

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 **SEPTEMBER 20, 2017.**

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

A G E N D A

- I. Minutes
 - A. Approve Minutes of the June 6, 2017 Meetings
- II. New Business
 - A. Subcommittee Appointments/Introduction of Members
 - B. 2017 Fall Timber Sale Package
 - C. Results of the County Forest Certification Audit
 - D. Potential Land Acquisition in the Town of Harrison
 - E. Press Release – Wisconsin County Forests Association Receives Tourism Grant
 - F. Fiscal Year 2017 Time Standards Summary
 - G. Priority Based Budgeting Process and Development of 2018 Budget
 - H. County Deer Advisory Council Initial Recommendations on Three Year Population Goal
 - I. Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Comments to the Deer Advisory Council
 - J. Big Eau Pleine County Park Project – Deer Exclusions
 - K. Resignation of DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp
 - L. Member Items
- III. Old Business
 - A. Update on the Potential Land Acquisition in the Town of Rib Mountain
 - B. Update on the 2017-2019 State Budget on Forestry Programs
 - C. Ragnar Trail Relay Running Race – September 22-23, 2017
 - D. Emerald Ash Borer Detections in Wisconsin
- IV. Remaining 2017 Meeting Dates – 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

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

Faxed by: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Time: _____

By: _____

Members present: John Burke, Mark Chickering, Susan Haug, Dale Heil, Greg Klos, Mike Lane, Paul Klocko, Jeff Lawrence, Carol Mills, Marcell Wieloch

Excused: Gary Weiland

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Lane.

I. Minutes

Motion by Wieloch to approve December 21, 2016 minutes and March 8, 2017. **Motion carried.**

II. New Business

A. Introduction of County Forester Joe Tucker

Tucker said he is from the Waupaca area. He graduated from the UW-Stevens Point and worked at the DNR where he was forester. Currently, he is setting up timber sales and getting to know the County forests. Members welcomed him.

B. 2017 Planned Timber Harvest Activity at Nine Mile Forest

Lovlien said there are two sales that are planned to be harvested in Nine Mile this summer or fall. The first sale has a potential of affecting Main Street and other trails. Lovlien will let the user groups know when that sale is active. The second sale has been mostly cut already located in the little Alps ski trail. Lawrence said it is on their list to get done this summer. Concerning future sales at Nine Mile, Tucker said he was out this last winter assessing red pine that was scheduled for thinning near the chalet which is about 71 acres. It is going to impact three areas of mountain biking trails one to the west, one just south of chalet, and one east of Red Bud Road. One way to mitigate the impact is to have the logger's complete one zone at a time then move on to the next so that all sections of trail are not shut down at the same time. Chickering said he would send out a reminder to his members shortly beforehand for them to be aware of the logging and to stay out of the way. Lovlien said it is likely this sale won't be active until next spring/summer 2018. Haug questioned all of the downed branches left next to Red Bud Road. Tucker said that while not aesthetically pleasing now it will disappear in a little while. They leave some of that so the nutrients break down to replenish the soil. Lovlien said they would monitor it and do something in the future if needed.

C. 2017 Scheduled Nine Mile Events

Lovlien said an Adventure Race took place on May 27. The Wisconsin Endurance Mountain Bike Series is on June 9 and 10. During some of these bigger races the race organizer takes care of camping. No undesignated camping permits are allowed during these events. The Wausau 24 Mountain Bike Race is July 28-30 and cross-country running season begins with Mosinee High School on August 29 and Marathon High School on August 31. The Ragnar Running Relay Race is September 21-24 then Edgar High School cross-country on September 26 and DC Everest High School cross country on September 28. Randy Curtis teaches ATV safety classes on various days from May through October in the north parking lot at Nine Mile. There are also parties, weddings, and graduations in the chalet. Burke did not believe there were any additional cross-country races because there are no sectionals and they probably won't have any conference meets.

D. September 2017 Subcommittee Appointments

Lovlien said Klocko, Wieloch, Lawrence, Weiland and Heil all have terms expiring September 1, 2017. Those members should let Lovlien know if they would like to stay on the Committee by July 1st otherwise he will put out a media notice requesting any interested parties to fill out an application for consideration.

E. Wausau and Marathon County Facebook Page

Lovlien said the Department officially has a Facebook page and is starting to put information out. The younger generation tends to follow this more than newspapers or television.

F. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Website "Hits"

Lovlien said this year there were almost 230,000 visitors with 150,000 unique hits. This Department has the largest number of website hits by far in the City and County. Staff is looking at potentially redesigning its website in the future. It's a little non-friendly in trying to find information. There have been thousands of website hits for cross-county skiing/snowshoeing, snowmobiling, biking and hunting. People are getting good information from the website. Discussion on County addressing system followed.

G. New Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Logo

Lovlien said the Department needed to rebrand itself with a new logo promoting active lifestyles. It will be on Department stationery, trucks, etc. to market our lands, facilities and programs.

H. Article – White Birch Thieves Illegally Cutting Saplings in Wisconsin and Minnesota

Lovlien said this has become a real big problem in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. People are starting to go along the sides of the roads and cutting birch trees down to turn into ornamental items. A lot of people have been caught in Washburn County and northern Minnesota. Lovlien said if members or any members of their groups see anything they should report it and not approach these individuals. Lovlien noted there is not a lot of birch in Marathon County.

I. Member Items

Lovlien said a CWD article was in the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel. He said back in 2013 they found a buck that tested positive for CWD on a whitetail deer farm in southeastern Marathon County. Since then, 24 more deer have tested positive and the disease is spreading. Lovlien thought the whole article was pretty eye opening on how CWD is expanding in the State and could get more serious going into the future. Discussion on CWD followed. Wieloch mentioned the summer Badger State Games will be starting with archery this Saturday and Sunday. He said there are a lot of good athletes to watch.

Old Business

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

Lovlien said the County Board has approved this purchase and the land will close on June 27th. Lovlien currently has a contract from the DNR for 50% of purchase and incidental costs. The land was purchased for the appraised value. This is a great purchase for the County which will be able to manage the timber in perpetuity.

D. Update on the Potential Land Acquisition in the Town of Rib Mountain

Lovlien said this 120 acres borders Nine Mile Forest Unit at the end of Laurel Road. Lovlien went to the Town of Rib Mountain and they support the County purchasing this property. Lovlien will be taking this to the Forestry/Recreation Committee, Environmental Resource Committee and Finance and Property Committee to try to get a resolution approved to apply for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant that would pay for half of this purchase.

E. Final County Deer Advisory Council Antlerless Quota Recommendations

Lane said the County Deer Advisory Council has voted to eliminate all extra bonus permits in Marathon County. People will still be able to get an antlerless permit with every license just not the bonus tags. He believes this may surprise some people which may lead to greater attendance at these meetings in the future. Lovlien said Marathon County may be split into different units in the future as it is too big of a County to manage the different deer habitats the same.

F. 2017 – 2019 State Budget Update on Forestry Programs

Lovlien said the Forestry Mil Tax which pays for all State forestry and some County forestry programs is being eliminated. In the future forestry will be competing for general purpose revenues and Lovlien is unsure how it will fare against other programs such as transportation and education. A person will save \$25.00 on their property tax

bill on a \$150,000 dollar home. Lovlien is concerned eliminating this tax will hurt the forest industry in the long run. Lovlien said another item in the budget proposed that the Chief State Forester move north of Highway 29 by January 1, 2018. Other forestry employees can stay in Madison or move north if there is already an office available and they have approval from the Chief State Forester.

D. Policy on Drones in State Park Properties

Lovlien said the State is not allowing drones on their State properties except for the Richard Bong Area. He said Marathon County was waiting to see what the State would do before they start considering County policy on drones. Questions were raised why only some specific State Forest properties were listed but not all of them. Lovlien said he would check and get back to them. Wieloch noted that the Richard Bong State Recreation Area is an old deserted military airfield and years ago a model airplane group contracted with the State and has been flying model airplanes there.

IV. 2017 Meeting Dates – September 20 and December 20, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

V. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Thomas Lovlien
Secretary

September 2017

**MARATHON COUNTY FOREST
CITIZENS' ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

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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 2019 Expires September 1, 2019
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Ryan Schleifer 511 Bob's Ave. Plover WI 54467 (W) 715-213-5541 E-mail: ryan.schleifer@versoco.com	Forest Industry 2 year term to 2019 Expires September 1, 2019
Gary Weiland 3799 Redwood St. Fenwood WI 54426 (H) 715-581-2875 gary.weiland@gmail.com	ATV/Motorized 2 year term to 2019 Expires September 1, 2019
Dale Heil C4051 Karen Ln. Stratford WI 54484 (H) 687-2110 (W) Truck 498-2252 dale.heil@frontier.com	Logging 2 year term to 2019 Expires September 1, 2019



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FALL 2017 TIMBER SALE INVITATION FOR BID

Here is our fall timber sale prospectus.

Please submit bids after reviewing the prospectus, sale areas, and timber sale contract including:

- **NEW - REVISED BID BOND REQUIREMENT:** Purchasers are allowed to submit a personal or business check as a bid security in the amount of 10% of the total bid.
- All pulpwood will be bid by the ton to a top diameter of 4". There is also an option to bid on tops/biomass.
- Stick scaled cord volume will be converted to tons using published WDNR handbook weights. The Marathon County mixed hardwood pulp weight is 4800 pounds per cord. (See table on back of this sheet)
- Marathon County reserves the right to scale any wood products piled in the woods for longer than 30 days.
- **CONTRACT EXTENSIONS:**
Please read and understand contract extensions as we will be following our policy.

To submit a bid:

1. Use the enclosed bid form or a photocopy.
2. Bid a price per **ton** or **MBF** for each species, including tracts designated as lump sum.
3. Complete the Logger's Statement of Qualifications.
4. Sign your bid.
5. Enclose a bid bond, cashier's, personal or business check, letter of credit, or money order for 10% of the total bid.
6. Seal each signed bid in a separate envelope marked: "Timber Sale Bid - Tract No. _____".
7. Submit your signed bid(s) by 1:30pm, Monday, October 2nd, 2017, to the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, 212 River Drive, Ste. 2, Wausau, WI 54403-5476. Actual receipt is required. Deposit in the mail, facsimile, or e-mail is not sufficient.

I invite you to attend the bid opening at 1:30pm, Monday, October 2nd, 2017, Conference Room 3, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin, 54403.

Thomas Lovlien
Forest Administrator

c: Forestry/Recreation Committee
County Administrator
Corporation Counsel
Chad Keranen, DNR Liaison Forester

All pulpwood will now be bid and sold by the ton. State of Wisconsin weight conversion pounds per cord will be used (see chart below). Mixed hardwood will include all hardwood species unless listed separately on the sale map. The Marathon County mixed hardwood pulp weight is established at 4,800 pounds per cord.

**CORDWOOD WEIGHT CONVERSION FACTORS
POUNDS PER CORD**

Species	Weight
Hemlock	4800
Tamarack	4650
Red Pine	4500
Jack Pine	4250
Balsam	4250
White Pine	4200
Spruce	4000
Cedar	3150
White Oak	5850
Red Oak	5500
Hickory	5400
Yellow Birch	5350
Hard Maple	5100
Beech	5050
Elm	5000
Balsam Poplar	4900
White Birch	4800
Cottonwood	4650
Ash	4600
Soft Maple	4550
Aspen	4500
Basswood	3850
Mixed Hardwood	4800

Marathon County reserves the right to scale any wood products piled in the woods for longer than 30 days.

FALL 2017 TIMBER SALE SUMMARY – MARATHON COUNTY FOREST

TRACT NO.	SPECIES	4" VOLUME	FOREST UNIT AND TRACT DESCRIPTION
1-17	Aspen	925 Tons	<u>Harrison-Hewitt</u> – MILL ROAD (63 Acres) Dry Mid-Summer/Dry Fall/Winter logging. Access to Mill Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 30, 2020.
	Mixed Hardwood	675 Tons	
	Red Oak	60 Tons	
	Basswood	40 Tons	
	Red Maple Logs	60.0 MBF	
	Red Oak Logs	25.0 MBF	
	White Ash Logs	10.0 MBF	
	Sugar Maple Logs	8.0 MBF	
	Basswood Logs	8.0 MBF	
	Tops/Biomass	420 Tons	
2-17	Red Pine	270 Tons	<u>Ringle Forest Unit</u> – LUCKY (37 Acres) Dry Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter logging. Access to Dallman Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 30, 2019.
	White Spruce	420 Tons	
	Tops/Biomass	130 Tons	
3-17	Mixed Hardwood	1150 Tons	<u>Ringle Forest Unit</u> – LONE PINE (82 Acres) Dry Mid-Summer/Dry Fall/Winter logging. Access to Dallman Rd/Timber Ridge Lane. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 30, 2020.
	Red Oak	460 Tons	
	Red Pine	45 Tons	
	Red Oak Logs	120.0 MBF	
	Red Maple Logs	85.0 MBF	
	White Oak Logs	5.0 MBF	
	Tops/Biomass	330 Tons	
4-17	Aspen	1350 Tons	<u>Burma Forest Unit</u> – DARK HORSE (79 Acres) Mid-Summer/Fall/Winter logging. Access to Burma Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 30, 2020.
	Mixed Hardwood	550 Tons	
	Red Oak	240 Tons	
	Basswood	65 Tons	
	Red Oak Logs	16.0 MBF	
	Sugar Maple Logs	4.0 MBF	
	Mixed Hwd. Logs	3.0 MBF	
	Tops/Biomass	440 Tons	
	5-17	Red Oak	
Mixed Hardwood		1600 Tons	
Basswood		50 Tons	
Red Oak Logs		100.0 MBF	
Red Maple Logs		55.0 MBF	
Mixed Hwd. Logs		10.0 MBF	
Tops/Biomass		550 Tons	

6-17	Red Pine White Spruce Tops/Biomass	1350 Tons 90 Tons Not offered	<u>Nine Mile Forest Unit</u> - MAD HEN (50 Acres) Dry Spring/Summer/Fall logging. Access to Red Bud Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 30, 2019.
7-17	Mixed Hardwood Aspen Red Maple Logs White Ash Logs Tops/Biomass	2220 Tons 55 Tons 110.0 MBF 4.0 MBF 450 Tons	<u>Leather Camp Forest Unit</u> - RACCOON (69 Acres) Dry Mid-Summer/Dry Fall/Winter logging. Access to State Hwy 153. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by December 30, 2020.
8-17	Mixed Hardwood Aspen Red Oak Red Maple Logs Red Oak Logs Tops/Biomass	550 Tons 350 Tons 100 Tons 14.0 MBF 7.0 MBF 200 Tons	<u>Kronenwetter Forest Unit</u> – NEW ERA (27 Acres) Dry Mid-Summer/Dry Fall/Winter logging. Access to Martin Road. Ticket Sale. Contract must be completed by June 30, 2020.

