

OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA
of a Meeting of the County Forest
Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee of the
Marathon County Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF MARATHON
Wausau, WI 54403

A meeting of the County Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee will be held at 212 River Drive,
Rm. #2, Wausau, WI, 54403, at 6:00pm on JUNE 6, 2017.

Members: Mike Lane (chair), Marcell Wieloch (vice-chair), John Burke, Mark Chickering, Gary
Weiland, Susan Haug, Dale Heil, Paul Klocko, Greg Klos, Jeff Lawrence, Carol Mills

A G E N D A

- I. Minutes
 - A. Approve Minutes of the December 21, 2016 and March 8, 2017 Meetings
- II. New Business
 - A. Introduction of County Forester Joe Tucker
 - B. 2017 Planned Timber Harvest Activity at Nine Mile Forest
 - C. 2017 Scheduled Nine Mile Events
 - D. September 2017 Subcommittee Appointments
 - E. Wausau and Marathon County Facebook Page
 - F. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Website "Hits"
 - G. New Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Logo
 - H. Article – White Birch Thieves Illegally Cutting Saplings in Wisconsin and Minnesota
 - I. Member Items
- III. Old Business
 - A. Update on Land Acquisition in the Town of Hewitt for County Forest
 - B. Final County Deer Advisory Council Antlerless Quota Recommendations
 - C. 2017 – 2019 State Budget Update on Forestry Programs
 - D. Update on the Potential Land Acquisition in the Town of Rib Mountain
 - E. Policy on Drones in State Park Properties
- IV. Remaining 2017 Meeting Dates – September 21 and December 20, 2017 at 6:00pm.
- V. Adjourn

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the
County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

ATTN: News Department

Daily Herald, City Pages, Marshfield News, Midwest Radio Group &

THIS NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE

Faxed by: Jodi Luelsbe

Date: _____

Date: May 26, 2017

Time: _____

Time: 10:35 A.M.

By: _____

Members present: John Burke, Mark Chickering, Susan Haug, Greg Klos, Mike Lane

Excused: Dale Heil, Paul Klocko, Jeff Lawrence, Carol Mills, Gary Weiland, Marcell Wieloch

Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department staff present: Tom Lovlien - Forest Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Lane. A quorum was not present.

I. Minutes

December 21, 2016 minutes were deferred until the next meeting.

II. New Business

A. 2016 Forestry Division Annual Report

Lovlien discussed some of the program highlights including revenue and expenses, certification, timber management, road and trail maintenance, wildlife management, recreation, public outreach and professional development.

B. 2016 County Forest Law Enforcement Report

Lovlien reported that twelve tree stands and three tree cameras were seized, and seven citations were issued for various violations.

C. Forestry Division Expense/Revenue Report

Lovlien reported that over the last ten years almost 4.2 million dollars in gross timber was sold. The timber revenue even flow budget is at \$245,000. Over last 10 years the program has net about \$70,000 and is a program that basically pays for itself.

D. Potential Land Acquisition – Town of Rib Mountain

Lovlien said the owner offered to sell his 120 acre property to the County at the end of Laurel Road. It doesn't have a lot of upland, however, it does meet the objectives of the 15 year plan and it blocks in County forest and they are willing sellers. Lovlien approached the Rib Mountain Town Board to gauge their support of the County purchasing the property and they were unanimous in their decision to support the purchase. Questions were answered.

E. Winter Recreation Trail Program Update

The cross-country ski trails and snowmobile trails are closed. Badger State Games had about 500 participants with \$1900 in revenue, the Snekkevic had 106 adults and 337 youth with \$1200 in revenue, and Special Olympics was cancelled. Burke felt there were a fair amount of out of town visitors at Nine Mile and even though it was short lived we probably had the best snow in the State compared to some of the other ski areas. Lovlien said it was the best we could expect for the winter we had.

F. 2017-2019 State Budget: 2017 – 2019 Governors State Budget Proposals Affecting Forestry – Lovlien said one of the main budget proposals affecting forestry is the elimination of the forestry mil tax which is about 90 million dollars a year. Lovlien listed the forestry programs the money is used for. He said the Governor is proposing to eliminate the tax completely and backfill it with general purpose revenue. For the next two years forestry programs will be fine but following that the state forestry dollars will be competing with transportation, health and human services, all the rest of the general purpose revenue dollars. WCFA is working on a segregated source of funding. Another budget item is the relocation of the Forestry Division north of Highway 29. The Chief State Forester is required to move north of Highway 29 by January 1, 2018 and the State will pay relocation expenses for any other forestry employee to relocate north of Highway 29 providing the Chief State Forester approves it and there is space and an office available. Another change is that the budget eliminates the prevailing wage requirements for State and County projects.

G. Bluegill Bay Park Fishing Pier Project

Lovlien explained that two piers were pulled out of Bluegill Bay Park lagoon when it was dredged to improve

fishing opportunities and the piers were in too bad of shape to put back in. Staff checked with the State and was approved to change the scope of its County Conservation Aids project. It will partially fund a fishing pier at Bluegill Bay Park lagoon for 2017 and complete the Scholfield Park piers with 2018 dollars.

H. Drones in Parks and Forests Policy

Lovlien said the Federal and State government have finalized rules for drones taking both safety and privacy issues into consideration. Now it's time for land managers to figure out what's appropriate for parks and forests. People should be afforded some amount of privacy when they are out recreating. Corp Counsel and the City Attorney are looking at what other municipalities are doing right now and considering rules and new or expanded ordinances. There are some different classifications including recreational and commercial use of drones and different types of enforcement. Some rules already in place are that people can't fly drones when they are intoxicated, can't fly them over people, can't fly them out of sight, and can't fly them 400 feet above ground level. Lovlien wanted Committee members to let staff know if they are seeing them in the parks and forests. Lane said there are rules as far as being a certain distance from airports. He thought that if they have to stay within sight he didn't anticipate a problem at Nine Mile. Burke said a lot of the units come with an automatic return and if it gets out of sight or if it goes too far it will automatically come back as well. The schools mostly follow the WIAA guidelines that say no drones over their competitions. WIAA does that partly for protecting their media rights and partly for safety issues as well. At events he could see possible conflicts. Lovlien said there was a drone that filmed Badger State Games but the owner had a license, worked with the County, was given permission, and the racers were told there would be a drone. Lane had concerns about anti-hunters and harassment using drones.

