refuse.*
  1. No person shall deposit or leave any garbage, sewage, or other waste material upon any body of water or other area in any County park except in an appropriate solid waste or recycling container.
  2. No person shall upset or turn over the contents of any solid waste or recycling container in any County park.
  3. Charcoal residue or wood ash shall be left in a grate or fireplace until cool or placed in receptacles provided for such purposes.

4. No person shall deposit or leave any residential or commercial waste material in any waste receptacle or other area in any County park.

#### Section 2.05. - Vehicles.

##### (1) *Vehicular traffic.*

- (a) No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 5 mph or contrary to official traffic signs in any County park.
- (b) No person shall fail to stop when directed to do so by a park employee or law enforcement officer.
- (c) No person shall operate a motor vehicle for any purpose other than entering or leaving their campsite.
- (d) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in an abusive, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly manner under circumstances which tend to cause or provoke a disturbance. Such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, conduct which tends to disturb, annoy or endanger one or more persons because of unnecessary drive-throughs or deliberate spinning of wheels, squealing of tires, revving of engine, blowing the horn, causing engine to backfire or causing vehicle while commencing to move or in motion to raise one or more of its wheels, tracks or skis off the ground or operate at an unreasonable or imprudent speed in any County park.
- (e) No person shall operate any unlicensed/un-registered motor vehicle in any County park.
- (e) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle except as provided in this subchapter, upon any bridle path, hiking trail, beach area, playground, picnic area or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas or contrary to posted notice or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.
- (f) No person shall operate a snowmobile as defined in § 340.01(58a), or an ATV as defined in § 340.01(2g) or a UTV as defined in § 23.33(1)(ng) Wis. Stats., in any County park, except on trails approved by, or user authorized by, the Committee.

##### (2) *Parking.*

- (a) No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction or watercraft:
  1. In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, sidewalk, parking lot, boat landing, waterway or winter sport facility.
  2. Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas.
  3. Contrary to posted notice.
- (b) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporarily or otherwise, in areas reserved, by official traffic signs indicating the restriction, for vehicles displaying registration plates or identification cards which designates the vehicle as a vehicle used by a physically disabled person as defined in § 346.505, Wis. Stats.
- (c) No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, whether temporary or otherwise, in areas designated as fire lanes with signs or marked curbs.
- (d) The forfeiture for a violation of paragraph (a) shall be \$10.00. The forfeiture for a violation of paragraph (b) or (c) shall be \$30.00. In the event that the violator fails to appear in court on the date and time indicated on the citation, or fails to enter a "not guilty" plea by mail by the court date, or fails to stipulate to the violation by posting the forfeiture required in the office of the Forest County Clerk of Courts, at the address indicated on the citation by the court date, said forfeiture shall be ordered by the court in default and shall be increased by the amount of \$30.00 as a penalty for failure to pay in a timely

fashion, for a total forfeiture of \$40.00 for a violation of paragraph (a) and \$60.00 for a violation of paragraph (b) or (c).

(e) The provisions of § 345.28, Wis. Stats., and any subsequent amendments thereto, are specifically adopted and incorporated herein by reference. If the alleged violator fails to pay the amount of the forfeiture as provided herein, or to appear in court, the County may take any or all of the actions authorized under § 345.28, Wis. Stats.

(f) The registered owner of a vehicle is deemed to have authorized the parking of a vehicle found parked in violation of this subsection.

(3) *Abandoned vehicles.* No person shall leave any vehicle unattended without approval of the Committee or its authorized agent for more than 48 hours under such circumstance as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. An abandoned vehicle shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to removal at the owners expense. Removal of the vehicle shall not relieve the owner or the operator of the vehicle from any penalty incurred because of such violation.

#### **Section 2.06. - Fires, fireworks, firearms, projectiles.**

(1) *Fires.*

(a) No person shall start, tend or maintain any fire except at designated fireplaces, fire rings or permanent grills within any county park.

(b) Fires for cooking or heating may be made in portable metal stoves, heaters, grills or fireplaces at picnic areas or designated campgrounds.

(c) No person shall abandon any fire or leave any fire unattended or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes or embers without first extinguishing them. No person shall start, tend or use in any manner any fire contrary to posted notice in any county park.

(d) No person shall deposit or burn garbage, debris, refuse, or anything other than clean firewood.

(2) *Fireworks.* No person shall possess or discharge any fireworks regulated by §167.10(1), Wis. Stats. in any County park except that exhibitions of fireworks given under the direction or by the permission of the Committee or its authorized agent are permitted.

(3) *Firearms.*

(a) No person shall discharge any firearm as defined in §167.31(1)(c), Wis. Stats., or airgun as defined in §939.22, Wis. Stats., or any bow in any County park..

(b) Unless other facts and circumstances that indicate a criminal or malicious intent on the part of the person apply, a person is not in violation of, and may not be charged with a violation of, this section for loading, carrying, or going armed with a firearm, without regard to whether the firearm is loaded or is concealed or openly carried.

(c) This section does not apply and may not be enforced if the actor's conduct is justified or, had it been subject to a criminal penalty, would have been subject to a defense described in §939.45, Wis. Stats.

(d) No person, except a law enforcement officer, shall enter any building, facility, or location open to the public that is restricted by state law or posted as a no firearms or concealed weapons location while possessing, carrying, or concealing a firearm or weapon, whether with or without a state permit.

(4) *Throwing or shooting projectiles.* No person shall throw or shoot an arrow, knife, stone, paintball or other projectile, by hand or any other means, in any County park.

#### **Section 2.07. - Animals.**

(1) *Animals in public facilities.*

(a) *Restricted.* No person having immediate custody, care or control of a dog or other animal, shall permit said animal to enter and/or remain in any public park building, bathing beach or playground safety

surface area in any County park, except assistance dogs or animals being used or trained to assist emergency services workers or as authorized by the Commission.

(b) *Definitions.* The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Assistance dog.* Any dog that has been or is being trained as a guide dog, hearing dog, or service dog. Such terms are further defined as follows:

*Guide dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular blind or visually impaired person.

*Hearing dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a particular deaf or hard of hearing person.

*Service dog.* Any dog that has been or is being specially trained to aid a person with a disability other than sight or hearing.

(2) *Animals running at large.* No person shall allow a dog or other animal to run at large in any County park. The animal shall be considered as running at large unless it is on a leash no more than 8 feet in length, is in or upon a vehicle, is in or on the property of its owner or another who does not object to the presence of such animal.

(3) *Howling animals.* No person shall own, keep, possess or harbor a dog or other animal in any County park which by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking or wailing disturbs other persons.

(4) *Animal feces.*

(a) The owner or person having immediate care, custody or control of a dog or other animal shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left or deposited by the animal upon any County park.

(b) No person shall permit a dog or other animal to be in any County park unless such person has, in his immediate possession, an appropriate means of removing animal feces.

(5) *Horses.*

(a) No person shall ride or use a horse or other beast of burden in any manner in any County park, except on designated bridle trails or for events authorized by the Committee.

(b) No person shall ride or use a horse or other beast of burden in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property or person of others.

(6) *Hunting and trapping.*

(a) *Restricted.* No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any County park, except that waterfowl, as that term is defined herein, may be hunted from a blind, as that term is defined herein, in accordance with applicable State statutes and applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Administrative Code setting forth regulations of the Department of Natural Resources, placed below the ordinary high watermark, as that term is defined herein. A blind may be established not more than seven days prior to the opening of the waterfowl hunting season and must be removed by the owner within seven days after the close of the season. Any blind on park property used in hunting waterfowl must bear the name, address, and phone number of the owner affixed permanently to the blind in lettering one inch square or larger.

(b) *Definitions.* The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Blind.* Any permanent structure used in hunting waterfowl, which is not removed at the end of hunting hours each day.

*Ordinary high watermark.* The point on the bank or shore up to which the presence and action of surface water is so continuous as to leave a distinctive mark, such as by erosion, destruction or prevention of terrestrial vegetation, predominance of aquatic vegetation or other easily recognized characteristic. Where the bank or shore at any particular place is of such character that it is difficult

or impossible to ascertain where the point of ordinary high-water is, recourse may be had to the opposite bank of a stream or to other places on the shore of a lake or flowage to determine whether a given stage of water is above or below the ordinary high watermark.

*Waterfowl.* Includes wild geese, brant, wild ducks, rails, coots, gallinules, jacksnipe, woodcock, plovers, sandpipers and wild swan.

- (c) *Penalty.* Violations of this subsection shall be punishable as provided in Sec. 2.14 of this chapter relating to hunting and trapping violations

#### **Section 2.08. - Athletics.**

- (1) *Golf and archery.* No person shall use golf or archery equipment within any County park or parkway except upon golf facilities or archery ranges established by the Committee.
- (2) *Roller skates, skateboards, and scooters.* No person shall ride, push or travel upon roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, or scooters within any public buildings or on any facilities not specifically intended for such use including, but not limited to: tennis courts, benches, tables, bleachers or on docks and piers adjacent to any boat landing within any County park, except in designated areas and in accordance with posted regulations.

#### **Section 2.09. - Beaches.**

- (1) *Boundary buoys.* No person shall disturb or molest a boundary buoy or marker in any swimming beach in any County park or moor or cause to be within that area of water enclosed by boundary buoys as per Sec. 2.11 of this document.
- (2) *Beach athletics.* Except in locations designated for such purpose, no person shall engage in any athletic game or sport or in any activity upon a bathing beach or in the water when injury or inconvenience to others might result therefrom.
- (3) *Bathing dress.* No swimmer or bather shall enter the water or onto any bathing beach unless clothed in a suitable bathing dress or suit.
- (4) *Changing clothing.* No person shall change clothes, except in beach houses or other enclosed places.

#### **Section 2.10. - Camping.**

- (1) *Definitions.* The following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Campground.* Any tract of land designated exclusively for camping.

*Camping or camp.* The use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

*Camping party.* Any individual, family, or nonfamily group occupying a campsite.

*Camping unit.* Any single shelter used for a camp by a camping party.

*Campsite.* A segment of a campground which is designated for nightly camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

*Seasonal Campsite.* A campsite which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party, for the open season of a campground.

*Monthly Campsite.* A campsite which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party, for a 4 week period.

*Closed shelter.* Any building or structure capable of being closed to public access and reserved for public or private group activities.

- (2) *Camping regulations.*

- (a) *Camping permit.* No person shall set up camp prior to completing and displaying a camping permit. All camping fees shall be prepaid for the permit period prior to occupying the campsite as provided in subsection 2.01(5)(a) of this code relating to a fee or charge established by the Committee.
- (b) *Camping limited, designated campgrounds.* No one person shall camp and no camping unit shall remain in a campsite for a period greater than 14 consecutive days.
- (c) *Campsite changes.* No camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval.
- (d) *Camping permit expiration.* All camping permits expire at 1 p.m. on the last day of the permit period. If a camping party would like to stay additional days, within the 14 day limit, a new permit must be obtained by 11 a.m.
- (e) *Campsite entry hours.* No camping party shall start setting up or taking down its camping unit between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., unless ordered to leave the park.
- (f) *Campsite parking.* No person shall park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite.
- (g) *Campsite reservations.* Campsite reservations will be accepted only for seasonal campsites. The reservation policy will be set by the Committee. The Seasonal Camper policy is hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section.
- (h) *Campsite capacity.* Excessive vehicle parking will not be allowed. Park workers and any law enforcement officer reserve the right to ask that vehicles be parked in the parking lot.
- (i) *Camping contrary to posted notice.* No person shall camp on any lands under the management, supervision or control of the Committee contrary to posted notice.
- (j) *Camping violations.* Violation of any State law or any rules of the Committee by a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit.
- (k) *Campground quiet hours.* No person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable sounds or noises in or adjacent to any designated campground as provided in subsection 2.03(3) of this chapter between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

**Section 2.11. - Boating.**

- (1) *Boating Regulations.* Possessing a boat, including every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as transportation on water are prohibited within in the limits of any swimming area as defined by regulatory buoys and or signs.
- (2) *State boating and water safety laws adopted.* The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities and safety found in § 30.68, Wis. Stats., Prohibited Operation, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section.

**Section 2.12. - Jurisdiction over minors and underage persons.**

Any and all County ordinances conferring jurisdiction on the Circuit Court for persons 12 years of age or older, including all subsequent amendments and/or revisions thereto, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section.

**Section 2.13. - Legal action.**

- (1) *Civil action.* Whenever an arrest shall have been made or any violation shall occur, the District Attorney shall prosecute as provided by law.
- (2) *Arrest powers.* Any law enforcement officer of the County or any of its municipal subdivisions may without a warrant arrest any offender whom he may detect in the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter and take the person so arrested immediately before a magistrate having competent jurisdiction and he shall have at all times the right to enter the premises of any building, structure or enclosure in any park or

parkway, including such grounds, buildings, structures or enclosures which may be leased or set aside for private or exclusive use of any individual or group of individuals for the purpose of arresting violators and may use all necessary means to attain that end.

(3) *Citation.*

(a) *Authority to issue.* Citations for violations of this chapter may be issued by any law enforcement officer or by the Administrator, per Forest County Ordinance 01-99, and those administrative, supervisory or managerial Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department personnel delegated by the Administrator and listed below:

Natural Resources Technician;

Park Supervisor;

Park Manager;

Trails Technician

(b) *Format.* The citation issued for violations of this chapter shall be Wisconsin Citation and Complaint (Non Traffic), or equivalent, except for certain violations of Sec. 12, where State Form GF-116, "Wisconsin Uniform Citation Underage Alcohol Offenses or Harassment" or current equivalent, shall be used.

**Section 2.14. - Schedule of cash deposits, County parks.**

Section	Title	Deposit
2.01(4)	Closing Hours	\$30.00
2.01(5)	Fees, Charges and Deposits	20.00
2.01(7)(b)	Private Construction	50.00
2.02(1)	Public Meetings	40.00
2.02(2)	Sales	40.00
2.02(3)	Soliciting Boat Rides	40.00
2.02(4)	Posting Bills or Advertising	40.00
2.03(1)	Personal Conduct	40.00
2.03(2)	Property of Others	50.00
2.03(3)	Unreasonable Noise	20.00

2.03(4)	Jumping and Diving	20.00
2.03(5)	Docks and Piers	10.00
2.03(6)	Obstructing	40.00
2.04(1)(a)	Deface, Remove or Destroy (Plus Restitution for Damages)	50.00
2.04(1)(b)	Prospecting Prohibited	50.00
2.04(1)(c)	Entry and Manipulation	30.00
2.04(2)(a)	Washing	20.00
2.04(2)(b)	Fish and Game Cleaning	20.00
2.04(2)(c)	Refuse	50.00
2.05(1)	Vehicular Traffic	40.00
2.05(3)	Abandoned Vehicles	40.00
2.06(1)	Fires	30.00
2.06(2)	Fireworks	30.00
2.06(3)	Firearms	50.00
2.06(4)	Throwing or Shooting Projectiles	30.00
2.07(1)	Animals in Public Facilities	10.00
2.07(2)	Animals Running at Large	10.00
2.07(3)	Howling Animals	10.00
2.07(4)	Animal Feces	10.00



2.07(5)	Horses	10.00
2.07(6)	Hunting and Trapping	50.00
2.08	Athletics	10.00
2.09(1)	Boundary Buoys	50.00
2.09(2)	Beach Athletics	10.00
2.09(3)	Bathing Dress	10.00
2.09(4)	Changing Clothing	10.00
2.10(2)(a)	Camping Permit	20.00
2.10(2)(b)	Camping Limited, Designated Campgrounds	20.00
2.10(2)(c)	Campsite Changes	10.00
2.10(2)(d)	Camping Permit Expiration	10.00
2.10(2)(e)	Campsite Entry Hours	10.00
2.10(2)(f)	Campsite Parking	10.00
2.10(2)(h)	Campsite Capacity	10.00
2.10(2)(i)	Camping Contrary to Posted Notice	20.00
2.10(2)(k)	Campground Quiet Hours	20.00
2.11(1)	Boating Regulations	30.00
2.11(2)	State Boating and Water Safety Laws Adopted	50.00

## Chapter 3 - CONSTRUCTION AND EFFECT OF ORDINANCES

### Section 3.01. - Rules of construction.

- (1) In the construction of this Code, the following rules shall be observed unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the ordinance:
  - (a) *Wisconsin Statutes.* All references to "Wisconsin Statutes" or "Wis. Stats." shall mean the current Wisconsin Statutes and their successor statutes.
  - (b) *Gender, singular and plural.* Every word in this Code and in any ordinance imparting the masculine gender may extend and be applied to females as well as males, and every word imparting the singular number only may extend and be applied to several persons or things as well as to one person or thing; provided these rules of construction shall not be applied to any provision which contains any express language excluding such construction or when the subject matter or context of such provision may be repugnant thereto.
  - (c) *Person.* The word "person" extends and applies to natural persons, firms, corporations, associations, partnerships or other bodies politic and to all entities capable of being sued, unless plainly inapplicable.
  - (d) *Acts of agents.* When a provision requires an act to be done which may, by law, as well be done by an agent as by the principal, such requirement shall be construed to include all such acts when done by an authorized agent.
  - (e) *Authority to issue.* Citations for violations of this code may be issued by County officials which pursuant to Forest County Ordinance 01-99
- (2) *Liability of vehicle owners.*
  - (a) *Definition.* In this section, with respect to a vehicle that is registered, or is required to be registered, by a lessee of the vehicle under §341, Wis. Stats., "owner" means the lessee of the vehicle.
  - (b) *Liability.*
    1. If a vehicle is found in violation of any part of this code, and the department cannot locate the operator of the vehicle, the owner of the vehicle shall be presumed liable for violation.
    2. Notwithstanding par. 1., no owner of a vehicle involved in a violation may be convicted under this section if the person who, at the time of the violation, is operating the vehicle or who has the vehicle under his or her control has been convicted for the violation.
    3. Service may be made by certified mail addressed to the vehicle owner's last-known address.
  - (c) *Defenses.* The following are defenses to the imposition of liability under sec. (b):
    1. That a report that the vehicle was stolen was given to the department before the violation occurred or within a reasonable time after the violation occurred.
    2. If the owner of the vehicle provides the department with the name and address of the person operating the vehicle or having the vehicle under his or her control at the time of the violation and sufficient information for the department to determine that probable cause does not exist to believe that the owner of the vehicle was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation, then the owner of the vehicle shall not be liable under sub. (1m) or s. 27.01 (7) (b).
    3. If the vehicle is owned by a lessor of vehicles and at the time of the violation the vehicle was in the possession of a lessee, and the lessor provides the department with the information required under §343.46 (3), Wis. Stats., then the lessee and not the lessor shall be liable under sec. (b).

4. If the vehicle is owned by a dealer, as defined in §340.01 (11), Wis. Stats, (intro.) but including the persons specified in §340.01 (11) (a) to (d), Wis. Stats., and at the time of the violation the vehicle was being operated by or was under the control of any person on a trial run, and if the dealer provides the department with the name, address and operator's license number of the person operating the vehicle, then that person, and not the dealer, shall be liable under sec. (b).

**Section 3.02. - Conflict and separability.**

- (1) *Conflict of provisions.* If the provisions of the different chapters of this Code conflict with or contravene each other, the provisions of each chapter shall prevail as to all matters and questions arising out of the subject matter of such chapter.
- (2) *Separability of code provisions.* If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of the Code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or portion thereof. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Sec. 3.03. – Forest Administrator to file documents incorporated by reference.**

Whenever in this Code any standard, code, rule, regulation or other written or printed matter is adopted by reference, it shall be deemed incorporated in this Code as if fully set forth herein, and the Forest Administrator shall file, deposit and keep in his office a copy of the code, standard, rule, regulation or other written or printed matter as adopted. Materials so filed, deposited and kept shall be public records open for examination with proper care by any person during the Forest Administrator's office hours, subject to such orders or regulations which the Forest Administrator may prescribe for their preservation.

**Sec. 3.04. - Penalty provisions.**

- (1) Except as otherwise provided, any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Code shall, upon conviction of such violation, be subject to a penalty, which shall be as follows:
  - (a) *Snowmobile and ATV.* Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense together with court costs, restitution of trail, bridge or sign damage, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until the same are paid, for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law.
  - (b) *Tree Stands.* Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction, be subject to a penalty, which shall be as follows: forfeit not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, together with the costs of prosecution.
  - (d) *Tribal Gathering Rights.* Any person exercising rights without having first obtained a permit therefore, or shall exercise gathering rights beyond authority granted by section 106(4)(c) of this code, shall be guilty of a forfeiture in the amount of Fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars for the first offense and One Hundred and 00/100 (\$100.00) dollars for every subsequent offense within twelve (12) months of the first offense.
  - (c) *General Penalty.* Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense together with court costs, restitution of trail, bridge or sign damage, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until the same are paid, for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law.

- (2) *Continued violations.* Each violation, and each day a violation continues or occurs, shall constitute a separate offense. Nothing in this Code shall preclude the County from maintaining any appropriate action to prevent or remove a violation of any provision of this Code.
- (3) *Execution against defendant's property.* Whenever any person fails to pay any forfeiture and costs of prosecution upon the order of any court for violation of any ordinance of the County, the court may, in lieu of ordering imprisonment of the defendant, or after the defendant has been released from custody, issue an execution against the property of the defendant for such forfeiture and costs.
- (4) *Citation method of enforcement.* Citations may be issued for violations of this Code, including those for which a statutory counterpart exists.
  - (a) Issuance of citations is expressly limited to the following County officials and employees and the authority delegated to a County official or employee to issue citations may only be granted or revoked by the County Board:
    - 1. Forest Administrator or their designee as set forth in sections 1.09(6) and 2.13(3)(a) of this code.
    - 2. Any law enforcement officer.
  - (b) The citation shall contain the following:
    - 1. Name and address of alleged violator.
    - 2. Factual allegations describing alleged violation.
    - 3. Time and place of offense.
    - 4. Section of ordinance violated.
    - 5. Designation of offense in a manner which can readily be understood by a person making a reasonable effort to do so.
    - 6. Time alleged violator may appear in court.
    - 7. Statement which, in essence, informs alleged violator:
      - a. That a cash deposit based on the schedule established by the County Board from time to time and on file in the office of the County Clerk may be made to and deposited with the Clerk of Court prior to time of scheduled court appearance.
      - b. That if a deposit is made, no appearance in court is necessary unless he is subsequently summoned.

**Section 3.05. - Title; effective date; citation.**

These ordinances shall be known as the "Forestry and Recreation Code of Forest County," and shall take effect from and after passage and publication as provided in § 66.0103, Wis. Stats. All references thereto shall be cited by section number (example: sec. 2.06, Forestry and Recreation Code of Forest County).

**Section 3.06. - Keeping code current; Administrator's amendments.**

As each ordinance or resolution affecting the Code becomes effective, the Forest Administrator shall incorporate them into the Code. The Forest Administrator shall make no substantive changes to such ordinances and resolutions but may renumber, rearrange and edit them without first submitting them to the Board; and such rearranging, renumbering and editing shall not affect the validity of such ordinances and resolutions or the provisions of this Code affected thereby.

### 1005.3 COUNTY ORDINANCES

#### 1005.3.1 COUNTY FOREST ORDINANCE

The County Forest ordinance is available from the Forest County Forestry and Recreation office or on the internet at:

<https://forestcountywi.com/permits-%26-ordinances>

## 1005.3.2 COUNTY SNOWMOBILE AND ATV ORDINANCE

### ORDINANCE NO. 05-2009

WHEREAS, the use of snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) have increased dramatically over the years with more snowmobiles and ATV trails being developed; the number of individuals who utilize snowmobiles and ATVs has increased; and snowmobiles and ATVs have increased in speed and power; and

WHEREAS, the Forest County Forestry Committee has reviewed the present Ordinance and has recommended that the same be deleted in its entirety and that a new Snowmobile and ATV Ordinance be adopted in its place.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS as follows:

**SECTION I.** That the Forest County Snowmobile Ordinance No. 03-99 be revised and the same is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION II.** That the following shall be the Ordinance by which snowmobiles and ATVs are regulated and the manner in which snowmobiles and ATVs are utilized within Forest County.

#### SECTION III. DEFINITIONS

3.1 **"All Terrain Vehicle"** means an engine driven device which has a net weight of nine hundred (900) pounds or less, which has a width of fifty (50) inches or less, which is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and which is designed to travel on three (3) or more low pressure tires. A low-pressure tire is a tire which has a minimum width of six (6) inches and which is designed to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed ten (10) pounds per square inch as recommended by the manufacturer.

3.2 **All Terrain Vehicle Route.** A highway or sidewalk designated for use by all terrain vehicle operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized by S.S. 23.33, Wis. Stats.

3.3 **All Terrain Vehicle Trail.** A marked corridor on public property or on private lands subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by all terrain vehicle operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction.

3.4 **Snowmobile.** Any engine driven vehicle of a type which utilizes sled type runners, skis or an endless belt tread or any combination of these or similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated, but does not include such vehicles which are either manually propelled or driven by a motor of 4 horse power or less and operated only on private property.

3.5 **Snowmobile Route.** A highway or sidewalk designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction as authorized by S.S. 350-04, Wis. Stats.

3.6 **Snowmobile Trail.** A marked corridor on public property or on private property, subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by operators of snowmobiles by the County Snowmobile Coordinator, but excluding highways, except those highways on which the roadway is not normally maintained for other vehicular traffic by the removal of snow.

Replaces pages 900-28 - 900-29

See also Section 905.2.2 County ATV Ordinance

Amended 02-15-11

3.7 Official Trail Opening. That date and time selected and published in the official County newspaper designating the approved snowmobile trails opened for snowmobile use and approved all terrain vehicle trails are open for all terrain vehicle use.

3.8 Official Trail Closing. That date and time selected and published in the official County newspaper designating the approved snowmobile trails closed for snowmobile use and/or all terrain vehicle trails are closed for all terrain vehicle use.

3.9 Snowmobile Coordinator. The County Forest Administrator, and such other individuals so designated by the Forestry Committee.

3.10 Approved Snowmobile Trails. Includes all snowmobile trails or routes that have been designated by the County Snowmobile Coordinator or Forestry Committee.

3.11 Off Road Vehicle. Includes, but is not limited to, trail bikes, motorcycles, mini bikes, air boats and air cushioned vehicles or golf carts.

#### **SECTION IV. RESTRICTED USES OF SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS**

4.1 No person shall drive a snowmobile, all terrain vehicle or off road vehicle on any land under the supervision, management or control of the County Forestry Department that is posted as "closed to unauthorized motor vehicles" or closed in accordance with Section 6.1 of this ordinance.

4.2 No person shall operate a snowmobile on any land under the supervision, management or control of the Forest County Forestry Committee except on designated trails or unplowed roads.

4.3 No person shall drive a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle at speeds in excess of 10 mph on any portion of an approved snowmobile trail that is posted with a yellow sign indicating "slow", "steep hill", "dip", "turn" or other caution.

4.4 Operators of a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on approved snowmobile trails or approved ATV trails must adhere to all posted speed limits.

4.5 Operators of a snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on approved snowmobile trails or approved ATV trails must stop at all locations marked with a red sign indicating "stop".

4.6 No person shall place unauthorized signs on any property, snowmobile trail or ATV trail administered by the Forestry Committee.

4.7 No person shall deface, destroy or remove any all terrain or snowmobile sign posted on any approved all terrain trail or approved snowmobile trail.

4.8 No person shall deface, destroy or remove any gate, berm, boulders, barricade or bridge on any all terrain or snowmobile trail.

4.9 No person shall operate an all terrain vehicle with tire chains or studded tires on any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle trail.

4.10 No person shall operate an all terrain vehicle on any approved all terrain trail, the Nicolet State Trail or the Wolf River State trail from the official close of the snowmobile trails until May 1, of each year.

4.11 No person shall operate any motorized vehicle off of any approved all terrain trail, snowmobile trail or established logging road on any Forest County forest property. This activity commonly referred to as "cross country travel" is strictly prohibited on any Forest County forest property.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this ordinance, the Forestry Committee and their agents may, at their discretion, close any and all trails or roads within the County forest boundaries to protect the trails and roads from damage caused by all forms of motorized vehicular travel.

#### **SECTION V. RESTRICTED USE OF SNOWMOBILE AND ATV TRAILS**

5.1 No person shall operate any four wheel drive vehicle, passenger car, all terrain truck or motorcycle on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County, except for snowmobile club trail maintenance activities, without notification to the Forest County Snowmobile Coordinator at County Forestry Department, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520, Phone (715) 478-3475. This subsection shall not apply to any person or persons or their assigns who owns or leases lands abutting that portion of the snowmobile trail or for club trail maintenance activities.

5.2 No person shall operate any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on any approved snowmobile trail until officially opened by the County Snowmobile Coordinator.

5.3 No person shall operate any snowmobile or all terrain vehicle on any approved snowmobile trail after such trail is officially closed by the County Snowmobile Coordinator.

5.4 All terrain vehicles are not allowed on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County except the Nicolet State Trail and Wolf River State Trail.

5.5 Operation of snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles by youthful operator is restricted and defined in S.S. 350.05 and 23.33(5), Wis. Stats.

#### **SECTION VI. GATED ROADS AND TRAILS.**

6.1 No person shall operate any unauthorized motor vehicle, off road vehicle or all terrain vehicle on roads or trails which are closed by, but not limited to, being gated, cabled, bermed, barricaded, ditched, embanked, bouldered or posted closed to prohibit motor vehicle travel in accordance with Section 4.1 of this ordinance.

6.2 The Forestry Department may authorize, by permit, persons with physical disabilities to use a motorized vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance behind gated roads and trails. A permit is required for disabled persons.

6.3 No person shall park any vehicle or place any obstruction on the groomed portion of any snowmobile trail or ATV trail.



**SECTION VII. PENALTIES**

7.1 Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense together with court costs, restitution of trail, bridge or sign damage, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until the same are paid, for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law.

**SECTION VIII. GENERAL**

8.1 If any section, clause provision or portion of this Ordinance is judged unconstitutional or invalid by the County of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

8.2 Any previous Ordinance or Resolution in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

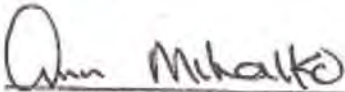
8.3 This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2009.



Erhard Huettl  
Forest County Board Chairman

ATTEST:



Ann Mihalko  
Forest County Clerk

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**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 03-99**

**WHEREAS**, the use of snowmobiles has increased dramatically over the years with more snowmobile trails being developed; the number of individuals who utilize snowmobiles has increased; and snowmobiles have increased in speed and power; and

**WHEREAS**, the present Forest County Snowmobile Ordinance was adopted seventeen (17) years ago and is in need of revision in order to reflect the modern use of snowmobiles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest County Forestry Committee has reviewed the present Ordinance and has recommended that the same be deleted in its entirety and that a new Snowmobile Ordinance be adopted in its place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** That the Forest County Snowmobile Ordinance adopted on January 19, 1983 be and the same is hereby deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION TWO:** That the following shall be the Ordinance by which snowmobiles are regulated and the manner in which State-funded snowmobile trails are utilized within Forest County.

**SECTION THREE: DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1 "All-Terrain Vehicle" shall include but not be limited to trail bikes, motorcycles, mini-bikes, air boats and air cushioned vehicles or golf carts. "All-terrain vehicle" means an engine-driven device which has a net weight of seven hundred (700) pounds or less, which had a width of forty-eight (48") inches or less, which is equipped with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator and which is designed to travel on three (3) or more low-pressure tires. A low-pressure tire is a tire which has a minimum width of six (6") inches, which is designed to be mounted on a rim with a maximum diameter of twelve (12") inches and which is designed to be inflated with an operating pressure not to exceed six (6) pounds per square inch as recommended by the manufacturer.
- 3.2 "Approved Snowmobile Trails" include all snowmobile trails or routes that have been designated by the Forest County Snowmobile Coordinator or the Forest County Forestry Committee or a marked corridor on public property or on private lands subject to public easement or lease, designated for use by snowmobile operators by the governmental agency having jurisdiction, but excluding highways except those highways on which the roadway is not normally maintained for other vehicular traffic by the removal of snow.
- 3.3 "Snowmobile" means any engine-driven vehicle that is manufactured solely for snowmobiling, that has an endless belt tread and sled-type runners or skis, to be used in contact with snow but does not include such a vehicle that is any of the following: A vehicle that has inflatable tires or a vehicle that is driven by a motor of four (4) horsepower or less and that is operated in sanctioned races, derbies, competitions or exhibitions or only on private property.
- 3.4 "Approved Snowmobile Trail Signs": means all snowmobile signs, as defined in Chapter NR 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

- 3.5 "Snowmobile Coordinator" means the Forest County Forest Administrator, and such other individuals so designated by the Forest County Forestry Committee.

**SECTION FOUR: RESTRICTED USES OF SNOWMOBILES**

- 4.1 No person shall operate a snowmobile on any land under the supervision, management or control of the Forest County Forestry Committee except on designated trails or unplowed roads.
- 4.2 No person shall operate a snowmobile on any land under the supervision, management or control of the Forest County Forestry Committee that is posted "Closed".
- 4.3 No person shall operate a snowmobile at an excessive or unsafe rate of speed on any portion of an approved snowmobile trail that is posted with a yellow sign indicating "slow", "steep hill", "dip", "turn", or other cautionary sign.

**SECTION FIVE: RESTRICTED USE OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS**

- 5.1 No person shall operate any four-wheel drive vehicle, passenger car, all-terrain vehicle, truck or motorcycle on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County, except for snowmobile club trail maintenance activities, without notification to the Forest County Snowmobile Coordinator at County Forestry Department, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520, Phone (715) 478-3475. This sub-section shall not apply to any person or persons or their assigns who owns or leases lands abutting that portion of the snowmobile trail.
- 5.2 No person shall deface, destroy, or remove any approved snowmobile trail sign or sign post placed on any state funded snowmobile trail.
- 5.3 Landowners who permit snowmobiling on their property pursuant to Sec. 29.68, Wis. Stats, shall notify the Snowmobile Coordinator if they intend to travel or allow travel on a portion of the state funded snowmobile trail that traverses their property with a vehicle other than a snowmobile when the Forest County Snowmobile trails are officially designated as "open to the public" by the Forestry Committee or Snowmobile Coordinator. No person shall operate any four-wheel drive vehicle, passenger car, all-terrain vehicle, truck or motorcycle on any state funded snowmobile trail in Forest County when the Forest County Snowmobile trails are officially designated as "closed to the public" by the Forestry Committee or Snowmobile Coordinator without obtaining landowner permission. The notification shall be the same as that required in Sec. 29.68, Wis. Stats.

**SECTION SIX: PENALTIES**

- 6.1 Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than Two Hundred and 00/100 (\$200.00) dollars nor more than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for each offense together with the costs of prosecution, restitution of trail, bridge, or sign damage, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until the same are paid, for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law.

**SECTION SEVEN: GENERAL**

- 7.1 If any section, clause provision or portion of this Ordinance is judged unconstitutional or invalid by Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.
- 7.2 Any previous Ordinance or Resolution in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- 7.3 This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.

**Adopted the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1999.**

Erhard Huettl  
Erhard Huettl, County  
Board Chairman

ATTEST:  
Dora James  
Dora James, County Clerk

### 1005.3.3 SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE

The shoreland zoning ordinance is available from the Forest County Zoning office or on the internet at:

[http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/docs\\_by\\_cat\\_type.asp?doccatid=255&locid=145](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/docs_by_cat_type.asp?doccatid=255&locid=145).

#### 1005.3.4 FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

The floodplain ordinance is available from the Forest County Zoning office or on the internet at: [http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/docs\\_by\\_cat\\_type.asp?doccatid=255&locid=145](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/docs_by_cat_type.asp?doccatid=255&locid=145).