INVITATION FOR BIDS MARATHON COUNTY FOREST TIMBER STUMPAGE

Marathon County is offering 512 acres of timber on Tracts 1-17, 2-17, 3-17, 4-17, 5-17, 6-17, 7-17 and 8-17. These tracts have an estimated 16,385 tons and 644.0 thousand board feet of:

Mx. Hwd. Pulp	6,745 Tons	Red Oak Logs	268.0 MBF
Aspen Pulp	2,680 Tons	Red (Soft) Maple Logs	324.0 MBF
Oak Pulp	2,110 Tons	White Ash Logs	14.0 MBF
Red Pine Pulp	1,665 Tons	Mixed Hwd Logs	13.0 MBF
White Spruce Pulp	510 Tons	Sugar Maple Logs	12.0 MBF
Basswood Pulp	155 Tons	Basswood Logs	8.0 MBF
Biomass/Tops	2,520 Tons	White Oak Logs	5.0 MBF

Specific information is available from the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, 715/261-1550.

Submit bids by 1:30 pm, Monday, October 2nd, 2017, to the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department, 212 River Drive, Suite 2, Wausau, WI, 54403-5476. Bids will be publicly read at that time in Conference Room 3. Actual receipt is required. Deposit in the mail, facsimile, or e-mail is not sufficient.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days.

Evaluation criteria will be price and documented ability to satisfactorily complete the contract including: proposed equipment and operation; references; proof of financial stability; past performance; FISTA training; and BMP training. Award of the contract to the successful bidder shall be based upon the bid determined most advantageous to the County or made to the highest responsible and responsive bidder.

The County reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids, to waive technical deficiencies in the bids, and to award a contract deemed in the best interests of the County. This solicitation may also be canceled if determined to be in the best interests of the County.

The General Code of the County of Marathon contains various procurement policies which are applicable to this proposed procurement. These include prohibitions against gratuities and kickbacks.

County of Marathon

By: William L. Duncanson, Director

Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department

TIMBER SALE BID

I submit the following bid on Tract No. _____

All bids, including Lump Sum, must be itemized by species on a per ton or per Thousand Board Foot (MBF) basis.

SPECIES	ESTIMATED VOLUME	PRICE BID PER TON OR MBF	TOTAL
GRAND TOTAL			\$

Logger's Statement of Qualifications:

1. Logging firm's name, address, and phone:

2. How many years have you been engaged in the logging business under the present firm name?

3. List the major equipment that will be used to complete the work on this tract and describe your operation:

(Please fill out and sign reverse side)

4. List at least three references for past performance on logging contracts with the name and phone number of a contact person:

5. FISTA trained Yes No Date _____

Other safety training (please describe)

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

6. BMP training Yes No Date _____

The undersigned, having familiarized himself with the conditions affecting the cost of the work, having read completely the specifications, hereby proposes to perform everything required and to provide and furnish labor, materials, equipment, tools, and all other services and supplies necessary to complete in a workmanlike manner all of the work described in the specifications relating to this timber tract.

A bid security equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total bid, in the form of a bond, money order, Letter of Credit, cashier's, personal or business check, has been submitted as part of this bid.

I have carefully examined the specifications, contract documents, and site where the work is to be done and have no agreements to prevent the completion of said work.

If this bid is the successful bid, I will finalize and execute a contract as set forth in the contract documents under all the terms, conditions, and requirements as set forth in the contract documents, and, unless this contract is executed within 15 days after the date of being notified that this bid is the successful bid, I will forfeit the 10% bid security in its entirety. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in being considered ineligible to bid on any County timbersales for a two-year duration. This bid proposal will become part of the contract upon the awarding of the contract.

Date

Name (Please Print)

Signature

MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE CONTRACT

Contract No. _____ Scaled or Ticket System

Tract No. _____ Tree Measurement (Lump Sum)

AGREEMENT entered into between Marathon County, Wisconsin, a municipal body corporate, hereinafter referred to as "County" and _____, hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser". The term "Purchaser" shall include all workers, employees, agents, subcontractors, and independent contractors that may be employed by the "Purchaser". For purposes of implementing this contract, the "County Representative" shall be the County Forest Administrator or his designee. The term "County" shall include Marathon County, the Marathon County Board of Supervisors and any committee thereof, and all Marathon County officers, officials, employees, agents, and assigns. Further, this contract constitutes the entire agreement by and between the undersigned parties. No other terms or conditions may be implied or inferred. The County and Purchaser, in consideration of the covenants hereinafter set forth, mutually agree as follows:

Purchaser shall cut and remove all timber marked or designated by County agents on the following described lands hereinafter referred to as the "sale area": _____

Operating Specifications and a map outlining the boundaries of the sale area are attached and made a part of this contract as if fully stated herein.

Both parties agree that the estimates regarding the amount of timber included in any contract are estimates only and are offered as a guide to the proposed Purchaser for the purpose of bidding.

Purchaser shall be responsible for keeping within the boundaries of the sale area and shall be liable for all trespasses committed by Purchaser outside of such boundaries.

TIMBER TO BE REMOVED

Species/ Product	Estimated Volume	Bid Per Unit	Total Bid	Species/ Product	Estimated Volume	Bid Per Unit	Total Bid

TOTALS: _____

All volumes based on unpeeled measure. Unless otherwise specified, a cord is 4' x 4' x 100".

GENERAL TERMS

- 1. **CONTRACT PERIOD.** Purchaser will completely perform his obligations under this contract by the _____
- 2. **CONTRACT EXTENSIONS.** If extensions of this contract are deemed reasonable by the County, the stumpage price agreed upon herein shall be adjusted as follows:
 - A. First one-year extension
 - 1. 3 year contract.....25%
 - 2. 2.5 year contract.....20%
 - 3. 2 year contract.....15%
 - B. Additional one-year extensions.....10%
 - C. Other applicable charges or fees: NONE

The maximum time duration of a timber sale contract, including extensions, will be four years. Extension beyond this period of time will be considered by the County only in the event of special justification. Special stumpage rate adjustments may be made.

- 3. **CHANGE ORDERS.** The scope of the services to be performed under this contract may be amended or supplemented by mutual written agreement between the parties to the contract.
- 4. **PERFORMANCE; PERFORMANCE BOND; LIQUIDATED OR ACTUAL DAMAGES; FUTURE CONTRACTS.**
 - A. Notice to Begin. Purchaser shall contact the County representative in writing both prior to commencing logging operations from contract site and upon final completion of the Timber Sale Contract. The Purchaser must also contact the County representative in writing if work is to cease at the contract site for more than one month. At the end of this period of time, the Purchaser must then inform the County representative in writing that work is to begin again.
 - B. Contract Oversight. Cutting and removal of timber purchased under this contract shall be conducted in conformance with this contract and in a good and workmanlike manner with reasonable diligence to assure completion of all performance within the contract period specified in par. 1.
 - C. Performance Bond. A performance bond in Marathon County's favor in the amount of \$ _____ in cash, by surety bond, or in other form accepted by the County, shall be submitted by the Purchaser no later than _____ to be retained by the County to assure full and complete performance of the contract by the Purchaser to the County'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 County as liquidated damages upon the County's determination a condition or term of this contract has been breached by the Purchaser, unless the County 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 County.
 - D. The Purchaser agrees that the performance bond may be retained by the County until all performance under this contract has been completed to the County's satisfaction and the County determines the performance has been so completed. In the event the Purchaser provided written notice of sale completion to the County, the County shall have sixty (60) days to determine that performance has been completed as required under this contract.
 - E. If timber or other forest products not specifically described in this contract or designated by the County for cutting are cut, damaged or removed by the Purchaser, the County may pursue any and all remedies for the unlawful use of the County's property and the cutting, damage or removal of property without consent, including the seeking of criminal or civil charges for theft, timber theft or criminal damage to property in addition to its contract remedies for breach.

F. The County may, when it deems it reasonable and in the best interest of the County, allow the Purchaser to continue performance under the contract and the Purchaser shall pay as liquidated damages double the mill value as determined by the County for the timber or other forest products cut, removed or damaged without authorization under or in violation of this contract. The County's permission to continue cutting shall not be considered a waiver of breach nor prevent it from considering such breach for purposes of asserting any other remedies available to it. It is agreed that the double mill scale sum is a reasonable estimate of the probable damages suffered by the County and shall not be construed as or held to be in the nature of a penalty.

G. The Purchaser agrees that if the timber identified in this contract for cutting is to be resold due to a breach of this contract, as determined by the County, the County is not obligated to give oral or written notice to the Purchaser of the resale.

H. The County's damages upon the Purchaser's failure to perform this contract include, but are not limited to:

- (1) The Purchaser's bid value of timber not cut and removed under this contract.
- (2) Double the mill value, as determined by the County, for timber cut, removed or damaged without authorization under or in violation of this contract.
- (3) All costs of sale area cleanup, restoration or completion of performance not completed by the Purchaser.
- (4) All costs of resale of timber not cut and removed as required under this contract.
- (5) If the County seeks damages for breach of this contract through court proceedings, and if the County prevails in such proceedings, in whole or in part, then the Purchaser agrees to pay all of the County's actual and reasonable expenses, including attorney's and expert witness fees.

The County may agree to mitigate the damages for breach by offering the timber for resale on no more than two (2) occasions if it determines the timber is salable based upon its volume or quality.

- (6) A minimum of 10% of the original sale price to the County (same amount as the original bid bond) as an administrative fee for the costs of readvertising and reestablishing the sale or pay the difference between the new sale price and the original price, but not less than 10% if the new sale price is less than the original price.
 - (7) If the sale is not resold after two separate bid openings, the Purchaser is liable for liquidated damages including the total performance bond.
- I. A Purchaser deemed by the County to be in breach of this contract may also be considered an irresponsible bidder and be refused the opportunity to bid upon or obtain future timber sales of the County for a period not to exceed two (2) years from the date of determination of the breach.

5. NON-COMPLIANCE-WRITTEN NOTICE. A. Upon written notice by a County representative that Purchaser is not in compliance with one or more conditions of the contract, occupancy of and operations on the Contract Site shall be suspended. Any continued occupancy or use of the contract site shall be deemed a trespass. Said written notice shall be sent by Certified Mail to the mailing address listed on the first page of this document or may be personally served by a representative of the County.

B. If subsequent to receiving a written authorization from the County representative to recommence work, Purchaser fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract, a County representative shall again give written notice that work and occupancy at the site are to cease.

C. Occupancy and operations may be resumed only with written authorization of the County representative. Said authorization may contain special conditions to insure continued compliance with the terms of this contract.

6. **FORESTRY COMMITTEE.** The Forestry/Recreation Committee (hereinafter called FR Committee) shall then make a determination of whether the Timber Sale Contract and/or Performance Bond described in Paragraph 4 shall be forfeited. Purchaser shall have notice of the FR Committee meeting and an opportunity to be heard. Notification of the FR Committee's decision shall be sent to the Purchaser by certified mail at the address specified on the first page of this contract. The decision of the FR Committee, acting on the advice of its agents as to whether Purchaser is in compliance with the terms of this contract, shall be final subject to Purchaser's rights to appeal pursuant to Chapter 24 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County.
7. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTRACT - FORFEITURE.** Should the Purchaser enter into more than one timber sale contract, all of the timber sale contracts entered into by and between the Purchaser and the County shall be considered as one general contract consisting of subunits relating to different sites. A notice of non-compliance with respect to any one site shall constitute notice as to all sites, and the Purchaser shall forthwith cease operations at all sites until Purchaser receives written authorization to resume operations in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.
8. **NON-DISCRIMINATION.** In connection with performance of work under this contract, the Purchaser agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, religion, color, national origin, or disabilities.
9. **TITLE TO PRODUCTS AND STUMPAGE.** Title to all cut forest products shall remain with the County until paid for by Purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all damage or loss of all forest products resulting from fire, flood, theft caused by his own fault during the contractual term. Forest products and stumpage remaining on the sale area at the expiration of the contract or upon breach, revert to the ownership of the County without any refund of monies paid.
10. **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION.** Purchaser authorizes any individual, business, or mill receiving wood from this contract to release mill scale slips and any other information to the County regarding amount, date received, and other relevant information.
11. **RESIDENCE.** No residence shall be established on the contract area.
12. **TRAINING REQUIREMENT.** 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/sfi_standards.html or by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). Purchaser agrees to provide documentation to Seller that training has been attained prior to initiating sale.
13. **ASSIGNMENT.** 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. **(Purchaser shall not subcontract any portion of this contract without prior written approval from the County, said approval will not be unreasonably withheld.)**
14. **INSPECTION.** The County 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. The County may terminate the Purchaser's operations upon oral notice to the Purchaser. Upon receipt of the notice, the Purchaser shall cease operations until the County approves resumption of them.