I. Fee for Undesignated Camping Permits

Lovlien said there were 66 permits issued last year. These permits are free and available at the last minute and they have been exponentially increasing every year. He believes the permit system should be improved. He had inquired what other Counties were doing and 13 of them charge no fee, 10 charge a fee, 5 didn't respond and one county doesn't have a permit system at all. There were various ranges for fees from \$5 a night up to 14 nights, up to \$12 a year, to no fees. The Marathon County Forestry Committee has approved a permit with a \$15 fee for one night up to fourteen nights per camping unit and a one day lead time. Lovlien noted that fifty of the sixty six permits were issued for Nine Mile Forest Unit.

K. Member Items – Burke mentioned there was a well written article in the Journal Sentinel titled “Wausau’s Nine Mile County Forest is a Cross-Country Skiing Gem”. He also mentioned that the County purchased a new light groomer this year which will be really nice for managing light snow conditions. Lane mentioned that Eric Loebner is the new person in charge of the State Wildlife Division and he has heard good things about him.

Old Business

A. Update on Land Acquisition in the Town of Hewitt for County Forest

Lovlien said an appraisal was done on this property located off of Rocky Road and Highway 52. Once the appraisal is certified Lovlien can start negotiating with the owner of the property, write an offer to purchase and take that back to County Board for approval. A Phase 1 Environmental screen was done on the property and came back clean. Lovlien also received a title commitment on the property. He said there is money available in the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund up until June 30 and as long as he gets an offer to purchase signed and the money is encumbered they can close after June 30.

B. County Deer Advisory Council Upcoming Spring Meetings

Lane is Chairman for this council which meets a couple of times a year to determine antlerless quotas. This year they also met to discuss and give comments about the new CWD plan which the State is now reviewing. The next meeting is March 23rd where they will discuss the preliminary deer quota. They will discuss how to maintain the population. Once they come up with a preliminary quota it will be out on the DNR's website and public comments will be taken. Another meeting will be held on April 19 where they will come up with a final recommendation and

that will go to the DNR Board. Lane said that anyone is welcome at their meetings to give input.

C. County Forester Hiring Update

Lovlien said that Joe Tucker had been hired as the County forester. Tucker is originally from the Waupaca area and has previously worked for the DNR.

IV. 2017 Meeting Dates – June 6 or 7, September 21 and December 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm. – Lovlien will poll committee members before the June meeting and pick the date that best fits.

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Thomas Lovlien
Secretary

MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
 Nine Mile Forest Unit - March 2016

Tract # 1-16 IN MEMORY of JOHN HOWARD

Ticket Sale	<u>Species</u>	<u>Estimated Volumes</u>
		<u>4" Top</u>
	Mixed Hardwood	630 Tons
	Basswood	160 Tons
	Aspen	100 Tons
	Oak	55 Tons
	White Ash Logs	17.0 MBF
	Basswood Logs	7.0 MBF (Incl. any mixed logs)
	Red Maple Logs	6.0 MBF (Incl. less than 1MBF hard maple logs)
	Red Oak Log	4.0 MBF
Option to Bid	Tops/Biomass	Not Offered

Location: Town of Rib Mountain, Sec. 30&31, T28N, R7E; Town of Marathon, Sec. 36, T28N R6E

Seasonal Time Frame: July 15 – November 15 & August 24-November 15 (SEE SALE MAP)

Cutting Area: 64 acres

Cutting Regulations: Sale Area- Cut all merchantable aspen and orange marked trees.

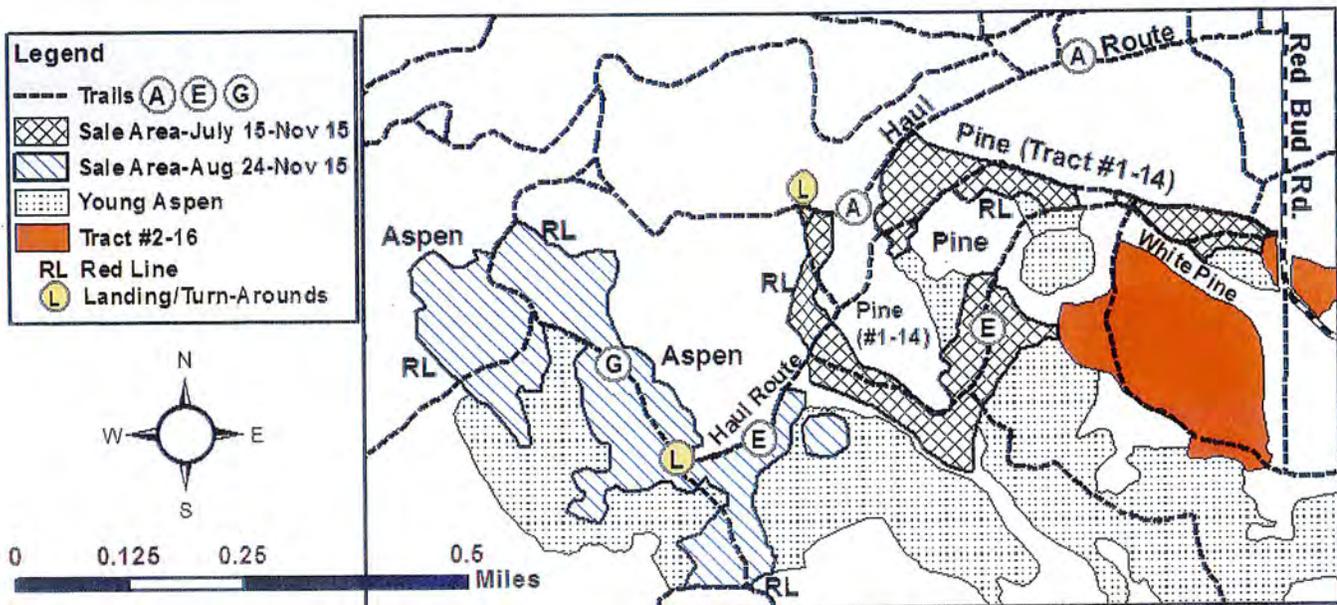
Roads, Trails, and Deck Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. Minimize skidding down Mtn. Bike trails. All trails must be free of slash daily.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. Lop and scatter all tops to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Pull all merchantable and unmerchantable ironwood out of ground or cause root damage. Trees marked with a "W" are specific wildlife trees. Do not cut or damage.