## 1005.3.5 NON-METALLIC MINING ORDINANCE

Non-metallic Mining Ordinance  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Forest County

<b>Section 1</b>	<b>1.00 Title</b>
<b>Section 2</b>	<b>2.00 Purpose</b>
<b>Section 3</b>	<b>3.00 Statutory Authority</b>
<b>Section 4</b>	<b>4.00 Restrictions Adopted Under Other Authority</b>
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**General**

**Section 1.**

**1.00 Title**

Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance for the County of Forest.

**Section 2**

**2.00 Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a local program to ensure the effective reclamation of nonmetallic mining sites on which mining takes place in Forest County after the effective date of this chapter and in compliance with Chapter NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative Code and Chapter 295, Wisconsin Statutes.

**Section 3**

**3.00 Statutory Authority.**

This ordinance is adopted under authority of Section 295.13(1) and Section 59.51, Wisconsin Statutes.

**Section 4**

**4.00 Restrictions Adopted Under Other Authority.**

The purpose of this chapter is to adopt and implement the uniform statewide standards for nonmetallic mining required by Section 295.12(1)(a), Stats. and contained in Chapter NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative Code. It is not intended that this chapter repeal, abrogate, annul, impair or interfere with any existing rules, regulation, ordinances or permits not concerning nonmetallic mining reclamation under other Wisconsin law.

**Section 5**

**5.00 Interpretation.**

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this chapter shall be held to be the requirements for nonmetallic mining reclamation and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Where any terms or requirements of this chapter may be inconsistent or conflicting, the more restrictive shall apply. Where a provision of this chapter is required by Wisconsin Statutes, or by a standard in Chapter NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative Code, or where the provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted to be consistent with the Wisconsin Statutes and the provisions of Chapter NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

**Section 6**

**6.00 Severability.**

Should a court of competent jurisdiction declare any portion of this chapter unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected.

**Section 7**

**7.00 Applicability**

**7.10 General.**

The requirements of this chapter apply to all operators of nonmetallic mining sites within Forest County operating on or commencing to operate after August 1st, 2001 except as exempted in Sec. 7.20 and except for nonmetallic mining sites located in a town within Forest County that has adopted an ordinance pursuant to WI §295.14, and Section NR 135.32(2), Wisconsin Administrative Code. This chapter does not apply to nonmetallic mining sites or portions of mining sites where mining permanently ceased before August 1, 2001. This chapter applies to nonmetallic mining conducted by or on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, by or on behalf of a Town or for the benefit or use of the state or any state agency, board, commission, department, county or a municipality, except for the waiver of financial assurance in Sec. 14.40.

**7.20 Exemptions.**

This chapter does not apply to the following activities:

- (1) Nonmetallic mining at a site that is subject to permit and reclamation requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under WI § 30.19, §30.195 or §30.20, and complies with Chapter NR 340, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (2) Excavations subject to the permit and reclamation requirements of WI §30.30 or § 30.31.
- (3) Excavations or grading by a person solely for domestic or farm use at that person's residence, business or farm.



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- (11) "Forest County" or "County" means the Forest County Land & Water Conservation Office.
- (12) "Highwall" means a vertical or nearly vertical face in solid rock or a slope of consolidated or unconsolidated material that is steeper than 3:1.
- (13) "Municipality" means any city, town or village.
- (14) "Nonmetallic mineral" means a product, commodity or a material consisting principally of naturally occurring organic or inorganic, nonmetallic, renewable or nonrenewable material. Nonmetallic minerals include, but are not limited to stone, sand, gravel, asbestos, beryl, diamond, clay, coal, feldspar, peat, talc and topsoil.
- (15) "Nonmetallic Mining" or "Mining" means all of the following:
  - (A) Operations or activities at a nonmetallic mining site for the extraction of aggregates or nonmetallic minerals for sale or use. Nonmetallic mining includes use of equipment or techniques to remove materials from the in-place mineral deposit, including drilling, blasting, excavation, grading and dredging. Nonmetallic mining does not include removal from the earth of products or commodities that contain only minor or incidental amounts of nonmetallic minerals, such as commercial sod, agricultural crops, ornamental or garden plants, forest products, Christmas trees or plant nursery stock.
  - (B) Processes carried out at a nonmetallic mining site that is related to the preparation or processing of the aggregates or nonmetallic minerals obtained from the site. These processes include but are not limited to, stockpiling of material blending, blasting, grading, crushing, screening, scalping and dewatering.
- (16) "Nonmetallic mining reclamation" or "reclamation" means the rehabilitation of a mining site to achieve a land use specified in the reclamation plan approved under this chapter, including removal or reuse of mining refuse, grading of the site, replacement of topsoil, stabilization of soil conditions, re-establishment of vegetative cover, control of surface water and groundwater, prevention of environmental pollution and if practicable, the restoration of plant, fish and wildlife habitat.
- (17) "Nonmetallic mining refuse" or "refuse" means waste soil, rock and mineral, as well as other natural site material resulting from nonmetallic mining. Refuse does not include marketable by-products resulting directly from or displaced by the excavation and are scheduled to be removed from the site within a reasonable period of time after extraction.
- (18) "Nonmetallic mining site" or "site" means all contiguous areas of present or proposed mining subject to the qualifications in par. (b)
  - (A). Nonmetallic mining sites means the following:
    - 1. The location where nonmetallic mining is proposed or conducted.
    - 2. Storage and processing areas that are contiguous to areas excavated for nonmetallic mining.
    - 3. Areas where nonmetallic mining refuse is deposited.
    - 4. Areas affected by activities such as the construction or improvement of private roads or haulage ways for nonmetallic mining.
    - 5. Areas where grading or re-grading is necessary.
    - 6. Areas where nonmetallic mining reclamation activities are carried out or structures needed for nonmetallic mining reclamation, such as topsoil stockpile areas, re-vegetation test plots, or channels for surface water diversion, are located.
  - (B). "Nonmetallic mine site" does not include any of the following areas:
    - 1. Those portions of sites listed in par. (a) not used for nonmetallic mining or purposes related to nonmetallic mining after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001.
    - 2. Separate, previously mined areas that are not used for nonmetallic mineral extraction after 8 months following December 1, 2000 and are not contiguous to mine sites, including separate areas that are connected to active mine sites by public or private roads.
- (19) "Operator" means any person who is engaged in, or who has applied for a permit to engage in nonmetallic mining, individually, jointly or through subsidiaries, agents, employees, contractors or subcontractors.
- (20) "Person" means an individual, owner, operator, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, county, municipality, interstate agency, state agency or federal agency.
- (21) "Registered professional engineer" means a person who is registered as a professional engineer

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- (3) areas previously mined but used after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 for a non-mining activity, such as stockpiles of materials used for an industrial process unrelated to nonmetallic mining.

**12.10 Required submittal.**

All operators of nonmetallic mining sites that operate on or after August 1st, 2001 shall apply for a reclamation permit from The Forest County Land and Water Conservation Office. All applications for reclamation permits under this section shall be accompanied by the following information:

- (1) A brief description of the general location and nature of the nonmetallic mine.
- (2) A legal description of the property on which the site is located or proposed, including the parcel identification number.
- (3) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons or organizations that are owners of the property on which the site is located.
- (4) The name, address and telephone number of all persons or organizations who are lessors or operators of the property on which the site is located.
- (5) A certification by the operator of their intent to comply with the statewide reclamation standards established by NR 135 subchapter II.

**12.20 Reclamation Permit Application Contents.** The operator of any nonmetallic mine site shall submit an application that meets the requirements specified below to the Forest County Conservationist at 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520 prior to beginning operations.

- (1) The information required by sub. 12.10
- (2) The plan review and annual fees required by Secs 26 and 27.
- (3) A reclamation plan conforming to sec. 13.
- (4) A certification that the operator will provide, as a condition of the reclamation permit, provide financial assurance as required by sec. 14 upon granting of the reclamation permit and before mining begins.
- (5) To avoid duplication, the permit application and submittals required under this subsection may, by reference, incorporate existing plans or materials that meet the requirements of this chapter.

**Section 13**

**13.00 Reclamation Plans.**

**13.10 Reclamation plan required.**

All operators of nonmetallic mining sites subject to this chapter shall prepare and submit a reclamation plan to Forest County that meets the following requirements and complies with the reclamation standards of NR 135 Subchapter II.

**(1) Site information.**

The reclamation plan shall include information sufficient to describe the existing natural and physical conditions of the site, including, but not limited to:

- (A) Location and property boundaries.
- (B) The area, extent, geologic composition and depth of the deposit.
- (C) The distribution, thickness and type of topsoil.
- (D) The approximate elevation of groundwater as determined by existing hydro geologic information. Where the existing hydro geologic information is insufficient for purposes of the reclamation plan, the applicant may supplement the information with the opinion of a licensed professional geologist or hydrologist.
- (E) Existing topography on contour maps of the site at intervals as indicated on the map legend.
- (F) Location of manmade features on or near the site.
- (G) Information on biological resources, plant communities and wildlife use at and adjacent to the site.
- (H) For existing mines, a plan view drawing showing the location and extent of land previously affected by excavation, including the location of stockpiles, wash ponds and sediment basins.
- (I) The location of topsoil or substitute material using county soil surveys or other available information, including that obtained from a soil scientist or the University of Wisconsin soil science extension agent or other available information resources.

**(3) Post mining land use.**

- (A) The reclamation plan shall specify a proposed post mining land use for the nonmetallic mine site. Unless a change to land use or zoning is proposed, the post mining land use shall be consistent with local land use and zoning at the time of submittal unless a change to the land

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**13.40 Existing plans and approvals.**

To avoid duplication of effort, the reclamation plan required by this section, by reference, incorporate existing plans or materials that meet the requirements of this chapter. Previous approvals for nonmetallic mining sites in operation on August 1st, 2001 shall satisfy the requirements of Sec. 13.10 if they meet the following conditions:

- (1) The document has been approved by the County; and
- (2) Forest County Land and Water Conservation Office finds that the document designates a post mining land use and describes measures that meet the reclamation standards of this chapter.

**13.50 Approval of reclamation plan.**

Forest County shall approve, conditionally approve or deny the reclamation plan submitted under this section in writing and in accordance with Sec. 16 and Sec. 17 of this document.

**13.60 Alternative requirements.**

An operator of a nonmetallic mining site may request an alternative requirement to the reclamation standard established in Sec. 11.00 if the operator demonstrates, and Forest County finds that all of the following criteria are met.

- (1) The site, surrounding property, excavation plan or reclamation plan has a unique characteristic that indicates alternative requirements may be necessary.
- (2) Unnecessary hardship will result unless the alternative plan is approved.
- (3) Reclamation will achieve the post-mining land use and site stability in an environmentally responsible manner that will not cause pollution or threaten public health, safety or welfare.

**13.70 Notice of Alternative requirement to the Department of Natural Resources.**

Notice shall be given the Department at least ten days before any alternative requirement hearing.

- (1) A copy of any written decision on alternative requirements shall be submitted within 10 days of issuance.

**Section 14**

**14.00 Financial assurance**

**14.10 Financial Assurance requirements.**

All operators of nonmetallic mining sites in Forest County shall submit a proof of financial assurance that meets the following requirements:

**(1) Notification**

Forest County shall provide written notification to the operator of the amount of financial assurance required under paragraph (3).

**(2) Filing**

Following approval of the nonmetallic mining reclamation permit, and as a condition of the permit, the operator shall file a financial assurance with Forest County. The financial assurance shall guarantee the operator faithfully performs all requirements in this chapter, the reclamation ordinance and the reclamation plan. Financial assurance shall be payable exclusively to Forest County if it currently has primary regulatory responsibility.

**(3) Amount and Duration of Financial Assurance.**

The amount of financial assurance shall reflect the cost to Forest County to hire a contractor to complete final reclamation. The amount shall be reviewed periodically by Forest County to assure it equals outstanding reclamation costs. Forest County may accept a lesser initial amount of financial assurance provided that the permitted initiates a process to continuously increase the amount of financial assurance until it is adequate to affect reclamation. An escrow account may be established that is based on gross sales and serves to provide regular payments to an account that is designed to grow to the amount necessary to guarantee performance of reclamation. The period of financial assurance may extend beyond the permit if required to accomplish successful reclamation.

**(4) Adjustment of Financial Assurance.** Financial assurance may be adjusted when required based upon prevailing or projected interest or inflation rates or latest cost estimates for reclamation.

**(5) Form and Management**

Financial Assurance shall be provided by the operator and shall be by bond or an alternate financial assurance that may include, but not be limited to cash, certificates of deposit, irrevocable letters of credit, irrevocable trusts, established escrow accounts, demonstration of financial responsibility by meeting net worth requirements, government securities, or a signature bond. Signature bonds are only available to owner operators that work nonmetallic pits of two (2) acres or less total through the reporting year.

- (A) At the discretion of Forest County a combination of financial assurance methods may be acceptable including a lien on the property that the nonmetallic mining site occurs.

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**(2). Hearing.**

Forest County shall provide an opportunity for a public informational hearing on an application for a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit as follows:

- (A). If Forest County conducts a zoning related hearing on the nonmetallic mine site, they shall, at that time, hear testimony on reclamation and post mining land use.  
This shall fulfill the requirement for public hearing for a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit required by this section.
- (B). If there is no opportunity for a zoning related hearing on the site as described in paragraph (a), opportunity for public hearing, required by this section, shall be provided as in:  
1. Section 15.10 (a),(b), (c) above.
- (C). The subject matter and testimony at this hearing shall be limited to reclamation of the nonmetallic mine site, and explaining and receiving comment from affected persons on the nature, feasibility and effects of the reclamation.

*Note: Informational hearings are limited to reclamation of the nonmetallic mining site. Regulatory authority staff conducting the hearings should make it clear that the hearings may not cover non-reclamation matters because they are beyond the scope of NR 135 reclamation. Non-reclamation matters are those related to zoning or subject to other local authority. These matters may include but are not limited to: traffic, setbacks, blasting, dewatering, hours of operation, noise or dust control or the question of whether to use the land for mining.*

**15.30 Local Transportation-Related Mines.**

No public notice or informational hearing is required for a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit issued to a local transportation-related mine pursuant to **Sec.16.30.**

**Section 16**

**16.00 Issuance of a Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Permit.**

**16.10 Permit Required.**

Every operator of a nonmetallic mining site in Forest County who engages in or plans to engage in nonmetallic mining after August 1, 2001 shall obtain a reclamation permit issued under this section, except for sites that are exempt from this chapter under **Sec. 7.10 and 7.20.**

No person may engage in nonmetallic mining or nonmetallic mining reclamation after September 1, 2001 without a reclamation permit issued under this chapter.

**16.20 Permit Issuance**

Applications for reclamation permits for nonmetallic mining that satisfy Sect 12 shall be issued a reclamation permit or otherwise acted on as provided below.

- (A) Unless denied pursuant to Sect 17, Forest County shall approve in writing a request that satisfies the requirements of Sect 12 to issue a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit for the proposed nonmetallic mine.
- (B) Forest County may not issue an approval without prior or concurrent approval of the reclamation plan that meets the requirements of Sect 13. The regulatory authority may issue a reclamation permit subject to conditions in Sect 16.50 if appropriate. The permit decision shall be made no sooner than 30 days nor later than 90 days following receipt of the complete reclamation permit and plan.
- (C) If a public hearing is held, the regulatory authority shall issue the reclamation permit, subject to conditions pursuant to Sect 16.50 if appropriate, or shall deny the permit as provided in Sect 17, no later than 60 days after completing the public hearing.
- (D) Permits issued pursuant to this subsection shall require compliance with a reclamation plan that has been approved and satisfies the requirements of Sect 13 and provisions by the applicant of financial assurance required under Sect 14 and payable to Forest County prior to beginning mining.

**16.30 Automatic Permit for Local Transportation related mines**

(1) Forest County shall automatically issue an expedited permit under this subsection to any borrow site that;

- (A) Will be opened and reclaimed under contract with a municipality within a period not exceeding 36 months.
- (B) Is a nonmetallic mine which is intended to provide stone, soil, sand, gravel or topsoil for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair of a highway, railway railroad airport facility or other transportation facility under contract with the State, Town or County.

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**Section 17**

**17.00 Permit Denial.**

An application for a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit shall be denied as set forth below:

1. An application to issue a nonmetallic mining reclamation permit shall be denied, within the time frame for permit issuance specified in Sect.16.20(C), if Forest County finds any of the following:
  - (A) The applicant has, after being given an opportunity to make corrections, failed to provide to Forest County an adequate permit application, reclamation plan, financial assurance or any other submittal required by Chapter NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative Code or this chapter.
  - (B) The proposed nonmetallic mining site cannot be reclaimed in compliance with the reclamation standards contained in this chapter, Chapter NR135, Wisconsin Administrative Code or WI § 295(1).
  - (C) The applicant, or its agent, principal or predecessor has, during the course of nonmetallic mining in Wisconsin within 10 years of the permit application or modification request being considered, shown a pattern of serious violations of this chapter or of federal, state or local environmental laws related to nonmetallic mining reclamation.
2. The following may be considered in making this determination of a pattern of serious violations:
  - (A) Results of judicial or administrative proceedings involving the operator or its agent, principal or predecessor.
  - (B) Suspensions or revocations of nonmetallic mining reclamation permits pursuant to this chapter, other reclamation ordinances or Chapter NR135, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
  - (C) Forfeitures of financial assurance.

Note: A denial under this subsection shall be in writing and shall contain documentation of reasons for denial and may be reviewed under Sect. 22.

**Section 18**

**18.00 Permit Duration.**

1. A nonmetallic mining reclamation permit issued under this chapter shall last through operation and reclamation of the nonmetallic mining site, unless suspended or revoked pursuant to Sect. 32.20.
2. If the mine operator is not the landowner, the reclamation permit duration shall not exceed the duration of the mine lease unless the lease is renewed or the permit is transferred to a subsequent lessee pursuant to Sect. 20.

**Section 19**

**19.00 Permit Transfer.**

A nonmetallic mining reclamation permit issued under this chapter shall be transferred to a new owner or operator upon satisfaction of the following condition:

1. Submittal to Forest County of proof of financial assurance and a certification in writing by the new permit holder that all conditions of the permit will be complied with.  
The transfer is not valid until financial assurance has been submitted by the new operator and accepted in writing by Forest County. The previous operator shall maintain financial assurance until the new operator has received approval and provided the financial assurance under this section.

**Section 20**

**20.00 Previously Permitted Sites. For Counties only:**

For any nonmetallic mining site which had a reclamation permit previously issued by another regulatory authority pursuant to Chapter NR135, Wisconsin Administrative Code that becomes subject to reclamation permitting authority of Forest County the terms and conditions of the previously-issued municipal reclamation permit shall remain in force until modified by Forest County pursuant to Sect. 22.

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**Section 24**

**24.00 Annual Operator Reporting.**

**24.10 Contents and Deadline.**

Annual reports that satisfy the requirements of this section shall be submitted by the operators of nonmetallic mining sites.

1. **Contents.** The annual report required by this section shall include all of the following:

- (A) The name and mailing address of the operator.
- (B) The location of the nonmetallic mining site, including legal description and parcel identification number.
- (C) The identification number of the nonmetallic mining permit assigned by Forest County.
- (D) The acreage currently affected by nonmetallic mining extraction and not yet reclaimed.
- (E) The amount of acreage that has been reclaimed to date, on a permanent basis and the amount reclaimed on an interim basis.
- (F) Map or diagram accurately showing the acreage described in paragraphs (B), (D) & (E).
- (G) Certification, signed by the operator, stating the following: "I certify that this information is true and accurate, and that the nonmetallic mining site described herein complies with all conditions of the applicable nonmetallic mining reclamation permit and chapter NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative code."

2. **Deadline.** The annual report shall cover activities for a calendar year and be submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

3. **When Reporting May End.**

Annual reports shall be submitted by an operator for each calendar year until reclamation at the site is certified as complete under Sect.29.30 or at the time of release of financial assurance pursuant to Sect.14.10 (6).

**24.30 Retention of Annual Reports.**

Annual reports submitted under Sect. 24.10 shall be retained by Forest County at Forest Land and Water Conservation Office for at least 10 years after the calendar year to which they apply. These records or accurate copies of them shall be made available to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources upon written request or during its inspection or audit activities carried out under Chapter NR135, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

**Section 25**

**25.00 Plan review Fees.**

**25.10 Amount and Applicability.**

A person who intends to operate a nonmetallic mining site for which a permit application has been submitted under Sect.12.30 shall submit a non-refundable plan review fee set by Forest County. No plan review fee may be assessed under this section for any local transportation-related mining receiving an automatic permit under Sect.16.30. A separate plan review fee shall be paid under this section for any modification to an existing reclamation plan submitted pursuant to Sect.23.

**25.20 Expedited Plan Review Fee.**

A person who intends to operate a nonmetallic mining site for which a permit application has been submitted under Sec. 12.30 may obtain expedited reclamation plan review by paying a fee set by the Forest County. Such fee shall be in addition to that required in Sec.25.10. The applicant shall then be informed of an estimated date for a decision on permit issuance or denial. If the applicant then elects not to proceed with the expedited review, the fee paid for expedited review shall be refunded.

**25.30 Relation to Annual Fee.**

Any reclamation plan review fee or collected under this section shall be added to and collected as part of the first annual fee collected under Sec.27.

**Section 26**

**26.00 Annual Fees.**

**26.10 Areas Subject to Fees, Procedures and Deadlines.**

Operators of all nonmetallic mining sites subject to reclamation permits shall pay annual

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- and the issuance and modification of permits.
3. The methods for review of annual reports received from operators.
  4. The method and effectiveness of fee collection.
  5. Procedures to accurately forward the WDNR portion of collected fees in a timely fashion.
  6. Methods for conducting on site compliance inspections and attendant reports, records and enforcement actions.
  7. Responses to valid citizen complaints.
  8. The method of and accuracy in determining the amount of the financial assurance obtained from the operator to guarantee reclamation performance.
  9. The maintenance and availability of records.
  10. The number and type of approvals for alternative requirements issued pursuant to Sect.18.
  11. The method of determining the success of reclamation in meeting the criteria contained in the reclamation plan and subsequently releasing the financial assurance pursuant to Sect.29.30.
  12. Any changes in local regulations, ordinances, funding and staffing mechanisms or any other factor which might affect the ability of Forest County to implement it's nonmetallic mining reclamation program under this chapter.
  13. The amount of fees collected in comparison to the amount of money actually expended for nonmetallic mining reclamation program administration.
  14. Any other performance criterion necessary to ascertain compliance with Chapter NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative code.

**Section 29**

**29.00 Completed Reclamation Reporting, Certification and Effect.**

**29.10 Reporting.**

The operator of a nonmetallic site may certify completion for a portion or all of the nonmetallic mining site by filing the required certification at Forest County Land and Water Conservation Office, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520.

**29.20 Reporting of Interim Reclamation.**

The operator of a nonmetallic mining site may report completion of interim reclamation as specified in the reclamation plan for the site prepared and approved under this chapter and NR 135. Reporting of interim reclamation shall be done according to the procedures in 29.10.

**29.30 Certification of Completed Reclamation.**

Forest County shall inspect a nonmetallic mining site for which reporting of reclamation or interim reclamation has been submitted pursuant to this subsection within 10 days of receipt and make a determination in writing in accordance with Sect.29.30. If it is determined that interim or final reclamation is complete, including re-vegetation as specified in a reclamation plan that conforms with Sect.13, Forest county shall issue the mine operator a written certificate of completion.

**29.40 Effect of Completed Reclamation.**

If reclamation is certified by Forest County as complete under Sect.29.30 for part or all of a nonmetallic mining site, then

1. No fee shall be assessed under Sect.26 for the area so certified.
2. The financial assurance required by s.14 shall be released or appropriately reduced in the case of completion of reclamation for a portion of the mining site.
3. For sites that are reported as interim reclaimed under Sect. 29.20 and so certified under Sect. 29.30 financial assurance for reclaiming the certified area shall be waived.

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**Section 33**

**33.00 Penalties.**

Any violation of subchapter 1 of Chapter 295, WI Stat, Chapter 135, St. Adm. Code, this chapter, a permit issued pursuant to this chapter or a reclamation plan required by Sect.13 and a permit issued under this chapter may result in forfeitures as provided in Section 295.19(3) Wisconsin Statutes, as follows:

1. Any person who violates chapter NR 135, Wisconsin Administrative Code or an order issued under Sect.32 may be required to forfeit not less than 25.00 not more than 1,000.00 for each violation. Each day of continued violation is a separate offense. While an order issued under Sect.32 is suspended, stayed or enjoined, this penalty does not accrue.
2. Except for the violations referred to in Sect.10, any person who violates subchapter 1 of Ch 295, Stats, chapter NR 135, WI Adm. Code, any reclamation plan approved pursuant to this chapter or an order issued pursuant to Sect. 32 shall forfeit not less than 10.00 nor more than 5,000.00 for each violation. Each day of violation is a separate offense. While an order issued under Sect. 32 is suspended, stayed or enjoined, this penalty does not accrue.

**Section 34**

**34.00 Table of Fees**

**Set by the DNR and the Forest County Land and Water Conservation Committee**

**Nonmetallic Mining Fees - DNR share of annual fees collected by County**

1 to 5 acres	\$35.00
6 to 10	\$70.00
11 to 15	\$105.00
16 to 25	\$140.00
26 to 50	\$160.00
51 or more	\$175.00

**Forest County's Share of annual fee**

1 to 5 acres	\$320.00
6 to 10	\$365.00
11 to 15	\$498.00
16 to 25	\$730.00
26 to 50	\$820.00
51 or more	\$870.00

Plan Review Fee	\$250.00
Expedited Plan Review Fee	\$500.00
Reduced Fee for Inactive Mines	\$25.00
Modification Plan Review Fee	\$250.00
Financial Assurance per acre	\$3,000.00



1005.3.6 TRIBAL GATHERING RIGHTS ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 02-92

WHEREAS, as a result of recent Federal Court rulings, members of Tribal Community have gathering rights with respect to County owned forest lands; and

WHEREAS, Counties that are affected by that decision are attempting to address the method and procedure by which tribal members within said Counties will be allowed to exercise those rights; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Crop Committee of the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby recommends that this Ordinance which is set forth herein be adopted so that a permitting process for the exercise of those gathering rights may be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

SECTION ONE: PERMIT REQUIRED:

Any treaty rights participant interested in gathering firewood, tree bark, maple sap, lodge poles, bows, march hay, or other miscellaneous forest products (except fruits, seeds, or berries not enumerated in County Ordinances), from Forest County owned land shall obtain a County Gathering Permit from the County Forestry Office prior to the exercise of said gathering rights.

SECTION TWO: APPLICATION AND PROCESSING:

The County Forest Administrator shall prepare an appropriate application requesting pertinent information from all treaty rights participants who seek gathering rights. Said application shall be available upon request. Upon receipt of an application, the County shall respond to the gathering permit request no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of said application. Said response shall either grant or deny the request. Should the request be denied, the reasons for said denial shall be set forth in the response of the County, including the basis for said denial with specific reference to the limitations set forth in Section Four. Any application which is incompletely or incorrectly prepared shall be returned within said fourteen (14)

days to the applicant with specific directions as to which portion or portions of said applications are defective.

**SECTION THREE: RIGHTS GRANTED BY SAID PERMIT**

The gathering permit shall indicate the location of the material to be gathered, the volume of the material to be gathered, and any additional conditions on the gathering of the material necessary for conservation of timber or miscellaneous forest products on County land, or for public health and safety.

**SECTION FOUR: DENIAL OF GATHERING PERMIT:**

The County may not deny a request to gather miscellaneous forest products on Forest County property under the terms of this Ordinance unless:

- A. The gathering is inconsistent with the forest management plan for said property;
- B. The gathering will conflict with pre-existing rights of a permittee or other person possessing an approval to conduct an activity on the property, including a contractor of the County; or
- C. Is otherwise inconsistent with conservation of public health or safety.

**SECTION FIVE: PENALTY**

Any person gathering miscellaneous forest products without first obtaining a gathering permit shall be subject to all existing penalties provided for in County Ordinances, including trespass and timber theft charges. Any person who possesses a gathering permit and gathers beyond the authority granted in the permit, or who causes damage to the timber or miscellaneous forest products on County land, shall be assessed a forfeiture of fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) dollars for the first offense and five hundred and 00/100 (\$500.00) dollars for every subsequent offense within twelve (12) months of the first offense.

The above penalty section shall not preclude the County from seeking restitution for any damages inflicted upon the land.

**SECTION SIX: CONFLICTS:**

Any and all Ordinances or Resolutions of Forest County, or any portion of said Ordinances or Resolutions to the contrary or

*Amended*  
in derogation of the above sections, are hereby repealed only  
insofar as any conflict exists.

SECTION SEVEN: PUBLICATION:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect until  
publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1992.

ATTEST:

Dora James  
Dora James, County Clerk

Erhard Huettl  
Erhard Huettl, County Board  
Chairman

## 1005.3.7 PARK ORDINANCE

### ORDINANCE NO. 0-84-3

WHEREAS, the Forest Crop Committee has the obligation of regulating the occupancy and use of developed recreational sites within the County Veteran's Memorial Park which is located on Lake Metonga near Crandon, Wisconsin, and WHEREAS, the Forest Crop Committee determined at its meeting of August 9, 1984 that it was necessary and desirable that an ordinance be adopted regulating the use and occupancy of developed recreational sites at the County Veteran's Memorial Park to prohibit certain activities from taking place therein, and

WHEREAS, the Forest Crop Committee has determined that the passing of such an ordinance is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of those persons engaging in recreational activities as well as to protect county lands, buildings, and structures.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FOREST DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

#### Section 1: SANITATION – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Depositing in any toilet, toilet vault, or plumbing fixture, any bottle, can, cloth, rag, metal, wood, stone, flammable liquid or other substance which could damage or interfere with the operation or maintenance of the fixture.
2. Possessing or leaving refuse, debris or litter in an exposed or unsanitary condition.
3. Placing in or near a stream, lake or other water any substance which does or may pollute a stream, lake or other water.
4. Failing to dispose of all garbage, including any paper, can, bottle, sewage, waste or material, or rubbish either by removal from the site or area, or by depositing it into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes.
5. Dumping or leaving in a refuse container, dump, or similar facility, refuse, debris, or litter brought as such from private property.
6. Cleaning or washing any personal property, fish, animal, or food at a hydrant or at a water faucet not provided for that purpose.
7. Depositing any body waste except into receptacles provided for that purpose.

#### Section 2: OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Placing a vehicle or other object in such that it is an impediment or hazard to the safety or convenience of any person.
2. Failing to stop a vehicle when directed to do so by a Park Manager or County officer.
3. Blocking, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the use of a road, trail or gate.
4. Operating or parking a motor vehicle or trailer except in places developed for this purpose.
5. Operating a motor bike, motorcycle, or other motor vehicle for any purpose other than entering or leaving the site.
6. Operating a vehicle in violation of posted speed limitation.
7. Operating a vehicle carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property.
8. Parking or leaving a vehicle outside a parking space assigned to one's own camp unit.
9. Parking a vehicle and/or using an area for purposes other than that for which it was designed or designated.

#### Section 3: FIRES – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire outside of a fire ring or grill provided by the County for such purpose or outside of a stove or grill.

#### Section 4: CAMPING REGULATIONS

1. Occupying between 10 PM and 6 AM a place designated for day use only.
2. Failing to remove all camping equipment or personal property when vacating the area or site.
3. Placing, maintaining, or using camping equipment except in a place specifically designated or provided for such equipment.
4. Camping with a developed recreation site for a period longer than 14 days except as otherwise posted.
5. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof when posted closed.
6. Occupying a developed recreation site with unsightly or inappropriate structures or equipment.

#### Section 5: DESTRUCTION OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Cutting, killing, destroying, girdling, chipping, chopping, boxing, injuring, or otherwise damaging or removing any tree or other forest product.
2. Mutilating, defacing, removing, disturbing, injuring, or destroying any natural feature or any property of Forest County.
3. Entering any building or structure owned or controlled by Forest County when such building or structure is not open to the public.

#### Section 6: BEHAVIOR AND CAMPING DECORUM

1. Engaging in fighting, or in threatening or abusive behavior.
2. Inciting or participating in a riot.
3. Making unreasonable noise.
4. Being publicly nude.

**Section 7: USE AND MAINTENANCE OF PETS AND ANIMALS**

1. Bringing in or possessing an animal, other than a seeing eye dog, unless it is crated, caged, or upon a leash not longer than eight feet, or otherwise under physical restrictive control.
2. Bringing in or possessing a saddle, pack or draft animal.

**Section 8: REGULATION OF AUDIO DEVICES**

1. Operating or using in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over an adjacent body of water without permit, any device which produces noise, such as a radio, television, musical instrument, motor or engine in such a manner and at such a time so as to unreasonably disturb any person.
2. Operating or using a public address system, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted, in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over an adjacent body of water without a permit.

**Section 9: FIREWORKS AND FIREARMS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

1. Discharging or igniting a firecracker, rocket or other firework, or explosive.
2. Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property: (1) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or (2) across or on a body of water adjacent thereto whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge.

**Section 10: INTERFERING OR OBSTRUCTING PARK OR COUNTY OFFICER**

1. Threatening, resisting, intimidating, or interfering with any Park or County Officer engaged in or on account of the performance of his official duties in the protection, improvement, or administration of the County Park.

**Section 11: REGULATION OF SOLICITING BUSINESS**

1. Selling or offering for sale any merchandise or conducting any kind of business enterprise within the limits of the park unless prior authorization is obtained from the Forest County Board of Supervisors or its duly authorized agents.

**Section 12: REGULATION OF BOATS**

1. Operation of all boats, including every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water are prohibited within the limits of any swimming beach area as defined by alternately banded yellow and green buoys.

**Section 13: FAILURE TO PAY FEES**

1. Failing to pay any fee established for admission on entrance to, or use of site, facility, equipment, or service within the park.

**Section 14: PENALTIES**

1. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense not including the costs of prosecution and restitution. Should any person convicted under the terms of this ordinance default in payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until the same is paid for a period of time not to exceed sixty (60) days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law.

**Section 15: VALIDITY**

1. If any section, clause provision or portion of the Ordinance is deemed unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

**Section 16: CONFLICT**

1. Any Ordinance or Resolution in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent such conflict exists.

**Section 17: EFFECTIVE DATE**

1. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication as provided by law.

Erhard E. Huettl – County Board Chairman

Dora C. James – Forest County Clerk

**STATE OF WISCONSIN – COUNTY OF FOREST**

I, DORA C JAMES, County Clerk in and for Forest County, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was adopted by the Forest County Board of Supervisors in legal session on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1984.

Dora C. James, Forest County Clerk

Sworn and subscribed to by me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1984.

Sallie L. Deer – Notary Public – State of Wisconsin

My Commission expires 2/10/85

## 1010 PERMITS, USE AGREEMENTS, POLICIES AND CONTRACTS

### 1010.1 TIMBER SALE CONTRACT

#### TIMBER SALES CONTRACT

Contract Number

Tract Number

This contract is made by and between the Forestry Committee, Forest County, Crandon, Wisconsin hereinafter called the Seller, and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called the Purchaser, for the purpose of cutting and removing timber, which includes only forest products, marked or designated by the Seller on the following described lands, hereinafter called the premises:

Which are further described in attachments made a part of the Contract.