15. **PAYMENT.** A. All payments will be in cash, cashiers check, personal or business check, or money order unless other arrangements are made in writing with the County.
- B. Scaled or ticket-system stumpage payments shall be made prior to wood being hauled. Purchasers in good standing with Marathon County will be allowed up to three business days to submit payment. Marathon County reserves the right to determine which purchasers are in good standing. Payments due and owing to the County will be based upon actual scaling.
- C. Lump sum sale contracts must be paid in full prior to beginning any operations. If cutting units are designated, the Purchaser must pay for and satisfactorily complete a unit as determined by a County representative prior to beginning operations in another unit.
16. **REMOVAL WITHOUT PAYMENT.** Timber or other forest products may not be removed from the sale area until paid for as provided in this contract or other guarantees for payment have been made with and to the satisfaction of the County. Upon removal of timber or other forest products in violation of this paragraph, the Purchaser agrees to pay as liquidated damages double the mill value of the timber removed, and in addition to pursuing its remedies for breach of contract, the County may seek charges against the Purchaser for Timber Theft under s. 26.05, Wis. Stats., or a violation of ch. NR 45, Wis. Adm. Code, consider it a breach of contract and pursue all remedies provided in this contract.
17. **ROADS, LANDINGS, MILL SITES, CAMPSITES, EROSION CONTROL, BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs).** A. When not otherwise designated by the County, the location of roads, landings, mill sites and campsites on County's property is subject to advance approval and under the conditions established by the County. All restoration, cleanup or repair of roads, landings, mill sites and campsites, or the cost of the cleanup, if not completed by the Purchaser to the satisfaction of the County, is the responsibility of the Purchaser.
- B. All logging debris accumulated at landing areas, including bark, tops and slash, shall be scattered within the sale area to the satisfaction of the County.
- C. Berms constructed on the County's property shall be leveled to restore the area to the County's satisfaction unless they are constructed at the direction of the County under par. d.
- D. Roads and landings shall be graded or closed upon the request of and to the County's satisfaction upon completion or termination of this contract.
- E. Other restoration requirements (e.g., seeding, gravel, rutting, culvert removal, etc.): NONE
- F. Erosion control and Best Management Practices (BMPs) requirements:
- (1) The Purchaser shall comply with all recommended BMP 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. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the County if not possessed by the Purchaser. Purchaser's certification in Wisconsin BMP training through a FISTA coordinated BMP workshop is also required.
- (2) The Purchaser shall make every attempt to comply with 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. In particular, the purchaser agrees to work cooperatively with the administering forester and any subcontractors to address the considerations in BMPs 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5 and 9.1. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the Seller if not possessed by the Purchaser. The publication can also be found at the Council on Forestry website at: <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/invasives/forestry>.

(3) 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. A copy of this publication is available upon request to the County if not possessed by the Purchaser. The publication can also be found at the Council on Forestry website at: <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/biomass/>

(4) Other: None.

18. SOIL DISTURBANCE AND RUTTING A. 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 any and all instances of soil disturbance.

B. 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.

<u>Timber Sale Infrastructure</u>	<u>Soil disturbances are excessive if:</u>
<u>Roads, Landings, Skid Trails, and General Harvest Area</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and is resulting in channelized flow to a wetland, stream, or lake.</u>
<u>Roads, Landings, and Primary Skid Trails</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>In a riparian management zone (RMZ) or wetland, a gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.</u> ▪ <u>In an upland area (outside of RMZ), a gully or rut is 10 inches deep or more and 66 feet long or more.</u>
<u>Secondary Skid Trails and General Harvest Area</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>A gully or rut is 6 inches deep or more and 100 feet long or more.</u>

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 to the end of the “too deep” section. Measurements are not cumulative.

Note: In high use forest recreation areas such as the Nine Mile Unit and County park lands we will require the purchaser to follow a lower threshold for soil disturbance (than defined in Table 1). The lower threshold will be communicated to the Purchaser during the pre-logging meeting and documented on the pre-logging form.

C. The County may temporarily suspend operations under this contract due to excessive soil disturbances (as defined in Table 1).

D. Prior to sale completion the Purchaser shall mitigate and repair soil disturbances to the Seller’s satisfaction.

E. Other restoration requirements (e.g. repair of soil disturbance or rutting on recreational trails used for skidding):

(1) NONE

(2)

19. **DIGGERS HOTLINE.** The Purchaser is responsible to contact the Diggers Hotline, or other informational sources performing similar services, prior to digging or conducting other activities on the property which may result in contact with utility or service lines or facilities.
20. **OTHER APPROVALS.** 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. The Purchaser agrees to apply for and obtain all approvals. The Purchaser also agrees to fully comply with all terms and conditions of intersection approvals.
21. **UNCUT TREES AND WASTED TIMBER.** Should marked or designated trees be left uncut or unremoved, the Purchaser shall be liable to the County for damages in the amount said wood would have been valued for payment at the mill site as of the date all work to be performed pursuant to this contract was to have been completed. Young growth trees bent or held down by felled trees must be properly released or Purchaser shall be liable for damages in the amount of replacement costs. The Purchaser shall be liable for damages at double the stumpage rate specified for timber wasted in tops and stumps.
22. **STUMP HEIGHT, TOPS.** The maximum stump height may not exceed the stump diameter; except for stumps of a diameter of less than 10 inches, the height of the stump may not exceed 10 inches. Title to tops shall remain in the owner and may not be utilized by the Purchaser, or at the Purchaser's direction, unless otherwise specified in this contract.
23. **ZONE COMPLETION.** The Purchaser agrees to complete all operations on each portion of the sale area or each zone as designated on the sale area map, or other attachments or in the cutting requirements before beginning cutting in the next portion or zone, unless agreed to otherwise by the County.
24. **SLASH.** Slash as defined in s. 26.12, Wis. Stats., shall be disposed of as follows: A. 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.
- B. Other: None.
25. **FOREST FIRE PREVENTION.** The Purchaser agrees to take reasonable precautions to prevent the starting and spreading of fires. Those precautions include, but are not limited to:
- A. A minimum of one fully charged 5 pound or larger ABC fire extinguisher with a flexible spout shall be carried on each off-road logging vehicle.
- B. All chainsaws and all non-turbocharged off-road logging equipment used in the operation shall be equipped with spark arrestors which have been approved by the U.S. Forest Service. Such arrestors may not be altered in any manner or removed and shall be properly maintained. (Information on approved arrestors may be obtained from the Seller.)
- C. If a fire occurs, the Purchaser agrees to promptly cooperate in the control and suppression of the fire.
- D. The Purchaser shall comply with requests regarding forest fire prevention and suppression made by the Seller and take all reasonable precautions to prevent, suppress and report forest fires. Those requests may include ceasing or modifying operations.
- E. The Purchaser shall be responsible for damage and forest fire suppression costs, including that provided in ss.26.14 and 26.21, Wis. Stats., caused by their operation under this Contract.
- F. Other: NONE

26. **SURVEY MONUMENTS.** The Purchaser agrees to pay for the cost of repair or replacement of any land survey monuments or accessories which are removed or destroyed or made inaccessible. In the event that the performance bond is insufficient to cover such cost, the provisions of Statute 59.74, Perpetuation of Landmarks, shall be enforced.
27. **CLEANUP AND USE OF SALE AREA.** A. The Purchaser shall remove, to the satisfaction of the seller, all equipment, tools, solid waste, oil filters, grease cartridges, trash and debris remaining on the sale area or Seller's property upon completion of performance under this Contract, termination of this Contract due to breach by the Purchaser or when requested by the County.
- B. No residence, dwelling, permanent structure, or improvement may be established or constructed on the sale area or other property of the County.
- C. The Purchaser agrees to properly use and dispose of all petroleum products, including but not limited to oil, hydraulic fuel and diesel fuel. Any on-site spillage must be properly removed and cleaned up by the Purchaser to the satisfaction of the County.
28. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** The Purchaser is an independent contractor for all purposes, including worker's compensation, and not an employee or agent of the County. The County agrees that the undersigned Purchaser shall have the sole control of the method, hours worked, time and manner of any timber cutting to be performed hereunder and takes no responsibility for supervision or direction of the performance of any of the harvesting to be performed by the undersigned Purchaser or of its employees. The County further agrees that it will exercise no control over the selection and dismissal of the Purchaser's employees.
29. **HOLD HARMLESS.** Purchaser hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Marathon County, their officials, officers, employees and agents from and against all judgments, damages, penalties, losses, costs, claims, expenses, suits, demands, debts, actions and/or causes of action of any type or nature whatsoever, including actual and reasonable attorney's fees, which may be sustained or to which they may be exposed, directly or indirectly, by reason of personal injury, death, property damage, or other liability, alleged or proven, resulting from or arising out of the performance of contractor, its officers, officials, employees, agent or assigns. Marathon County does not waive, and specifically reserves, its right to assert any and all affirmative defenses and limitations of liability as specifically set forth in Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 893 and related statutes.
30. **FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE.** Purchaser agrees to comply with all applicable OSHA or other federal, state, and local laws or regulations in connection with the performance of this contract.
- OSHA Compliance, Danger trees. The Purchaser is responsible to comply with, and assure compliance by all employees or subcontractors with, all Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) requirements for the health and safety of Purchaser's employees, including provisions relating to danger trees. In addition, the Purchaser agrees to notify, and obtain agreement from, the County if the Purchaser intends to modify performance required under this contract for the purpose of compliance with OSHA requirements.
31. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE.** In connection with the performance of work under this contract, Purchaser agrees that no qualified individual with a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation and the benefits of services, programs, or activities, including employment, or be subjected to discrimination. The Purchaser is specifically notified that it is subject to all employment requirements listed under Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act by virtue of its contract with Marathon County, a public entity. The Purchaser is specifically notified that it is subject to federal requirements to assure participation and access to public facilities, programs, and activities under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act by virtue of its contract with Marathon County, a public entity. These requirements mandate separate or special programs or reasonable modification of existing programs, services, and activities without surcharge to disabled individuals as long as safety is not compromised. The Purchaser shall provide a similar notice to all its subcontractors.

32. **FOREST CERTIFICATION.** The area encompassed by this timber sale is certified to the standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® NSF-SFI-FM-1Y943 SFI 100%. Forest products from this sale may be delivered to the mills “SFI 100%” so long as the contractor hauling the forest products is chain-of-custody (COC) certified or covered under a COC certificate from the destination mill. The purchaser is responsible for maintaining COC after leaving the sale area.

REQUIRED INSURANCE

The Purchaser shall not commence work under this contract until all insurance required under this paragraph is obtained, and such insurance has been approved by the County, nor shall the Purchaser allow any subcontractor to commence work on their subcontract until all similar insurance requirements have been obtained and approved.

33. **WORKERS COMPENSATION.** The Purchaser shall obtain and maintain throughout the duration of this contract statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of its employees employed at the site or while working on this project. In case any work is sublet, the Purchaser shall require the subcontractor similarly to provide statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance for all of the latter's employees, unless such employees are covered by the protection afforded by the Purchaser. Purchaser's (Owners and Sole proprietors) electing exemption from coverage pursuant to WIS STAT 102.075 SHALL provide a signed copy of the endorsement showing non-election of coverage.
34. **GENERAL LIABILITY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE.** Purchaser shall secure and maintain in force throughout the duration of this contract such General Liability and Property Damage Insurance as shall protect him/her and any subcontractor performing work covered by this contract from claims for damages for personal injuries including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damage, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by Purchaser, or by any subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them; and the amount of such insurance shall be as follows:
- Comprehensive General Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
 - Automobile Liability \$1,000,000 per occurrence and in aggregate for bodily injury and property damage.
35. **PROOF OF INSURANCE.** The Purchaser shall furnish the County with a Certificate of Insurance countersigned by a Wisconsin Resident Agent or Authorized Representative of the insurer indicating that the Purchaser meets the insurance requirements identified above. The Certificates of Insurance shall include a provision prohibiting cancellation of said policies except upon 30 days prior written notice to the County and specify the name of the contract or project covered. A copy of the Certificate of Insurance shall be delivered to the Risk Management Division for approval prior to the execution of this contract. Upon renewal of the required insurance and annually thereafter, the County shall receive a new Certificate of Insurance for three years after completion of the project. The Certificates shall describe the contract by name and or identification number in the "Description of Operations" section of the form and list Marathon County as “additional insured in respect to this agreement”.
36. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** If a dispute related to this agreement arises, all parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute through direct discussions and negotiations. If the dispute cannot be resolved by the parties, and if all parties agree, it may be submitted to either mediation or arbitration. If the matter is arbitrated, the procedures of Chapter 788 of the Wisconsin Statutes or any successor statute shall be followed. If the parties cannot agree to either mediation or arbitration, any party may commence an action in any court of competent jurisdiction. If a lawsuit is commenced, the parties agree that the dispute shall be submitted to alternate dispute resolution pursuant to §802.12, Wis. Stats., or any successor statute.