Utilization: Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4-inch top diameter inside bark (DIB).
 Sawlogs- 10-inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB), at least 50% sound.

The bidder must sign and return our contract and a performance bond of at least 25% of the contract value within 15 days of being awarded the bid or the bidder will forfeit the bid bond in its entirety.

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by November 15, 2018.



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE

Nine Mile Forest Unit - April 2015

Tract # 1-15 THE BIRD HOUSE SALE

Ticket Sale	Species	Estimated Volumes
		4" Top
	Aspen	1550 Tons
	Mixed Hardwood	700 Tons (incl. approx. 1 load of basswood)
	Oak	325 Tons
	Red Pine	40 Tons (incl. jack pine and fir)
	Red Oak Logs	15.0 MBF
	Red Maple Logs	10.0 MBF (incl. approx. 1MBF of mixed logs)
Option to Bid	Tops/Biomass	Not Offered

Location: Town of Mosinee, Sec. 5&6, T27N, R7E; Town of Rib Mnt., Sec. 32, T28N, R7E

Seasonal Time Frame: July 15th- Nov 15th (North Patches); Aug 1-Nov 15th (South Patches)

Cutting Area: 69 acres

Cutting Regulations: Area 1-Select Mark (16 Acres 6 Blocks) - Cut all merchantable Aspen (**Except** those marked in Green Paint) and orange marked trees.

Area 2- Clear Cut (26 Acres in 6 Blocks) - Cut all trees 1" DBH and larger Except Oak, White Pine and Spruce. One clearcut in south part of sale, cut all trees >1", Except White pine. (See Map)

Area 3- Designate Cut A (15 Acres in 1 Block) - Cut all merchantable aspen and red maple (**Except** those marked in Green Paint) and orange marked hardwood/oak.

Area 4- Designate Cut B (12 Acres in 1 Block) - Cut all merchantable aspen, hardwood (**Except** those marked in Green Paint) and orange marked oak. **Minimize damage to advanced regeneration!**

Roads, Trails, and Deck Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. **ALL trails must be free of slash daily.**

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. Pull all merchantable and unmerchantable ironwood out of ground or cause root damage. Trees marked with a "W" are specific wildlife trees. Do not damage.