This Contract and all authority granted under it, as mutually agreed upon by the parties, is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Cutting of timber on the premises may start after execution of the Contract and submission of required payments and statements. Cutting and removing shall be conducted in a workman-like manner and with reasonable diligence to assure full compliance with this Contract within the Contract period. The Purchaser shall notify the Seller immediately upon completion.
2. All work under this Contract shall be completed in the period commencing upon execution of it to no later than April 1, 2020. The Seller may temporarily suspend operations upon notice to the Purchaser with subsequent equitable adjustment of this contract as deemed necessary by the Seller.
3. If extensions of this contract are agreed upon by the parties, the stumpage prices indicated in clause 10 shall be adjusted as follows:
  - A. One year extension: Increased 10%.
  - B. Additional one-year extension: Increased an additional 10%.No contract will exceed four years in length from the date of signing.
4. Upon written notice by the Seller or its representative to Purchaser that he is not in compliance with one or more conditions of the Contract, all operations must be suspended and may not be resumed without written authorization.
5. The Seller may terminate this Contract, on oral or written notice upon said breach as determined by the Seller or at other times when deemed necessary by the Seller. The Seller may also consider the Purchaser an irresponsible bidder and place Purchaser on a timber sale "no bid list" upon said breach of contract as determined by the Seller. The intent of placing a Purchaser on the "no bid list" is to prevent a Purchaser from bidding on a future Forest County timber sale then becoming a contractor (Purchaser) and again, repeating poor performance on a county timber sale contract. Issues that may place a Purchaser on the "no bid list" include, but are not limited to, items such as carelessness with

fire, failure to properly complete previous timber sale contracts, financial insecurity, habitual or intentional damage to timber sale areas and residual standing timber. Once placed on the timber sale "no bid list" a purchaser will not be eligible to bid on or perform work on any Forest County timber sale for a minimum of two years from the date of notification to the Purchaser, by the Seller, in writing *by certified mail*. Any violation of the "no bid list" by the Purchaser, as determined by the Seller, will automatically place the Purchaser on the "no bid list" for an additional two years from the date of the known violation. *A person/company cannot generate revenue or profit from a Forest County Timber Sale while on the "no bid list"*. A Purchaser is defined in Clause 32 of the timber sale contract and will include all Purchaser owned, operated, leased or contracted equipment used by the Purchaser, their respective officers, employees, agents, directors, assignees, partners, representatives, successors, heirs, members and servants. Seller may also reject high bids from Purchaser for "cause" in accordance with the Timber Sale Handbook HB2461.62.

6. A minimum performance bond, of 25% of the total bid, in the Seller's favor in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, in cash, check or letter of credit (expiring no earlier than 1 year after contract expiration date) or in any other form accepted by the Seller, shall be submitted by the Purchaser prior to signing the contract and be retained by the Seller to assure full and complete performance of the Contract by the Purchaser, to the Seller's satisfaction. Failure to submit the bond will be considered a breach of this Contract and subject the Purchaser to liability for damages. The Purchaser agrees that the bond shall be forfeited to the Seller as liquidated damages upon the Seller's determination a condition or term of this Contract has been breached by the Purchaser, unless the Seller chooses and can reasonably determine the actual damages suffered as a result of the breach of the Contract. Damages assessed under this Contract are the responsibility of the Purchaser and may be deducted from this performance bond and otherwise collected by the Seller.

The Purchaser agrees that the performance bond may be retained by the Seller until all performance under this Contract has been completed to the Seller's satisfaction and the Seller determines the performance has been so completed. If the Seller determines the performance has not been completed satisfactorily and in conformance with this Contract, the performance bond may be retained by the Seller until the Seller can determine damages caused by the lack of performance. If damages exceed the amount of the performance bond, the Seller may retain any prepaid stumpage up to the amount of calculated damages, at the Seller's discretion. If damages exceed the amount of the performance bond, the Seller may bill and seek damages from the Purchaser, inequity or in law, for the amount of calculated damages in excess of the performance bond, at the Seller's discretion. Upon written notice of sale completion to the Seller, the Seller shall have sixty (60) days to determine that performance has been completed as required under this contract.

7. Purchaser agrees that if the timber identified under this Contract is resold upon a breach of it, the Seller is not obligated to give notice of resale to Purchaser.
8. Timber shall not be removed from the premises until paid for or guarantees for payment acceptable to the Seller are provided. Timber removed without proper authorization or payment will result in timber theft citations. Citations will be issued to the Purchaser, trucker and all parties involved. Citations issued for theft will result in immediate termination of all Timber Sale Contracts and retention of all Performance Bonds or pursuit of actual damages with this specific Purchaser in

accordance with Clause #5 and #6 of the Contract. The Seller's damages upon the Purchaser's failure to perform this Contract include, but are not limited to:

- a) The Purchaser's bid value of timber not cut and removed under this contract
  - b) Double the mill value, as determined by the Seller, for timber cut, removed or damaged without authorization under or in violation of this Contract.
  - c) All costs of sale area cleanup, restoration or completion of performance not completed by the Purchaser.
  - d) All costs of resale of timber not cut and removed as required under this Contract.
  - e) If the Seller seeks damages for breach of this Contract through court proceedings, and if the Seller prevails in such proceedings, in whole or *in* part, then the Purchaser agrees to pay all of the Seller's actual and reasonable expenses, including attorneys and expert witness fees.
9. Title to timber cut under this contract shall remain with the Seller until payment as indicated in clause #10 is received by the Seller or written authorization is given by the Seller. The Seller retains for itself the right of ingress and egress to and on the sale area and may inspect the sale area and trucks hauling forest products from or traveling on the sale area at any time. If the inspection reveals any violations of this Contract, the Purchaser shall promptly take measures to remedy the violation.
10. The Purchaser agrees to pay stumpage payments indicated below in paragraph A in the form acceptable to the Seller for marked or designated timber cut or removed under this Contract. The volume of timber indicated is an estimate. The Seller does not give any guarantee or warranty respecting quality, quantity or volume of the marked or designated timber on the premises.
- A. Purchaser shall make stumpage payments in full within 15 days of billing date. **Any amounts not paid within 15 days shall accrue interest at the rate of 1.5% per month until the stumpage bill is paid in full.** Stumpage payments shall be made payable to the Forest County Treasurer, and mailed to the Forest County Forestry Department, 200 East Madison Street, Courthouse, Crandon, WI 54520. Stumpage payment schedule;

Species	Product	Volume	Price Per Unit	Total Value of Estimated Volumes
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
			<b>Total</b>	\$ -



- B. The Purchaser agrees to pay double mill value of product as liquidated damages for timber removed from the premises without advance payment or authorization as required in clause #8 and for unmarked or undesignated timber cut or damaged through carelessness, negligence or intention.
- C. Purchaser agrees to make stumpage payments at the rate indicated in Clause #10 A, for timber marked or designated on the premises which is destroyed or reduced in value as a result of the Purchaser's operation or negligence and that which is not removed on termination of this Contract.

OPERATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

11. Cutting requirements: (DBH represents the diameter of timber 4.5 feet above the ground).

**Block 1 – Northern Hardwood, 10 acres:** Cut all trees marked with orange paint. In addition, harvest all merchantable aspen, balsam fir, white birch and ironwood.

**Block 2 – Aspen, 3 acres:** Cut all trees 2 inches and larger, EXCEPT red oak, white pine, cedar, hemlock and trees marked with green paint.

**Block 3 – Hardwood, 29 acres:** Cut all trees 2 inches and larger, EXCEPT red oak, yellow birch, white pine, cedar, hemlock and trees marked with green paint.

**All Units:**

- \*No cutting, skidding or trucking will be allowed during spring break up or wet soil conditions.
- \*No tree length or pole skidding is allowed without prior approval.
- \*All wood will be sorted by species and categories listed in table below.
- \*Reasonable care shall be used to avoid unnecessary damage to residual trees and regeneration.
- \*Sawlogs shall not be removed from premises unless field scaled by county staff.
- \*All species and products shall be cut concurrently.
- \*Do not cut dead trees unless marked with orange paint or if they pose a safety hazard.
- \*No equipment use or slash disposal in wetlands.
- \*Do not cut trees marked with green paint.

12. Utilization specifications:

**Cordwood:** All pulpwood trees marked for cutting are merchantable if they contain one or more pulpwood sticks that are reasonably straight and sound, free of excessive knots, 100 inches long with a four inch minimum diameter top.

**Sawbolts:** All sawbolt trees marked for cutting are merchantable that contain one or more sawbolts with a minimum length of eight feet, a minimum top diameter of eight inches, are reasonably straight, free of excessive knots and defects but do not meet the sawlog specifications.

**Sawlogs:** All sawlog trees marked for cutting are merchantable that contain one or more sawlogs with a minimum length of eight feet, a minimum top diameter of ten inches and contain a minimum of 30 board feet.

**Other Products:** The Seller reserves the right to sell other forest products under this contract. Pricing will be determined by the Seller.

13. Maximum stump height shall not exceed stump diameter, and for stumps of diameter less than 10 inches, height shall not exceed 10 inches.
14. All and only the timber marked or designated for cutting on the premises shall be cut whether it be more or less than the volume listed herein.
15. The Purchaser shall use reasonable care not to damage the residual timber stands. Young growth bent or held down by felled trees shall be promptly released. Timber damaged through normal cutting operations may be designated for cutting by the Seller and harvested if merchantable.
16. The Purchaser agrees to complete all operations on each portion of the premises or each compartment as designated in the cutting requirements before beginning in the next, unless agreed to otherwise by the Seller.
17. The Purchaser agrees not to commit any act of waste or nuisance upon the premises.
18. All mechanical timber sale activity including, but not limited to, cutting, felling, bunching, skidding, decking and hauling will cease for a period of 60 days from the start of spring break-up as determined by the Seller. *Sales that are not actively being harvested by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year will be prohibited from starting harvesting until after break up as determined by the Seller.* All non-mechanical timber sale activity requires prior approval from the County Forest Administrator.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO CUT

19. The Purchaser shall make a written declaration of his/her intention to cut forest product to the County Clerk pursuant to Section 26.03, Wisconsin Statutes.
20. The Purchaser agrees to comply with the State Slash Law, Section 26.12(b), Wisconsin Statutes, with request regarding forest fire prevention and suppression made by the Seller and takes all reasonable precautions to prevent, suppress and report forest fires.
21. Other slash disposal requirements are as follows; Slash falling in any lake or stream, in a right-of-way or on land of an adjoining landowner shall be immediately removed from the waters, right-of-way or adjoining land. Tops from felled trees may not be left hanging in standing trees. All trees shall be completely felled and not left leaning or hanging in other trees.

22. The Purchaser shall remove, to the satisfaction of the Seller, all solid waste, trash and debris generated by the Purchaser.

#### ROADS, CAMPS, SURVEY CORNERS

23. Locations, construction, and use of logging roads, mill sites and campsites is subject to advance approval by the Seller. All such areas or facilities used or constructed by the Purchaser must be operated, maintained and restored prior to termination of the Contract in a manner satisfactory to the Seller. Slash that has entered into designated trail right of ways, parking lots, woods roads, and other designated use areas shall be removed on a daily basis and scattered within the sale area to the satisfaction of the Seller.
24. No residence, dwelling, permanent structure, or improvement shall be established or constructed on the premises.
25. Logging roads that intersect town, county, or state roads or highways must have the intersections approved by the proper authorities prior to construction and cleared of all unsightly debris at the time of construction.
26. The Purchaser agrees to maintain a minimum of 3" of snow on all State funded snowmobile trails as well as remove all bark, limbs and logging debris from the trail daily as determined by the Seller.
27. The Purchaser agrees to pay for the cost or repair or replacement of any land survey monument or accessory that is removed or destroyed or made inaccessible. Purchaser will also pay for the cost of repair or replacement of any gates damaged or destroyed. Payment of cost or repair shall not prevent enforcement or recourse to other statutory provisions that apply to such action or conduct of the Purchaser.

#### LIABILITY

28. The Purchaser agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless the Seller from and against any and all causes of action, claims, demands, suits, liability or bodily injury to any person, including death, as a direct or indirect result of operations or in connection with any action or omission of the Purchaser, who shall defend the Seller in any such cause of action or claim.

#### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

29. Unless otherwise required in writing by the Seller, the Purchaser, prior to signing the timber sale contract, shall provide the Seller with a Certificate of Insurance indicating that Workers Compensation insurance coverage is provided for all employees working under the Contract for the duration of the

contract. Such Certificate shall notify the Seller at the County, Courthouse, Crandon, WI., within five (5) days of any change in said terms or twenty (20) days prior to the termination of insurance coverage.

30. The Purchaser is an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of the Seller for any purpose including Workers Compensation.

#### ASSIGNMENT AND CHANGES

31. The Purchaser is precluded from assigning payment and Contract oversight, duties or other performance requirements of this Contract to another. The Purchaser's direction to or contracting with another to complete performance required under this Contract does not relieve the Purchaser from the responsibility for performance required under this Contract or for liability for breach. The Seller reserves the right to prohibit a particular sub-contractor, the sub-contractor's owned, operated, leased or contracted equipment and employees as defined in Clause 32 below, from performance of this Contract if it is deemed in the Seller's best interest, as determined by the Seller based on past poor performance by the sub-contractor on county, state or federal timber sales or civil or criminal timber theft charges or citations *or because the sub-contractor is currently on the "no bid list."*

#### CONTRACTING PARTIES

32. In this Contract, the Seller and the Purchaser include their respective officers, employees, agents, directors, subcontractors, assignees, partners, representative, successors, heirs, members and servants.
33. If the Purchaser ceases to exist, in fact or by law, the Seller may immediately terminate this contract and without waiving any remedies available to it, perform the Contract.

#### SCALING AND CONVERSION FACTORS

34. The Seller may stop and inspect trucks hauling forest products from the premises and check the sale at any time.
35. When peeled cordwood is measured, it is agreed that 12.5% will be added to handpeeled or ring debarked volume, and 25% will be added to other machine peeled volume to compute equivalent unpeeled volume.
36. The Scribner Decimal C Log Rule shall be used for scaling logs.
37. Conversion to MFB (thousand board feet) to cords or cords to MBF will be 2.44 cords per MBF for softwoods and 2.20 cords per MBF for hardwoods.

38. Conversion to Tons from cords will be per the Forest County Weight Conversion Factors. A copy of which is attached and made part of this Contract.
39. All sawlogs and bolts shall be separated from pulpwood when piled.
40. All pulpwood shall be piled for scaling. Piles shall be level and square with at least 2 cords per pile. At least 5 MBF of sawlogs will be skidded and yarded, before a scale is requested.
41. Logs and bolts will be yarded for scaling. If logs are decked, the log length shall be marked on the small end with lumber crayon. Decks shall be no higher than six (6) feet.
42. If the Mill Scale Ticket System is used, Purchaser agrees to have load tickets sent directly from the receiving mill to the Seller within ten (10) days of delivery. Load tickets received after ten (10) days, or not received at all, will be invoiced by the Seller at 20 cords per load.
43. Other conditions: All timber sale activity including, but not limited to, felling, bunching, skidding, piling, decking and hauling can be limited, restricted or stopped during periods of wet weather when soil damage, tree damage, or County Forest road damage may occur.

**SOIL DISTURBANCE AND RUTTING**

44. Excessive soil disturbance (as defined in Table 1) shall not be permitted. Purchaser agrees to contact Seller in the event of an excessive soil disturbance.

**Table 1. Thresholds for soil disturbances.**

Timber Sale Infrastructure	Soil disturbances are excessive if:
Roads, Landings, Skid Trails, and General Harvest Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and is resulting in channelized flow to a wetland, stream or lake.</li> </ul>
Roads, Landings, and Primary Skid Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In a riparian management zone (RMZ) or wetland, a gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.</li> <li>• In an upland area (outside of RMZ), a gully or rut is 10 inches deep or more and 66 feet long or more.</li> </ul>
Secondary Skid Trails and General Harvest Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.</li> </ul>

**Note:** the depth is to be measured from the original soil surface to the bottom of the depression. If individual lug depressions are visible, the depth would be measured to the lesser of the two depths (the "top" of the lug). The length is measured from the start of the too deep section. Measurements are not cumulative.

The Purchaser agrees to take all steps and precautions to avoid and minimize soil disturbances, such as soil compaction and rutting. If soil disturbances occur, the Purchaser agrees to work cooperatively to mitigate and repair and all instances of soil disturbance. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPS) REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER GUIDELINES.

45. The Purchaser shall comply with all recommended BMPs for Water Quality guidelines as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Water Quality*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-093, unless specifically provided otherwise below.
46. The Purchaser shall comply with all recommended Forestry BMPs for Invasive Species as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestry Best Management Practices for Invasive Species*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-444-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. The publication can be found at: <http://www.wisconsinforestry.org/initiatives/other/invasive-species-bmps/forestry-bmps>. Prior to moving equipment onto or off the timber sale area, scrape or brush all soil and debris from the exterior surfaces of all four sides, top and bottom of equipment and all attachments, to the extent practical to prevent the spread of invasive species. Pressure wash (preferably steam clean) all equipment and attachments in the same manner prior to locating equipment on county forest land.
47. The Purchaser shall comply with all General Guidelines as described in "*Wisconsin's Forestland Woody Biomass Harvesting Guidelines*" published by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, publication Pub-FR-435-09, unless specifically provided otherwise below. The publication can be found at: <http://www.wisconsinforestry.org/initiatives/other/woody-biomass>

#### TRAINING REQUIREMENT

48. The Purchaser is responsible for ensuring that the actual logging contractor engaged in performance of this Contract complies with the Wisconsin SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee (SIC). Criteria for the standard can be found at the website: <http://www.fistausa.org> or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that training has been attained prior to signing the timber sale contract.

**Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to seller verifying that certification has been maintained during performance of the sale.**

49. ALL CONIFER SALES – Annosum Root Rot is a serious disease that is causing conifer mortality in at least 20 counties in Wisconsin, mainly by infecting freshly cut stump surfaces in pine, spruce and fir stands. The Purchaser shall conduct Annosum Root Rot disease control work within this timber sale. The Purchaser shall chemically treat all fresh-cut conifer stumps by applying either the SPORAX or CELLU-TREAT product and dye to all conifer stumps within 24 hours of cutting the tree. Treatment is required year-round and shall be performed by a certified pesticide applicator.

**SELLER**

**PURCHASER**

Forest County

Forestry Committee

By \_\_\_\_\_

County Forest Representative

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1010.2 TIMBER SALE EXTENSION/RENEWAL POLICY

If extensions of this contract are agreed upon by the parties, the stumpage prices indicated in clause 10 shall be increased 10% for a one-year extension. Additional one-year extension, shall increase an additional 10%.





**FOREST COUNTY  
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT  
BOUGH CUTTING PERMIT**

Applicants Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Desired \_\_\_\_\_

Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby accept the below conditions and hereby recognize that Forest County does not police or patrol the County Forest to eliminate or provide warning of dangers which may exist. Forest County will not be responsible for any accident or property damage or any physical or other injury. I understand and agree Forest County accepts no responsibility and is in no way liable for any injuries, physical or otherwise, or property damage which may occur to me or anyone who may accompany me while cutting or removing boughs under this agreement. I further understand and agree to secure and hold harmless Forest County against any injuries, loss or damage to any person or property as the result of my cutting or removing boughs under this agreement.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY DEPT.

PERMITTEE

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Forest County Forestry Department

Courthouse, 200 E. Madison

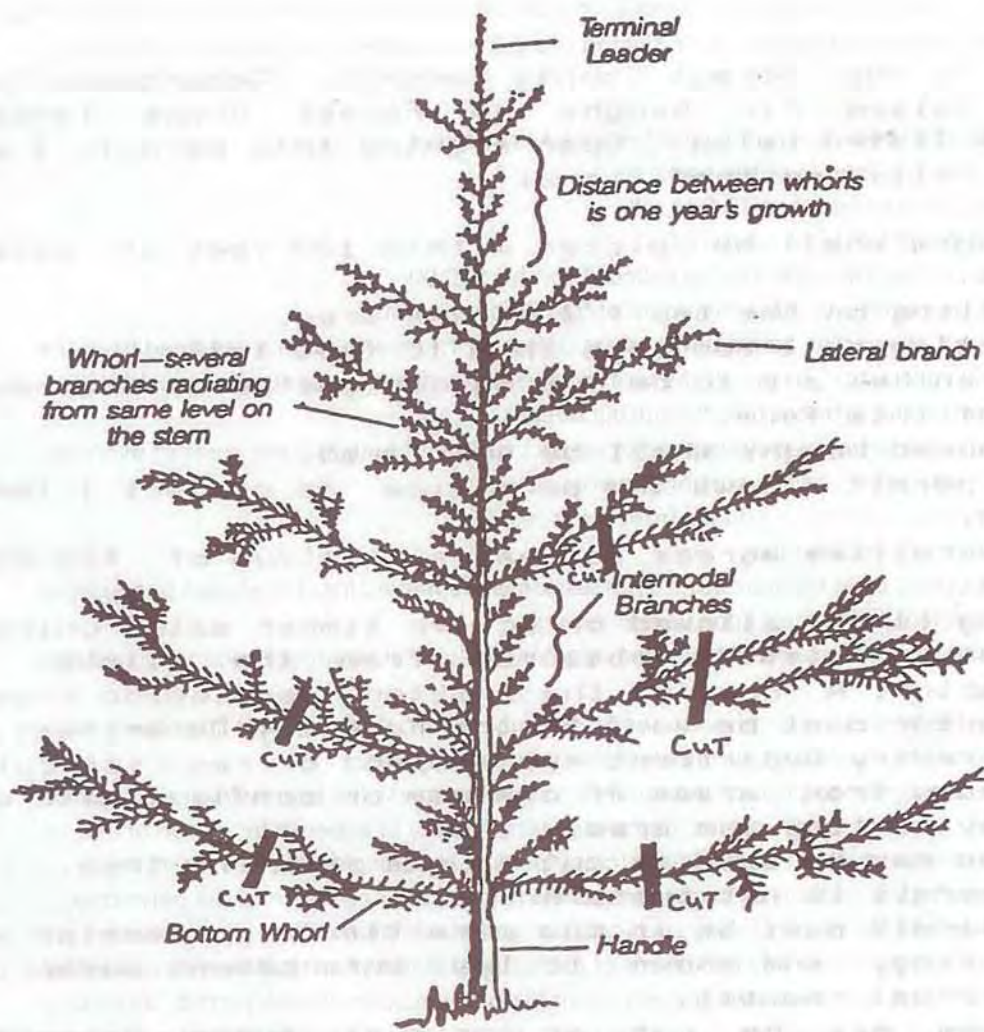
Crandon, WI 54520

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply to the Forest County Forestry Department for a permit to cut Balsam Fir Boughs on County Forest Lands in designated areas listed below. Upon signing this permit, I agree to abide by the following conditions:

1. No boughs shall be picked within 100 feet of lakes or rivers.
2. No cutting on the top 1/3 of the tree.
3. No cutting on trees less than 10 feet tall.
4. All unused boughs shall be scattered.
5. This permit allows the permittee to collect 1 ton for \$20.00.
6. The permittee agrees to pay a minimum of \$20.00 per permit.
7. Cutting is not allowed on active timber sales unless written permission is obtained from the timber sale contractor. A copy of the written permission from the contractor must be sent to the Forestry Department prior to cutting boughs.
8. The Forestry Department may suspend or restrict cutting of boughs from areas of overuse or conflict with other uses by posting the area.
9. No axes may be used to cut boughs from the tree.
10. This permit is not transferable.
11. This permit must be in the permittee's possession while harvesting, and shown to county or law enforcement authorities upon verbal request.
12. No trees may be cut or residual trees damaged or mechanical skidding equipment used in harvesting.
13. The permittee agrees to comply with the State timber theft, slash, fire and litter laws. No gathering may be conducted during emergency forest fire bans.
14. The Permittee agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless the county from and against any and all causes of action, claims, demands, suits, liability or expense by reason of loss or damage to any property or bodily injury to any person, including death, as a direct or indirect result of operations or in connection with any action or omission of the permittee, who shall defend the county in any such cause of action or claim.
15. Violation of this permit or any conditions of gathering stated herein shall be determined by the County Forest Administrator and will result in the revocation of such permit. Violations may also subject the permittee to an assessment for any actual damage caused or prosecution for violation of 26.05 (timber theft) or 943.13 (trespass), Wis. Statutes or other applicable statutes, or County Ordinance #01-92 or rule.
16. Permittee's responsibility to be on county land.



This tree shows the proper method of shearing a tree for boughs. Notice that some of the branch is left with needles and buds. This will allow for more growth next year.

Please follow this method when harvesting boughs.

1010.5 PRIVATE ACCESS – LAND USE PERMIT



**FOREST COUNTY ACCESS ROAD PERMIT**

**PERMIT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to authority granted by the Forestry/Recreation Committee of the Forest County Board of Supervisors, permission is hereby granted by Forest County, through its designated undersigned agent to listed below, hereinafter referred to as the Permittee, to use the county road(s) currently in existence across the following described land owned by Forest County in the address given below:

1. Property Owner (Permittee)					2. Applicant or Agent for permittee (if different from property owner)				
Street Address					Mailing Address				
City, State, Zip					Phone # (Required)				
Email address					Date Covered by this Permit				
3. Address of Property:					County:			State:	
Legal Description:									
Subdivision		Block/Lot		Section		Township		Range	
Please check here for which permit:									
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Access Road Permit \$150.00 for five years									



New Access Road Permit \$250.00 for five years

Permit Begin Date:

Permit End Date:

**This permit is subject to the following terms and conditions:**

1. This Permit shall cover the time period listed above. This Permit is granted solely for the Permittee to access Permittee's property to which the only reasonable access is across the above-described property owned by Forest County.
2. Granting of this Permit shall not grant or transfer any rights other than those rights expressly set forth herein. No right of ownership or possession shall vest in the Permittee, through adverse possession or otherwise, solely by virtue of the granting of this Permit. This document contains all the terms and conditions of said Permit, and no other terms, conditions, rights, duties, or obligations shall be inferred or implied. This Permit shall be amended, modified, or continued only by written codicil duly executed by the parties hereto. This Permit is non-assignable and non-transferable for any reason.
3. Any damage as a result of use of said road by Permittee to the access road across the above-described property owned by Forest County shall be repaired by the Permittee.
4. The Permittee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Forest County, its officials, officers, representatives, employees, and authorized agents from and against any and all penalties, liabilities, or losses resulting from claims or court actions, whether civil, criminal or in equity, which arise directly or indirectly out of the acts of the Permittee, its agents, servants, employees, guests, or visitors under this Permit, or by reason of any act or omission of such person(s), and/or arising out of duties or obligations under this Permit.
5. Neither improvements to the access road nor the cutting of any trees shall be done without prior written consent of the Forest County Forest Administrator. Said written

consent shall set forth all specifications for said road improvements or timber cutting and shall constitute a written codicil to this Permit with a 16' width limit.

6. The Permittee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the roads covered by this Permit and shall maintain said road in at least the same condition as in existence on the effective date of this Permit.
7. No road on County owned land may be gated or posted by the Permittee under any circumstances.
8. Neither yarding, loading of timber products, nor dumping of debris will be permitted on County owned lands along this road under any circumstances.
9. The fee for the existing access road permit is \$150.00 for five years. The fee for any new access road permits if approved by the Committee is \$250 for five years.

**FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Forest Administrator

The undersigned Permittee hereby acknowledges receipt of this Permit and further acknowledges reading and understanding all terms and condition set forth herein. Permittee further agrees to accept and comply with all of the above-stated terms and conditions of this Permit. Failure by Permittee to so comply may result in the immediate cancellation of this Permit in the discretion of the County, who retains the authority and discretion to cancel this Permit if any of the above terms and conditions are not complied with.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee

Key issued # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Key deposit # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## 1010.6 CAMPING POLICY/PERMIT

*Forest County does not require a permit to disperse camp on the County Forest, however campers must adhere to the following regulations:*

No littering or site destruction will be tolerated.

Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days at any campsite.

Natural vegetation and terrain may not be damaged or altered in any way, except for the construction of an adequate fire ring. Fasteners such as nails, screws, or bolts may not be attached to trees.

Manufactured materials (lumber, concrete, plastics, etc.) may not be left on the site when it is vacated. No trees or other vegetation, either native or exotic, may be planted on the site.



**ORDINANCE NO. 01-2012**

**Tree Stand Use on County Forest Land**

WHEREAS, the Forest County Board of Supervisors believe that it is important for the County to maintain and preserve its forests and woodlands, yet still allow for recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, no person shall construct, cause to be constructed, use or occupy any permanent elevated scaffold or other permanent platform or elevated device commonly referred to as a tree stand, on any lands owned or under the control of Forest County; and

WHEREAS, portable tree stands may be used, provided that they are erected after September 1 of any year and completely removed no later than January 1 of the following year. Portable tree stands shall not, in any manner, be bolted, nailed or screwed to the tree. Portable tree stands shall not cause any permanent damage to the tree in which they are placed. The use of nails, spikes, screws, screw-in steps or other devices to aid in climbing a tree is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, all portable tree stands must have the owner's name and address attached in such a manner as to be easily read. Tree stands found in violation of this ordinance may be removed and destroyed by authorized agents of Forest County; and

WHEREAS, the cutting of trees, brush or other natural growing plants shall be prohibited to establish what are commonly referred to as shooting lanes; and

WHEREAS, any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction, be subject to a penalty, which shall be as follows: forfeit not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, together with the costs of prosecution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I IS HERBY ORDAINED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS as follows:

SECTION I. That the terms of the above "whereas clauses" shall be adopted as if set forth at length herein.

SECTION II. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication pursuant to law.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012

1010.8 DISABLED PERSONS PERMIT

DISABLED PERSON ACCESS PERMIT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED TO: \_\_\_\_\_,

who agrees to abide by Disabled Persons Access Regulations set forth in this permit.

ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to the terms of the agreement. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

PHONE:

VEHICLE LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

**DISABLED PERSONS ACCESS REGULATIONS**

1. Class A, Class B or Class C permit holders or persons with Disabled Parking Identification Permit holders are eligible for this permit. CLASS A, CLASS B AND CLASS C PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY AT WDNR OFFICES, DISABLED FARMING PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE AT DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OFFICES.
2. This permit allows operation of licensed, street legal motor vehicles on existing roads on forest land which are not gated or bermed.
3. Permits are valid to the end of the calendar year of the year of issuance.
4. The permittee must possess and carry this permit whenever exercising this privilege.
5. The permit holder must occupy the permitted vehicle. One additional person may ride in the vehicle to assist the permittee.
6. Authorized employees designated by the Forestry and Recreation Committee may restrict use to designated parts of the County property and to certain times of the year.
7. Authorized employees designated by the Forestry and Recreation Committee may restrict the type and size of vehicles.
8. Maximum speed of under authorization of this permit is not to exceed walking speed (up to 5 miles per hour).
9. Permittee must abide by all other laws and regulations, and County Ordinances.
10. Off trail cross-country use of vehicles is not allowed.
11. This permit shall not entitle permittee to operate his vehicle on gated or blocked trails. Access will be provided through a designated gate.
12. This permit applies to Forest County land and shall not entitle permittee to operate on or along town roads, County and State highways except as permitted by State statutes.
13. The Permittee shall be liable for any damage suffered by Forest County resulting from or related to use of this permit including the costs of fire suppression.
14. Permittee shall hold harmless Forest County from any liability from damage to life or property arising from the permittee's use of Forest County lands under this permit.
15. Permittee is required to abide by the conditions of this permit or is subject to revocation of the permit.

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**Authorized Forest County Signature**

## 1015 FACILITIES AND REPORTS

### 1015.1 RECREATIONAL INVENTORY

- 1 Campgrounds / 65 camp sites (7 Tent Only)
- Nature & Hiking trails
  - Otter Springs (8.5 miles)
    - Includes: cross country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, and walking
  - Hemlock Lake (3.75 miles)
    - Includes: cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and walking
  - Fat Tire and Mountain Bike Trails / Walking Trails (6 miles)
- Snowmobile trails (400+ miles)
- ATV trails (62 miles)
- 2 Picnic areas / 3 shelters
- 1 Swimming beach
- 1 Boat landing
- Hunter Walking Trails (~80 miles)

# 1015.2 STATEMENT OF COUNTY FOREST LOAN



Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources  
 Report 15  
 Statement Of County Forest Loan Accounts as of June 02, 2020

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County	Variable Acreage Share Loans				Project Loans				Balance Owed DNR
	DNR Issued Loans		County Repayments		DNR Issued Loans		County Repayments		
	CY 2020	Tot To Date	CY 2020	Tot To Date	CY 2020	Tot To Date	CY 2020	Tot To Date	
Astland	690,598.26	690,598.26	670,445.66	670,445.66	1,125,780.74	1,125,780.74	1,125,780.74	1,125,780.74	20,152.80
Barron	122,285.69	122,285.69	122,285.69	122,285.69	874,219.80	874,219.80	874,219.80	874,219.80	0.00
Bayfield	2,327,946.84	2,327,946.84	2,327,946.84	2,327,946.84	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00
Burnett	2,511,234.66	2,511,234.66	2,511,234.66	2,511,234.66	2,025,672.27	2,025,672.27	1,786,261.48	1,786,261.48	239,410.79
Chippewa	552,019.26	552,019.26	552,019.26	552,019.26	161,000.51	161,000.51	161,000.51	161,000.51	0.00
Clark	1,161,477.30	1,161,477.30	1,161,477.30	1,161,477.30	53,000.00	53,000.00	53,000.00	53,000.00	0.00
Douglas	1,876,638.45	1,876,638.45	1,876,638.45	1,876,638.45	529,850.00	529,850.00	529,850.00	529,850.00	0.00
Eau Claire	526,533.23	526,533.23	526,533.23	526,533.23	126,933.08	126,933.08	126,933.08	126,933.08	0.00
Florence	444,068.78	444,068.78	444,068.78	444,068.78	1,677,378.82	1,677,378.82	1,677,378.82	1,677,378.82	0.00
Forest	236,907.91	236,907.91	236,907.91	236,907.91	4,750,417.53	4,750,417.53	404,010.06	404,010.06	4,346,407.47
Iron	2,701,711.99	2,701,711.99	2,701,711.99	2,701,711.99	767,860.74	767,860.74	767,860.74	767,860.74	0.00
Jackson	1,876,477.59	1,876,477.59	1,876,477.59	1,876,477.59	1,200,507.00	1,200,507.00	938,007.00	938,007.00	262,500.00
Juneau	116,824.82	116,824.82	116,824.82	116,824.82	1,213,470.63	1,213,470.63	937,106.88	937,106.88	276,363.75
Langlade	555,874.24	555,874.24	555,874.24	555,874.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lincoln	590,731.41	590,731.41	590,731.41	590,731.41	1,220,980.00	1,220,980.00	1,220,980.00	1,220,980.00	0.00
Marathon	595,486.56	595,486.56	595,486.56	595,486.56	2,545,511.00	2,545,511.00	1,321,499.90	1,321,499.90	1,224,011.10
Marinette	1,104,208.02	1,104,208.02	1,104,208.02	1,104,208.02	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00
Monroe	21,340.37	21,340.37	21,340.37	21,340.37	328,770.00	328,770.00	143,785.48	143,785.48	184,984.52
Oconto	219,031.59	219,031.59	219,031.59	219,031.59	450,000.00	450,000.00	450,000.00	450,000.00	0.00
Oneida	1,186,720.14	1,186,720.14	1,186,720.14	1,186,720.14	439,010.00	439,010.00	439,010.00	439,010.00	0.00
Polk	323,941.93	323,941.93	315,710.71	315,710.71	840,353.50	840,353.50	840,353.50	840,353.50	8,231.22
Pribe	1,491,622.00	1,491,622.00	1,491,622.00	1,491,622.00	804,427.48	804,427.48	804,427.48	804,427.48	0.00
Rusk	2,147,849.67	2,147,849.67	2,136,157.28	2,136,157.28	136,950.00	136,950.00	136,950.00	136,950.00	11,692.39
Sawyer	1,172,316.95	1,172,316.95	1,172,316.95	1,172,316.95	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00
Taylor	204,461.52	204,461.52	204,461.52	204,461.52	36,398.28	36,398.28	36,398.28	36,398.28	0.00
Vernon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	978,838.53	978,838.53	22,516.16	22,516.16	956,322.37
Vilas	779,307.74	779,307.74	779,307.74	779,307.74	678,019.42	678,019.42	678,019.42	678,019.42	0.00
Washburn	3,312,826.65	3,312,826.65	3,312,826.65	3,312,826.65	930,724.71	930,724.71	930,724.71	930,724.71	0.00
Wood	259,901.61	259,901.61	259,901.61	259,901.61	77,000.00	77,000.00	77,000.00	77,000.00	0.00
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NOTE: Severance Payments " in the mail " OR Otherwise still in Process are not in this Report. This Report is on a Calendar Year basis.