Unless otherwise provided in this contract, the parties shall continue to perform according to the terms and conditions of the contract during the pendency of any litigation or other dispute resolution proceeding.

The parties further agree that all parties necessary to the resolution of a dispute (as the concept of necessary parties is contained in Chapter 803, Wisconsin Statutes, or its successor chapter) shall be joined in the same litigation or other dispute resolution proceeding. This language relating to dispute resolution shall be included in all contracts pertaining to this project so as to provide for expedient dispute resolution.

37. **NON-DEBARMENT CLAUSE.** Purchaser hereby certifies that neither it nor any of its principal officers or officials have ever been suspended or debarred, for any reason whatsoever, from doing business or entering into contractual relationships with any governmental entity. Purchaser further agrees and certifies that this clause shall be included in any subcontract of this contract.
38. **GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS.** It shall be unethical for any person to offer, give, or agree to give any elected official, employee or former employee, or for any elected official, employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer for employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation or any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the contents of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing, or in any other advisory capacity in any proceedings or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract, or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. It shall be unethical for any payment, gratuity, or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor or a higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith, an inducement for the award of a subcontract, or order.

SCALING REQUIREMENTS AND CONVERSION FACTORS

39. **PRODUCT REMOVAL.** No forest products shall be removed until scaled or marked by a County representative unless prior arrangements have been made with the County.
40. **SAWLOGS.** A. All sawlogs must be separated from pulpwood when piled.
- B. Purchaser will mark the length of all logs on the small end with a lumber crayon to facilitate scaling.
- C. Purchaser will pile all logs with the small end facing the road to facilitate scaling.
- D. All logs must be scaled with the Scribner Decimal C Log Rule.
41. **PULPWOOD.** All pulpwood must be piled for scaling. Piles must be level and square with at least five cords or 20 tons per pile.
42. **CONVERSION FACTORS.** Conversion of 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.
43. **PEELED CORDWOOD.** When peeled cordwood is measured, it is stipulated that 12.5% will be added to hand-peeled or stroke delimeter processor peeled volume and 16% to ring debarked volume to compute equivalent unpeeled volume.
44. **WEIGHT CONVERSIONS.** County will accept mill weight conversion (Mill Scale) unless that conversion results in less volume than those conversions set forth in Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Handbook 2461.

PULPWOOD TICKET SYSTEM

45. **TICKET BOOKS.** A. Ticket books shall be purchased periodically as needed.
- B. Ticket books are issued for the contract specified on the cover of the ticket book and shall not be used for any other contract.

C. Purchaser must account for all tickets. Unused tickets shall be returned to the County representative upon completion or termination of the contract.

D. All lost or damaged tickets will have the value of \$1.00 per ticket number assessed against the performance bond.

46. TICKET USE. A. Tickets shall be used in sequence.

B. Copy one, the top (white) part of the ticket, shall be completely filled out and deposited in the lock box. Tickets must be completely inserted in the box. Hung tickets will be considered the same as failure to deposit tickets.

C. Copy two, the middle (yellow) part of the ticket, shall be in the possession of the person transporting timber from the sale area. County representatives may check scale and inspect haul permit tickets at any time.

D. Copy three, the bottom (hard) part of the ticket will remain in the ticket book for the Purchaser's records.

47. FAILURE TO DEPOSIT TICKETS. Failure by either the Purchaser or Purchaser's employee, officer, official, agent, or designee to deposit a ticket in the lock box each time a load of wood products leaves the sale area will be considered a violation of the State Statutes 26.05 on unauthorized timber removal.

48. LOCK BOXES. Lock boxes will be placed on the premises at points convenient to the Purchaser and County.

49. WOOD DESTINATIONS. The Purchaser shall provide the County representative with a list of all destinations of wood to be removed from the premises. Changes in wood destination shall be reported before hauling to the new destination.

50. FIREWOOD. When wood products such as firewood are delivered to buyers not providing a mill scale slip, the wood must be handscaled by a County representative and payment shall be made prior to wood being hauled.

TREE MEASUREMENT (LUMP SUM)

51. CONSIDERATION. Volume to be cut is estimated, not guaranteed. All timber designated for cutting must be cut and removed by the Purchaser even if volume of timber exceeds the estimate. If there is less timber than estimated, the County has no obligation to make-up the deficiency nor refund any or all monies paid.

52. CONFLICTING SALES. The Purchaser may not haul forest products on the same day from both this sale and a scaled or ticket system timber sale located on land owned by the County without authorization from the County.

53. ATTACHMENTS: Any and all attachments to this contract shall be made a part of this contract and be fully complied with, including: A. maps(s) or diagram(s) of sale area;

B. Other: NONE

54. OTHER CONDITIONS: The Purchaser shall enter this harvest with equipment clean of soil from the previous harvest. If previous job(s) included entering a stand that was confirmed with Heterobasidion Root Disease, make sure to clean logging equipment (tires, cutting head, etc.) with pressured water prior to entering this harvest.

Heterobasidion Root Disease (HRD) – Prevention Treatment

The Purchaser shall purchase and apply an approved fungicide (Rotstop C or Cellu-Treat) to all cut pine stumps and horizontal wound surfaces as follows:

1. Pesticide applicators must be certified/licensed by DATCP for this treatment.
2. All stumps shall be treated by the end of each day of cutting from April 1 – November 30. Treatment may be required from December 1 – March 31 if abnormally warm for an extended period of time to be determined by County Forest Representative.
3. All stumps shall be left clear of logging slash to allow for the application and inspection of the approved fungicide.

4. A marker dye shall be added to the solution to monitor application coverage.
5. Extra care must be done to minimize damage to residual trees.
6. If Heterobasidion Root Disease (HRD) is discovered prior to the completion of this harvest, a harvest protocol of infected area(s) shall be established and all harvesting equipment must be cleaned of soil prior to leaving this harvest.

Table 2. Approved Heterobasidion Root Disease Fungicides

Label Name	Active Ingredient	Distributor
Rotstop® C	Phlebiopsis gigantea (P.gigantea)	BioForest Technologies Inc. 59 Industrial Park Crescent Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 5P3 Phone: 1-888-236-7378 Order Desk: order@bioforest.ca Technical Support: support@bioforest.ca
Cellu-Treat	disodium octaborate tetrahydrate	Crop Production Services N5853 5 th Ave Plainfield, WI 54966 715-335-4900 Website: www.uap.com OR Nisus Corp. at 800-264-0870 Website: www.nisuscorp.com

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2017

I acknowledge that I am not an employee of Marathon County, as to this contract or any action arising out of it.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of this document.

PURCHASER'S FEDERAL TAX I.D. NO.:

PURCHASER:

(Signature)

(Date)

WAUSAU AND MARATHON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

By: _____
(Forest Administrator)

(Date)

MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit – September 2017

Tract # 01-17 MILL ROAD SALE

Estimated Volumes

Ticket Sale	Species	4" Top			
	Aspen	925 Tons	Red Maple Logs	60.0 MBF	
	Mixed Hardwood	675 Tons	Red Oak Logs	25.0 MBF	
	Red Oak	60 Tons	Ash Logs	10.0 MBF	
	Basswood	40 Tons	Sugar Maple Logs	8.0 MBF	
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Option to Bid	Tops/Biomass	420 Tons			

Location: Sections 24/25, T.30N.-R.09E. (Town of Hewitt)

Size: 63 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: July 16-April 14 (Need dry conditions for summer/fall logging).

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 - Select Cut & Small Clear-Cuts (17 acres in 1 Block) - Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Cut all merchantable trees inside green paint lines (do not cut trees marked with green paint). Minimize damage to advanced regeneration

Area 2 - Clear-Cut A (30 acres in 2 Blocks) - Cut merchantable trees, except those marked with green paint. Minimize damage to advanced regeneration.

Area 3 - Clear- Cut B (16 acres in 1 Block) - Cut all stems 1 inch and greater, except those marked with green paint.

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. If snowmobile trail is "open," 3 inch snowbase shall be left on trails.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Pull all merchantable and unmerchantable Ironwood out of ground or cause root damage.

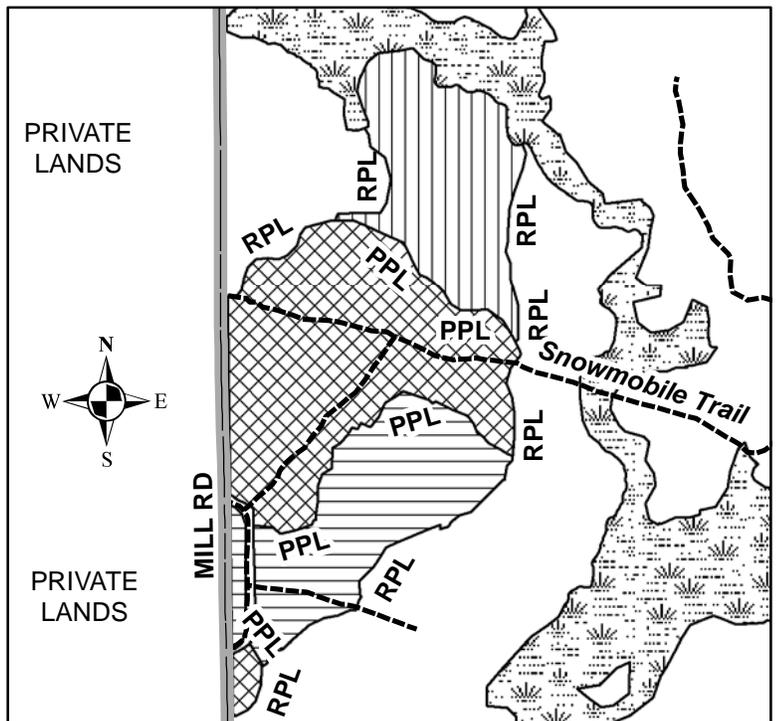
Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound
Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end
Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

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.

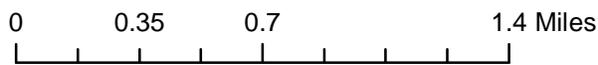
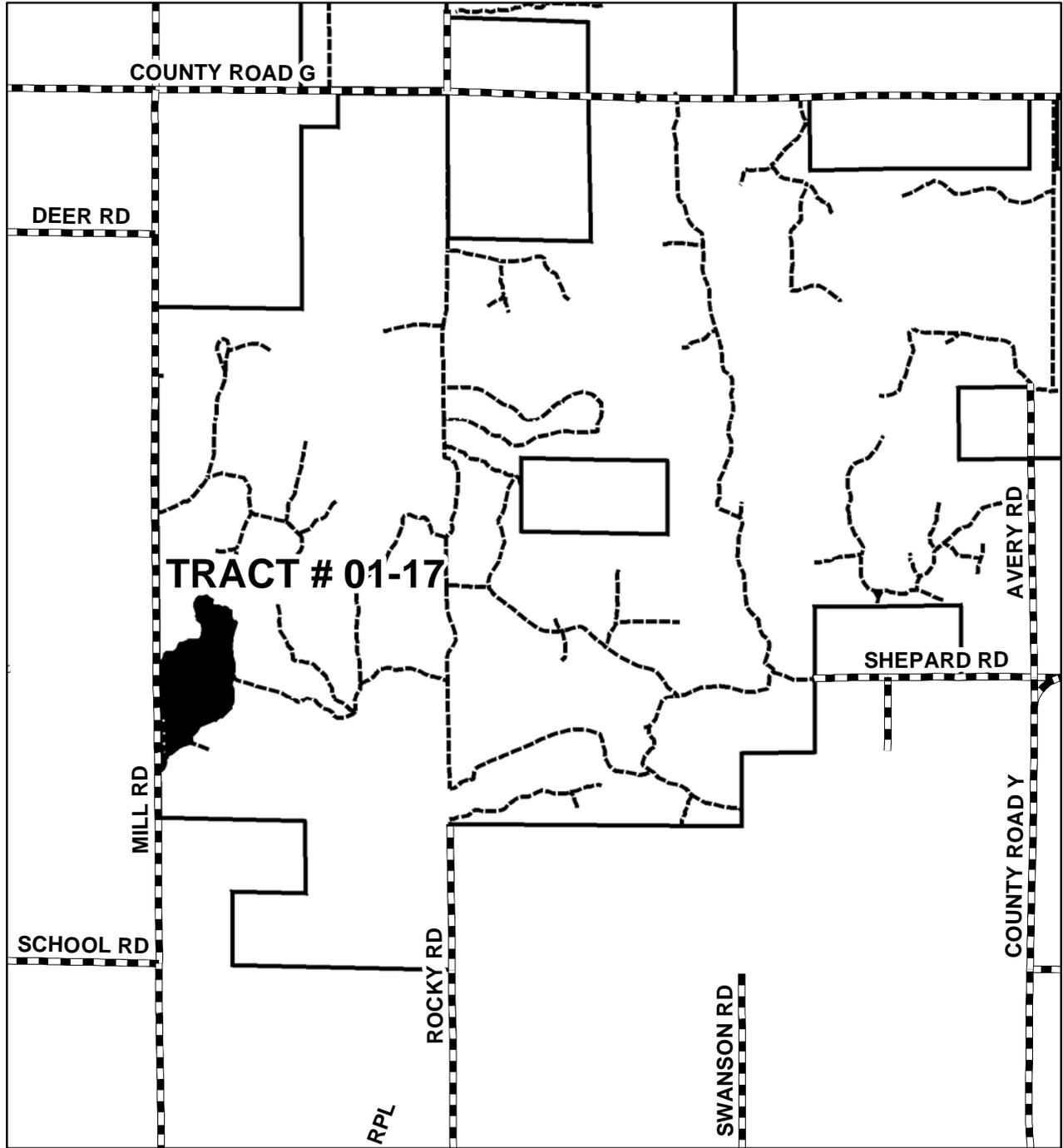
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Legend

- Forestry Trails
- [Stippled Box] Alder Thicket
- [Horizontal Lines Box] Area 1: Select Cut & Small Clear-Cuts
- [Cross-hatch Box] Area 2: Clear-Cut A
- [Vertical Lines Box] Area 3: Clear-Cut B
- RPL Red Paint Line
- PPL Purple Paint Line



Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Ringle Forest Unit – September 2017

Tract # 02-17 LUCKY SALE

Ticket Sale	Species	Estimated Volumes	
			4" Top
Option to Bid	Red Pine		270 Tons
	White Spruce		420 Tons
	Tops/Biomass		130 Tons

Location: Section 06, T.27N.-R.09E. (Town of Reid)

Size: 37 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: Any time, but need dry conditions.