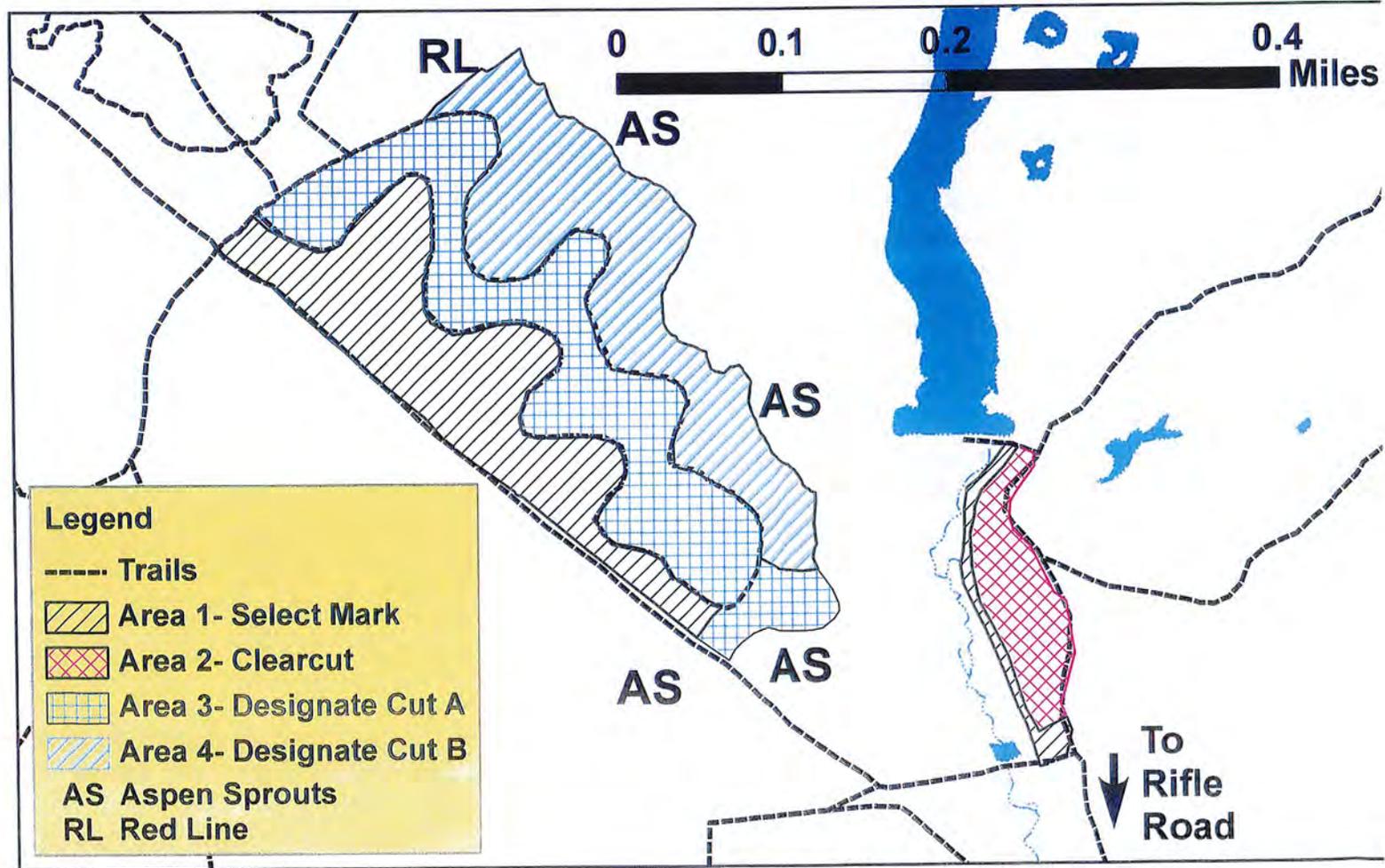
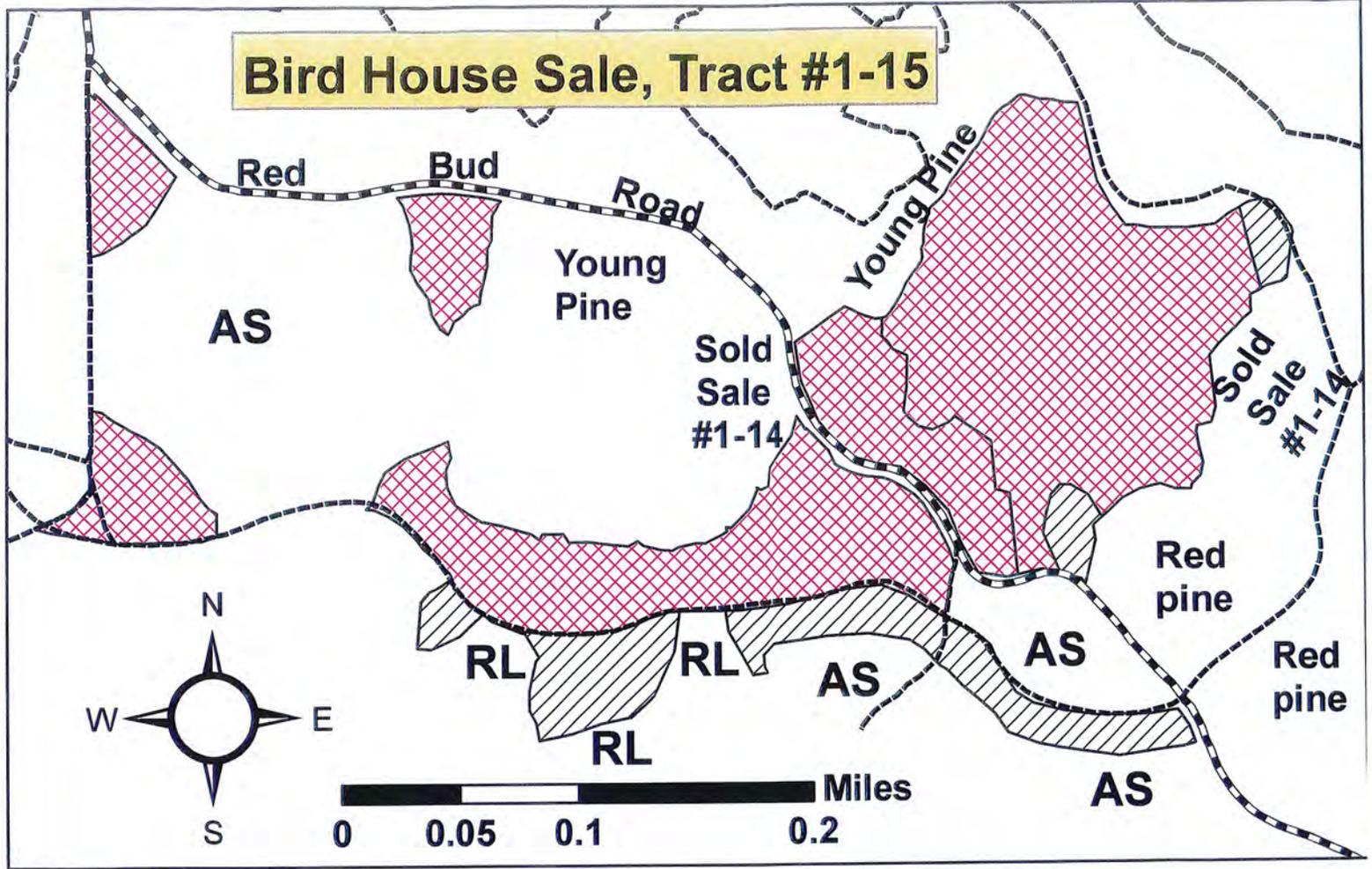
Utilization: Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4-inch top diameter inside bark (DIB)
Tops/Biomass- Not Offered
Sawlogs- 10-inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB), at least 50% sound.

The bidder must sign and return our contract and a performance bond of at least 25% of the contract value within 15 days of being awarded the bid or the bidder will forfeit the bid bond in its entirety.

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by November 15, 2017.

SALE MAP ON BACK

Bird House Sale, Tract #1-15



Tom Lovlien

From: Cynthia Hassel
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Tom Lovlien
Subject: RE: Nine Mile Events

This is what I have so far:

5/27/17 – Adventure Race
6/9/17 – 6/10/17 – WEMS Mountain Bike Race
7/28/17 – 7/30/17 – Wausau 24
8/28/17 – 8/29/17 – Mosinee Cross-Country
8/31/17 – Marathon Cross-Country
9/18/17 – 9/25/17 – Ragnar
9/26/17 – Edgar Cross-Country
9/28/17 – DC Everest Cross-Country

From: Tom Lovlien
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Cynthia Hassel
Cc: David Patridge
Subject: Nine Mile Events

Cindy,

Please give me the set up dates and actual race dates for all bike, cross country running and other races already reserved between May1 and October 15 at Nine Mile. We want to create a list of blackout dates for individual camping permits at Nine Mile. Thanks in advance, Tom.

Tom

MARATHON COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
WAUSAU PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE
FACILITY RESERVATION AGREEMENT

PRESS FIRMLY

Contact Person Name: RANDY CURTIS

Organization (if applicable): A.T.V. SAFETY Tax Exempt #: ES-
(WI Certificate of Exempt Status Number)

Address: 3726 TROY ST

City: WAUSAU State: WI Zip Code: 54403

Contact Phone: 715 573-9503 Alternate Phone: _____

E-mail: FOSSILRACING@POL

Type of Event: ATV SAFETY CLASS

Total number of participants expected (maximum): 8



PARK: NORTH PARKING LOT SAT
Nine Mile Day of Week Event Date

SHELTER: _____ TIME: from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

MAY-20, JUNE-17, JULY-22, AUG-19, (Include set-up & clean-up time)
SEP-16, Oct-28

Will there be alcoholic beverages? YES NO Will there be amplified music/sound? YES NO
(beer, wine, liquor) (Live/D.J, recorded, open microphone, speakers)

Will there be food at your event? YES NO Non-amplified music/sound? YES NO
 Catered Prepared Grilled (radio, mp3, CD player, etc.)