Prepared by Division of Forestry, June 2, 2020

WI. Department Of Natural Resources

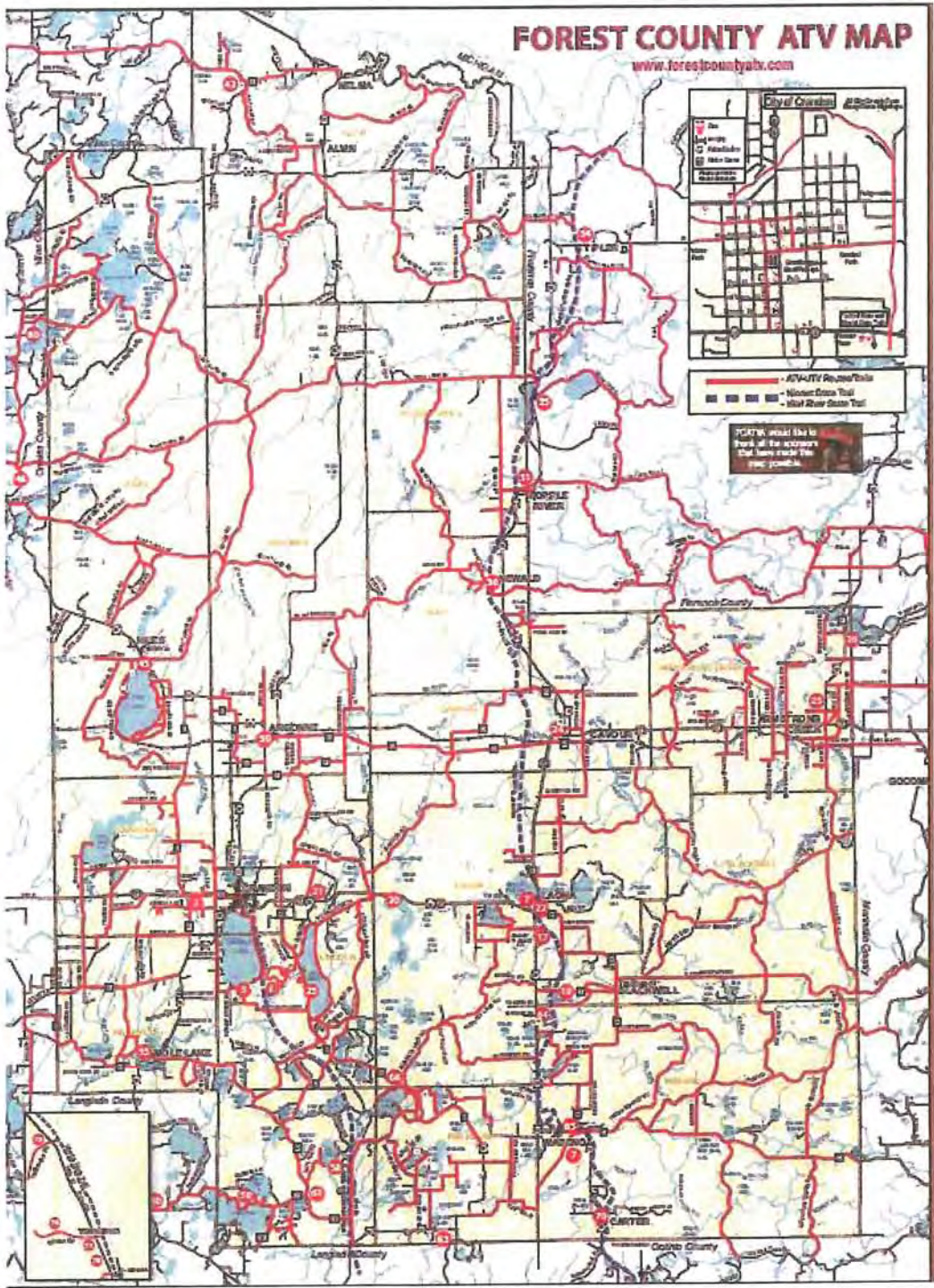
## 1020 MISCELLANEOUS MAPS AND BROCHURES

### 1020.1 COUNTY SNOWMOBILE MAP

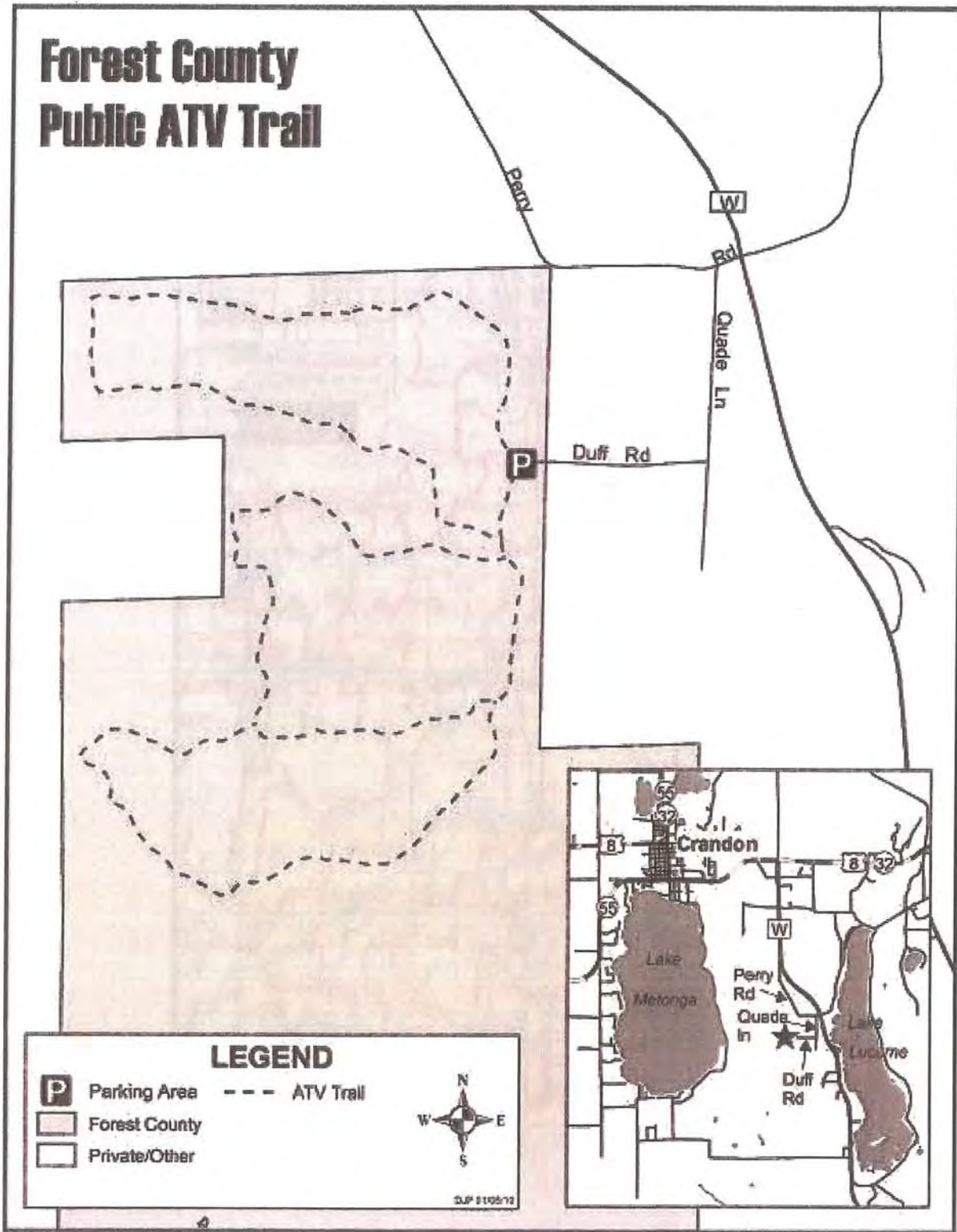
The county snowmobile map is available from the Forest County Forestry and Recreation office or on the internet at:

[http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/localgov\\_departments\\_details.asp?deptid=385&locid=145](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/localgov_departments_details.asp?deptid=385&locid=145)

1020.2 COUNTY ATV TRAILS



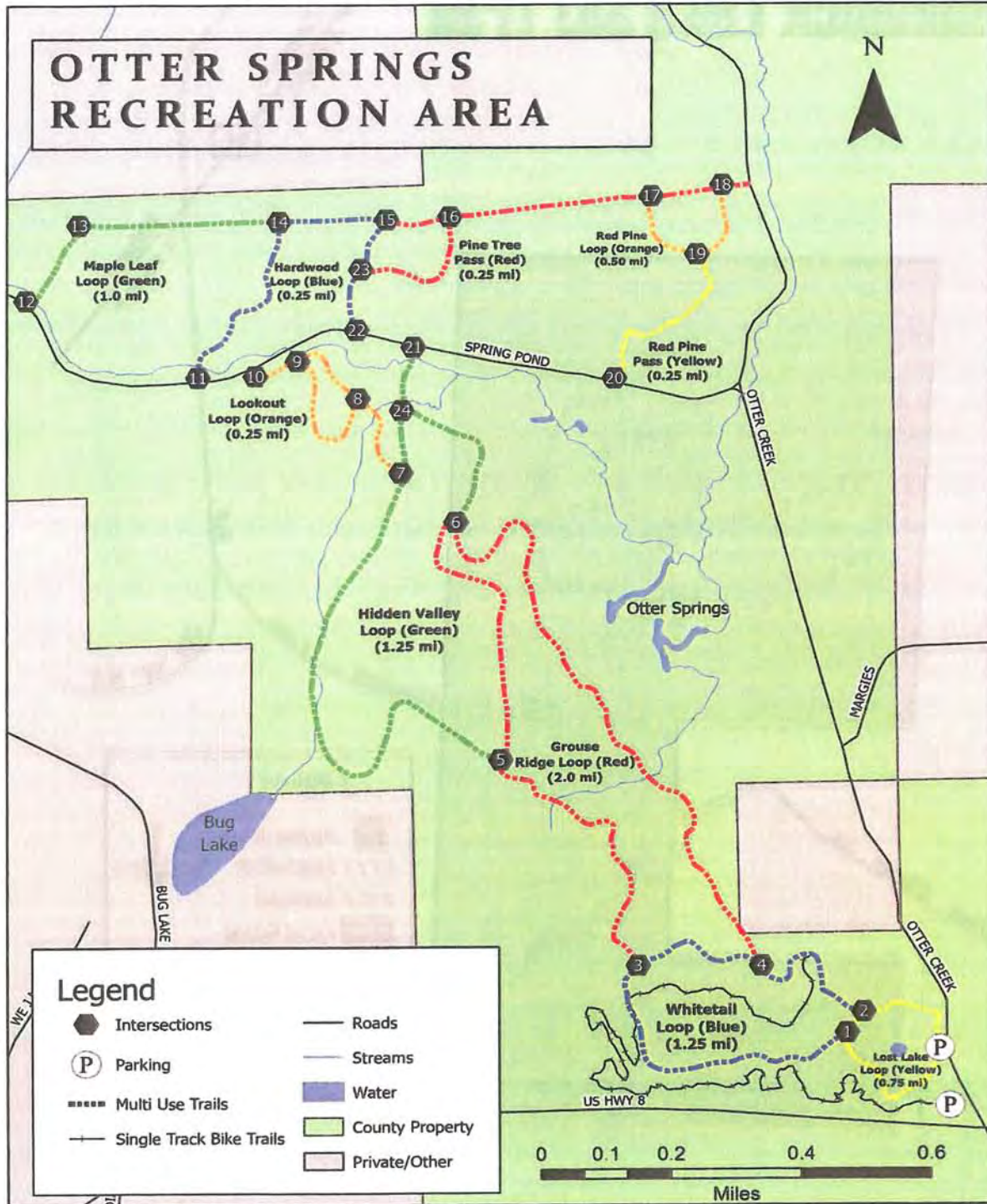
PUBLIC ATV TRAIL



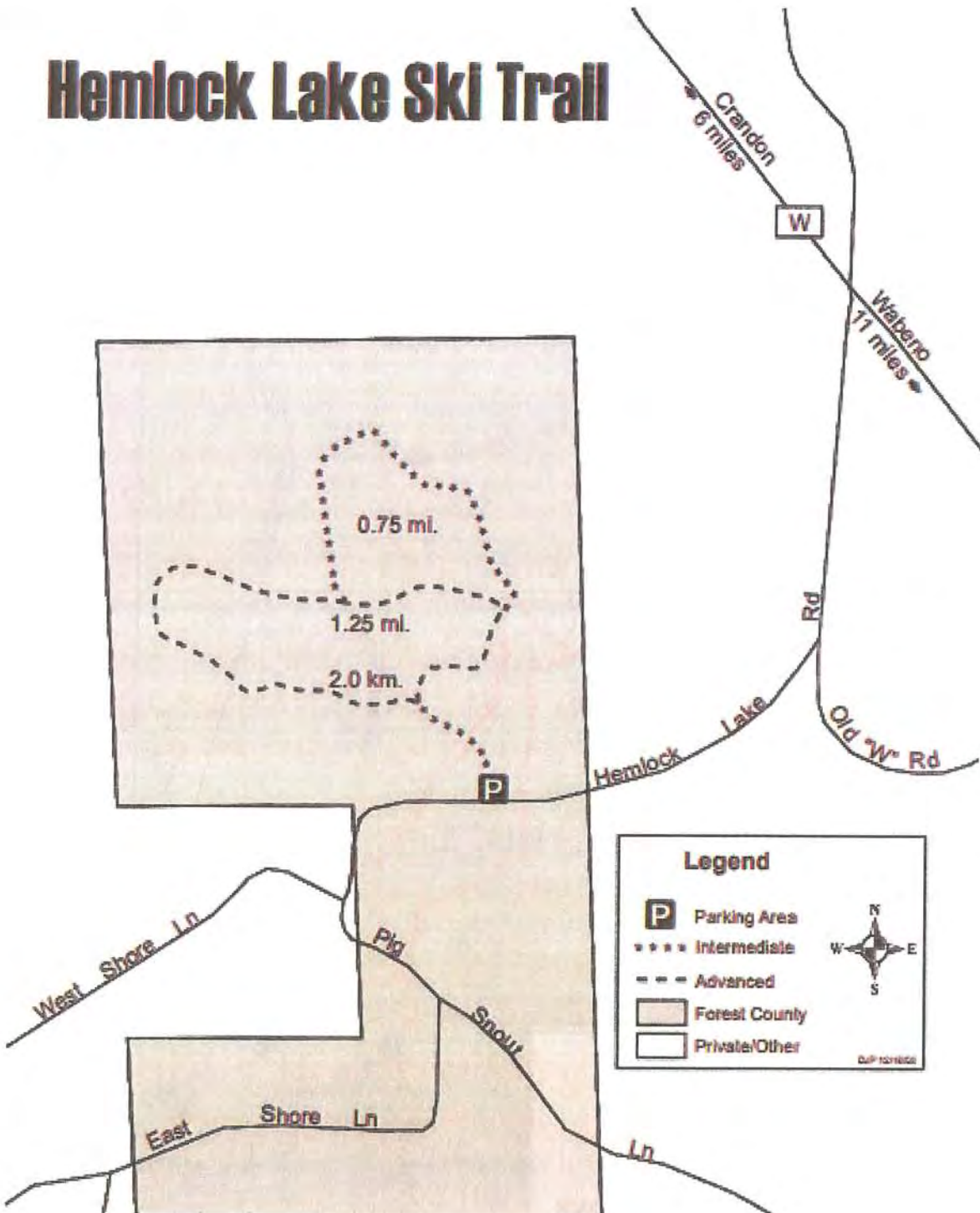


1020.3 COUNTY NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAILS

OTTER SPRINGS RECREATION AREA



# Hemlock Lake Ski Trail

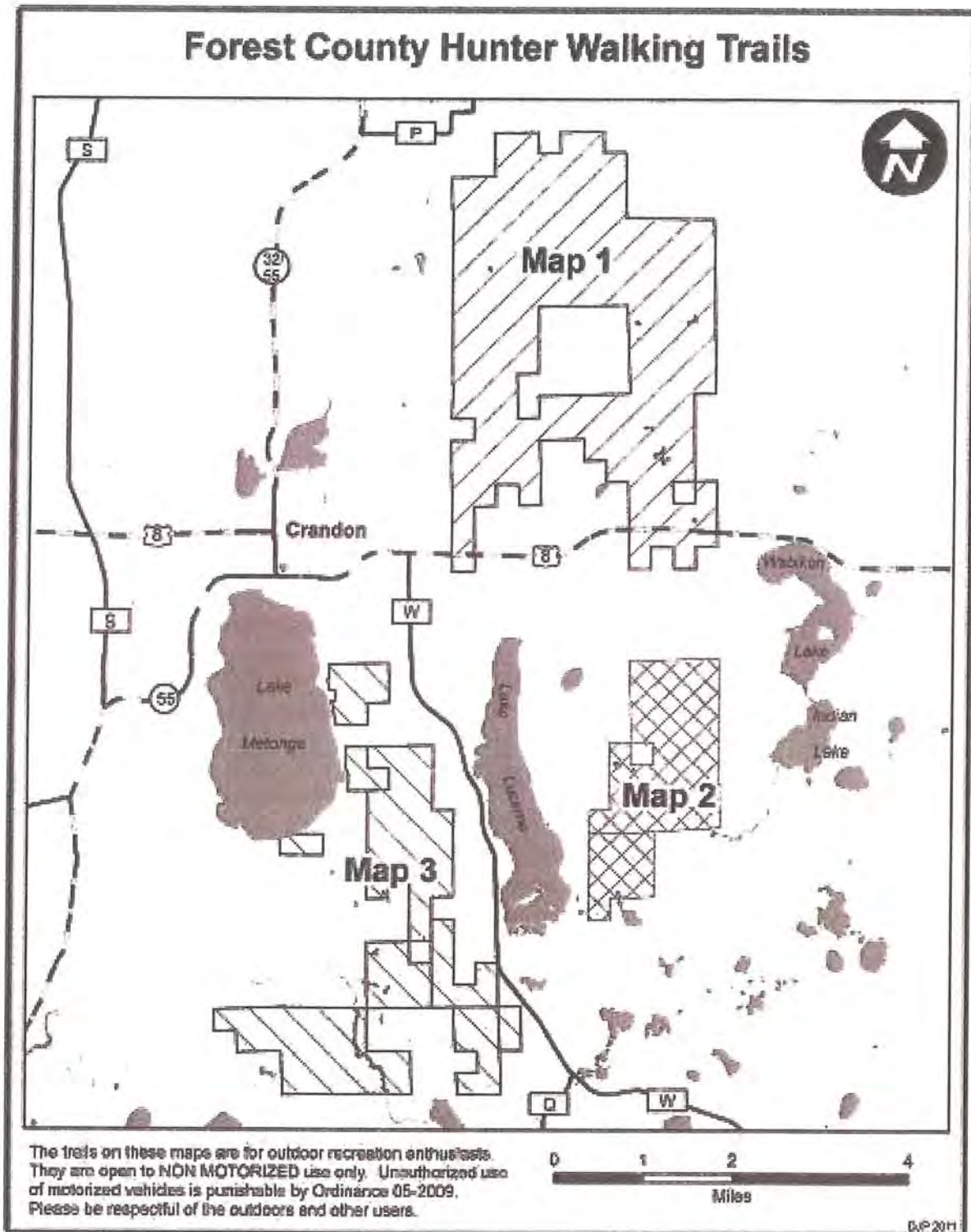


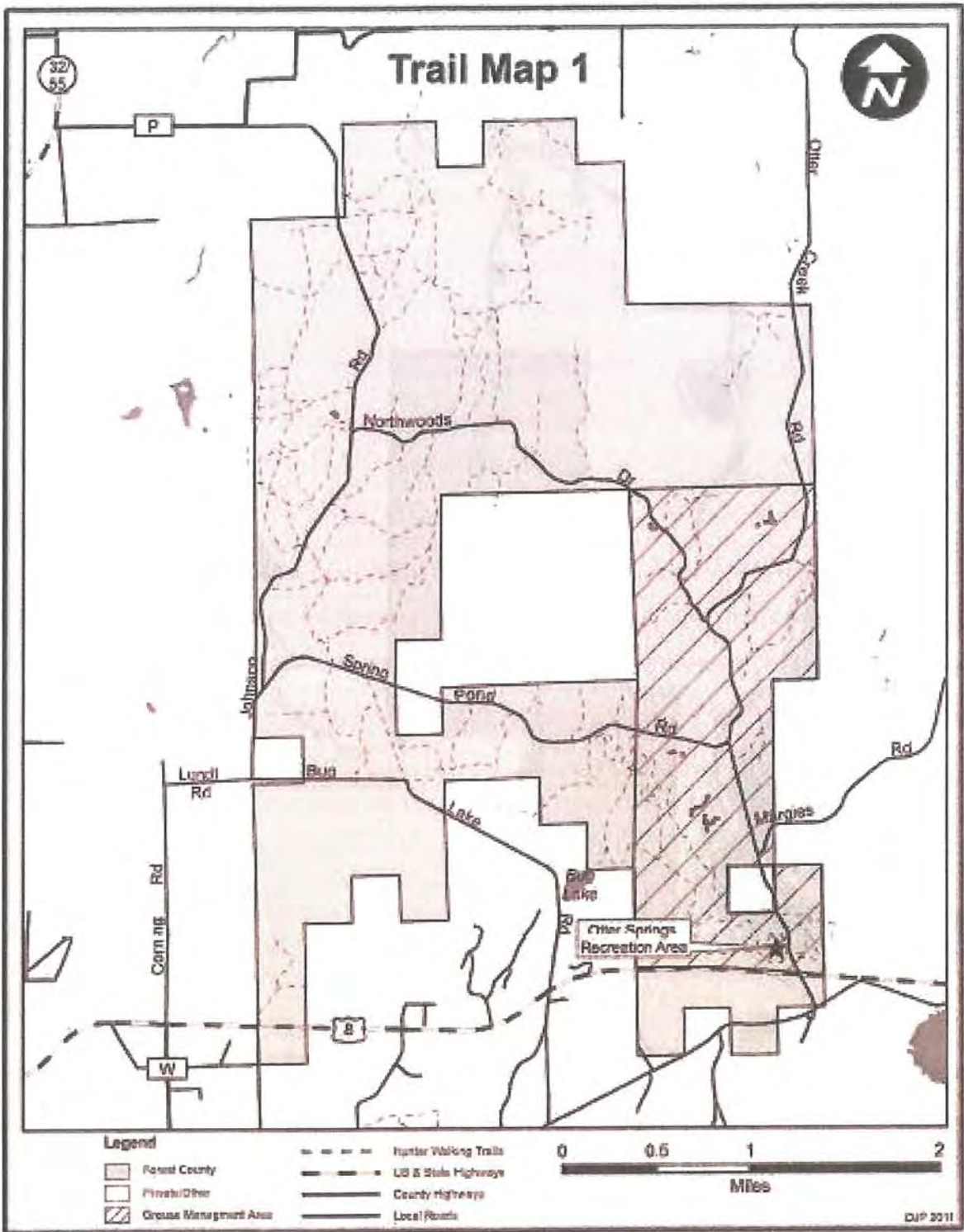
## OTTER SPRINGS SINGLE TRACK

The Otter Springs Single Track map is available on the internet at:

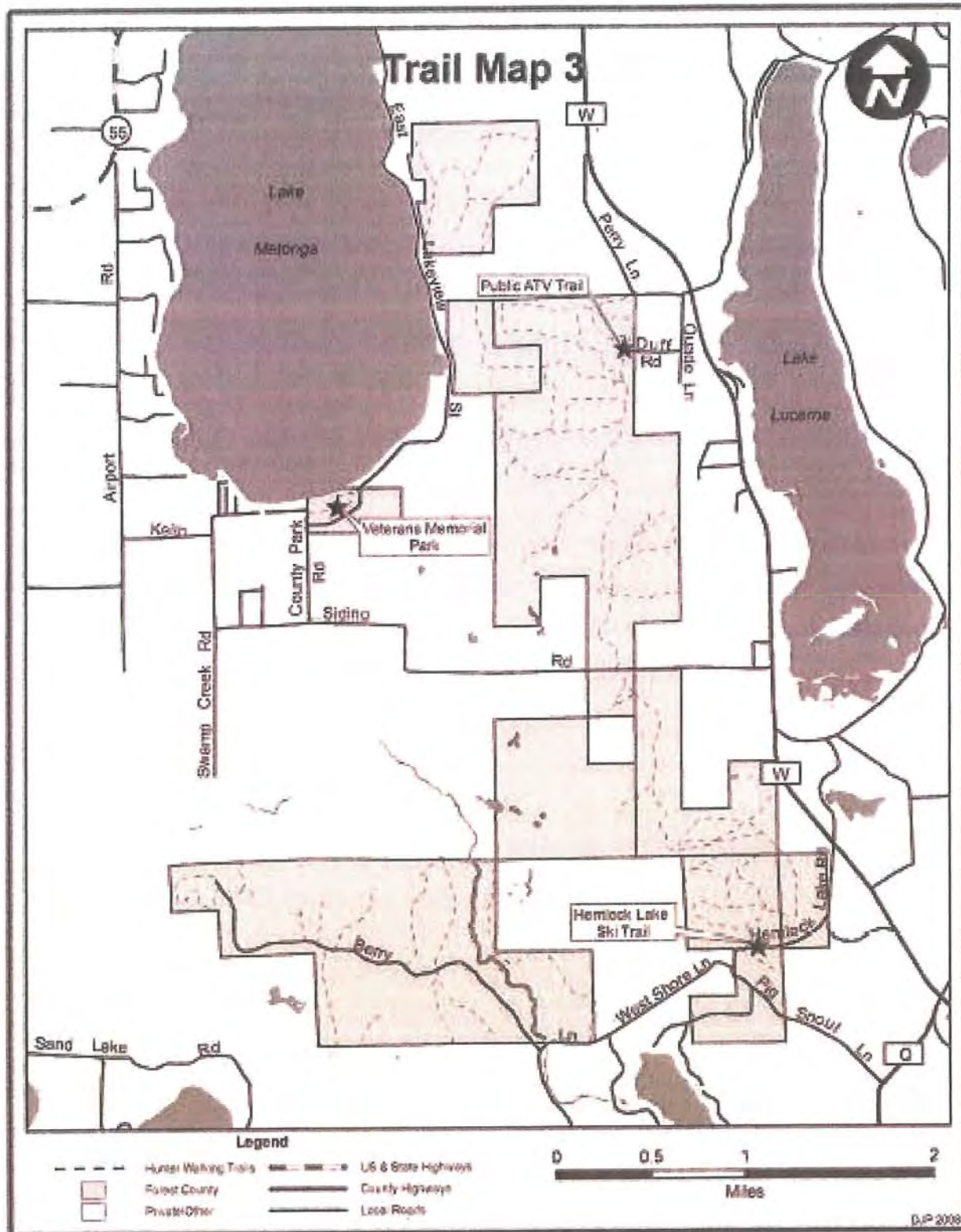
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# HUNTER WALKING TRAILS









1020.4 CERTIFIED COUNTY FOREST ROAD MAP

Forest County currently has no Forest Roads.



## 1020.5 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK BROCHURE

Welcome to the Forest County Veteran's Memorial Park. We are located 4 miles South of Crandon on County Park Road just off East Shore Drive. The park is developed and maintained by the Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department. The Park Manager is available on site for information and concerns. The park is open from approximately May 1<sup>st</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Amenities

- On-Site Manager
- 24-hour ATM
- Ice and firewood
- Bath-house w/ coin operated showers
- Dump Station
- Portable Water
- Long sandy beach - clear water
- Picnic Pavilions
- Volleyball Court
- Basketball Court
- Horseshoe Pit
- Playground
- Wi-Fi Hotspot
- Boat Launch
- Handicap Accessible Facilities
- Fish Cleaning Shack
- Dumpsters and Recycling

### Site Information

- Total number of sites - 65
- Tent only sites - 7
- Sites with electric - 58 (20,30,50 amp)
- Picnic table and fire ring
- Large camping units
- Cash or Check Only
- **No Reservations Taken!**
- First Come, First Serve

### Site Rentals

Please note that the prices will include taxes. The county reserve the right to change prices at any time.

- **Camper/Tent Sites - \$20** : This rate is for one camper or tent per unit. Additional camping units on sites will be an added cost. See park manager for details. Tents for kids 17 and under are not charged.
- **Lake Sites - \$25** : Sites 22-27 are considered Lake Sites. This rate is for one camper or tent unit. Additional camping units on sites will be an added cost. See park manager for details. Tents for kids 17 and under are not charged.
- **Seasonal Sites 1-17 - \$2,000**  
These sites can be rented from May 1<sup>st</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>. The sites can be reserved with a \$1,000 deposit starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional camping units on sites will be an added cost. See park manager for details.
- **Seasonal Sites 18-19 - \$2,500**  
These sites can be rented from May 1<sup>st</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup>. The sites can be reserved with a \$1,250 deposit starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional camping units on sites will be an added cost. See park manager for details.

We hope you enjoy your stay!!

## WELCOME TO FOREST COUNTY

### Veteran's Memorial Park

Located on beautiful Lake  
Metonga

*A place for fun and relaxation!*



Park address:  
4030 County Park Road  
Crandon, WI 54520

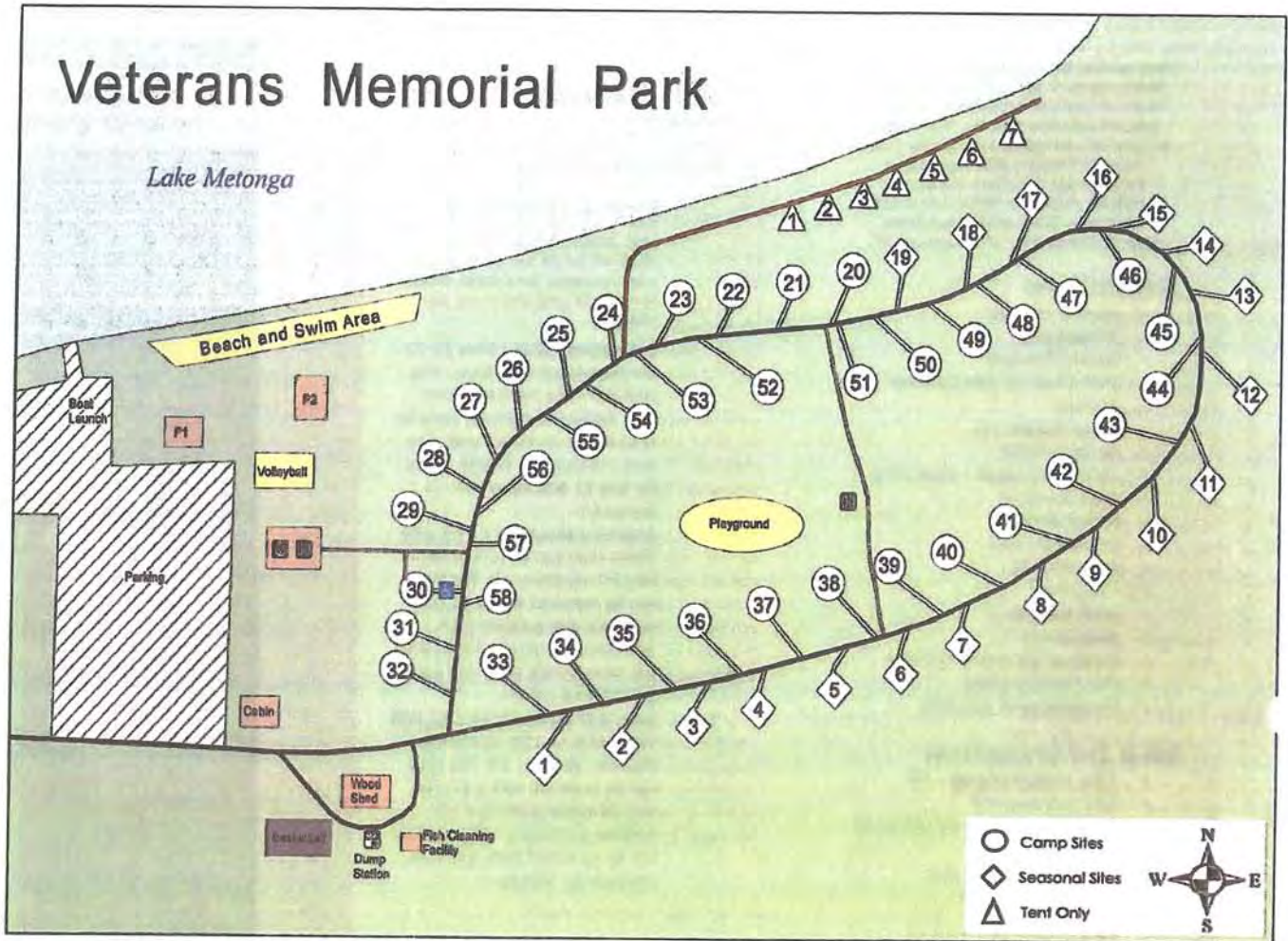
Contact Us  
Manager's Cabin: 715-478-2040  
Forestry & Rec. Office:  
715-478-3475