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1- Select Cut (23 Acres in 3 Blocks: 18acres- 3rd thinning Red Pine and 5 acres 3rd thinning White Spruce) - Cut all trees marked with orange paint.

Area 2- Clear-Cut (14 acres of White Spruce in 1 Block) - Cut all merchantable trees, except those marked with green paint. Minimize damage to advanced hardwood regeneration.

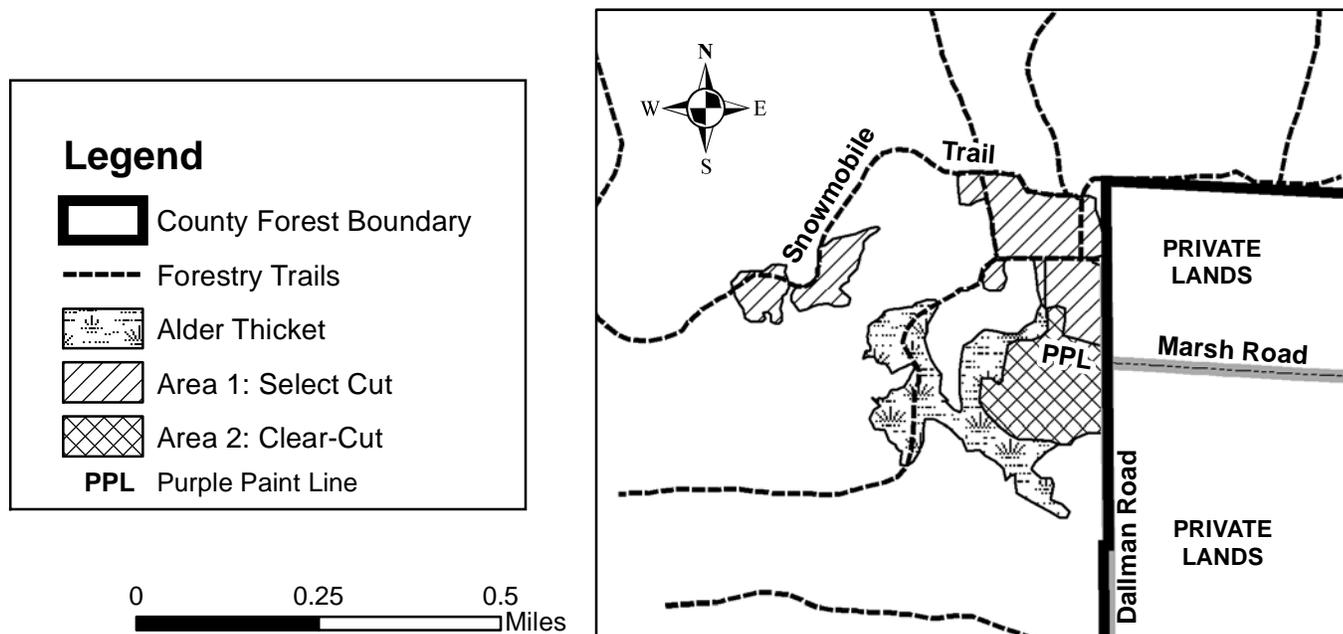
Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. If snowmobile trail is "open," 3 inch snowbase shall be left on the trail.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length, except for utility poles. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. June 1-August 31, all conifers must be hauled within 3 weeks of cutting. Annosum stump treatments of all conifers SHALL be completed by the end of each working day (see Timber Sale Contract, Page 11, #54)

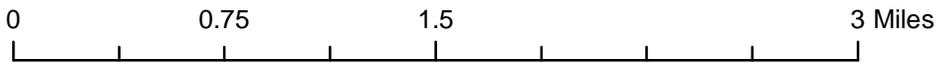
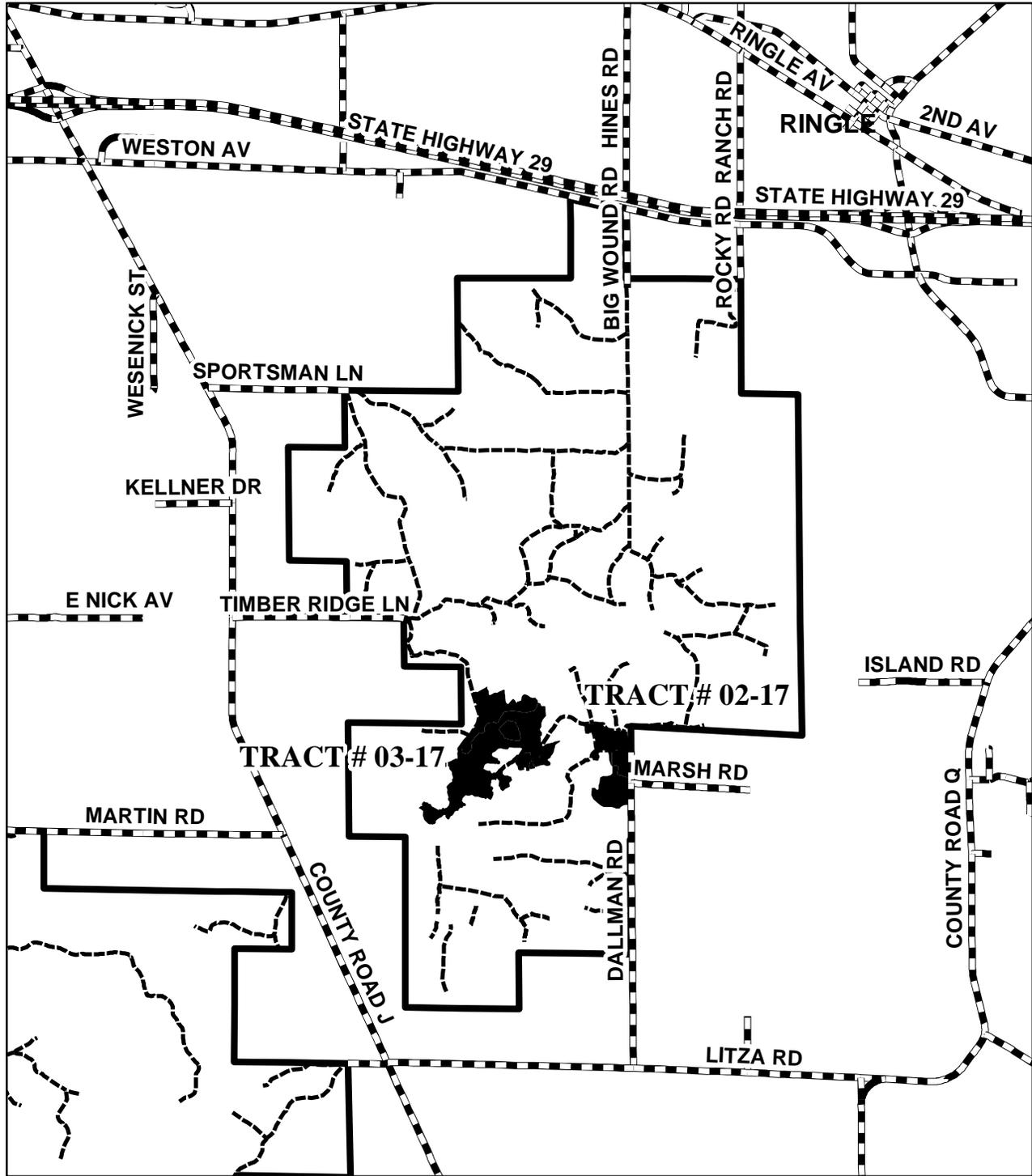
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Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end
Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

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Ringle Forest Unit



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Ringle Forest Unit – September 2017

Tract # 03-17 LONE PINE SALE

Ticket Sale	Species	Estimated Volumes	
			4" Top
	Mixed Hardwood		1150 Tons
	Red Oak		460 Tons
	Red Pine		45 Tons
	Red Oak Logs		120.0 MBF
	Red Maple Logs		85.0 MBF (Incl. less than 1 MBF mixed logs)
	White Oak Logs		5.0 MBF
Option to Bid	Tops/Biomass		330 Tons

Location: Section 6, T.27N.-R.09E. (Town of Reid)

Seasonal Time Frame: July 16-April 14 (Need dry conditions for summer/fall logging)

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1- Clear-Cut (63 Acres in 1 Block) - Cut all merchantable Oak, except those marked with green paint. Cut all other stems 2 inches and greater. Minimize damage to advanced regeneration.

Area 2- Select Cut & Small Clear-Cuts (19 acres in 1 Block) - Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Harvest all stems 1 inch and greater within green paint lines & minimize damage to oak seedlings (do not cut trees marked with green paint).

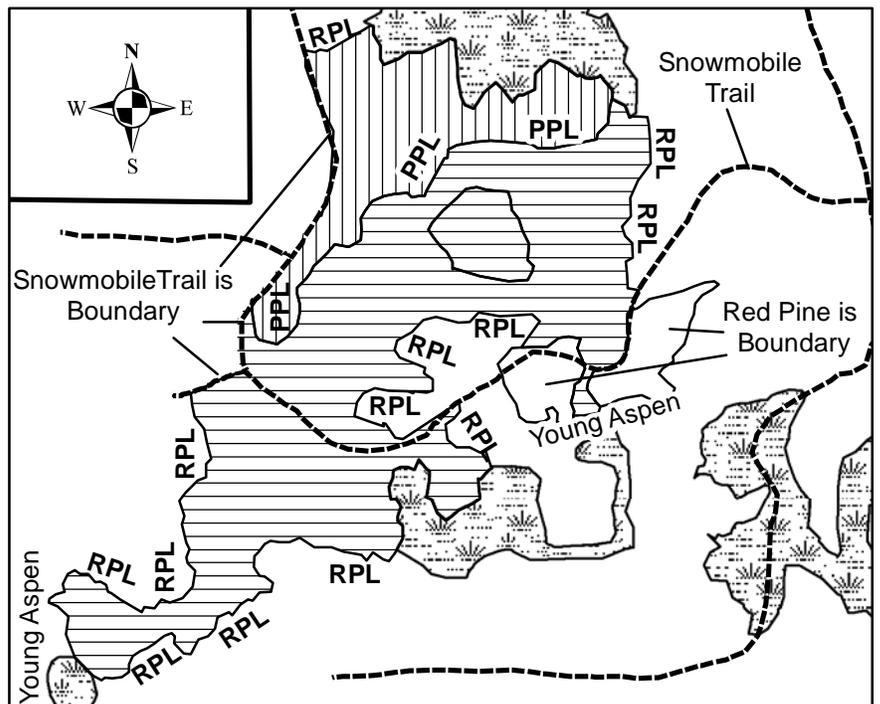
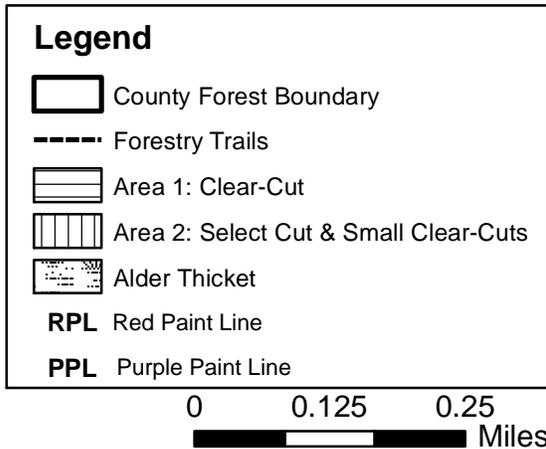
Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. If snowmobile trail is "open," 3 inch snowbase shall be left on the trail.