List special activities or needs for your event such as tent(where allowed), tent size, bouncy house, dunk tank, etc.:

Randy has a key

Rental Fee: \$ 0 Security/Tent Deposit: \$ 0

- Office Use Only:
- \$20 Key Deposit (Pickup key at Park Office up to one day in advance of event, Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
 - Shelter opened and closed by park manager at time indicated above; no key issued
 - Open shelter rented; no key issued

Department Authorization by: Daniel F. Patridge Date: 4/14/17

I agree to indemnify and save harmless the Park Commission, City of Wausau and Marathon County, and their employees, elected and appointed officials, and agents from any and all liability from claims of bodily injury, property damage, or any other nature whatsoever arising out of the use of Wausau or Marathon County properties herein specified.

I have received a copy of the Facility Use Policies and Procedures located on the back of this agreement and agree to abide by all rules and regulations formulated by the Commission for the use of buildings and facilities; and to adhere to all specifications and limits listed. I understand that inaccurate information is grounds for cancellation of any reservation granted to me and may jeopardize future reservations.

Applicant Signature: Randy Curtis Date: 4-14-17

September 2016

**MARATHON COUNTY FOREST
CITIZENS' ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mark Chickering 2918 Pine Ridge Blvd. Wausau WI 54401 (H) 715-571-8295 Email: mark.chickering@aspirus.org	Mountain Biking 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
John Burke 5907 Old coach Rd. Wausau WI 54401 (H) 715-218-7883 E-mail: johnbethburke@charter.net	Cross-Country Skiing 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Greg Klos 6603 Cavin Dr. Wausau WI 54401 (H) 842-5951 (W) 845-2206 E-mail: gklos@charter.net	Conservation 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Susan Haug R13775 River Rd. Ringle WI 54471 (H) 446-2775 (W) 847-2000 Ext.52714 E-mail: sjhaug@charter.net	Birding 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Mike Lane 921 Landfried Ave. Mosinee WI 54455 (H) 693-2749	Hunting 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Carol Capelle Mills 4152 Martin Rd. Kronenwetter, WI 54455 (H) 715-359-3058 (C) 715-571-6654 E-mail: ccmhorseranch@gmail.com	Equestrian 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Paul Klocko 3907 Pat St. Weston WI 54476 (H) 715-241-6940 E-mail: pklocko@dwave.net	General Member 2 year term to 2017 Expires September 1, 2017
Marcell Wieloch 1705 Town Hall Rd. Mosinee WI 54455 (H) 693-4449	Conservation Congress 2 year term to 2017 Expires September 1, 2017
Jeff Lawrence 1710 Sonnentag Rd. Marathon WI 54448 (C)715-581-9195 Email: jeff@twinfoestproducts.com	Forest Industry 2 year term to 2017 Expires September 1, 2017
Gary Weiland 3799 Redwood St. Fenwood WI 54426 (H) 715-581-2875	ATV/Motorized 2 year term to 2017 Expires September 1, 2017
Dale Heil C4051 Karen Ln. Stratford WI 54484 (H) 687-2110 (W) Truck 498-2252 dale.heil@frontier.com	Logging 2 year term to 2017 Expires September 1, 2017



Wausau & Marathon County
Parks, Recreation
& Forestry



like us on
facebook





Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry

- Home
- About
- Events
- Services
- Posts
- Photos
- Videos
- Likes
- Reviews
- Advertise



Liked Following Share

Call Now

Create a Post

Write something on this Page

16 Drafts Last draft created Monday April 10 at 3:12pm See drafts

This Week

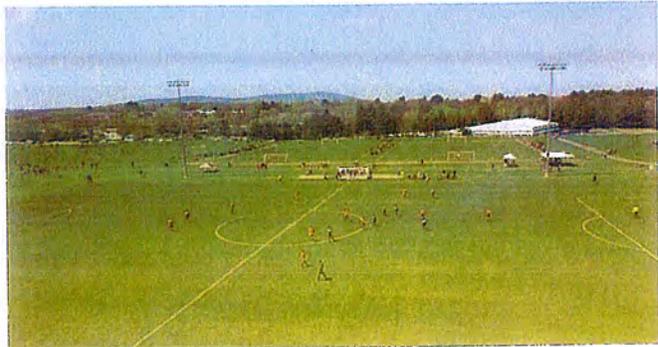
1,380 Post Reach

0 Website Clicks

0 Call Now

See All

Upcoming Events



Challenger TetraBrazil Soccer Camp - Ages 6-10 Jul 10 - Jul 14 - Eastbay Marathon County Sports Comple... You like Wausau & Marathon County Parks Recreation & Forestry