Email:  
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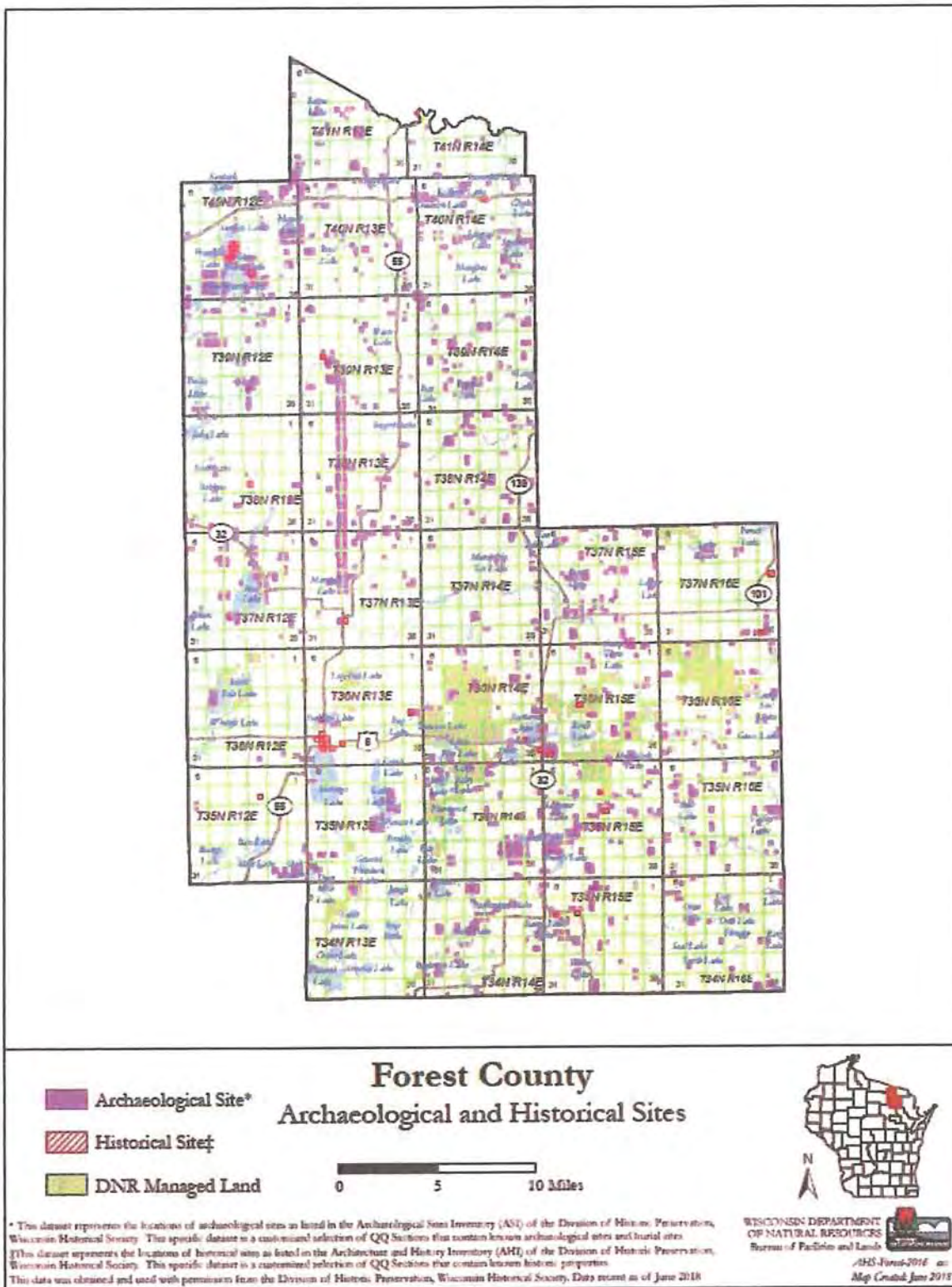
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# Veterans Memorial Park

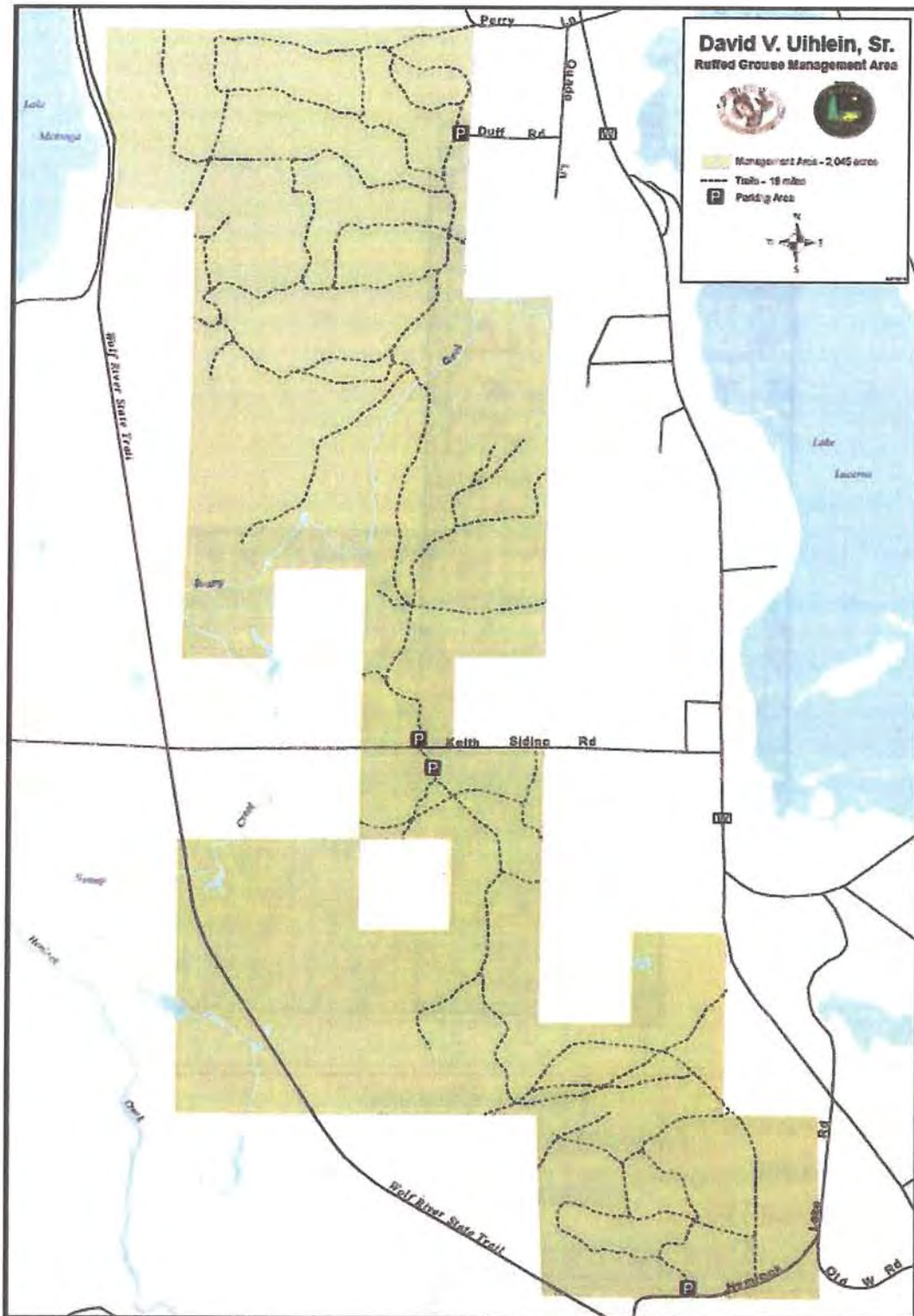
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1020.6 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SITES MAP



1020.7 DAVE V UIHLEIN, SR. RUFFED GROUSE MANAGEMENT AREA



COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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CHAPTER 2000

PLANNING, REPORTS, BUDGET

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## **2000 OBJECTIVES, FORMAT AND POLICY**

### **Objectives:**

To provide guidelines which define the optimum level of activities that should be undertaken to achieve full potential benefits from the forest.

### **Format and Policy:**

Needs for the County Forest shall be listed without regard to budgetary constraints or other limitations. This list shall identify the forest potential in terms of public benefits, investments or opportunities, and financial returns. Silvicultural needs of the County Forest are identified in the Forest Compartment Reconnaissance printout. The DNR Public Lands Handbook describes procedures for use of this information. Other needs shall be determined by the Committee and the forest administrator, with technical assistance from the DNR and other interested agencies or individuals qualified to provide such assistance.

## **2005 DETAILED ANNUAL NEEDS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS**

Annual silvicultural needs are identified in the Forest Compartment Reconnaissance printout. The printout, referenced in the plan, is available in the County Forest administrator's office. Printout listings include timber harvests, tree planting, and other silvicultural activities. Other unanticipated needs will be addressed in accordance with procedures outlined in this plan. These items will be identified and plans made for implementation, as part of the annual budget work plan prepared by the administrator and Committee. Annual work plans are approved by the County Board and forwarded to the DNR as required by statute (s. 28.11(5)(b) and s.28.11(5m)(b), Wis. Stats.

## **2010 SUMMARY OF FIFTEEN YEAR NEEDS**

A schedule giving a summary of silvicultural needs and other needs for the period covered by this plan, appear as an inclusion in this chapter.

- New cross-country ski groomer
- New Park/ County Truck(s)
- GPS equipment
- Land acquisition goals: The county will continue to look for land to acquire based on timber and recreational opportunities.

- Timber harvests:

		Annual Harvest Goal by Species											
		Aspen	Balsam Fir	Red Maple	Northern Hardwoods	Oak	Red Pine	White Pine	Black Spruce	White Spruce	Tamarack	Swamp Hardwoods	Total Acreage
Year	2021	89	16	20	572	2	82	16	46	0	0	24	867
	2022	90	0	0	588	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	678
	2023	92	0	0	514	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	610
	2024	164	3	5	556	0	30	0	0	12	0	0	770
	2025	102	0	0	684	0	54	0	36	0	0	0	876
	2026	129	0	0	545	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	734
	2027	109	0	0	500	9	49	0	0	0	0	0	667
	2028	102	0	3	605	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	717
	2029	51	0	0	535	0	0	0	0	0	15	81	682
	2030	13	0	0	556	0	0	0	23	0	24	5	621
	2031	122	0	0	374	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	524
	2032	160	0	0	348	0	2	0	0	19	0	0	529
	2033	12	0	0	136	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148
	2034	110	4	0	15	0	28	0	31	0	0	24	212
2035	254	0	6	154	0	41	0	15	0	0	0	470	

- Invasive species control will be conducted as needed.
- Recreation (new and maintenance):
  - Trails (motorized and non-motorized)- actively looking for new opportunities. Including the expansion of the WRST and Valley Trail.
  - Continue tree planting at Veterans Memorial Park
  - Campsites- New and expansion of Veterans Memorial Park
  - Shelters
  - Parking areas-WRST Trailhead, etc.

Note: The “Needs” schedule is put together for planning purposes. The best available information has been used in developing the schedule. It is not intended to be followed without modification. Forests are dynamic and managers must be adaptive to change. Funding and staffing shortfalls may also impact the ability of Forest County Forestry Department to fulfill identified needs. Refer to Chapter 2020 – Annual Work Plan and Budget, for reference on progress towards the identified needs in this chapter.

## **2015 WORK PLAN OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To develop an annual work plan and budget that will satisfy the needs specified in Chapter 1000 to the greatest extent feasible, consistent with program priorities established in the Mission Statement.

### **POLICY**

The County Forest program will sustain a level of operation that considers the needs of the forest and the public in accordance with the goals identified in Chapter 100.

## **2020 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET**

Each year an Annual Work Plan and Budget shall be prepared by the forest administrator with assistance from the Committee and the DNR liaison forester. This plan shall be based upon the detailed annual needs contained in Section 1100 of the Plan. Annual work plans are approved by the County Board and Division of Forestry and forwarded to the DNR as required by Wisconsin statutes s. 28.11(5)(b) and s.28.11(5m)(b). Following County Board approval, a copy is provided to official copy-holders of the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan for inclusion as an amendment in this chapter.



## FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

### ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2021

The following is the complete Forest County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan for 2021. The plan functions as a planning and guidance tool to identify proposed projects, allocate workloads, prepare annual budgets, and fulfill the County Forest Administrator Grant requirement for the Department of Natural Resources. Information has been obtained utilizing information provided in the current Fifteen Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the County's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and Annual County/DNR Partnership Meeting while taking into consideration current management needs of the County Forest and various recreation programs. The Forest County Forest is the 3<sup>rd</sup> smallest County Forest in the state comprising 14,822.84 acres.

### TIMBER HARVEST

We propose to continue our existing timber management program with our goal of producing sustained yield of forest products to achieve our annual allowable cut while taking into consideration various aspects which may impact or alter management such as wildlife needs, watershed protection, air quality, recreation, aesthetics, as well as many other non-commercial values. We will continue management of contracted timber sales in all phases from establishment and administration through sale closure.

In 2021, Forest County plans to offer to prepare timber sales choosing from approximately 548 acres comprised of the following timber types: aspen—90 acres and northern hardwood—458 acres. See Appendix A for detailed compartment, stand, cover type, and acreage information.

All timber sales will be administered and field/mill scaled by Forestry Department staff. Timber sales will be inspected after scaling and/or weekly while sales are active and documented on sale inspection forms. All final timber sale inspections will be performed jointly with DNR staff with appropriate reconnaissance updated. Forest County will cooperate and provide assistance, personnel, and equipment when possible for DNR fire prevention and suppression efforts.

Specific information regarding the current status of the timber sale activities may be obtained by contacting the Forest County Forestry Department, Courthouse, Crandon, WI 54520, phone (715)478-3475.

### OTHER FOREST USES

The Forestry Department will issue on an ongoing basis, bough cutting permits to accommodate utilization of balsam fir boughs (\$20/ton). Firewood permits will also be issued (\$20/permit per every 10 cords) on an ongoing basis to utilize dead and fallen trees for firewood. Fees will be charged for both permits and areas will be established in advance for usage.

The Forestry Department will issue permits on an ongoing basis to eligible Chippewa tribal members to exercise their legal gathering rights to harvest lodge poles, bark, firewood, sap, and boughs on County Forest lands. Forest County has received several inquiries in the past years to exercise gathering rights, but to date, have had no formal requests to issue permits.

The Forestry Department in conjunction with the Crandon DNR Ranger Station will coordinate, schedule, and provide a rental service of a county owned tree planter for use by area residents. The planter must be scheduled in advance and a rental fee of \$10/1000 trees is charged for usage with a minimum charge of \$20.

The Forestry Department issues access permits, upon committee approval, to provide access across county property to private landowners.

#### **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

The Forestry Department maintains over 40 miles of roads on the County Forest for forestry access as well as wildlife habitat.

Forest County has 7 areas throughout the county forest with hunter-walking trails (maps available in the County Forestry Office). These roads are seeded with Dutch White Clover and mowed annually. The roads provide access for timber sales, fire control, and serve as habitat for ruffed grouse, deer, and many non-game species.

One seasonal employee is hired annually to mow and maintain the trails from approximately August 1<sup>st</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>. County Fish and Game monies are used to offset costs of mowing (approx. \$2500/year). The County Fish and Game Program is a 50% cost sharing program with the Department of Natural Resources.

The Forestry Department owns a New Holland tractor with a Brush Hog mower to perform the work. The purpose of mowing is to reduce unwanted competition from undesirable weed and shrub species that would quickly invade and take over these sites in a few years.

These roads and trails are also gated and bermed with earth or boulders to prevent motor vehicle traffic that could destroy the road system and clover in wet weather.

These trails provide a variety of recreational opportunities including hunting, sightseeing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, berry picking, etc.

#### **RECREATION**

The Forestry Department will operate and maintain Veteran's Memorial Park on Lake Metonga. The park has 65 campsites available May 1 – October 1 annually with an operating budget of approximately \$82,000, with expected revenues of \$100,000 annually.

Forest County administers 405.4 miles of snowmobile trails Countywide. The Forestry Department will apply for funding, administer and disperse a minimum of \$121,650 of funding for snowmobile trail

maintenance. Supplemental snowmobile trail funding is also applied for up to a maximum of \$243,300 per year in additional revenue depending on the length of the snowmobile season and amount of work completed by the snowmobile clubs. All trail maintenance will be contracted to six snowmobile clubs.

Forest County maintains 62.1 miles of public ATV trails. The ATV trails, include the Nicolet State Trail (32 miles) located in eastern Forest County and an 8 mile loop that is located on County Forest Land off of County Highway W, the Wolf River State Trail (14.4 miles) located between the city of Crandon and the Forest/Langlade County and the Valley Trail (6.9 miles) that is located along Hwy 8 between Crandon and Old 8 Rd. Forest County receives \$49,680 annually to maintain signs, remove brush, mow and groom the trail as necessary to maintain a safe enjoyable trail system. These trail systems are also maintained for winter ATV use, with Forest County receiving \$13,220 annually for the maintenance of these trails.

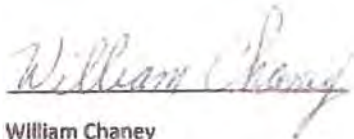
The Forestry Department also maintains one boat landing on Lake Metonga at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Forest County maintains two cross-country ski trails. Otter Springs Trail is located 3 miles east of Crandon on U.S. Highway 8 and Otter Creek Road. Approved uses on the Otter Creek Trail are skiing, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, and equestrian use. This trail is 8 miles in length winding through a northern hardwood forest and includes a parking area, shelter, and signed trail. The Hemlock Lake Trail is located 5 miles south of Crandon on County Highway w and Hemlock Lake Road. This trail is 3 miles in length winding through a northern hardwood forest and red pine plantation and includes a parking area.

The Forestry Department will contract survey work as necessary to perpetuate monuments and establish boundary lines on the county forest utilizing funding from project loan money and State Forestry Aid account.

The Forest County Department Annual Work Plan 2021 was prepared by Carly DeVet, County Forest Administrator, and was approved and adopted at the October 12, 2020 Forestry Comm ttee meeting.

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William Chaney

Forestry & Parks Chairman

**Appendix A**  
**2021 Harvest Schedule**

Compartment	Stand	Schedule Year	Forest Type	Schedule Acres
14	7	2021	NH	72
14	15	2021	NH	138
13	1	2021	NH	135
13	2	2021	NH	12
16	10	2021	NH	15
16	14	2021	NH	86
			<b>Hardwood Total</b>	<b>458</b>
TBD	TBD	2021	A	90
			<b>Aspen Total</b>	<b>90</b>
			<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>548</b>

Budget Comparison - Detail  
28 FORESTRY BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-28-43586-100-000	Forestry State Resource Aid	0.00	0.00	51,222.00	-51,222.00	0.00
100-28-43586-200-000	Forestry Administrator Grant	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.00
100-28-43586-300-000	Forestry Variable Acreage Gmt	0.00	0.00	7,413.00	-7,413.00	0.00
100-28-43586-400-000	Forstry Project Loan	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	-500,000.00	0.00
100-28-43586-500-000	Federal Sustainable Forest Gra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-43586-600-000	Co.Forest sustainable Forest Gran	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-43586-700-000	Good Neighbor Authority Revenu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-43586-800-000	Knowles/Nelson Stewardship Grt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-46810-200-000	Forestry Misc Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-46810-200-001	Tree Planter Rental	0.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.00
100-28-46810-200-002	Bough Permits	0.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.00
100-28-46810-200-003	Firewood Permits	0.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.00
100-28-48200-600-000	Forestry Radio Towers Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-48300-000-000	Forestry Gravel Pit Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-48610-100-000	Forestry Stumpage Due	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.00
<b>FORESTRY REVENUES</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>668,685.00</b>	<b>-668,685.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>668,685.00</b>	<b>-668,685.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Budget Comparison - Detail  
28 FORESTRY BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-28-58900-000-000	FORESTRY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-100-001	Administrator	0.00	0.00	60,638.00	60,638.00	0.00
100-28-58900-110-002	Clerk-Steno	0.00	0.00	38,584.00	38,584.00	0.00
100-28-58900-110-003	Technician	0.00	0.00	43,690.00	43,690.00	0.00
100-28-58900-110-005	Forestry-LTE	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
100-28-58900-110-006	Good Neighbor Authority	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-140-000	Committee-For/Dress/Travel	0.00	0.00	6,020.00	6,020.00	0.00
100-28-58900-100-001	Retirement	0.00	0.00	9,645.00	9,645.00	0.00
100-28-58900-100-002	Social Security	0.00	0.00	9,817.00	9,817.00	0.00
100-28-58900-500-003	Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	41,341.00	41,341.00	0.00
100-28-58900-100-004	Life Insurance	0.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00
100-28-58900-100-005	Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	3,563.00	3,563.00	0.00
100-28-58900-100-006	Medicare	0.00	0.00	2,299.00	2,299.00	0.00
100-28-58900-100-007	Unemployment Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-200-000	Telephone	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
100-28-58900-310-000	Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
100-28-58900-310-001	Forestry Supplies	0.00	0.00	560.00	560.00	0.00
100-28-58900-311-000	Postage	0.00	0.00	860.00	860.00	0.00
100-28-58900-312-000	Photocopies	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
100-28-58900-313-000	GMA Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-320-000	Dues	0.00	0.00	2,342.00	2,342.00	0.00
100-28-58900-330-000	Travel	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
100-28-58900-350-000	State Resource Aid Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-350-001	Variable Acreage Grant Exp	0.00	0.00	7,413.00	7,413.00	0.00
100-28-58900-350-002	Project Loan Expense	0.00	0.00	598,000.00	598,000.00	0.00
100-28-58900-350-003	Federal Sustainable Forest Gra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-350-004	Co. Forest Sustainable Forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-350-005	Timber Sale Expenses	0.00	0.00	2,990.00	2,990.00	0.00
100-28-58900-350-006	KN Stewardship Grant Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-350-007	Land Law Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-28-58900-380-000	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
100-28-58900-510-000	Vehicle Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
100-28-58900-810-001	Fuel	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
100-28-58900-810-000	Computer Services	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
100-28-58900-990-000	Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>FORESTRY EXP.</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>743,595.00</b>	<b>743,595.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>743,595.00</b>	<b>743,595.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-54,710.00</b>	<b>-54,710.00</b>	

Budget Comparison - Detail  
 17 COUNTY PARK BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-17-46720-000-000	County Park Revenues	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.00
100-17-46721-000-000	County Park Donation Rev	0.00	0.00	3,600.00	-3,600.00	0.00
100-17-48900-000-000	County Park Misc Revenues	0.00	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.00
<b>COUNTY PARK REVENUES</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>103,800.00</b>	<b>-103,800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>103,800.00</b>	<b>-103,800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Budget Comparison - Detail  
17 COUNTY PARK BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-17-55200-000-000	COUNTY PARK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-17-55200-110-001	Caretaker I	0.00	0.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00
100-17-55200-110-002	Caretaker II	0.00	0.00	9,875.00	9,875.00	0.00
100-17-55200-110-003	Security Personnel	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00
100-17-55200-150-001	Retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-17-55200-150-002	Social Security	0.00	0.00	1,766.00	1,766.00	0.00
100-17-55200-150-005	Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	795.00	795.00	0.00
100-17-55200-150-006	Medicare	0.00	0.00	413.00	413.00	0.00
100-17-55200-150-007	Unemployment Benefits	0.00	0.00	4,489.00	4,489.00	0.00
100-17-55200-220-000	Telephone	0.00	0.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	0.00
100-17-55200-222-000	Garbage	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
100-17-55200-223-000	Electric & Gas	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
100-17-55200-224-000	Sanitation & Plumbing	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
100-17-55200-225-000	Improvement Projects	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
100-17-55200-240-000	Minor Repairs	0.00	0.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
100-17-55200-389-000	County Park Donation Expense	0.00	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
100-17-55200-390-000	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
100-17-55200-410-000	Supplies	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
100-17-55200-410-001	Firewood	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
100-17-55200-410-002	Ice	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
100-17-55200-410-003	Soda	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
100-17-55200-410-004	Paper Products	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
100-17-55200-410-005	Cleaning Supplies	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00	0.00
100-17-55200-410-006	Garbage & Doggie Bags	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
100-17-55200-410-007	Equipment Expense	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
100-17-55200-510-000	Vehicle Maintenance	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
100-17-55200-510-001	Fuel	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
100-17-55200-512-000	Other Labor	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
100-17-55200-515-000	License for County Park	0.00	0.00	365.00	365.00	0.00
100-17-55200-910-000	Outlay	0.00	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
<b>COUNTY PARK EXP.</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>95,384.00</b>	<b>95,384.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>95,384.00</b>	<b>95,384.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0,416.00</b>	<b>0,416.00</b>	



Budget Comparison - Detail  
 49 SNOWMOBILE TRAILS BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-49-43571-000-000	Snowmobile Trails/St Aid	0.00	0.00	117,360.00	-117,360.00	0.00
100-49-48900-000-000	Snowmobile Trails Misc Rev	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>SNOWMOBILE TRAILS REVENUES</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>117,360.00</b>	<b>-117,360.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>117,360.00</b>	<b>-117,360.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Budget Comparison - Detail  
 49 SNOWMOBILE TRAILS BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-49-55400-000-000	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS/DEVELOPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-49-55400-390-000	Trail Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-49-55400-601-000	100 Mile Snow Safari	0.00	0.00	41,901.00	41,901.00	0.00
100-49-55400-602-000	Black Bear Sportsmens Club	0.00	0.00	14,817.00	14,817.00	0.00
100-49-55400-603-000	Brule River Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-49-55400-604-000	Lumberjack Memorial Trails	0.00	0.00	26,562.00	26,562.00	0.00
100-49-55400-605-000	Three Lakes Trails, Inc	0.00	0.00	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00
100-49-55400-606-000	Tombstone-Pickereel Sno-Club	0.00	0.00	7,080.00	7,080.00	0.00
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	SNOWMOBILE TRAILS EXP.	0.00	0.00	117,360.00	117,360.00	0.00
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	Total Expenses	0.00	0.00	117,360.00	117,360.00	0.00
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	Net Totals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Budget Comparison - Detail  
 13 COUNTY FISH & GAME BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-13-43586-000-000	County Fish&Gm/Co Cons St Aid	0.00	0.00	3,132.00	-3,132.00	0.00
100-13-43586-100-000	Wildlife Habitat Imprv Program	0.00	0.00	694.00	-694.00	0.00
<b>COUNTY FISH &amp; GAME REVENUES</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,826.00</b>	<b>-3,826.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,826.00</b>	<b>-3,826.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Budget Comparison - Detail  
 13 COUNTY FISH & GAME BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-13-56900-000-000	COUNTY FISH & GAME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-13-56900-110-001	Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-13-56900-110-002	Trails Technician	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-13-56900-110-003	Wildlife Habitat Tech	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-13-56900-150-002	Social Security	0.00	0.00	1,725.00	1,725.00	0.00
100-13-56900-150-004	Life Insurance	0.00	0.00	107.00	107.00	0.00
100-13-56900-150-005	Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-13-56900-150-006	Medicare	0.00	0.00	55.00	55.00	0.00
100-13-56900-330-000	Travel	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
100-13-56900-350-000	Equipment & Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-13-56900-390-000	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-13-56900-450-000	Wildlife Habitat Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,914.00	1,914.00	0.00
100-13-56900-510-000	Vehicle Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-13-56900-910-000	Outley	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>COUNTY FISH &amp; GAME EXP.</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,826.00</b>	<b>3,826.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,826.00</b>	<b>3,826.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

Budget Comparison - Detail  
03 ATV TRAIL BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-03-43570-000-000	ATV Trail Maint/State Aid	0.00	0.00	49,680.00	-49,680.00	0.00
100-03-43570-100-000	ATV Trail Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-43570-200-000	UTV/State Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>ATV TRAILS REVENUES</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>49,680.00</b>	<b>-49,680.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>49,680.00</b>	<b>-49,680.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Budget Comparison - Detail  
03 ATV TRAIL BUDGET COMPARISON

Account Number		2020 December	2020 Actual 12/31/2020	2020 Budget	Budget Status	% of Budget
100-03-55400-000-000	ATV TRAILS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-65400-110-002	Trails Technician	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-150-001	Retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-150-002	Social Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-150-003	Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-150-004	Life Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-150-005	Worker's Compensation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-150-006	Medicare	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-390-000	ATV Trail Maintenance	0.00	0.00	49,680.00	49,680.00	0.00
100-03-55400-390-001	ATV Trail Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-390-003	UTV Trail Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
100-03-55400-910-000	ATV Development Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>ATV TRAILS EXP.</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>49,680.00</b>	<b>49,680.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>49,680.00</b>	<b>49,680.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Totals</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

## **2025 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTS, OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To provide a quantifiable means of evaluating progress on both short and long-term goals on the Forest County Forest.

### **POLICY**

Annual accomplishments will be recorded as a historical record, to assist in future planning, and to provide documentation for both the County, and the County Forest system. This information is invaluable in addressing public, County Board, and other legislative inquiries on the operation of the Forest as well as assessing progress on goals.

## **2030 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTS**

A copy of an annual accomplishment report shall be prepared and provided to members of the County Board and to official copyholders of this Plan for inclusion into this chapter.

This report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. Timber sale accomplishments including gross and net sale receipts and harvest goals achieved.
2. Timber stand improvements accomplishments.
3. Recreation development and maintenance accomplishments including recreation revenues and expenses.
4. Wildlife management accomplishments including revenues and expenses.
5. Fisheries management accomplishments including revenues and expenses.
6. Other accomplishments identified as “needs” in Chapter 1000.

## **2035 PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Forest County has been an active forest since 1996. The forest is being actively harvested yearly. The county is always looking for good opportunities to expand the county forest as well, and has acquired close to 5,000 acres of land over the last decade. The forest has also grown in recreational opportunities. Forest County also has a County Park that was

built in the early 2000's along with over 400 miles of snowmobile trail and over 60 miles of ATV trails.

## 2035.1 FOREST PRODUCTS

### 2035.1.1 TIMBER

#### FOREST COUNTY FOREST TIMBER SALES

Year	# of Sales	Sawtimber MBF	Pulpwood Cords	Acres cut	Total Cord Equivalents	Sales Value
1996	0	-	-	-	-	\$ -
1997	0	-	-	-	-	\$ -
1998	21	622.00	15,298.00	1,480.00	16,666.00	\$ 380,575.96
1999	7	157.00	2,053.00	284.00	2,420.00	\$ 83,479.89
2000	1	5.00	901.00	72.00	911.00	\$ 17,481.88
2001	10	187.00	6,729.00	823.00	7,140.00	\$ 159,938.76
2002	8	139.00	4,703.00	412.00	5,015.00	\$ 152,083.30
2003	1	4.00	967.00	88.00	968.00	\$ 21,389.26
2004	6	172.00	3,227.00	378.00	3,605.00	\$ 120,271.26
2005	4	100.84	4070.00	389.00	4291.00	\$ 110,750.70
2006	1	33.64	1432.00	141.00	1506.00	\$ 44,242.37
2007	9	210.58	5207.00	500.00	5670.00	\$ 266,079.39
2008	5	119.69	3148.00	205.00	3411.00	\$ 177,860.21
2009	5	131.63	5355.00	408.00	5645.00	\$ 218,840.53
2010	9	191.73	6376.00	516.00	6888.00	\$ 250,207.01
2011	1	35.24	1498.00	139.00	1576.00	\$ 63,410.90
2012	9	197.97	7582.00	554.00	8180.00	\$ 278,184.24
2013	1	16.54	550.00	56.00	633.00	\$ 21,503.85
2014	12	202.90	8749.00	636.00	9195.00	\$ 394,788.24
2015	6	79.19	4720.00	259.00	4895.00	\$ 283,980.20
2016	5	82.00	4265.00	343.00	4445.00	\$ 254,105.26
2017	4	71.91	3786.00	210.00	3945.00	\$ 209,845.75
2018	2	169.57	2215.00	132.00	25941.00	\$ 166,309.06
2019	6	159.16	5754.00	333.00	6099.00	\$ 291,933.65
2020	4	42.54	419.00	46.00	512.00	\$ 28,802.94
Total	137	3,131.13	99,004.00	8,404.00	129,557.00	\$ 3,996,064.61
Avg		136.14	4,304.52	365.39	5,632.91	173,741.94



2035.1.2 NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS

Year	Bough Permits		Fuelwood Permits		TOTAL
	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	
1996	7	\$ 140.00	19	\$ 190.00	\$ 330.00
1997	10	\$ 200.00	8	\$ 80.00	\$ 280.00
1998	7	\$ 140.00	5	\$ 50.00	\$ 190.00
1999	5	\$ 100.00	2	\$ 20.00	\$ 120.00
2000	6	\$ 120.00	7	\$ 70.00	\$ 190.00
2001	4	\$ 80.00	10	\$ 100.00	\$ 180.00
2002	4	\$ 80.00	6	\$ 60.00	\$ 140.00
2003	3	\$ 60.00	9	\$ 90.00	\$ 150.00
2004	7	\$ 140.00	7	\$ 70.00	\$ 210.00
2005	3	\$ 60.00	10	\$ 100.00	\$ 160.00
2006	4	\$ 80.00	11	\$ 110.00	\$ 190.00
2007	2	\$ 40.00	13	\$ 130.00	\$ 170.00
2008	5	\$ 100.00	19	\$ 190.00	\$ 290.00
2009	4	\$ 80.00	18	\$ 180.00	\$ 260.00
2010	5	\$ 100.00	20	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
2011	7	\$ 140.00	22	\$ 220.00	\$ 360.00
2012	3	\$ 60.00	16	\$ 160.00	\$ 220.00
2013	7	\$ 140.00	15	\$ 150.00	\$ 290.00
2014	1	\$ 20.00	21	\$ 210.00	\$ 230.00
2015	3	\$ 60.00	28	\$ 280.00	\$ 340.00
2016	6	\$ 120.00	11	\$ 110.00	\$ 230.00
2017	3	\$ 60.00	10	\$ 100.00	\$ 160.00
2018	4	\$ 80.00	10	\$ 100.00	\$ 180.00
2019	3	\$ 60.00	9	\$ 90.00	\$ 150.00
2020	3	\$ 60.00	10	\$ 200.00	\$ 260.00
Total	116	2320	316	3260	5580
AVG	4.64	92.8	12.64	130.4	223.2

2035.2 REFORESTATION

No tree planting has occurred during this time period.

2035.3 TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT

Forest County currently hasn't completed any Timber Stand Improvement (e.g. pruning, non-commercial thinnings).

#### 2035.4 RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Recreational development has been a big focus point in Forest County over the last 15 years. Forest County currently maintains one campground, Veterans Memorial Park, which includes a bathroom/showhouse, public beach area, 58 campsites with electric, 7 tent sites, and a boat landing.

There are 2 non-motorized trails that Forest County maintains: Otter Springs Recreation Area and Hemlock Lake Ski Trail. Otter Springs is open to hiking, snowshoeing, skiing, and horseback riding with many loops of various mileages and difficulty totaling 8.5 miles. In 2015, 6 miles of biking trails was added, which are also open to foot traffic. Hemlock Lake is a ski trail offering 2 loops, totaling 3.75 miles. Maps of both trails can be found in Chapter 1000.

Motorized trails have increased greatly. Forest County now has 62.1 miles of ATV Trails with plans to expand. Snowmobile currently have 405.4 miles with plans to expand as well. Maps of both can be found in Chapter 1000.

#### 2035.5 WILDLIFE PROJECTS

Forest County is actively looking for ways to help wildlife habitat throughout the Forest. The Forest currently has one grouse management unit (2,045 acres). In this unit, there are many hunter walking trails for the public to enjoy. These trails are mowed in the late summer/fall time and seeded properly for wildlife as needed. Gates have been put up in various locations around these trails to discourage the use of motorized traffic. There are currently 19 gates around the unit. Several different wildlife surveys take place, such as deer observations, brood surveys, wolf tracking surveys, bear hair snare, and wolf howl surveys.