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

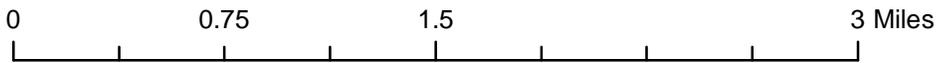
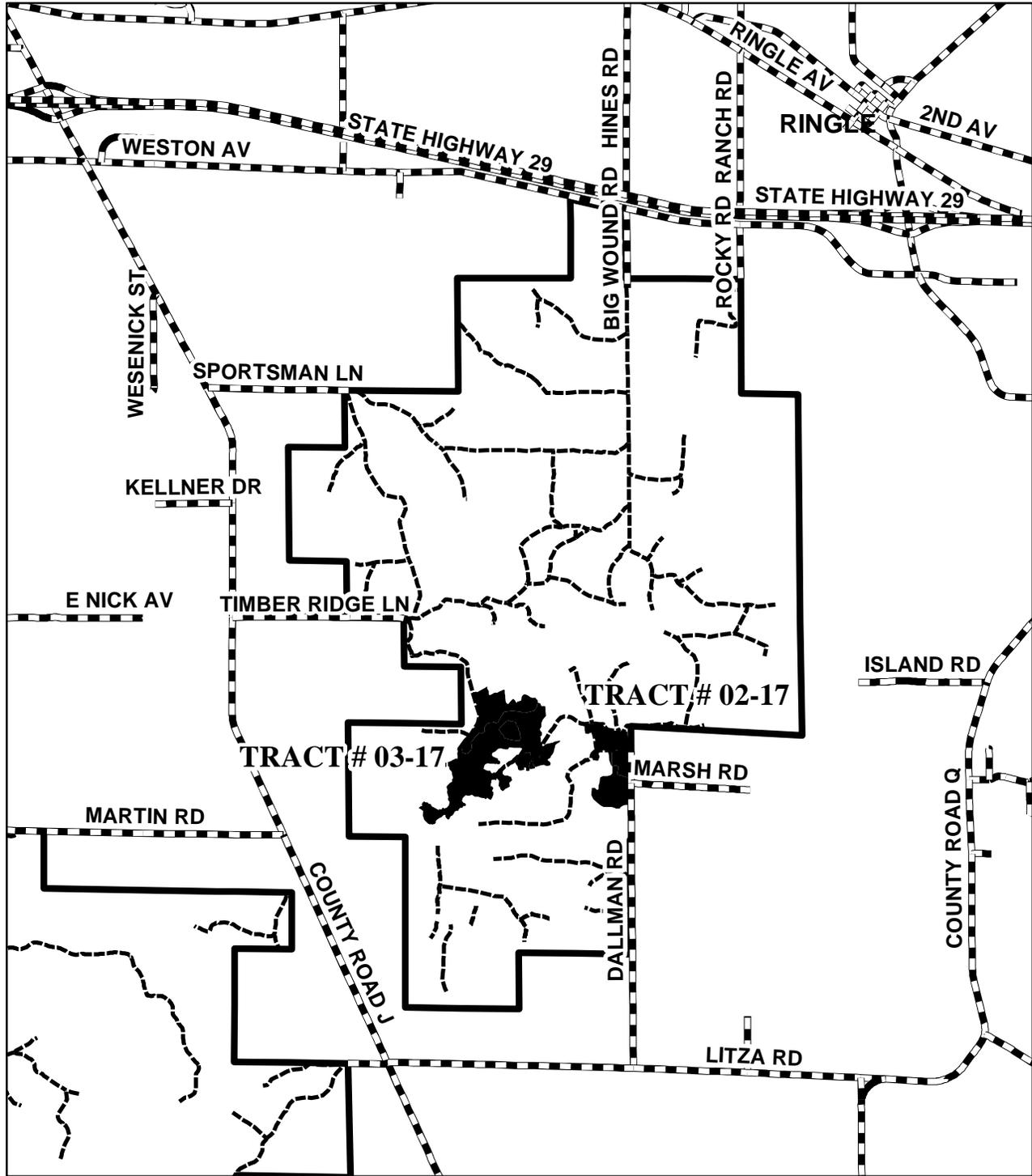
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Ringle Forest Unit



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Burma Forest Unit – September 2017

Tract # 04-17 DARK HORSE SALE

Ticket Sale	Estimated Volumes			
	Species	4" Top		
Option to Bid	Aspen	1350 Tons	Red Oak	16.0 MBF
	Mixed Hardwood	550 Tons	Sugar Maple	4.0 MBF
	Red Oak	240 Tons	Mixed Hardwood	3.0 MBF
	Basswood	65 Tons		
	Tops/Biomass	440 Tons		

Location: Section 17, T.27N.-R.06E. (Town of Mosinee)

Size: 79 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: July 16-April 14 (Need dry conditions for summer/fall logging).

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1- Select Cut & Small Clear-Cuts (31 Acres in 4 Blocks) - Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Cut all stems 1 inch and greater inside green paint lines (do not cut trees marked with green paint).

Area 2- Clear-Cut (48 acres of Aspen in 5 Blocks) - Cut all stems 1" and greater, except those marked with green paint.

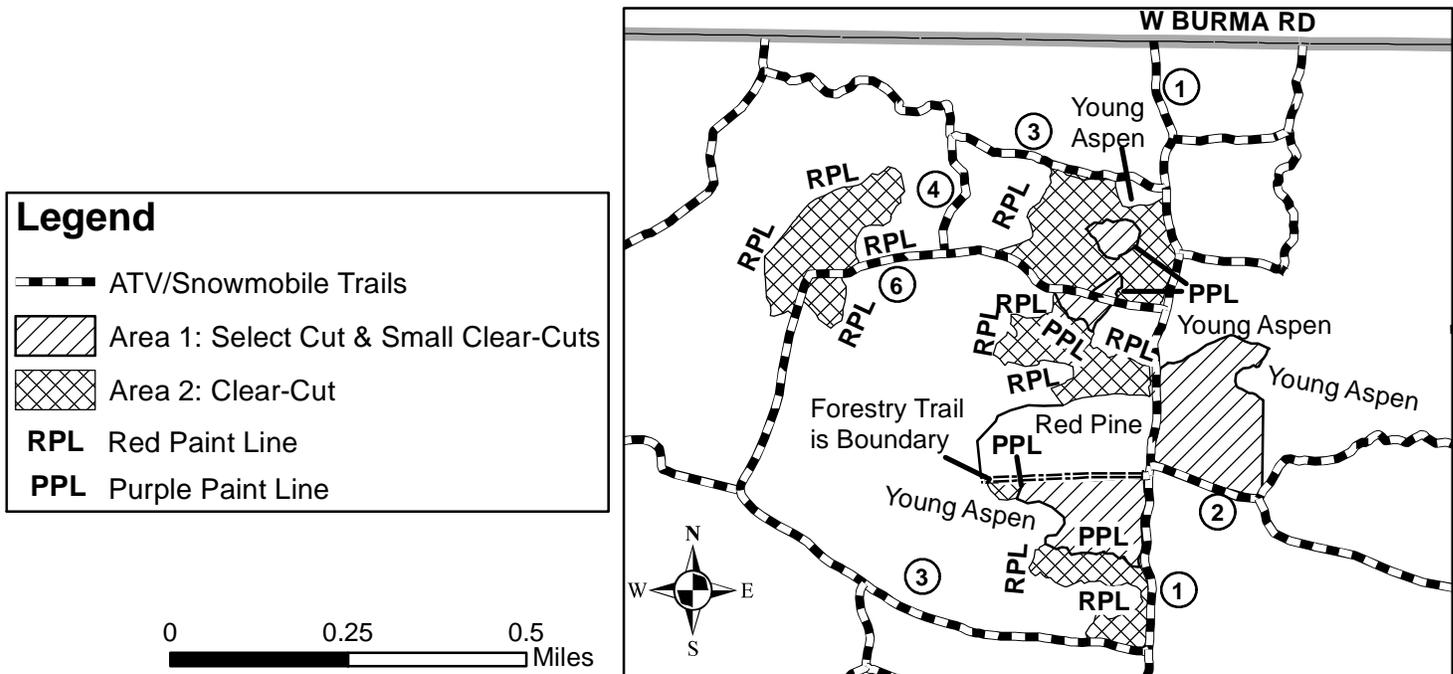
Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. ATV trails are open from May through September and also serve as snowmobile trails. If snowmobile trail is "open," 3 inch snowbase shall be left on trails.

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

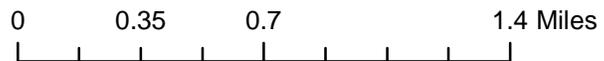
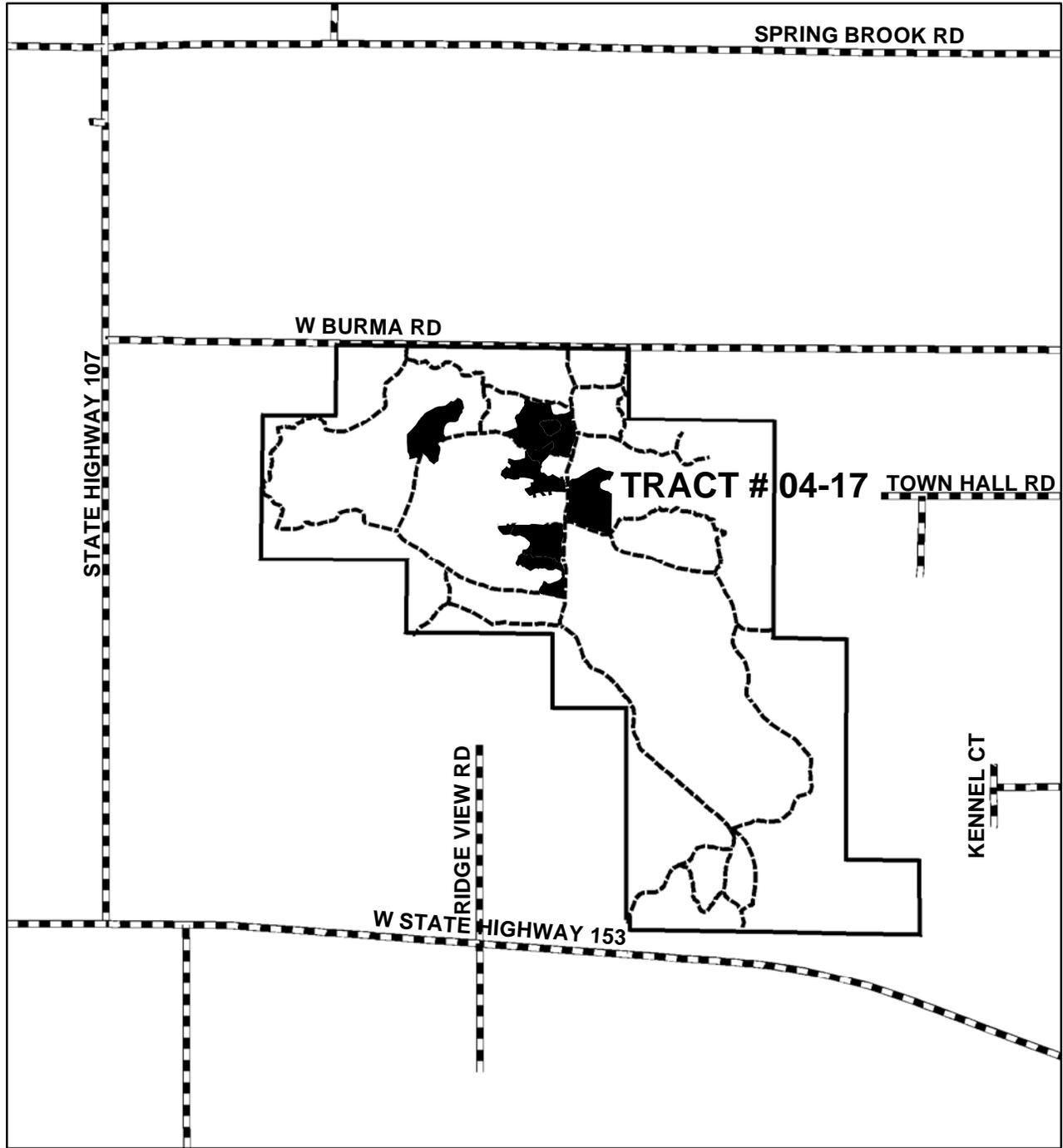
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Burma Road Forest Unit



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Kronenwetter Forest Unit – September 2017

Tract # 05-17 BLACK BEAR SALE

Ticket Sale	Species	Estimated Volumes	
			4" Top
	Red Oak		1250 Tons
	Mixed Hardwood		1600 Tons
	Basswood		50 Tons
	Red Oak Logs		100.0 MBF
	Red Maple Logs		55.0 MBF
	Mixed Hardwood Logs		10.0 MBF (60% Ash, 30% Sugar Maple, 10% Basswood)
Option to Bid	Tops/Biomass		550 Tons

Location: Section 13, T.27N.-R.08E. (Village of Kronenwetter) & Section 18, T.27N.-R.09E. (Town of Reid) Size: 105 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: July 16-April 14 (Need dry conditions for summer/fall access and logging).

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1- Select Cut (60 Acres in 3 Blocks) - Cut all trees marked with orange paint. Minimize damage to advanced regeneration in areas where groups of trees are all marked with orange paint.

Area 2- Clear-Cut (45 acres in 11 Blocks) - Cut all merchantable trees, except those marked with green paint.

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. If snowmobile trail is "open," 3 inch snowbase shall be left on trails.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. All tops shall be lopped and scattered 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 and shall not be cut or damaged.