See All

Services



Government Organization in Wausau, Wisconsin

Open Now

582 likes +7 this week Wausau Mcprf

597 follows

1,380 post reach this week

Community

Invite your friends to like this Page

582 people like this

597 people follow this

Wausau Mcprf likes this or has visited

About



212 Pop Drive Wausau, Wisconsin, WI 54483-2417

(715) 261-1550

Typically replies within a few hours Send Message

Hours 8:00AM - 4:30PM Open Now

People Also Like

Weston WI - Farmers Market Farmers Markets

Chat

Web Site Traffic 2016: Parks Recreation Forestry

#	Page	Visitors	Unique
1.	ParksRecreationForestry/Parks/ListofParks.aspx	32,893	24,498
2.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/Camping.aspx	30,981	18,157
3.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/Snowmobiling.aspx	27,971	22,309
4.	ParksRecreationForestry.aspx	22,202	16,804
5.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/NineMile.aspx	14,624	11,846
6.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/ShootingRange.aspx	11,487	10,229
7.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/CrossCountrySkiingSnowshoeing.aspx	10,900	8,032
8.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/Snowmobiling/TrailMaps.aspx	8,446	6,019
9.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/IceSkatingandHockeyIndoor.aspx	6,882	5,953
10.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/Biking.aspx	5,914	4,335
11.	ParksRecreationForestry/Parks/ReservableSheltersandFacilities.aspx	5,453	3,446
12.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/SplashPad.aspx	5,152	4,611
13.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/UpcomingEvents.aspx	5,121	4,527
14.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities.aspx	3,105	2,157
15.	ParksRecreationForestry/EastbaySportsComplex.aspx	2,782	2,137
16.	ParksRecreationForestry/Parks.aspx	2,716	1,869
17.	ParksRecreationForestry/MarathonJunction.aspx	2,557	2,156
18.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/Hunting.aspx	2,451	1,781
19.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/ATVUTVRiding.aspx	2,190	1,476
20.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/SnowTubing.aspx	2,026	1,420
21.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits.aspx	1,939	1,225
22.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/TimberSales.aspx	1,563	577
23.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/Hiking.aspx	1,425	1,041
24.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/BurmaRoad.aspx	1,397	1,034
25.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests.aspx	1,123	690
26.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/SkiForYouth.aspx	1,048	701
27.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/LeatherCamp.aspx	976	715
28.	ParksRecreationForestry/EastbaySportsComplex/ScheduleFieldUse.aspx	951	680
29.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/OffLeashDogExerciseArea.aspx	941	712
30.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/HorseTrails.aspx	893	654
31.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/SeasonalEmployment.aspx	829	577
32.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/Kronenwetter.aspx	815	580
33.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/ChildrensFestival.aspx	786	673
34.	parcrecreationforestry/recreationopportunities/snowmobiling.aspx	778	674
35.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/Boating,CanoeingandKayaking.aspx	774	621
36.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/WisconsinRiver.aspx	744	588
37.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/AttractionTickets.aspx	629	471
38.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/RingleMarsh.aspx	591	419
39.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms.aspx	507	250
40.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/WinterStorage.aspx	450	388
41.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/HewittHarrison.aspx	431	285
42.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/BirdWatching.aspx	347	254
43.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/FeeDirective.aspx	334	242
44.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/RecreationGuide.aspx	317	236

45.	ParksRecreationForestry/EastbaySportsComplex/FieldNamingRights.aspx	286	166
46.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/Elderon.aspx	271	212
47.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/WoodCuttingPermits.aspx	243	200
48.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/BernWetland.aspx	240	183
49.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/DiscGolf.aspx	232	181
50.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/MetalDetecting.aspx	222	178
51.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/WausauAreaRecreationContacts.aspx	184	152
52.	ParksRecreationForestry/EastbaySportsComplex/Location.aspx	178	150
53.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/Geocaching.aspx	174	155
54.	ParksRecreationForestry/PlanningandDevelopment/ ForestryDivisionAnnualReportandWorkPlan.aspx	174	104
55.	ParksRecreationForestry/PlanningandDevelopment.aspx	159	112
56.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/SoftballSchedules.aspx	150	88
57.	ParksRecreationForestry/FCASAgendasMinutes.aspx	139	56
58.	ParksRecreationForestry/PlanningandDevelopment/ MarathonCountyForestComprehensiveLandUsePlan.aspx	137	63
59.	parcsrecreationforestry/recreationopportunities/shootingrange.aspx	92	81
60.	ParksRecreationForestry/PlanningandDevelopment/ MarathonCountyOutdoorRecreationPlan20082013.aspx	84	59
61.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/AdoptAPark.aspx	76	49
62.	ParksRecreationForestry/EastbaySportsComplex/TheHistory.aspx	72	59
63.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/Pickleball.aspx	58	24
64.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/ParkandForestOrdinances.aspx	55	40
65.	ParksRecreationForestry/EastbaySportsComplex/FieldComplexNamingRights.aspx	38	15
66.	ParksRecreationForestry/OtherPrograms/PopularLinks.aspx	35	30
67.	parcsrecreationforestry/otherprograms/upcomingevents.aspx	35	27
68.	parcsrecreationforestry/otherprograms/skiforyouth.aspx	9	8
69.	parcsrecreationforestry/countyforests/forestunits/wisconsinriver.aspx	6	6
70.	parcsrecreationforestry/recreationopportunities.aspx	6	6
71.	ParksRecreationForestry/CountyForests/ForestUnits/Ninemile.aspx	5	4
72.	ParksRecreationForestry/Parks/reservablesheltersandfacilities.aspx	4	2
73.	parcsrecreationforestry/recreationopportunities/biking.aspx	3	1
74.	parcsrecreationforestry/parks/reservablesheltersandfacilities.aspx	2	2
75.	parcsrecreationforestry/recreationopportunities/attractiontickets.aspx	2	2
76.	parcsrecreationforestry/recreationopportunities/snowmobiling/trailmaps.aspx	2	2
77.	ParksRecreationForestry.aspx?_sm_au_=iRVsjVv4fkNtv5DP	1	1
78.	parcsrecreationforestry/countyforests/forestunits/elderon.aspx	1	1
79.	parcsrecreationforestry/otherprograms/childrensfestival.aspx	1	1
80.	parcsrecreationforestry/otherprograms/winterstorage.aspx	1	1
81.	parcsRecreationForestry/parks/listofparks.aspx	1	1
82.	ParksRecreationForestry/PlanningandDevelopment/ ForestryDivisionAnnualReportandWorkPlan.aspx	1	1
83.	parcsrecreationforestry/recreationopportunities/camping.aspx	1	1
84.	ParksRecreationForestry/RecreationOpportunities/ShootingRange.aspx	1	1
Total Pages Served		229,822	



Wausau & Marathon County
**Parks, Recreation
& Forestry**

Ad closed by Google

Stop seeing this ad

Why this ad? ▶

Birch bandits: Thieves illegally cutting saplings in Minnesota and Wisconsin woods

By [John Myers](#) on Mar 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

1.6K



1 / 3 Birches cut by people to sell. Photo courtesy of Washburn County Sheriff



Law enforcement officials in northern Wisconsin and northern Minnesota say there's been a recent rash of illegal cutting of small birch trees that are smuggled out of the Northland and sold as decorations in stores and online.

It's not just a few trees, but thousands of small birch cut, bundled and carted away off public and private forests without any payment or permits.

The trees and limbs are making their way to wholesalers and then on to retailers where they are sold at stores and online as rustic, northwoods decorations for homes and events, especially weddings.