## 2040 MONITORING

### 2040.1 FOREST TYPES

#### FOREST COUNTY FOREST COMPOSITION

Forest Type	1995 Acres	1995%	2020 Acres	2020%	Proposed Acres	Proposed %
Aspen	3197	29.47%	4061	29%	4061	29%
Hemlock	0	0.0%	110	1%	110	1%
Cedar	0	0.0%	483	3%	483	3%
Fir-Spruce	56	0.51%	193	0%	193	0%
Northern Hardwoods	5800	53.47%	7973	57%	7973	57%
Oak	0	0.0%	40	0.0%	40	0.0%
Jack pine	0	0.0%	8	0.0%	8	0.0%
Red pine	0	0.0%	343	2%	343	2%
White pine	154	1.42%	16	0%	16	0%
Black Spruce	253	2.33%	290	2%	290	2%
Swamp Hardwoods	29	0.27%	321	2%	321	2%
Tamarack	0	0.0%	138	1%	138	1%
Total Forested	10,110	93.19%	14,028	98%	14,028	98%
Upland Grass	364	0.11%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
Herbaceous Vegetation	194	0.24%	19	2%	19	2%
Low shrub	173	0.22%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Marsh	1447	1.80%	82	8%	82	8%
Low brush	1910	2.38%	433	42%	433	42%
Alder	5741	7.16%	109	10%	109	10%
Willow	14	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Minor Lake	448	0.56%	9	1%	9	1%

Minor stream	101	0.13%	6	1%	6	1%
R-O-W	87	0.11%	187	18%	187	18%
Upland brush	432	0.54%	3	0%	3	0%
Picnic Area	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Parking	0	0.0%	8	1%	8	1%
Muskeg Bog	3340	4.16%	20	2%	20	2%
Emergent Veg	163	0.20%	7	1%	7	1%
Campground	0	0.0%	17	2%	17	2%
Water	12	0.01%	10	1%	10	1%
Developed Use	0	0.0%	21	3%	21	3%
Sedge Meadow	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
Farmland, Grazed	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Nature or Hiking Trails	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
Lowland Grass	0	0.0%	84	8%	84	8%
Lowland Herbaceous Veg	0	0.0%	13	1%	13	1%
Remnant Prairie	0	0.0%	187	18%	187	18%
Wetland Shrub	0	0.0%	5	0.0%	5	0.0%
Total non-forest	15130	18.51%	1043	100%	1043	100%
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>10,848</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10,749</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10,749</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The primary forest types of the Forest County Forests are Aspen and Northern Hardwoods. It is important to promote species that are hard to regenerate, such as oak. Over the years, eastern hemlock has also been an important species to conserve due to the overall decrease of the species in Wisconsin and the importance it has on wildlife in the County. Important wildlife trees or seed trees are retained to save them in a harvest.

Natural succession has taken place in some non-forested types such as upland grass, having a seed source and turning into a new stand, such as aspen or spruce. There has been an increase in recreational development as well. With the increase for recreational activities, more campgrounds and trails systems are becoming built and maintained on the County Forest land. The management of the Forest overall has remained fairly consistent, with aspen and northern hardwoods being the primary forest types managed and harvested.

## 2040.2 HARVESTING

### FOREST COUNTY FOREST ASPEN (ACRES)

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>NEED</i>	<i>Established</i>	<i>Sold</i>	<i>Closed</i>
2005	85	62	27	14
2006	85	0	62	0
2007	85	64	64	54
2008	85	125	105	60
2009	85	53	20	56
2010	85	78	53	106
2011	85	86	134	20
2012	85	68	98	138
2013	85	0	0	0
2014	85	116	91	133
2015	85	65	90	115
2016	85	49	0	28
2017	85	97	146	52

<i>2018</i>	85	29	29	31
<i>2019</i>	85	42	42	81
<i>2020</i>	85	133	107	0
<i>Totals (15 yrs.)</i>	1,361	1067	1068	832
<i>Annual Average</i>	85	62	64	55

**FOREST COUNTY FOREST NORTHERN HARDWOOD (ACRES)**

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>NEED</i>	<i>Established</i>	<i>Sold</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>2005</i>	436	201	315	362
<i>2006</i>	436	0	201	141
<i>2007</i>	436	204	204	429
<i>2008</i>	436	646	527	145
<i>2009</i>	436	271	119	329
<i>2010</i>	436	155	271	410
<i>2011</i>	436	366	505	119
<i>2012</i>	436	226	242	389
<i>2013</i>	436	0	0	48
<i>2014</i>	436	436	169	498
<i>2015</i>	436	74	341	144
<i>2016</i>	436	576	289	305
<i>2017</i>	436	0	287	177
<i>2018</i>	436	205	205	101
<i>2019</i>	436	475	475	370

<i>2020</i>	<i>436</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>409</i>	<i>46</i>
<i>Totals (15 yrs.)</i>	<i>6,972</i>	<i>4,244</i>	<i>4,559</i>	<i>4,013</i>
<i>Annual Average</i>	<i>436</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>277</i>	<i>264</i>

**FOREST COUNTY FOREST ALL SALES (ACRES)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Need</i>	<i>Established</i>	<i>Recon in lieu of Sale (Deferred acres)</i>	<i>Total Sale activity</i>	<i>Sold</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>2005</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>342</i>	<i>389</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>141</i>
<i>2007</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>276</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>336</i>	<i>276</i>	<i>528</i>
<i>2008</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>794</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>827</i>	<i>655</i>	<i>205</i>
<i>2009</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>408</i>
<i>2010</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>516</i>
<i>2011</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>465</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>465</i>	<i>665</i>	<i>139</i>
<i>2012</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>295</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>348</i>	<i>350</i>	<i>558</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>2014</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>653</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>133</i>
<i>2015</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>431</i>	<i>259</i>
<i>2016</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>656</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>656</i>	<i>289</i>	<i>381</i>
<i>2017</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>464</i>	<i>259</i>
<i>2018</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>294</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>294</i>	<i>132</i>

2019	604	546	10	556	512	546
2020	604	542	10	526	516	46
Totals 15 yrs.	9,679	5,591	556	6,121	5,536	4,696

The shortfall in acres established over the last 15 years is, in part, due to scheduling of Aspen and Northern Hardwoods. In the past, it was assumed that the Aspen rotation age (the age in which a stand of aspen is ready for harvesting) was around 40 years. As these scheduled stands were entered, it was found that they were not in fact ready for harvest. Due to small diameter and/or not enough volume, much of this wood has been rescheduled for future harvest. Also, the Northern Hardwood thinning schedule assumed re-entering a stand at 15-year intervals. It has been found that many of our lower quality hardwood sites take 20 plus years before the next thinning is warranted. Some of these lower quality hardwood sites are not seeing viable growth rates to continue uneven aged management. They are, if applicable, managed using an even aged system. All acreage scheduled for harvest in a particular year but not established for sale in that year (the scheduled harvest year is changed to a later date) is then rescheduled and put under "Recon in Lieu of Sale".

The above acreages do not necessarily reflect the number of acres the County actually established and sold in a given year. The timing of when the paperwork is processed and all data entry is complete determines the year in which the acreage is recorded. Acres established were based on actual timber sales sold for the calendar year.

### 2040.3 FLORA/FAUNA

Insect and disease problems arised during the previous planning period included Forest Tent Caterpillar (*Malacosoma disstrium*), Two Lined Chestnut Borer (*Agilus bilineatus*), Emerald Ash Borer (*Agilus planipennis*), Oak Wilt (*Bretziella fagacearum*), Spruce Budworm (*Christoneura spp.*), European Gypsy Moth (*Lymantria dispar*), and Heterobasidion Root Disease (*Heterobasidion annosum sensu lato*).



Forest tent caterpillar feeds on aspens, oaks, sugar maple, alder, and other hardwood species. Forest tent caterpillars slow down the growth rate in trees. You can typically see the effects in fruits and seeds of effected trees.

Spruce budworm feeds on white, red, and black spruce and balsam fir. This insect causes defoliation over typically 2-5 years by eating the on the spruce and fir trees. The defoliation will first be seen in the top branches of the tree.

Two lined chestnut borer feeds on oaks. This insect damages to the water and nutrient conducting tissues. Could potentially kill the entire tree, although it may only kill the crown or a single limb.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is most damaging to black and white ash trees. EAB is deadly to trees. The insect tunnels on the inner bark of ash trees and stops the flowing of water and nutrients throughout the tree. For more information visit:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/foresthealth/emeraldashborer>

Oak wilt is a fungus that effects oak trees through any open wounds. The season we avoid cutting oaks due to this disease is approximately mid-April to mid-July. If oak trees or limbs are cut, there is a spray to apply to the limb that keeps oak wilt from infecting the tree. Oak wilt can kill a single tree and has the potential to kill a full stand. For more information visit: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/foresthealth/oakwilt>

The European Gypsy Moth typically feeds on oaks, aspens, birches, and basswoods. They typically do not cause death alone in a tree, but cause severe defoliation with leaves the trees vulnerable to other possible insects and diseases. For more information visit:

Heterobasidion Root Disease (HRD) is commonly found in pine and spruce stands. HRD is currently not found in Forest County, although it is in surrounding counties and making its way through Wisconsin. This is a very destructive disease, it could kill individual trees or pockets of trees. Infected trees will begin turning a yellow color and will thin itself. If you are planning a harvest, it is recommended to spray the cut stumps with fungicide if HRD is found nearby. For more information visit:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/foresthealth/annosumrootrot>

#### 2040.4 RECREATIONAL USE

The demand for recreational use of the County Forest has grown significantly over the last two decades. Growth in sports, such as ATV and snowmobile riding has significantly grown. This has resulted in the development of additional trail systems and mileage. Continued growth of these activities and many other recreational activities will result in the addition of more miles of trails and more facilities to accommodate the growth.

#### 2040.5 HIGH CONSERVATION VALE FOREST AREAS

*There are currently no HCVF on the Forest County Forest.*

#### 2040.6 ROADS AND ACCESS

*Forest County currently has no DOT funded- Gas- Tax forest roads.*

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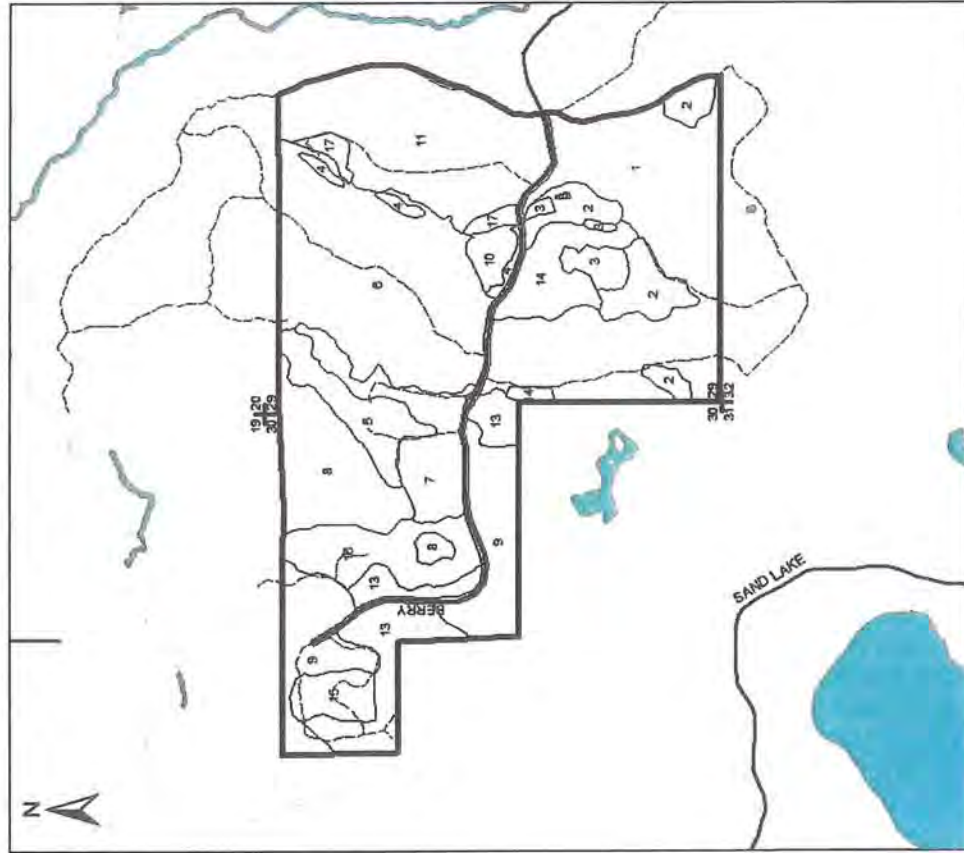
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### 3000 SPECIES KEY

<u>Forest Type</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Right -of-Way	ROW
Aspen	A
White Cedar	C
Balsam Fir	FB
Hemlock	H
Red Maple	MR
Northern Hardwoods	NH
Oak	O
Red Pine	PR
White Pine	PW
Jack Pine	PJ
Black Spruce	SB
Swamp Hardwoods	SH
White Spruce	SW
Tamarack	T
Grass	G
Herbaceous Vegetation	GH
Marsh	K
Muskeg- bog	KB
Lowland Grass	KG
Lowland Herbaceous Vegetation	KH
Alder	LBA
Minor- Lake	LM
Minor- Stream	LMS
Heavily Grazed	FG
Developed Use	I
Parking Area	IA
Campground	ICG

# 3005 COMPARTMENT AND STAND MAPS

## 3005.1 COMPARTMENT ONE



### COMPARTMENT 1

T35N R13E Sec. 29, 30  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 640 acres  
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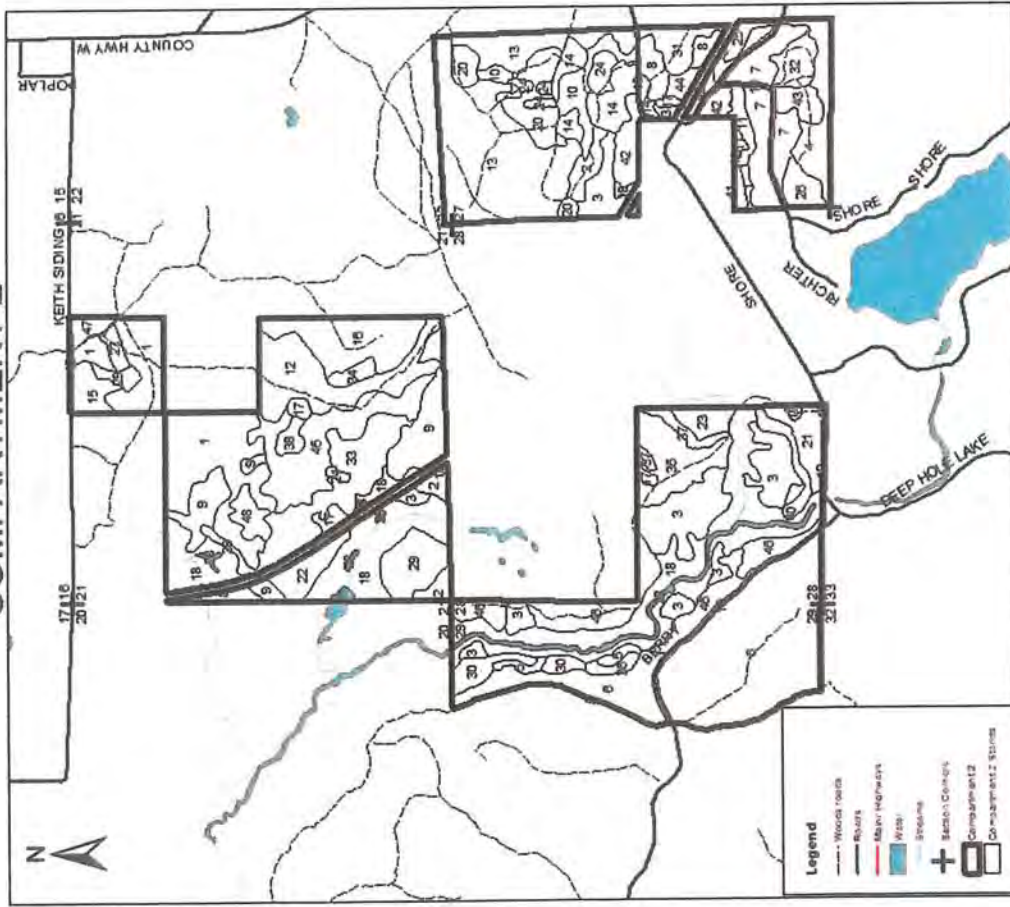
**Legend**

- Woods roads
- Roads
- Major Highways
- Water
- Streams
- + Section Corners
- Compartment 1
- Stands

Stand #	Acres	Stand #	Acres
1	148	11	125
2	124	12	125
3	124	13	125
4	124	14	125
5	124	15	125
6	124	16	125
7	124	17	125
8	124	18	125
9	124	19	125
10	124	20	125
11	124	21	125
12	124	22	125
13	124	23	125
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35	124	45	125

3005.2 COMPARTMENT TWO

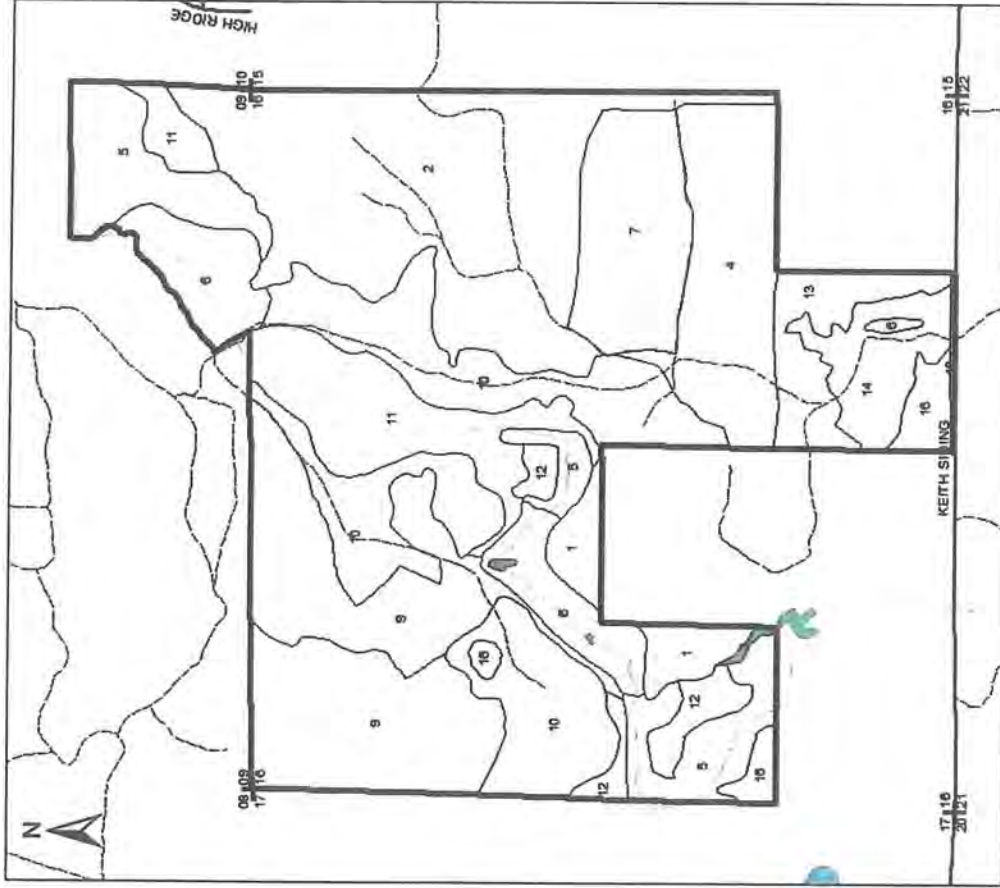
COMPARTMENT 2



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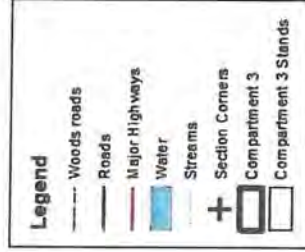
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6	1.78	A	0041	6	14
7	1.78	A	0041	7	14
8	1.78	A	0041	8	14
9	1.78	A	0041	9	14
10	1.78	A	0041	10	14
11	1.78	A	0041	11	14
12	1.78	A	0041	12	14
13	1.78	A	0041	13	14
14	1.78	A	0041	14	14
15	1.78	A	0041	15	14
16	1.78	A	0041	16	14
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20	1.78	A	0041	20	14
21	1.78	A	0041	21	14
22	1.78	A	0041	22	14
23	1.78	A	0041	23	14
24	1.78	A	0041	24	14
25	1.78	A	0041	25	14
26	1.78	A	0041	26	14
27	1.78	A	0041	27	14
28	1.78	A	0041	28	14
29	1.78	A	0041	29	14
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31	1.78	A	0041	31	14
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3005.3 COMPARTMENT THREE



COMPARTMENT 3

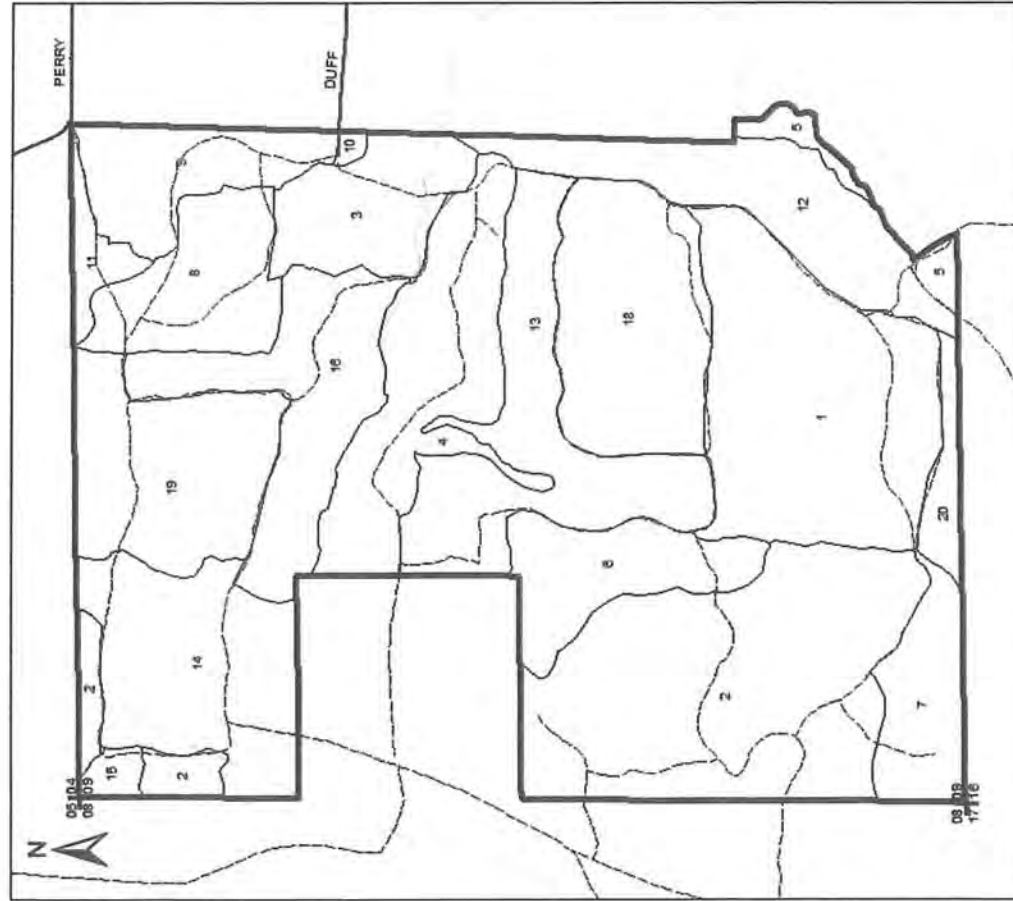
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 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 507 acres  
 Mapped by Carly DeVet 7/2/2020



Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	Acres
1	PH	SB	0209 3	13
2	PH	A	0511 3	102
3	PH	DA		1
4	PH	A	0005 1	46
5	PH	UBA		40
6	PH	KG		29
7	PH	A	0511 4	31
8	PH	A	0511 3	81
9	PH	A	0005 3	80
10	PH	A	0511 3	27
11	PH	C	0509 3	11
12	PH	A	0005 3	16
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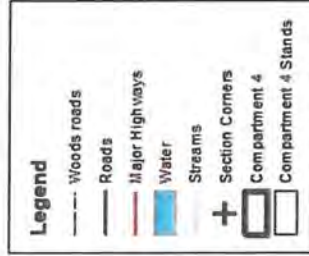


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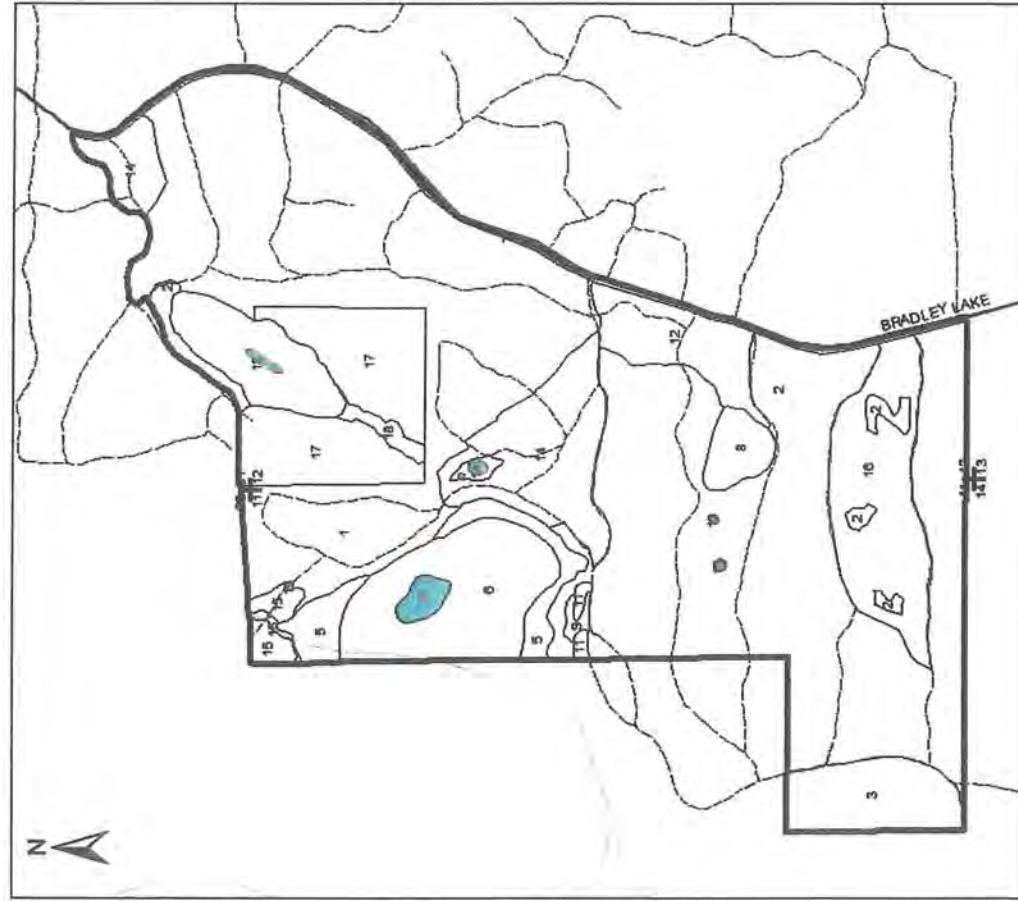
COMPARTMENT 4

T35N R13E Sec. 09  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 4.25 acres  
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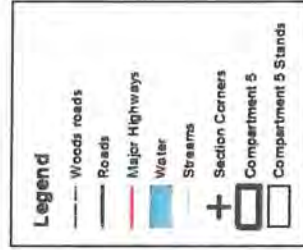
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5	4H	UBA			4
6	4H	A	0005	3	17
7	4H	A	0511	3	14
8	4H	A	0005	3	18
9	4H	NI	1115	2	16
10	4H	UBA			1
11	4H	NI	0511	2	5
12	4H	A	0005	3	24
13	4H	A	0511	3	34
14	4H	A	0511	3	32
15	4H	D	1115	3	2
16	4H	A	0511	3	27
17	4H	NI			1
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3005.5 COMPARTMENT FIVE



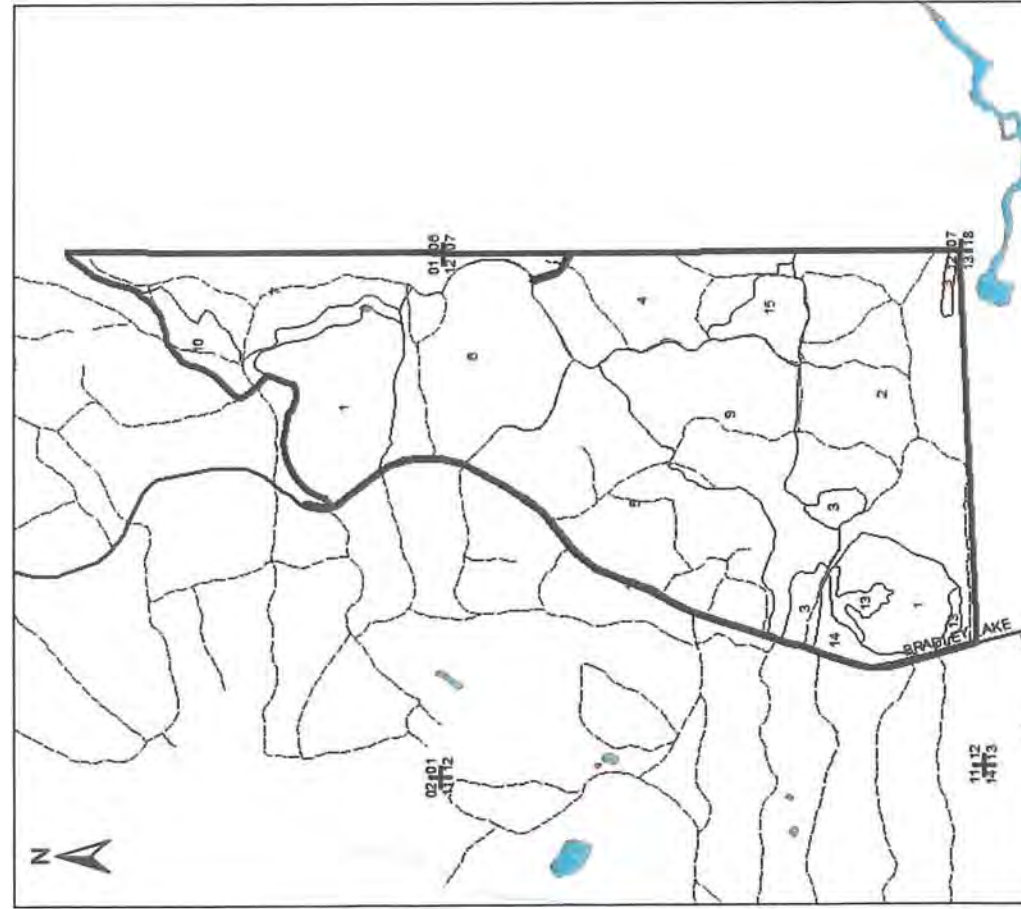
COMPARTMENT 5

T35N R13E Sec. 11, 12  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment/Acreage = 470 acres  
 Mapped by Carly DeVet 7/2/2020



Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	Acres
1	EH	NH	0511	3
2	EH	A	0511	3
3	EH	A	0005	3
5	EH	SB	0509	1
6	EH	SB	0005	1
7	EH	RDW		6
8	EH	T	0509	2
9	EH	LVS		1
10	NFH	LM		2
11	EH	PH	0815	2
12	EH	A	0005	3
13	EH	A	0511	3
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18	EH	T	0509	3

3005.6 COMPARTMENT SIX



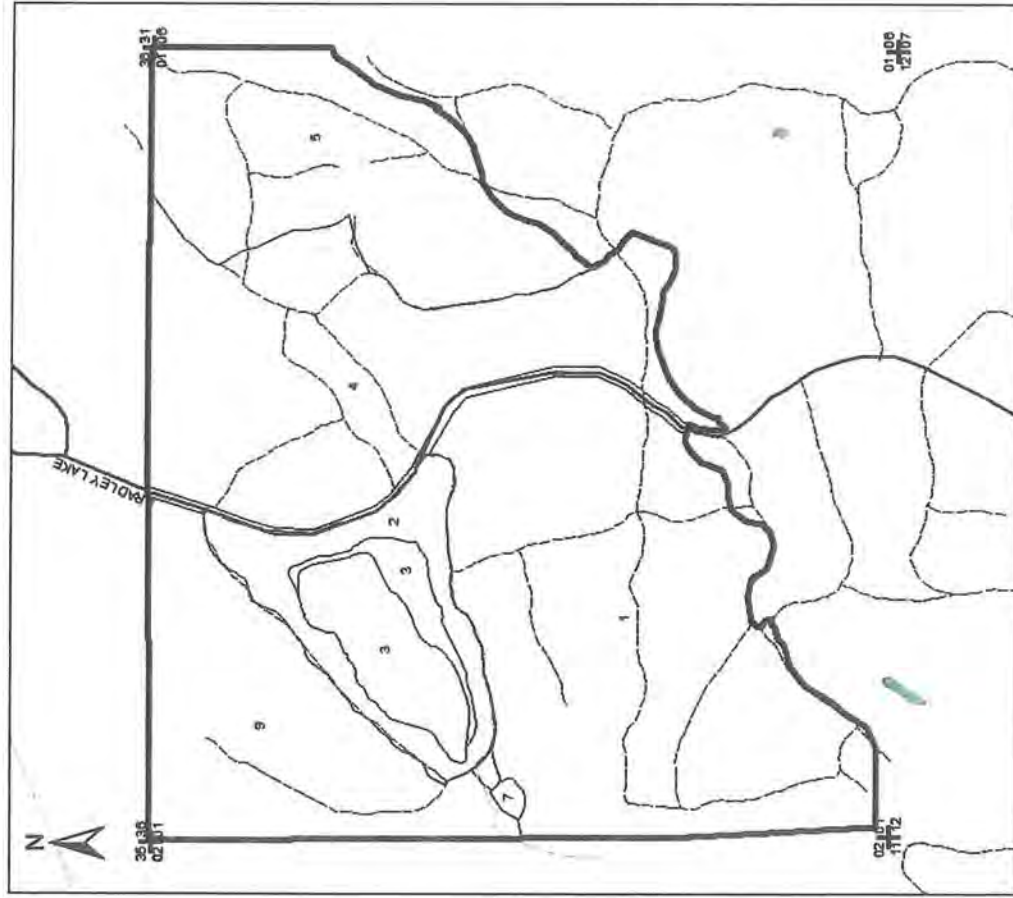
COMPARTMENT 6

T35N R13E Sec. 01, 12  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 539 acres  
 Mapped by Carly DeVet 7/2/2020



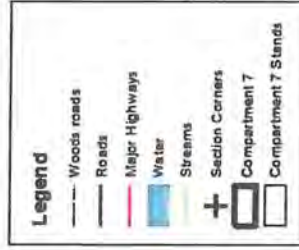
Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	D	Acre
1	RH	SB	0509	1	63
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5	RH	NH	1115	1	87
6	RH	NH	0511	3	62
7	RH	NH	0511	2	51
9	RH	A	0005	3	64
10	RH	A	0511	2	56
11	RH	ROW		6	6
13	NFH	KB		3	5
14	RH	A	0005	3	5
14	RH	NH	1500	1	12