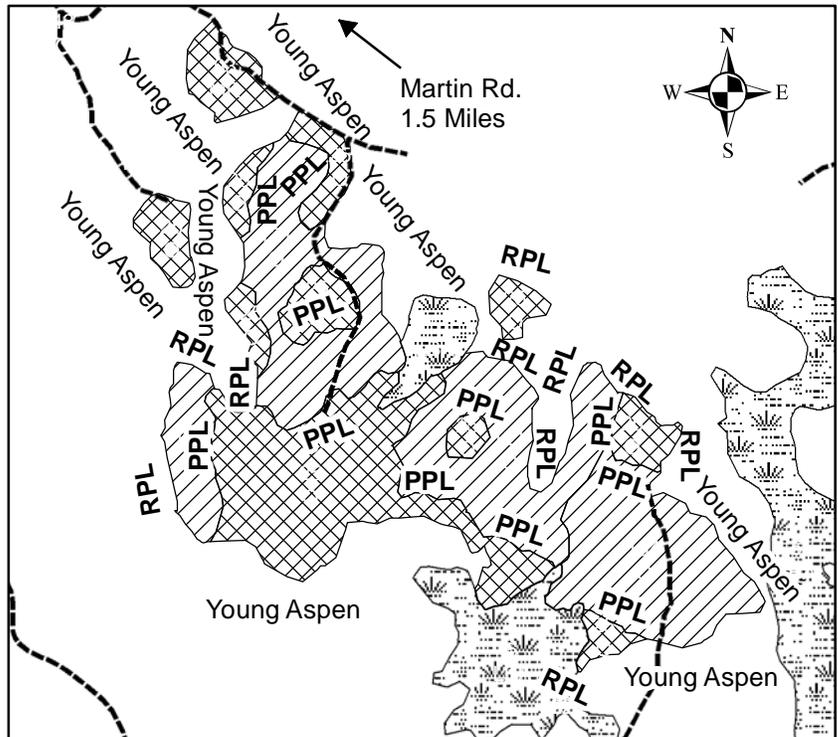
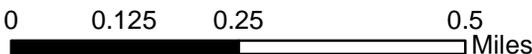
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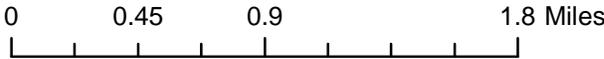
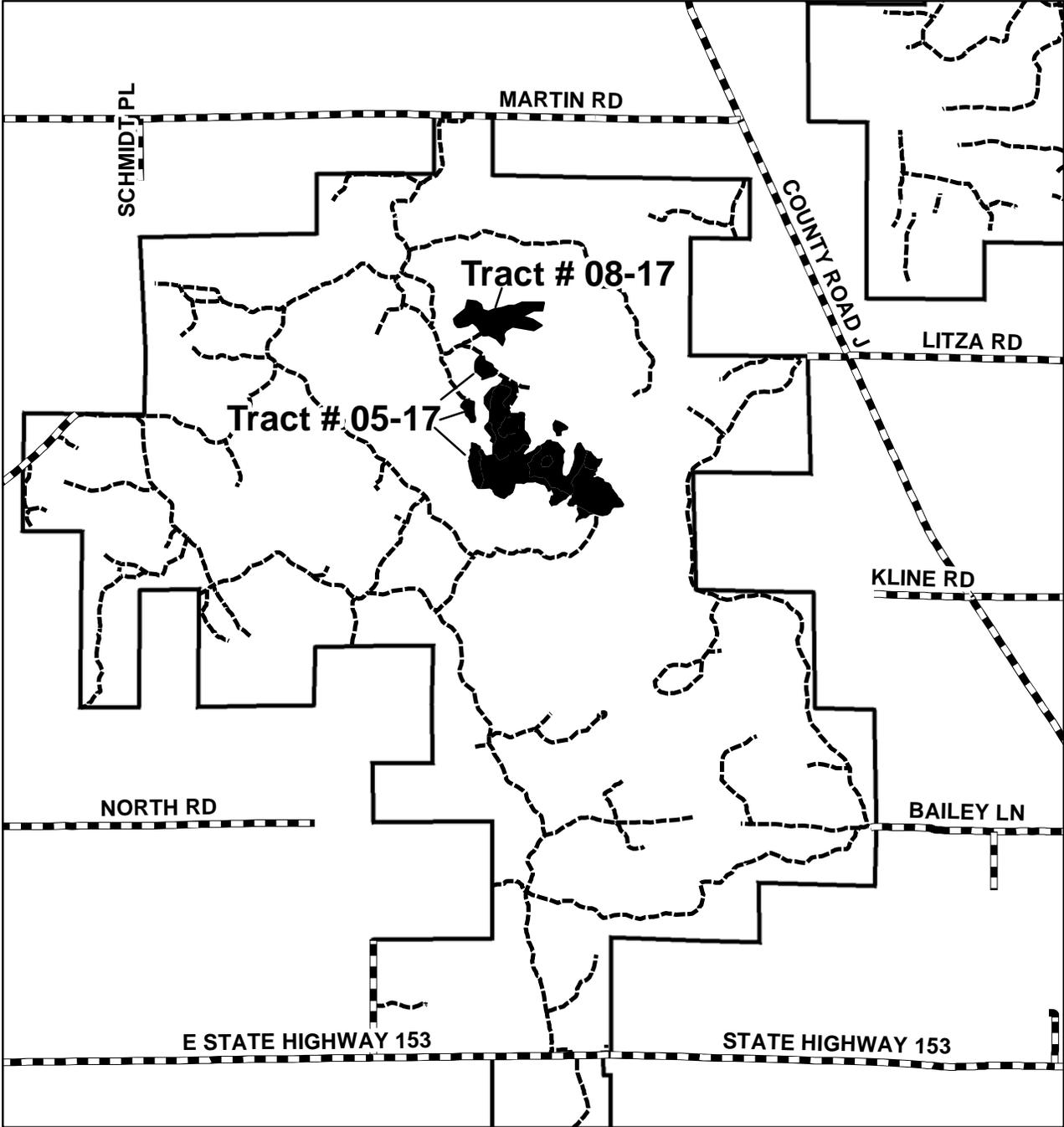
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Legend

- Area 1: Select Cut
- Area 2: Clear-Cut
- Alder Thicket
- Forestry Trails
- RPL** Red Paint Line
- PPL** Purple Paint Line



Kronenwetter Forest Unit



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
 Nine Mile Forest Unit – September 2017

Tract # 06-17 MAD HEN SALE

Ticket Sale	<u>Estimated Volumes</u>	
	<u>Species</u>	<u>4" Top</u>
	Red Pine	1350 Tons
	White Spruce	90 Tons (Incl. 10 Tons White Pine)
Option to Bid	Tops/Biomass	Not Offered

Location: Section 29 & 30, T.28N.-R.07E. (Town of Rib Mountain)

Size: 50 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: June 1-November 15 (If dry, can start in May)

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1- Select Cut (14 Acres in 2 Blocks: 3rd thinning Red Pine and 36 acres in 9 blocks of 2nd thinning Red Pine and Spruce) - Cut all trees marked with orange paint.

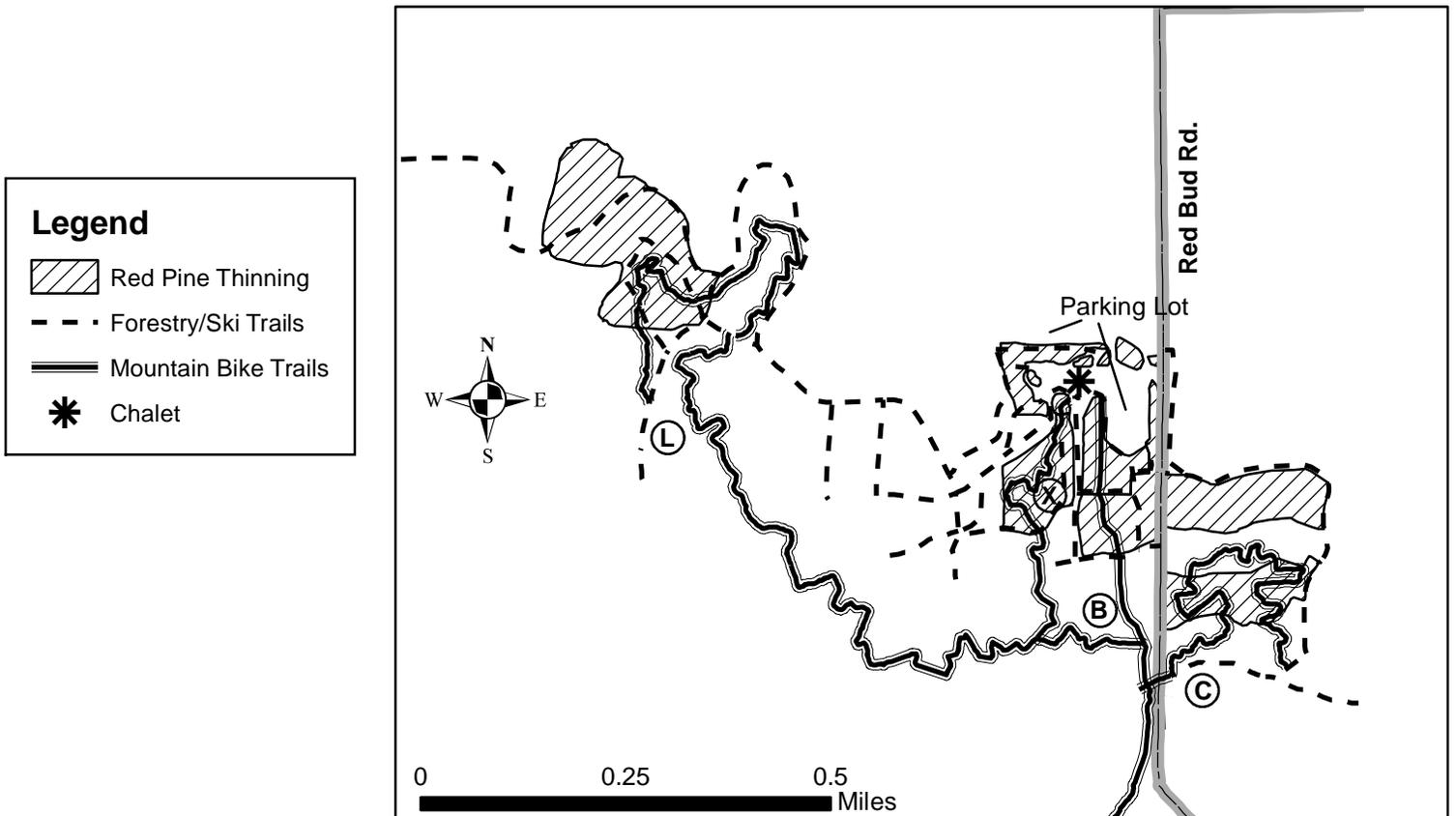
Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. Minimize skidding down Mt. Bike trails. All trails shall be free of slash daily.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length, except for utility poles. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Annosum stump treatments of all conifers SHALL be completed by the end of each working day (see Timber Sale Contract, Page 11, #54). June 1-August 31, all conifers must be hauled within 3 weeks of cutting.

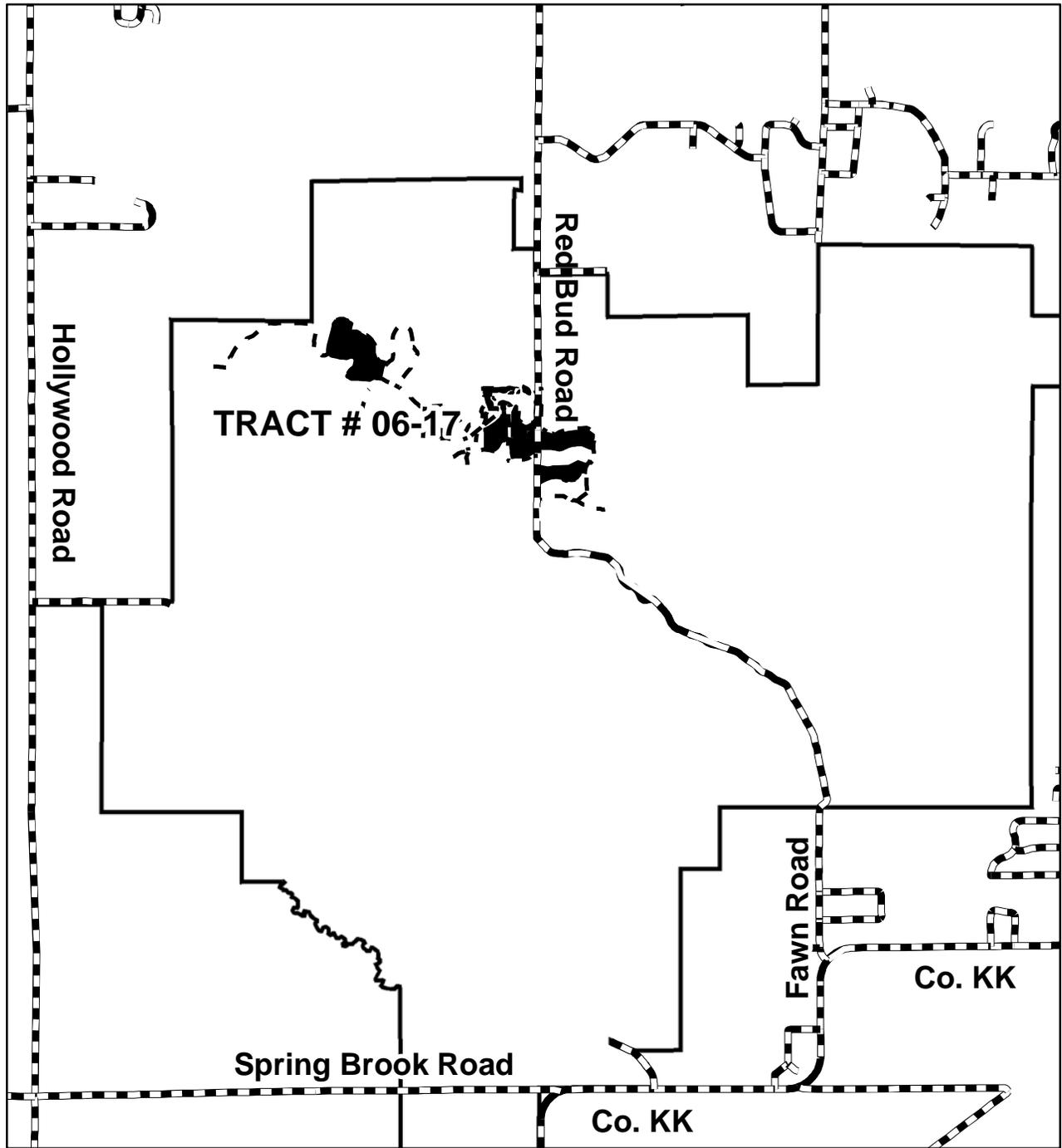
Utilization: Pulpwood/Sawlogs - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