Lt. Shelly Patton, a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officer district supervisor, said she submitted a case to the St. Louis County Attorney's office Wednesday for prosecution regarding an illegal birch-cutting operation in the Aurora and Tower areas. Patton said birch were cut in recent months on several tracts of state and Superior National Forest land.

Ad closed by
Google

Stop seeing this
ad

Why this ad? 

The thefts started popping up in Northwestern Wisconsin last fall and continued over the winter.

"I counted about 1,800 cut in just one area. And they have been hitting a lot of different spots," said Buck Pettingill, a Washburn County forester who said the problem grew to "epidemic" proportions over the past year. "It's stealing, plain and simple. And it's causing a lot of damage in the forest."

Even bundles of birch twigs are being cut and offered for sale. It appears buyers want birch cut during fall and winter months, before sap starts running, Pettingill said.

"Birch theft has become the new trend in Northwest Wisconsin," said Mike Richter, chief deputy of the Washburn County Sheriff's Office, on the sheriff's Facebook page. "Thefts are occurring on County and State forests as well as on private property."

Unlike loggers that haul large trees on big trucks, the birch thieves are hauling small saplings in pickups and trailers. Richter urged the public to call 911 if they see any of those loads of small birch moving on the road.

"Please call any time of the day or night, as some of these folks are cutting during the day and hauling at night," he said.

Pettingill spent a weekend looking for birch thieves, and managed to catch three suspects cramming freshly cut bundles of birch sticks into a car along a remote forest road. Charges are pending against the three Hayward-area men for timber theft.

"We're talking a lot of timber that's been stolen. Those 1,800 trees would be about 60 cords of birch when they got big. At \$40 cord, that adds up," Pettingill told the News Tribune.

Dave Zebo, Wisconsin conservation warden for the Spooner region, said county, state and Chequamegon National Forest foresters and law enforcement officers will meet next week to share information and make plans on how to combat the birch thefts.

"They seem to be targeting mostly county and national forest land. There's been some significant biological damage," he said.

Zebo said officials may be contacting wholesale birch buyers in the region to make sure they know they are buying limbs from legitimate sources. Wholesale buyers are posting birch-wanted ads on Craigslist, the News Tribune found, paying between \$1 and \$3 per pole,

including buyers in Phillips, Lake Nebagamon and Superior.

It's clear there's a market for the product — mostly small birch saplings, about two inches in diameter, in two-to-six foot lengths.

Menards sells a 66-inch birch "pole" online for \$6.99. Crate & Barrel's website offers three birch poles each 60 inches long for \$29.95 plus shipping. On Amazon you can buy four 48-inch poles for \$45.99. On eBay those poles run from \$20 to \$40. A website called Blooms & Branches sells a half-dozen six-foot-long birch poles for \$57.42 and a bundle of birch twigs for \$11.97.

Those sellers may well be obtaining their birch pieces from legal harvesters. As of now it's not known where the illegal birch is being sold or to whom, Zebo said.

Birch aren't the only trees targeted by thieves in the Northland. There have been several cases in recent years of illegal cutting of spruce tree tops from public lands in northern Minnesota to sell as Christmas decorations.

In January Joseph Edminster of Grand Rapids pleaded guilty in federal court to stealing the tops of 2,700 black spruce trees from the Chippewa National Forest. Edminster took the trees between 2008 and 2014, selling them to wholesalers for up to \$2.50 each. The trees were then sold to retailers for \$6 each, prosecutors said, and then sold to shoppers in urban areas for even more.

SPONSORED CONTENT

How Democrats Can Beat Donald Trump in 2020

BY VANITY FAIR

VANITY FAIR

ADVERTISEMENT

CDAC Update: April 4, 2017

Timeline:

- March meetings complete. Results listed below.
- **April 10**, spring hearings: CDAC chairs will give a brief update at the spring hearings and encouraged people to fill out the on-line feedback form to help them make informed final recommendations

Public comments being accepted now:

- **April 3-13**: on-line "survey" for each county is live
- **April 14**: all feedback will be sorted by county and provided to the appropriate CDACs

Final Meetings:

- **April 17-20**: CDACs make final recommendations and submit to DNR

Final Steps:

- **April 26**: review of final recommendations by DNR Deer Advisory Committee
- **April 27**: review of recommendations by WPT
- **April 28**: Secretary briefing
- **May 23**: NRB final approval of 2017 deer season package

Summary of March 2017 CDAC Preliminary Recommendations

2017 HUNTING SEASON RECOMMENDATIONS

Antlerless Only All Seasons: 1 county

➔ Door

Buck-Only Zero Quota Season: 3 counties

➔ Ashland, Iron, Eau Claire (Forest Zone portion)

➔ Down from 19 in 2014, 12 in 2015, 10 in 2016

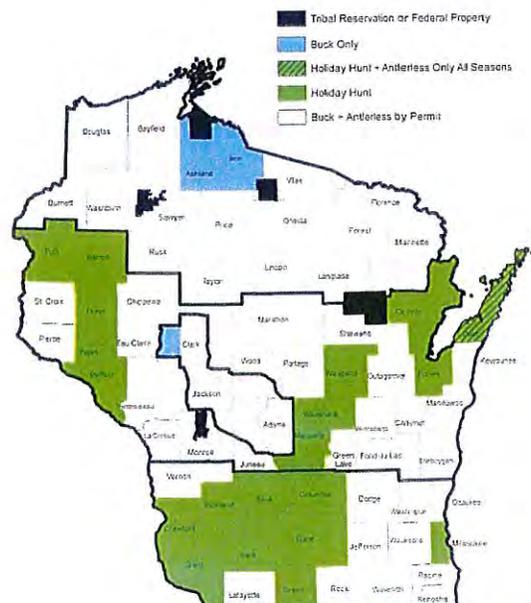
Junior antlerless tags invalid: 0 counties