3005.7 COMPARTMENT SEVEN



COMPARTMENT 7

T35N R13E Sec. 01  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 426 acres  
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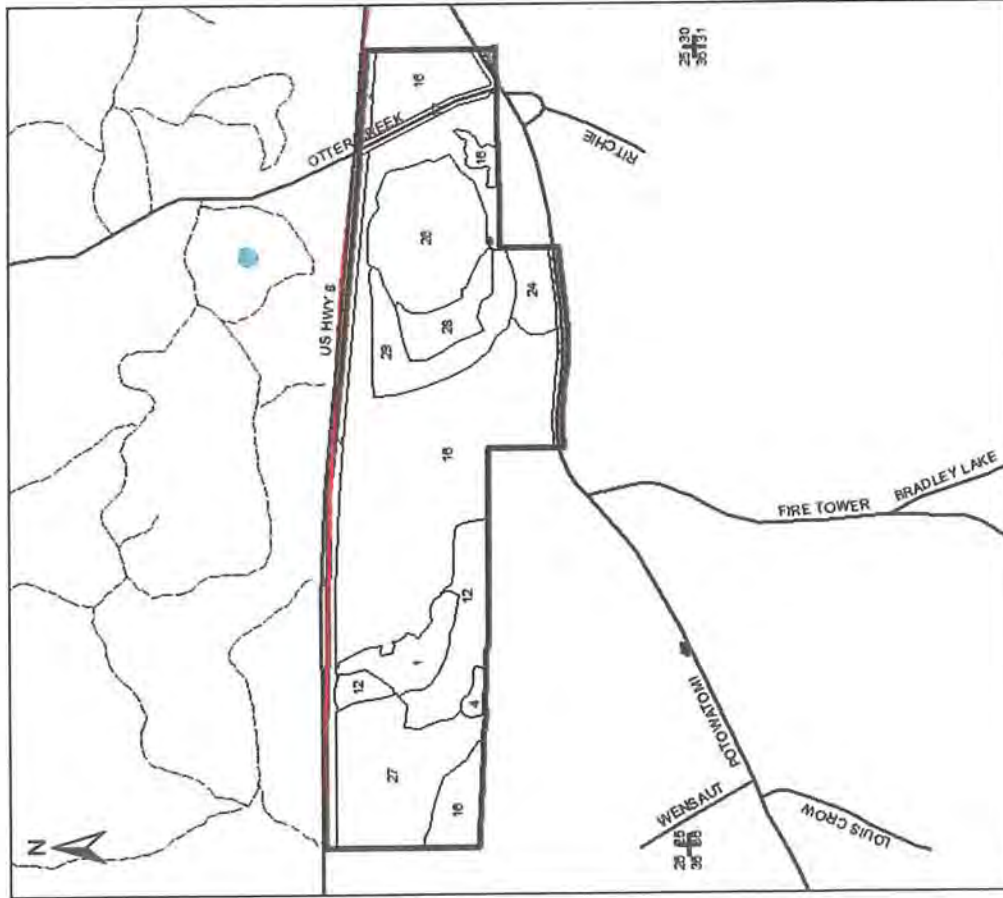
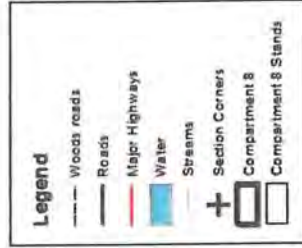


Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	D	Acres
1	PH	NH	0511	2	139
2	PH	A	0005	3	24
3	PH	SB	0509	2	13
4	PH	NH	0511	3	89
5	PH	NH	1115	2	70
7	NPH	EWS		1	1
8	NPH	ROW		5	5
9	PH	NH	1500	1	65

3005.8 COMPARTMENT EIGHT

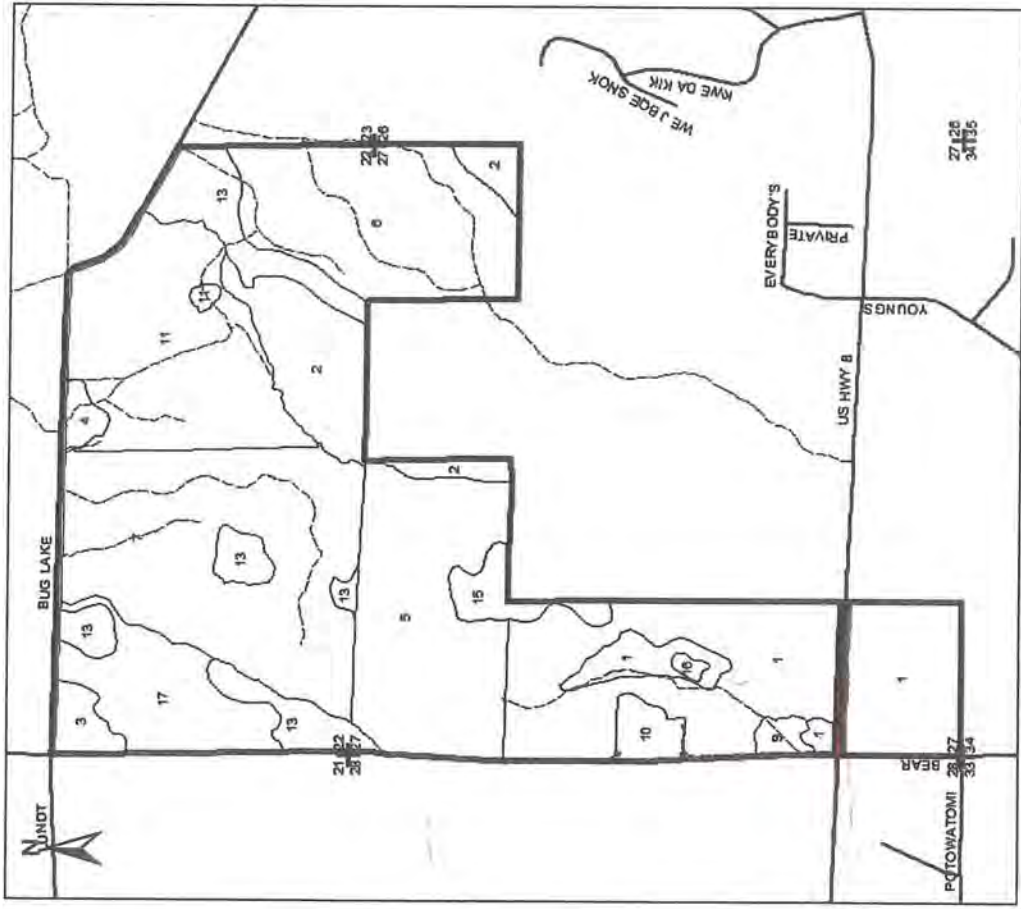
COMPARTMENT 8

T35N R13E Sec. 25  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 134 acres  
 Mapped by Carly DeVet 7/2/2020



Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	D	Acre
1	PH	A	0005	3	5
2	PH	ROW			7
4	PH	T	0005	1	1
12	PH	A	0005	3	9
15	PH	NH	1115	2	83
17	PH	ROW			4
24	PH	NH	0511	1	3
25	PH	I			14
27	PH	A	0005	3	16
28	PH	I			4
29	PH	I			8

3005.9 COMPARTMENT NINE



COMPARTMENT 9

T36N R13E Sec. 22, 23, 27  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 554 acres  
 Mapped by Carly DeVet 7/2/2020

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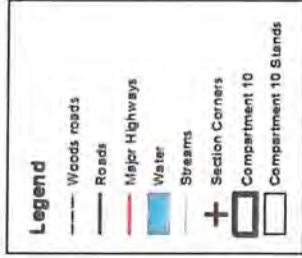
- Woods roads
- Roads
- Major\_Hwys
- Water
- streams
- + Section Corners
- Compartment 9
- Compartment 9 Stands

Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	Acres
1	PH	RH	1500	2
2	PH	SB	0005	111
3	PH	PR	0915	3
4	PH	A	0005	36
5	PH	NH	0005	5
6	PH	NH	1500	2
7	PH	NH	1500	69
8	PH	NH	1500	65
9	PH	ROW	1500	2
10	PH	A	0005	102
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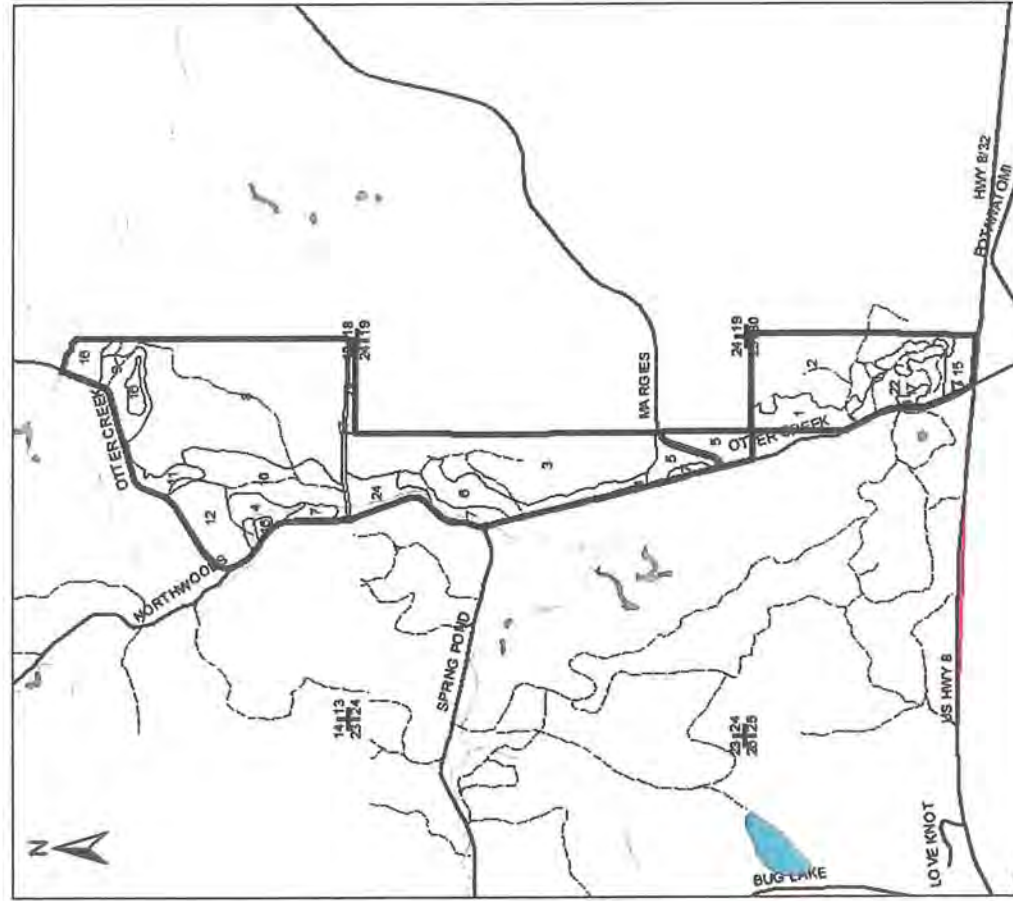
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 Compartment Acreage = 733 acres  
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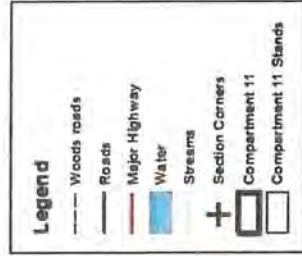
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5	PH	A	0511	4	11
6	PH	C	0509	3	31
7	PH	A	0511	3	37
8	PH	A	0005	2	25
9	PH	UBA			26
10	PH	NH	1500	3	7
11	PH	NH	0511	3	98
12	PH	NH	1115	3	46
13	NPH	W5A			30
14	PH	NH	1500	3	109
15	PH	SC			34
16	PH	UA			2
17	PH	UA			9
18	NPH	ROW			2
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20	PH	PR	0915	2	2
21	PH	NH	1115	5	3

3005.11 COMPARTMENT ELEVEN



COMPARTMENT 11

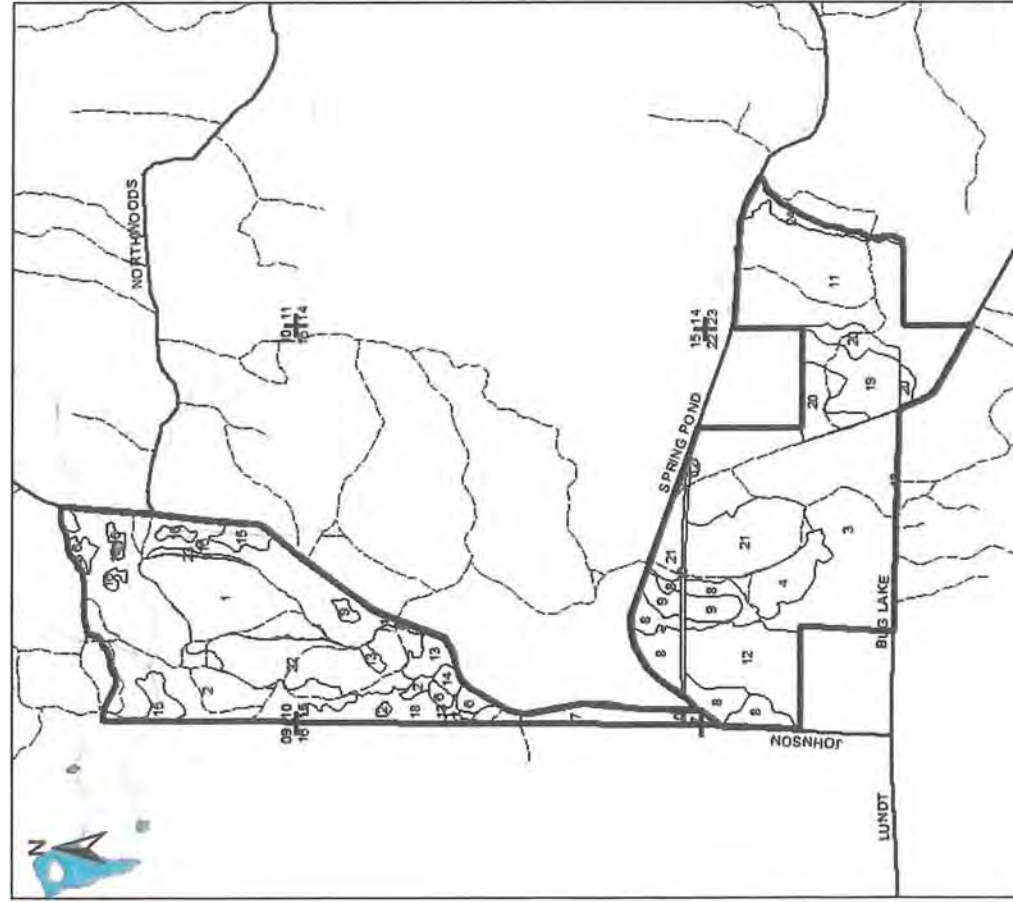
T36N R13E Sec. 13, 24, 25  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 373 acres  
 Mapped by Cary DeVet 7/2/2020



Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	D	Acres
1	FH	A	0005	3	16
2	FH	NH	1113	5	40
3	FH	NH	0511	3	62
4	FH	62			6
5	FH	A	0511	4	13
6	FH	A	0511	4	15
7	FH	LEA			9
8	FH	FH	1115	2	104
9	FH	A	0511	2	9
10	FH	A	0511	3	35
11	FH	SW	0915	5	5
12	FH	PV	0915	4	16
14	FH	ROW			11
15	FH	SW	0915	9	6
16	FH	5C	0509	2	10
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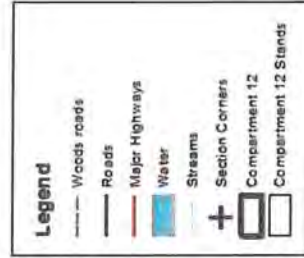


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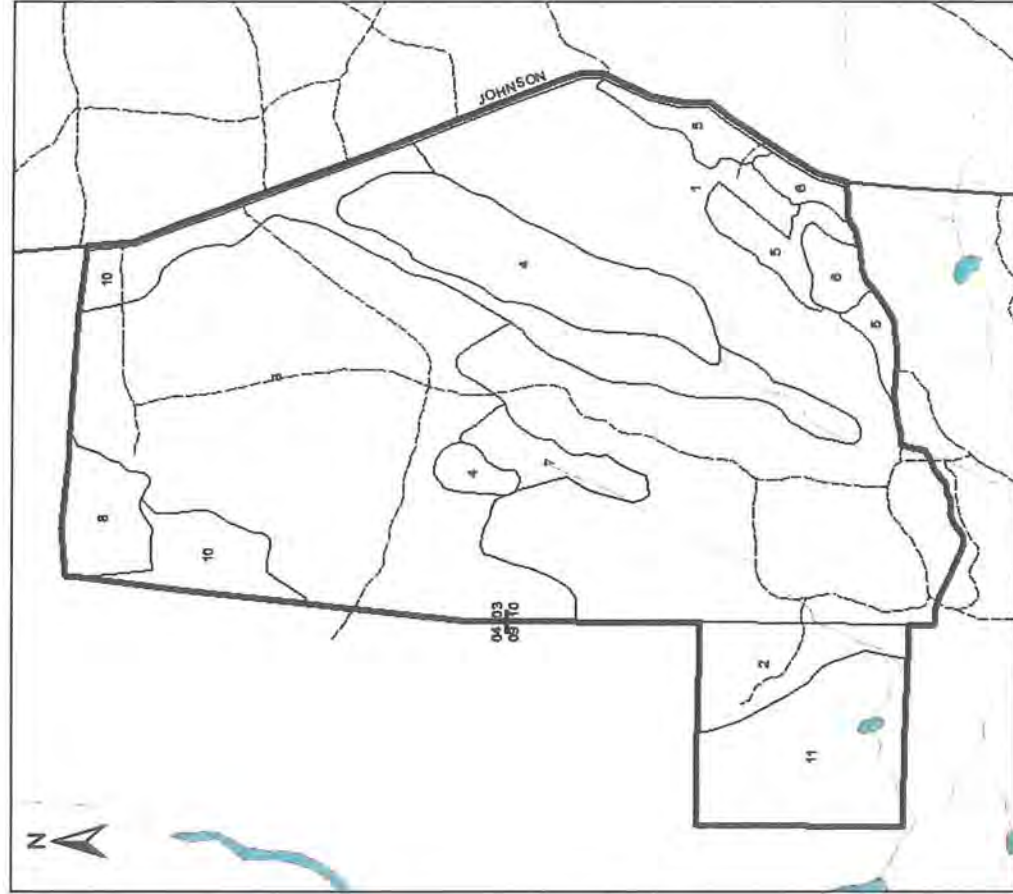


COMPARTMENT 12

T36N R13E Sec. 10, 15, 16, 22, 23  
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 Compartment Acreage = 615 acres  
 Mapped by Carly DeVet 7/2/2020

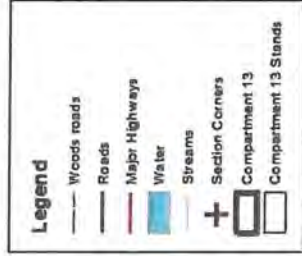


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5	PH	PR	1500	2	7
6	PH	NH	0511	5	12
7	PH	NH	1115	1	30
8	PK	SB	0509	4	10
9	PH	ROW			20
10	PH	NH	1115	2	78
11	PH	NH	1115	2	32
12	PH	A	0005	3	7
13	PH	ITM			3
14	PH	SA	0511	2	9
15	NPH	WSA			4
16	PH	FB	0509	3	1
17	NPH	PR	0509	3	12
18	PH	PR	0005	3	19
19	PH	FS	0005	2	19
20	PH	NH	1115	2	37
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24	PH	NH	1115	2	7



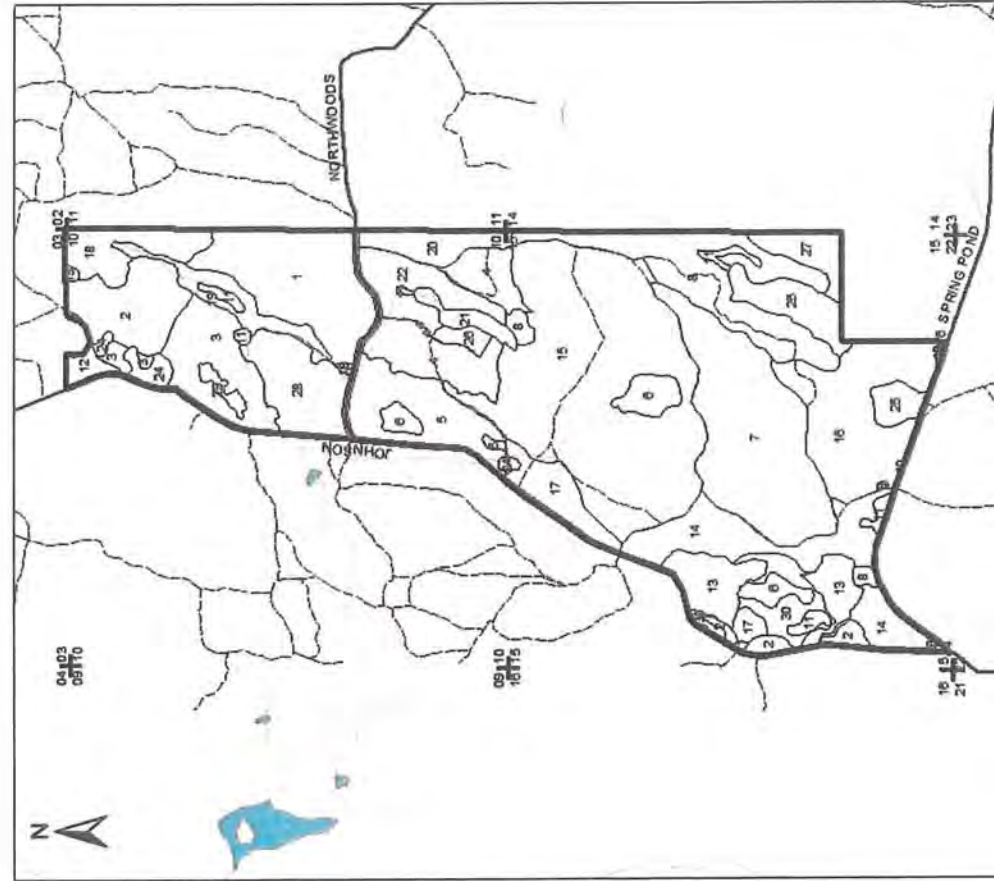
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 Forest County Forest  
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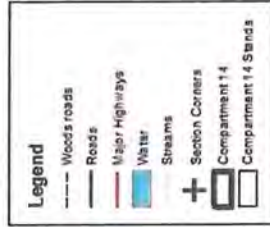
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2	PH	NH	1115	3	12
3	PH	NH	0511	3	112
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5	PH	A	0511	3	12
6	PH	PR	0615	3	7
7	PH	A	0511	3	7
8	PH	SH	0511	2	9
9	NPH	EDW			4
10	PH	NH	0511	2	56
11	PH	K			26

3005.14 COMPARTMENT FOURTEEN



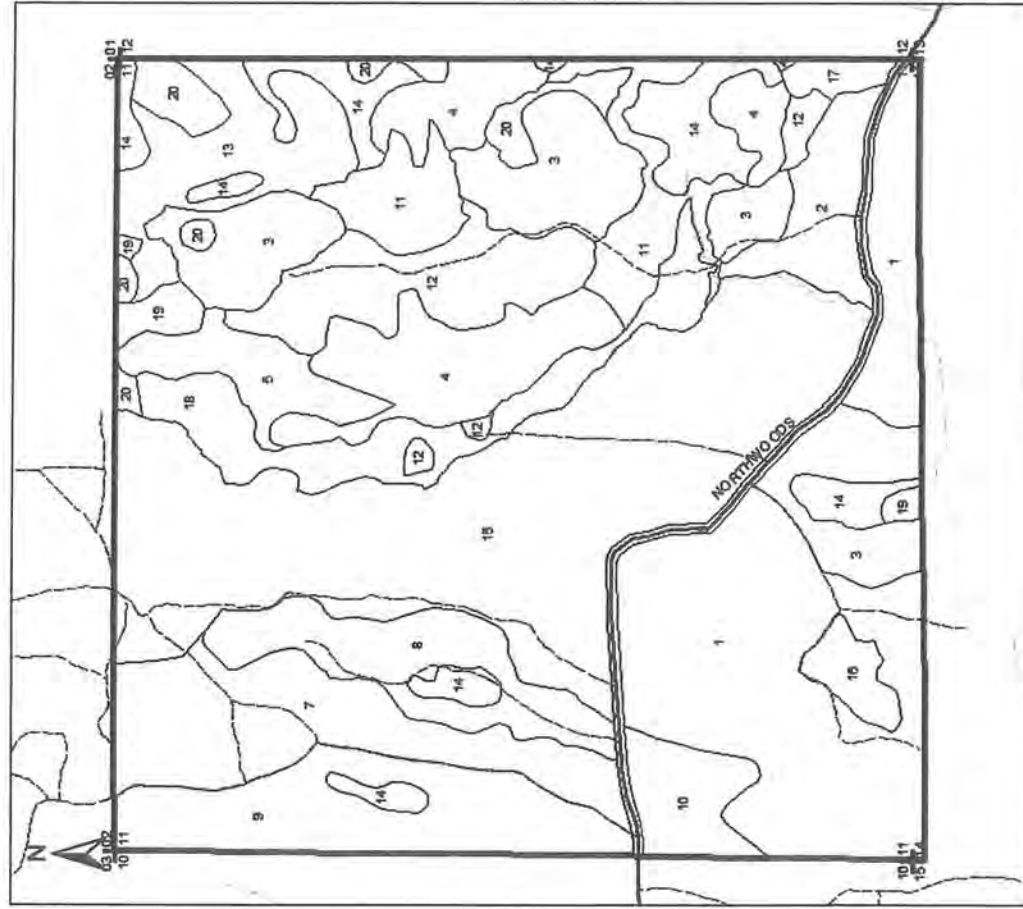
COMPARTMENT 14

T36N R13E Sec. 10, 15  
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 Compartment Acreage = 728 acres  
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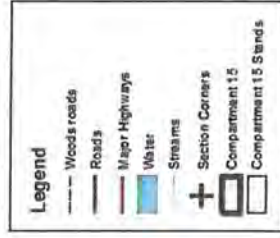
Section	Type	Primary Type	Size	D	Acres
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3005.15 COMPARTMENT FIFTEEN



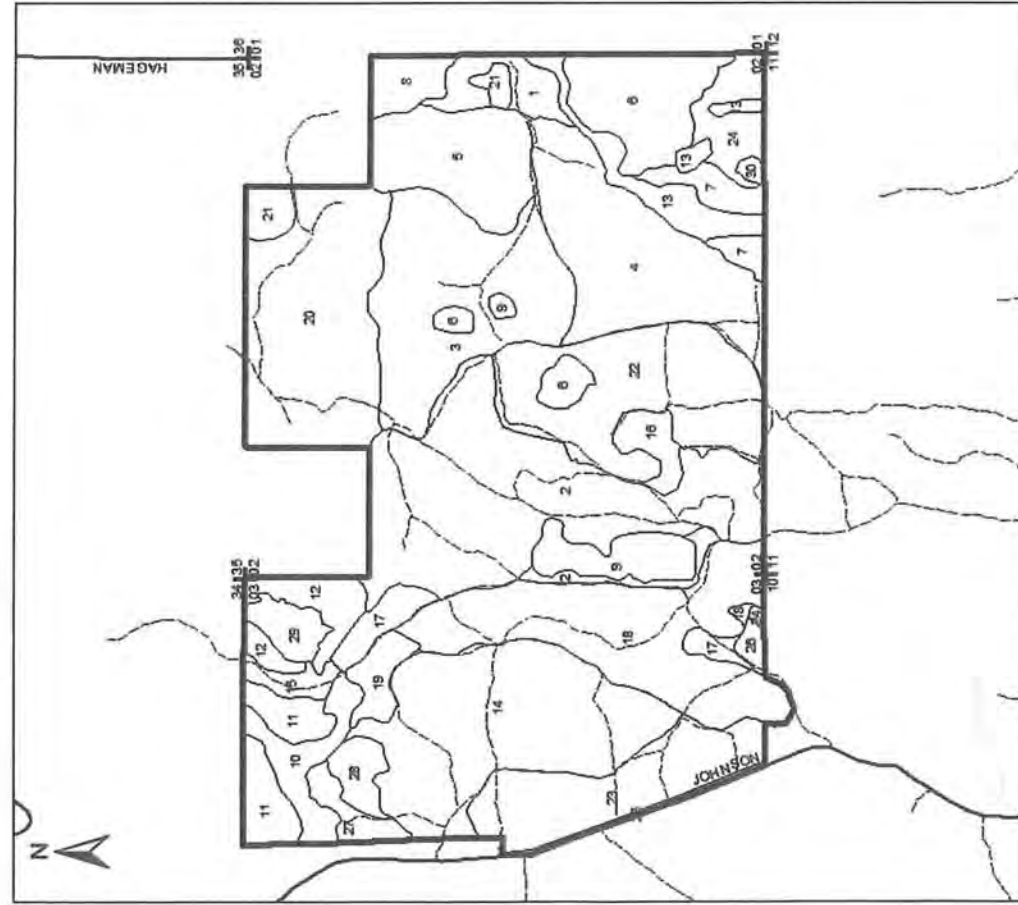
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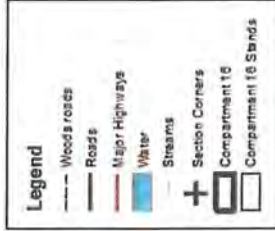
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3005.16 COMPARTMENT SIXTEEN



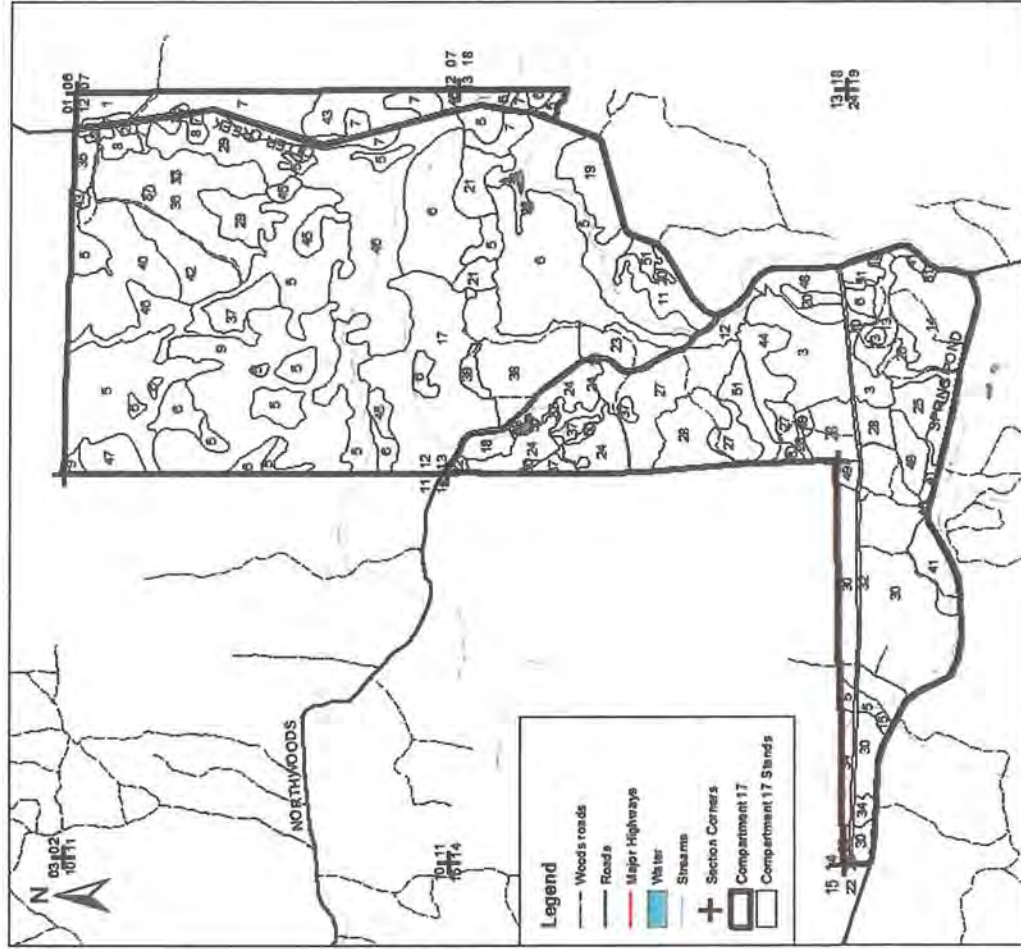
COMPARTMENT 16

T36N R13E Sec. 02, 03  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 861 acres  
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14	PH	NI	1900	2	26
15	PH	A	0005	3	5
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18	PH	70	1115	3	75
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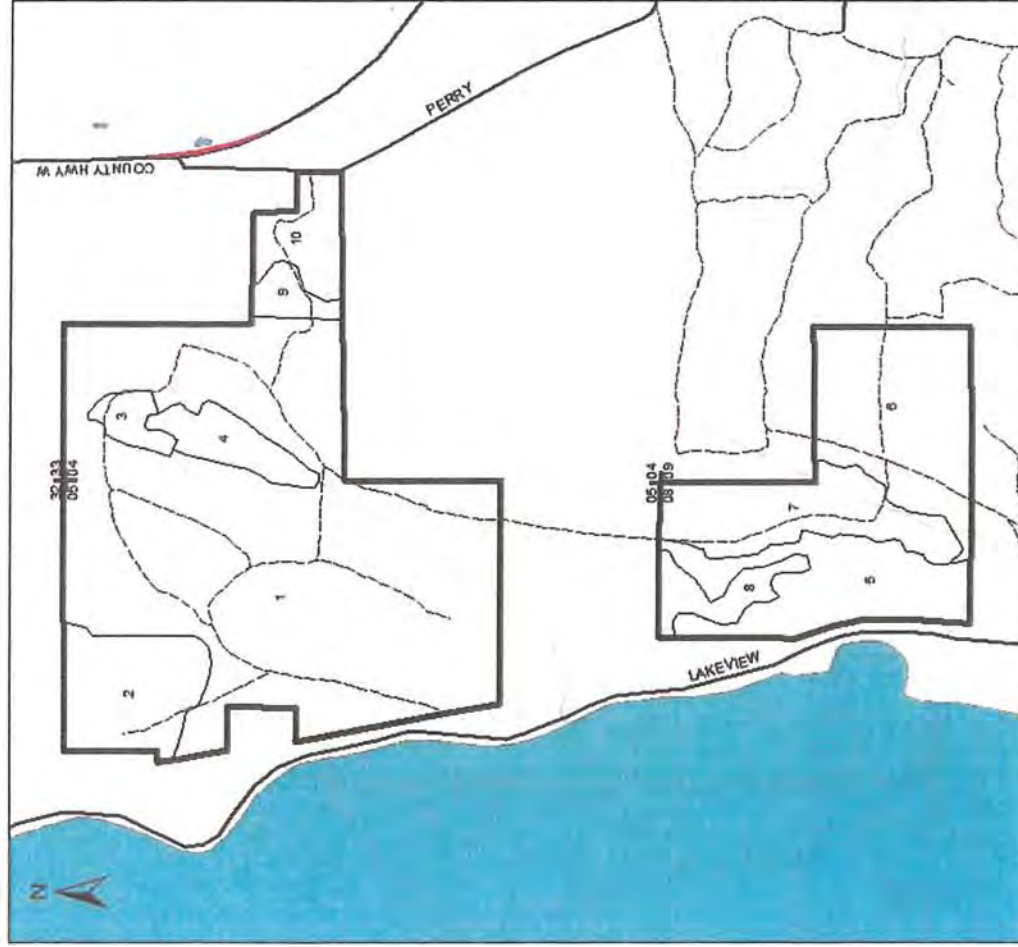


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 Compartment Acreage = 1,294 acres  
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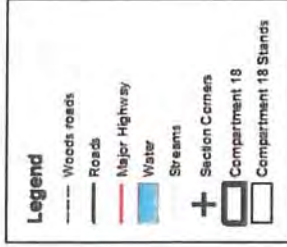
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3005.18 COMPARTMENT EIGHTEEN



COMPARTMENT 18

T35N R13E Sec. 05, 04, 08, 09  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 382 acres  
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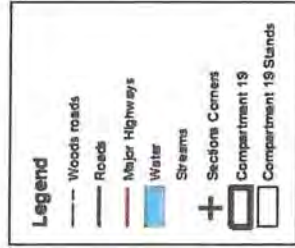
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5	PH	A	0005	3	32
6	PH	A	0005	3	43
7	PH	O	1500	1	29
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3005.19 COMPARTMENT NINETEEN



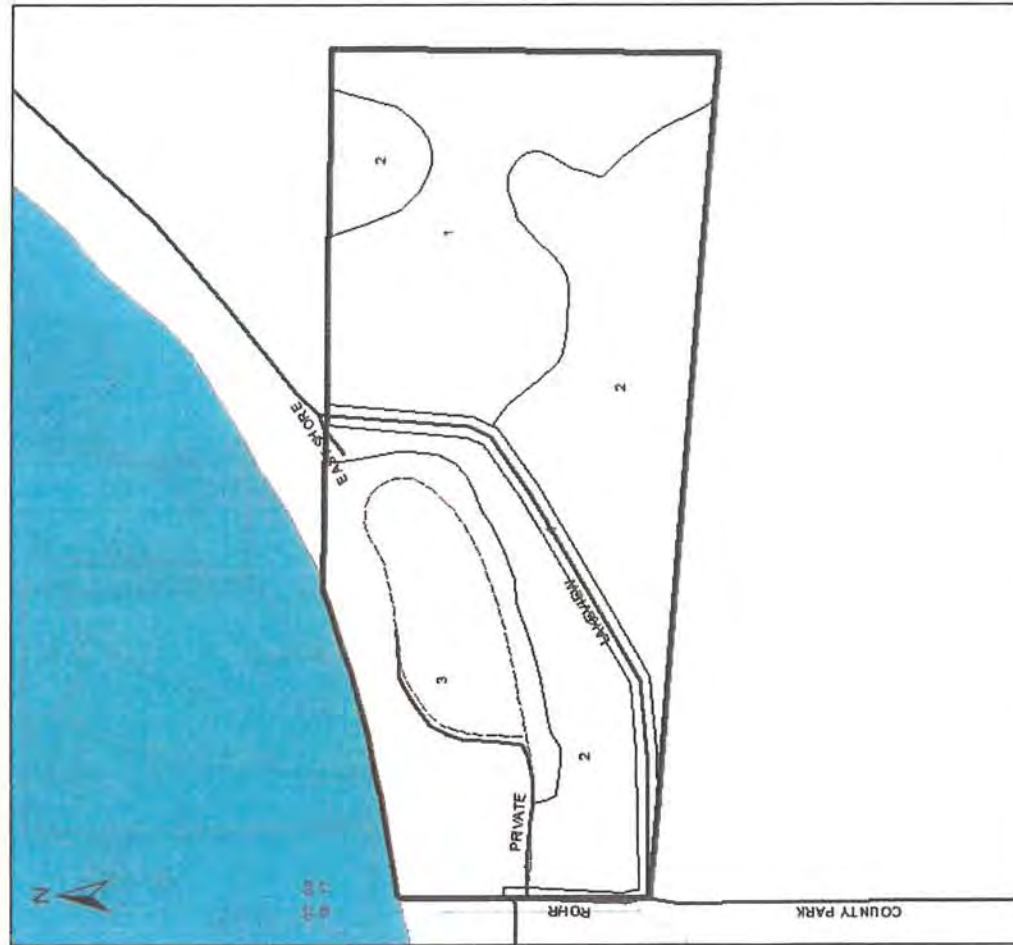
COMPARTMENT 19

T35N R13E Sec. 21, 22, 27  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 351 acres  
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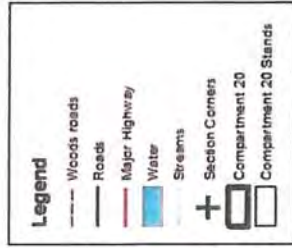
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5	FH	A	0005	3	1
6	NH	K			5
7	FH	A	0005	3	5
8	FH	PE	0509	3	60
9	FH	ROW			2
10	FH	PJ	0509	2	8
11	FH	NH	0511	3	15
12	FH	PA	0005	1	2
13	FH	A	0005	3	4
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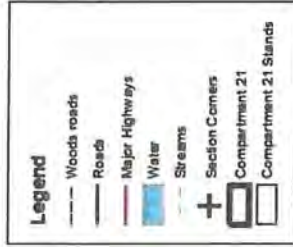
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 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 64 acres  
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Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	D	Acres
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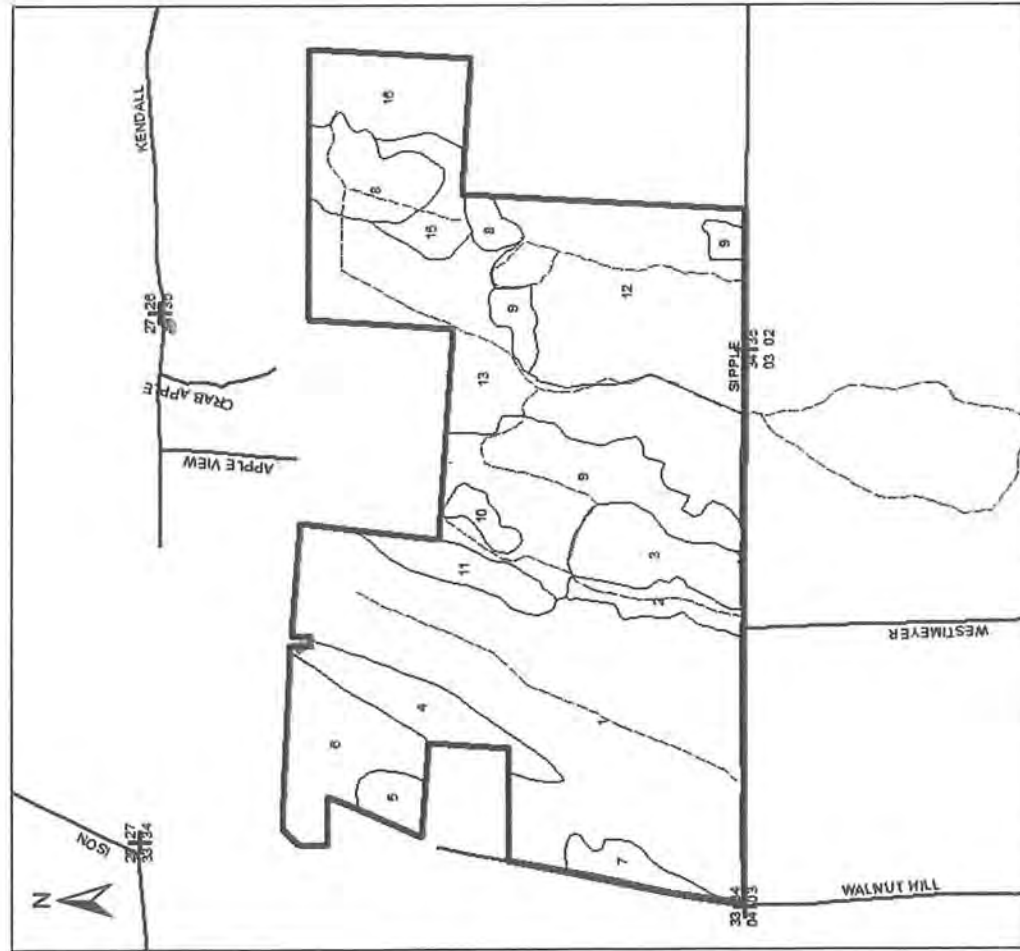
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T35N R13E Sec. 13, 14  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 398 acres  
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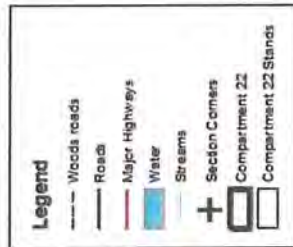
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5	PH	A	0005	3	19
6	PH	A	0011	4	5
7	PH	NH	1500	1	75
8	PH	KH	1115	1	13
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3005.22 COMPARTMENT TWENTY-TWO

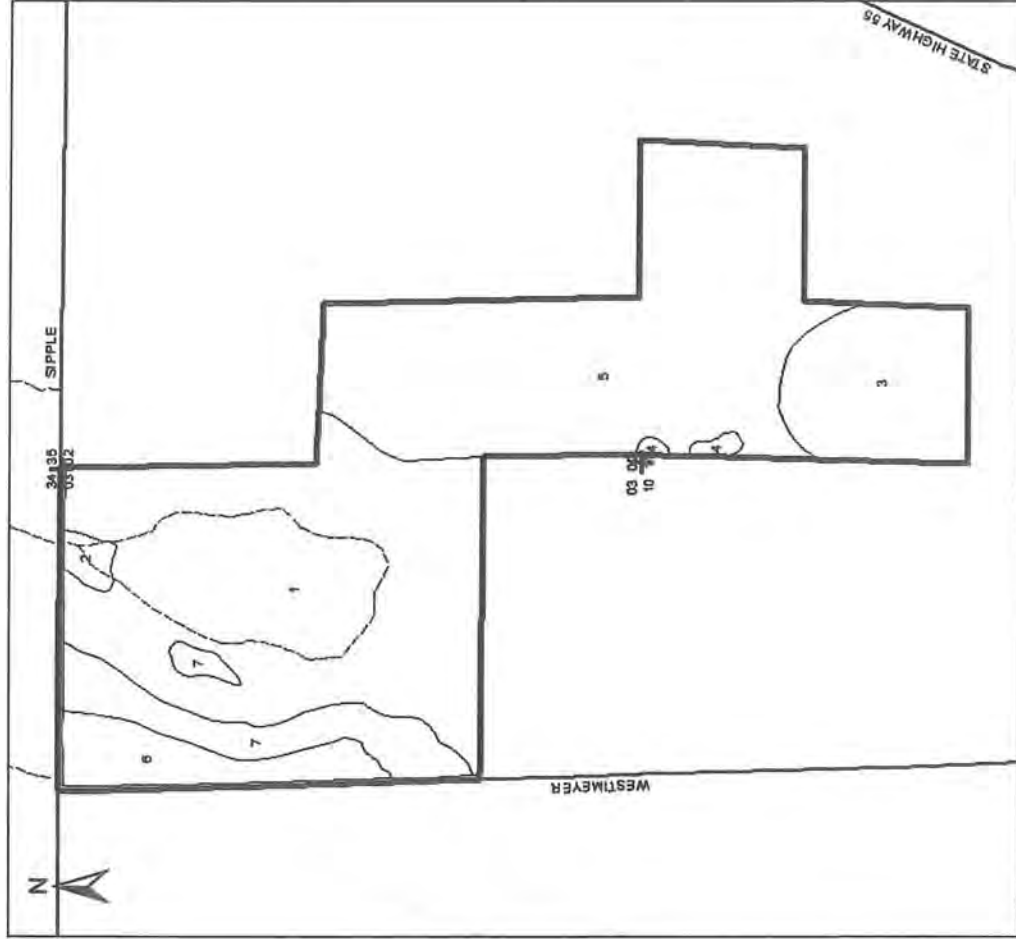


COMPARTMENT 22

T35N R13E Sec. 13, 14  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 574 acres  
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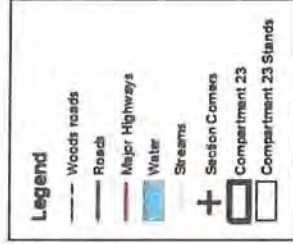


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5	PH	T	0509	3	7
6	PH	NH	1115	2	31
7	PH	PH	0915	4	8
8	PH	A	0005	3	24
9	PH	A	0511	3	59
10	PH	PH	0915	4	5
11	PH	SH	0511	2	13
12	PH	NH	0511	4	82
13	PH	NH	1115	3	82
14	PH	ROW			7
15	PH	NH	1115	3	12
16	PH	NH	1115	3	25



# COMPARTMENT 23

T35N R12E Sec. 02, 03, 10, 11  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 401 acres  
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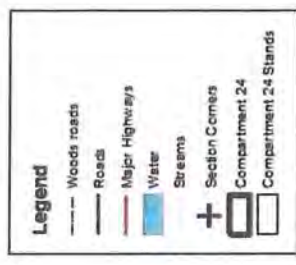
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4	PH	A	0205	3	2
5	PH	NH	1115	3	116
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7	PH	NH	1115	3	28
8	PH	SOW			4

3005.24 COMPARTMENT TWENTY-FOUR



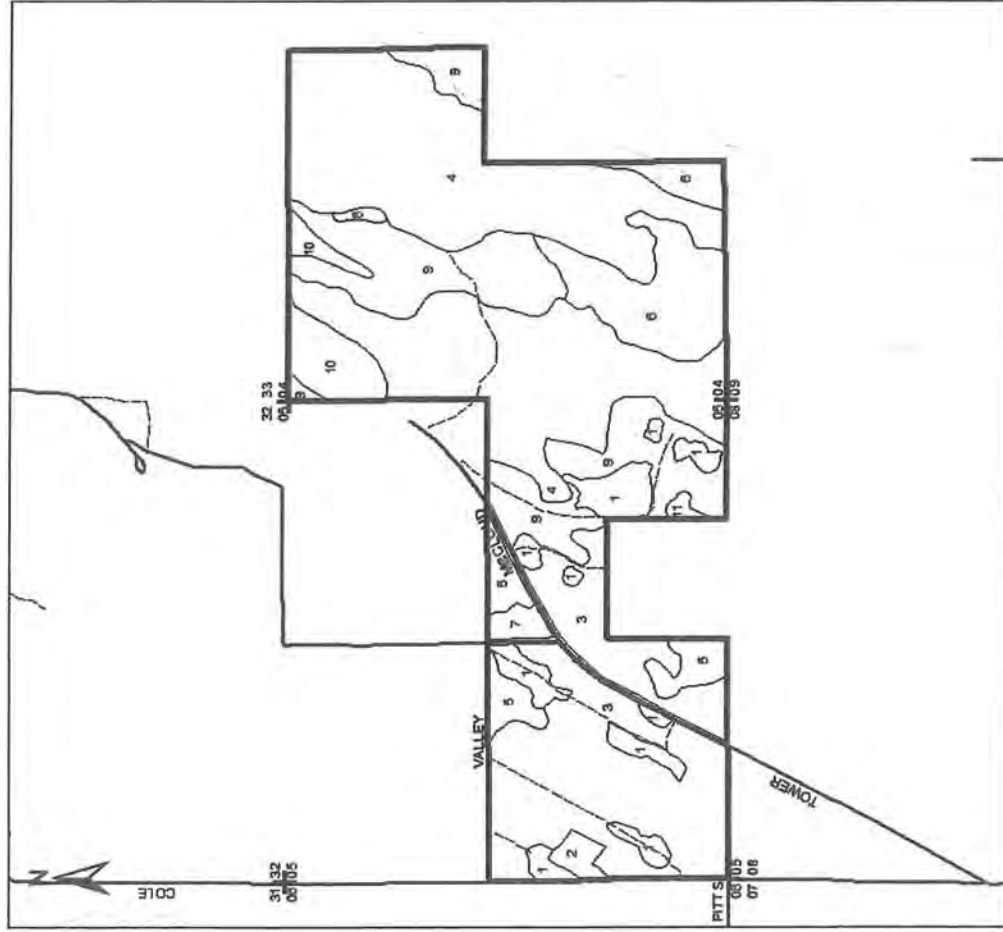
COMPARTMENT 24

T36N R12E Sec. 29, 28, 32, 33  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 479 acres  
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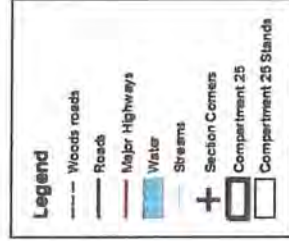
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5	PH	A	0511	2	58
6	PH	T	0508	1	28
7	PH	EG			1
8	PH	NH	1115	3	128
9	PH	MR	511	3	5
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3005.25 COMPARTMENT TWENTY-FIVE



COMPARTMENT 25

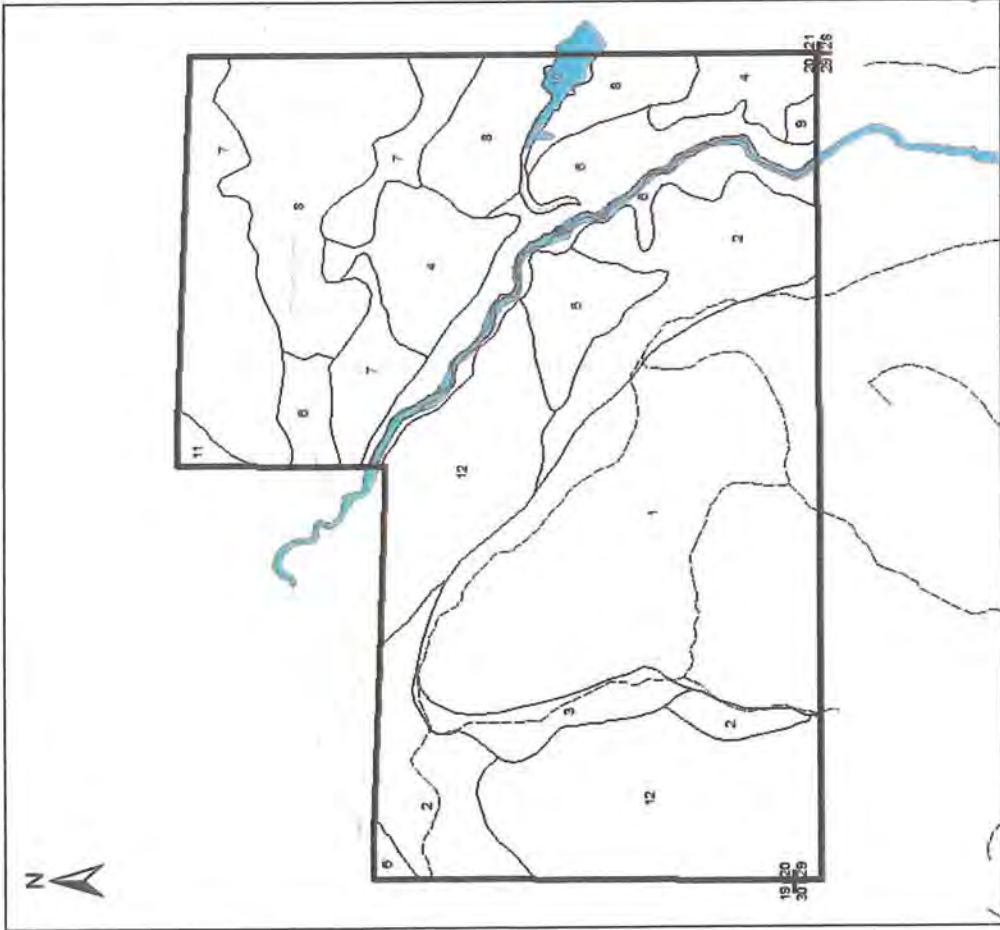
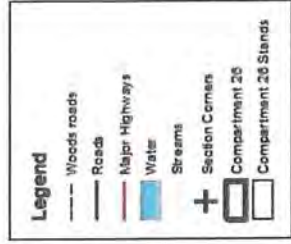
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 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 634 acres  
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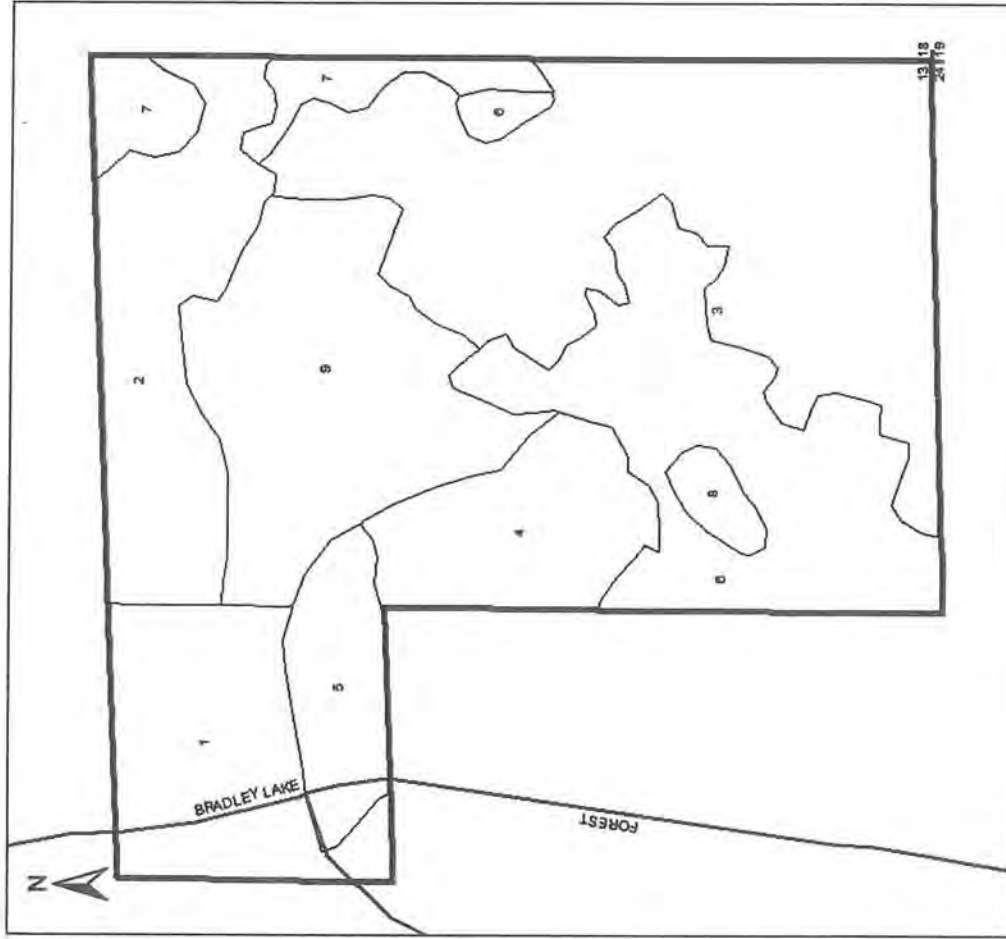
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5	FH	A	0511	3	23
6	FH	A	0005	3	53
7	FH	MH	0511	2	5
8	FH	ROW			7
9	FH	A	0511	3	104
10	FH	SB	0209	2	32
11	FH	SH	0511	1	7

# COMPARTMENT 26

T35N R13E Sec. 20, 29  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 404 acres  
 Mapped by Carly DeVet 7/2/2020

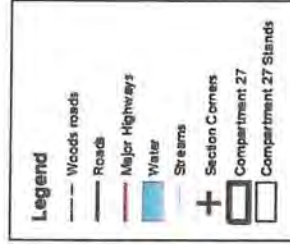


Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	D	Acreft
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3	PH	A	0003	3	9
4	PH	A	0511	3	23
5	PH	MR	0511	3	10
6	PH	LSA			34
7	PH	A	0511	2	42
8	PH	K			52
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COMPARTMENT 27

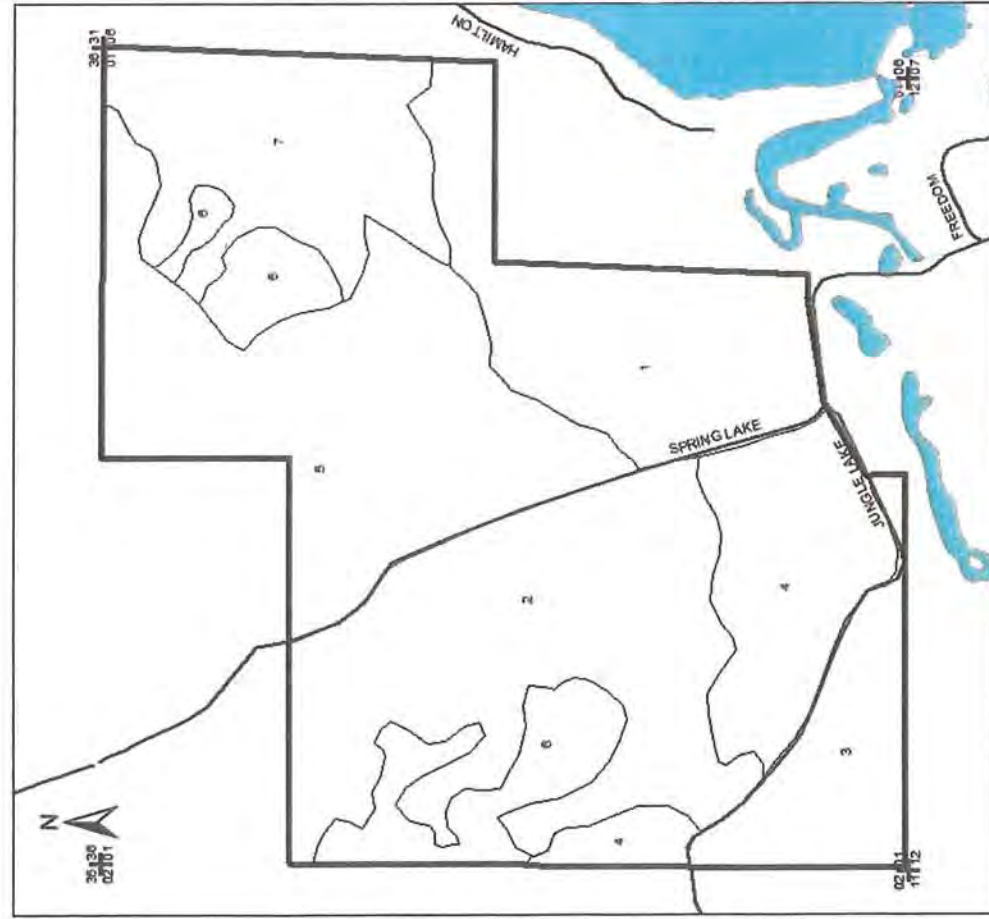
T35N R13E Sec. 13  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 268 acres  
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Stand	Type	Former Type	Size	D	Acres
1	SH	SH	1115	2	28
2	SH	SH	1115	2	31
3	SH	SH	1115	3	30
4	SH	SH	0005	3	19
5	SH	A	0005	3	13
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8	SH	SB	0005	2	3
9	SH	SB	0005	2	41

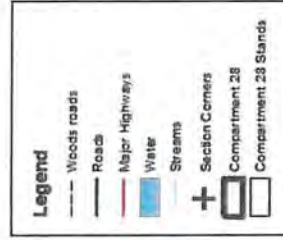


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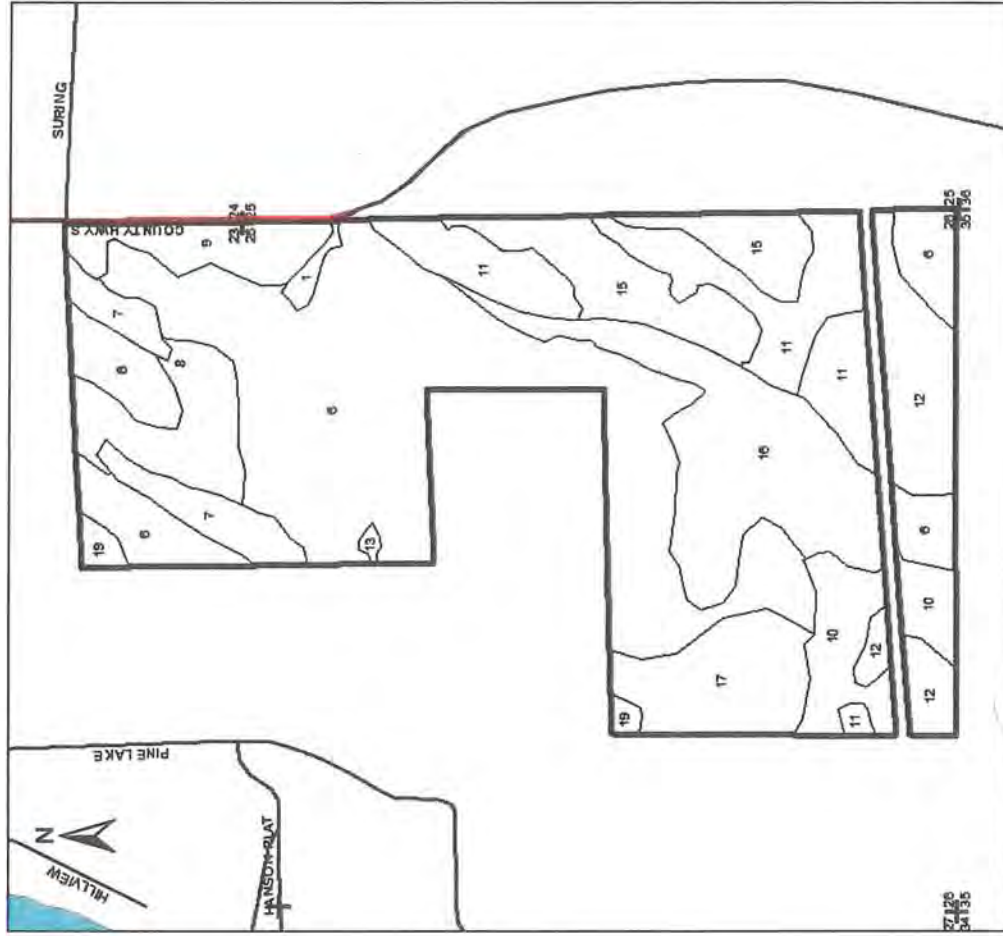
COMPARTMENT 28

T34N R13E Sec. 01  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 442 acres  
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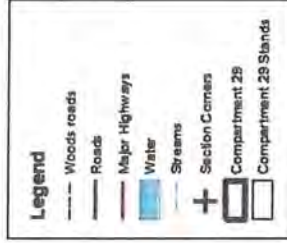
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5	PH	A	0511	3	102
6	PH	A	0511	2	37
7	PH	PR	0509	3	54

3005.29 COMPARTMENT TWENTY-NINE



COMPARTMENT 29

T37N R12E Sec. 23, 26  
 Forest County Forest  
 Compartment Acreage = 437 acres  
 Mapped by Carly DeVet 7/2/2020



Stand	Type	Primary Type	Size	D	Acres
1	MPH	IA			2
5	PH	NH	0511	3	167
7	PH	SH	0511	2	15
8	PH	A	0511	4	20
9	PH	A	0511	3	15
10	PH	A	0511	2	20
11	MPH	WCA			46
12	PH	SH	0511	2	28
13	MPH	RP			1
14	PH	A	0005	3	4
15	PH	A	0005	3	32
16	PH	A	0005	3	51
17	PH	NH	0511	3	24
18	PH	A	0005	3	9
19	PH	A	0005	3	3

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#### **4000 15 YEAR PLANNING PROCESS**

1. Committee approval to open the draft of the 15-year plan for the 30-day public comment period.
2. 30-day public comment period
  - One public listening session at a committee meeting
  - Public notice, newspaper, website, and email to groups.
3. Comments are addressed and the plan is amended as appropriate.
4. Committee approval after public comments are taken into consideration.
5. 30-day review by DNR
6. Any comments or amendments from the DNR are addressed.
7. Committee approval on sending 15-year plan onto County Board for approval.
8. Approved plan goes to DNR for final approval.

#### **4005 MEETING MINUTES**

*\*Minutes from meetings will be added to this section as approvals get made throughout the process\**

## 4005.1 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD APPROVAL

At the July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting the Forestry and Recreation committee approved the draft of the 15-year plan to be submitted for the 30-day public comment period.

### FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION  
DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
PLACE: County Board Room

Members Present: Campbell, Chaney, Dehart, Karl, Miller, Stamper

Members Absent: Houle

Others Present: Carly DeVet, Katie Schallock, Mindy Samz, Sam Blake, Lynne Black  
as well as others by go-to meeting.

1. Call to order.  
Meeting was called to order by Chaney at 5:30 p.m.
2. Approve agenda.  
Motion by Stamper and seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda, all present voting aye, motion carried.
3. Approve minutes from the July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting.  
Motion by Dehart and seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes, all present voting aye, motion carried.
4. Discussion and possible action on changes to the first draft of 15-year Plan.  
Motion by Dehart and seconded by Karl to approve proposed changes to the first draft of the 15-year plan, all present voting aye, motion carried.
5. Discussion and possible action on opening 15-year plan draft to the public for 30-day comment period.  
Administrator will have a copy of the draft 15-year plan available to public on Forest County website, in Clerks office and Forestry Department. Motion by Dehart and seconded by Karl to open draft of 15-year plan to public for 30 days, all present voting aye, motion carried.
6. Public comments on agenda items.  
None
7. Future agenda items and setting next meeting date.
  - \* Financial SoftwareNext Forestry meeting: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. (Public Bid)  
Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. (Public Comment)
8. Adjournment.  
Motion by Dehart and seconded by Karl to adjourn at 7:00 p.m., all present voting aye, motion carried.

\*\*These minutes are not official and subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Forestry and Recreation meeting.

## 4005.2 APPROVAL TO SEND TO THE DNR FOR REVIEW

At the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting the Forestry and Recreation committee approved the draft of the 15-year plan to be submitted to the DNR for review.

### FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION  
DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020  
TIME: 4:30 P.M.  
PLACE: VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Campbell, Chaney, Dehart, Karl, Stamper.

Absent: Houle, Miller.

Others Present: Cariy DeVet, Katie Schallock, Tracey Meyer, Kevin and Patty DuQuaine, Kyle Hartzheim, Nick and Bridget Lykins, Bill Meverden.

#### APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Dehart to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 MEETING

Motion by Stamper to approve the August 17, 2020 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, seconded by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE 15-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Administrator informed committee on public comments:

- Letter from Backcountry Hunters & Anglers.
- GNA (Good Neighbor Authority).
- Changing "Administrator" to "Reprehensive".

Motion by Stamper to approve changes to the 15-year Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SENDING 15- YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO DNR FOR REVIEW.

Motion by Campbell to send the 15-year Comprehensive Plan to the DNR for review, seconded by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SENDING RESOLUTIONS TO FULL COUNTY BOARD.

- Variable Acreage Share Loan-  
Motion by Dehart to send the variable acreage share loan resolution to full county board, seconded by Stamper. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried.
- Land Acquisition Account-  
Motion by Karl to send the land acquisition account resolution to full county board, seconded by Dehart. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LAND ACQUISITION.

Administrator informed the committee the owner is willing to sell at the appraised price. No action.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR DRAINAGE ISSUE AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK.**

Administrator informed committee of engineering options for the drainage project. Motion by Dehart to hire Steven Friberg from Coleman Engineering Company, Option 2, as the engineer for the drainage project at Veterans Memorial Park, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COVID SUPPLIES FOR 2021 PARK SEASON.**

Chaney will look more into price and availability of COVID items. No action.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SEASONAL REFUND DUE TO FLOODING.**

Site #17 was not able to use her site most of the year due to flooding. Motion by Campbell to take \$500 off her site for next season, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON CONTRACT EXTENSIONS**

Follow the 15-year plan. Maximum duration of timber sale contracts shall be 4 years. No action.

**DISCUSSION ON ADMINISTRATION FEES**

Snowmobile club member(s) will come to the next meeting to discuss administration fees. No action.

**UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS**

- ORV Trail- Off Berry lane, temporary plan in place and waiting for final approvals.
- Crandon-Argonne Trail- Waiting for master plan and MOU from the DNR.
- 8-mile ATV loop- Open for public use.
- Received County Sustainable Grant for the TimberBase program.
- Camp 8 Creek Bridge- Waiting for new schedule from contractor, planning on being open for end of October.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

- More water lines for seasonal sites.
- All seasonal sites be \$2000 for 2021 season.
- More speed bumps.
- Make a new rule that bicycles ride opposite of traffic.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE**

- Public Hearing for Highway 8 Trail October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:30p.m.- Location County Board Room.
- Next meeting October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00p.m. - Location County Board Room.
- Expired Timber Sales.
- \$2000 for all 2021 seasonal sites.
- Speed bumps at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Snowmobile Administration fees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion by Dehart to adjourn, second by Karl. All present voting AYE, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:34p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Forestry and Recreation meeting.