➔ Down from 3 in 2016

Holiday Hunt: 22 counties

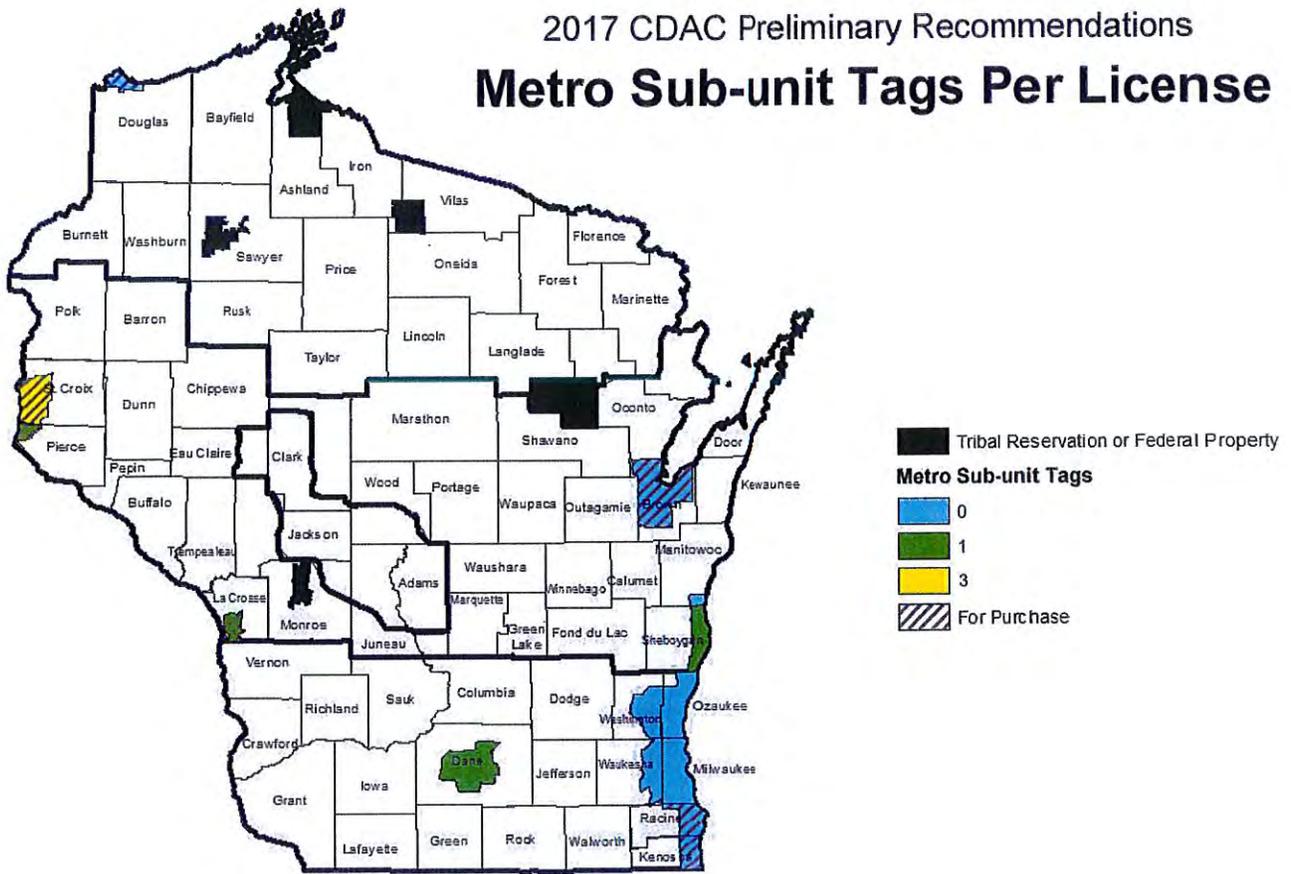
➔ Up from 13 in 2016

County Deer Advisory Council
Proposed 2017 Hunting Seasons



METRO SUB-UNIT PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS

2017 CDAC Preliminary Recommendations Metro Sub-unit Tags Per License



Rev. 4/4/2017



Tom Lovlien

From: Jon Daniels
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:51 AM
To: William Duncanson; Tom Lovlien; Dan Fiorenza
Cc: Greg Freix; Andrew Sims; Robert Stephens; Blaine Peterson; David Patridge; Karyn Powers
Subject: FW: Drones in State Park Properties (State Trails)

Hi All,
Sharing this for your information and consideration.
JD

From: Raleigh Moses, Kelly L - DNR [mailto:Kelly.RaleighMoses@wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:30 AM
To: 'erantala@co.langlade.wi.us'; Forest County Forestry Department (dzforestco@ez-net.com) (dzforestco@ez-net.com); 'Kriese_mm@co.brown.wi.us'; Keith Marquardt; Tobias, Sam; 'Loren.Dieck@outagamie.org'; David Myers; 'monty.brink@co.oconto.wi.us'; 'ealeson@co.door.wi.us'; 'Way, Rob (RWay@co.winnebago.wi.us)' (RWay@co.winnebago.wi.us); timryan@co.manitowoc.wi.us; 'psmith@co.florence.wi.us'; ebrolin@co.florence.wi.us; Adam Backus; 'wcparks.parks@co.waushara.wi.us'; Otto, Elizabeth - CNTY; 'Speckmag@co.portage.wi.us'; 'Ledvina_RG@co.brown.wi.us'; Bob Jacobson (Bob.Jacobson@co.shawano.wi.us); John Francis (John.Francis@co.waupaca.wi.us); Jon Daniels; Peter Knotek
Subject: Drones in State Park Properties (State Trails)

Drones in State Park Properties

NR45 45.04(1)(c) prohibits the use of drones, or other flying-related activities "on state parks, state recreation areas, state natural areas, Kettle Moraine and Point Beach state forests and Lower Wisconsin State Riverway" anywhere other than areas posted for their use.

As such, drone usage on our properties is currently restricted to the model aircraft designated use area at Richard Bong State Recreation Area. If visitors request to fly drones on WSPS properties, please advise them that NR 45 prohibits usage consistently across the system, with the exception of Richard Bong SRA. The ability to designate areas to be posted for use must be addressed in master plans.

It is important to note that the prohibition against drone use applies not only to visitors, but external partners, as well as DNR employees. Authority to waive the prohibition rests at the Secretary level. If you have any questions, please send me a message or give me a call.

We are committed to service excellence.

Visit our survey at <http://dnr.wi.gov/customersurvey> to evaluate how I did.

Kelly Raleigh Moses
Northeast District Trail Coordinator
Bureau of Parks / Fisheries, Parks, and Wildlife Division
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Green Bay Service Center
2984 Shawano Avenue