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Nine Mile Forest Unit



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MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Leather Camp Forest Unit – September 2017

Tract # 07-17 RACCOON SALE

Ticket Sale	Estimated Volumes	
	Species	4" Top
	Mixed Hardwood	2220 Tons
	Aspen	55 Tons
	Red Maple	110.0 MBF
	Ash	4.0 MBF
Option to Bid	Tops/Biomass	450 Tons

Location: Sections 35 & 36, T.27N.-R.08E. (Village of Kronenwetter)
Sections 1 & 2, T.26.N-R.08E. (Town of Guenther)

Size: 69 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: July 16-April 14 (Need dry conditions for summer/fall logging).

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1- Select Cut (31 Acres in 3 Blocks) - Cut all trees marked with orange paint.

Area 2- Clear-Cut (38 acres in 1 Blocks) - Cut all stems 1" and greater, except those marked with green paint. Minimize damage to advanced oak regeneration (advanced regeneration is marked with green paint)

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. If snowmobile trail is "open," 3 inch snowbase shall be left on trails.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16'8" maximum forest product length. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Pull all merchantable and unmerchantable Ironwood out of ground or cause root damage.

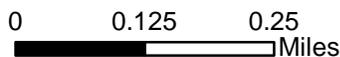
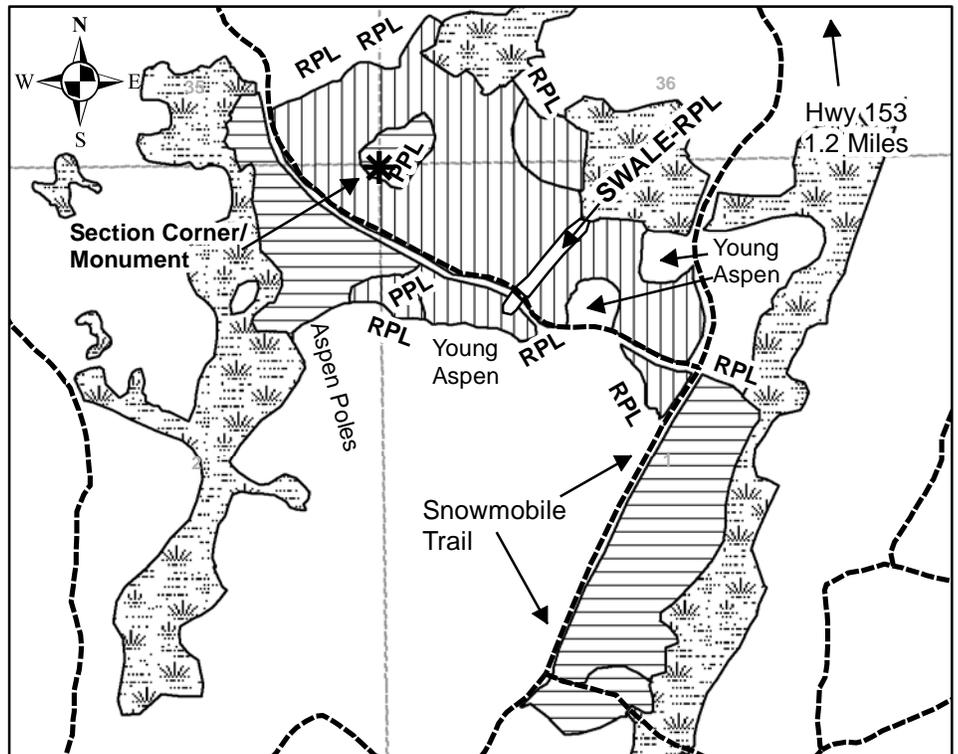
Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound
Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end
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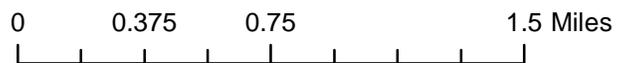
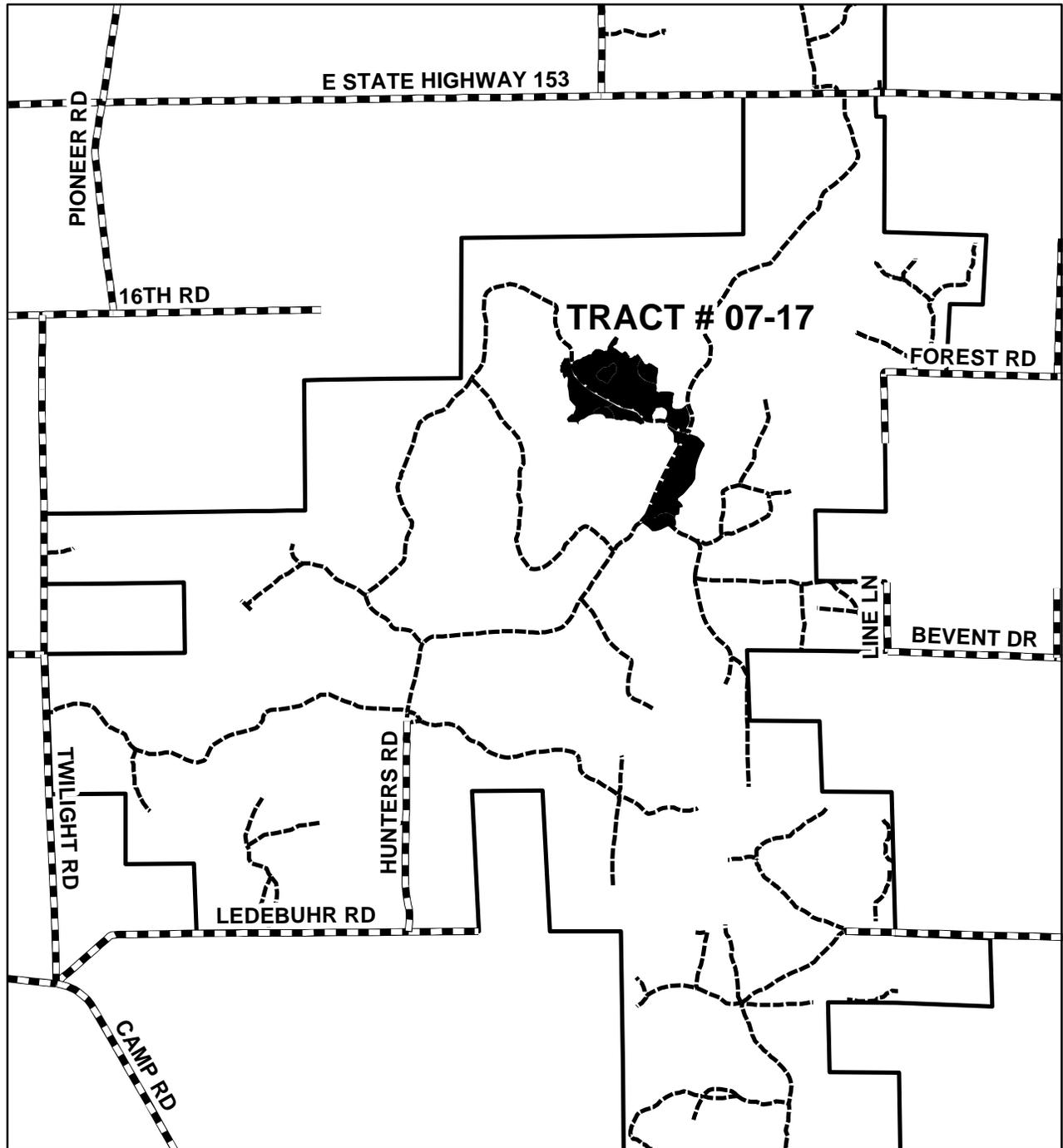
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Legend

-  Area 1 - Select Cut
-  Area 2 - Clear-Cut
-  Forestry Trails
-  Alder Thicket
-  Section Lines
- RPL** Red Paint Line
- PPL** Purple Paint Line



Leather Camp Forest Unit



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Kronenwetter Forest Unit - September 2017

Tract # 8-17 NEW ERA SALE

Ticket Sale	Species	Estimated Volumes	
		4" Top	
Option to Bid	Mixed Hardwood	550 Tons	
	Aspen	350 Tons	
	Red Oak	100 Tons	
	Red Maple Logs	14.0 MBF	
	Red Oak Logs	7.0 MBF	
Option to Bid	Tops/Biomass	200 Tons	

Location: Village of Kronenwetter T27N R8E, Section 12

Seasonal Time Frame: August 1st - April 15th Access trail wet. Extreme dryness required for summer/fall logging.

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 - Clearcut (11 Acres in 2 Blocks) - Cut all trees >1" DBH

Area 2 - Select Mark (8 Acres in 2 Blocks) - Cut all orange marked trees.

Area 3 - Designate Cut (8 Acres 1 Block) - Cut all merchantable trees except blue marked reserve trees.

Minimize damage to advanced regeneration. Tree felling, processing, and skidding restricted to path of travel.

Interior cutting areas separated by a green paint line.

Roads, Trails, and Deck Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. If snowmobile trail open, must leave 3 inches of snow on trail. Majority of sale ground can be harvested if dry. Access into sale is wet.

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.

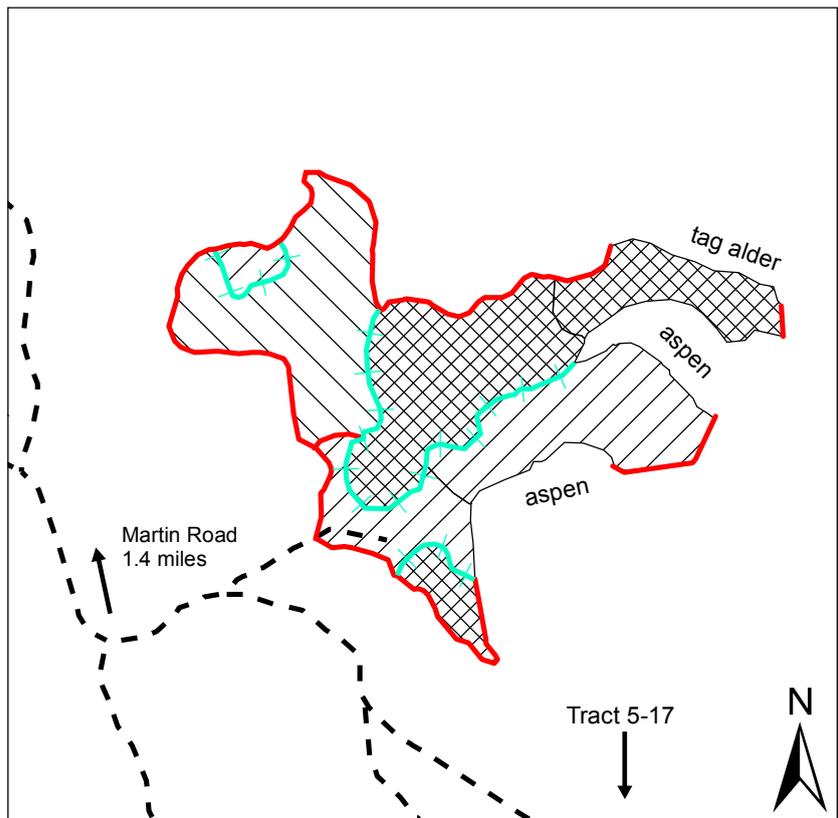
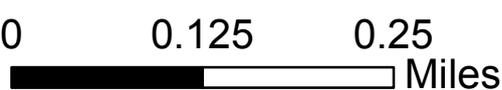
Utilization: Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4-inch top diameter inside bark (DIB).
Tops/Biomass- Minimum utilization down to 2" diameter inside bark (DIB)
Sawlogs- 10-inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB), at least 50% sound.

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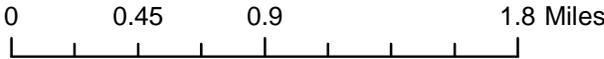
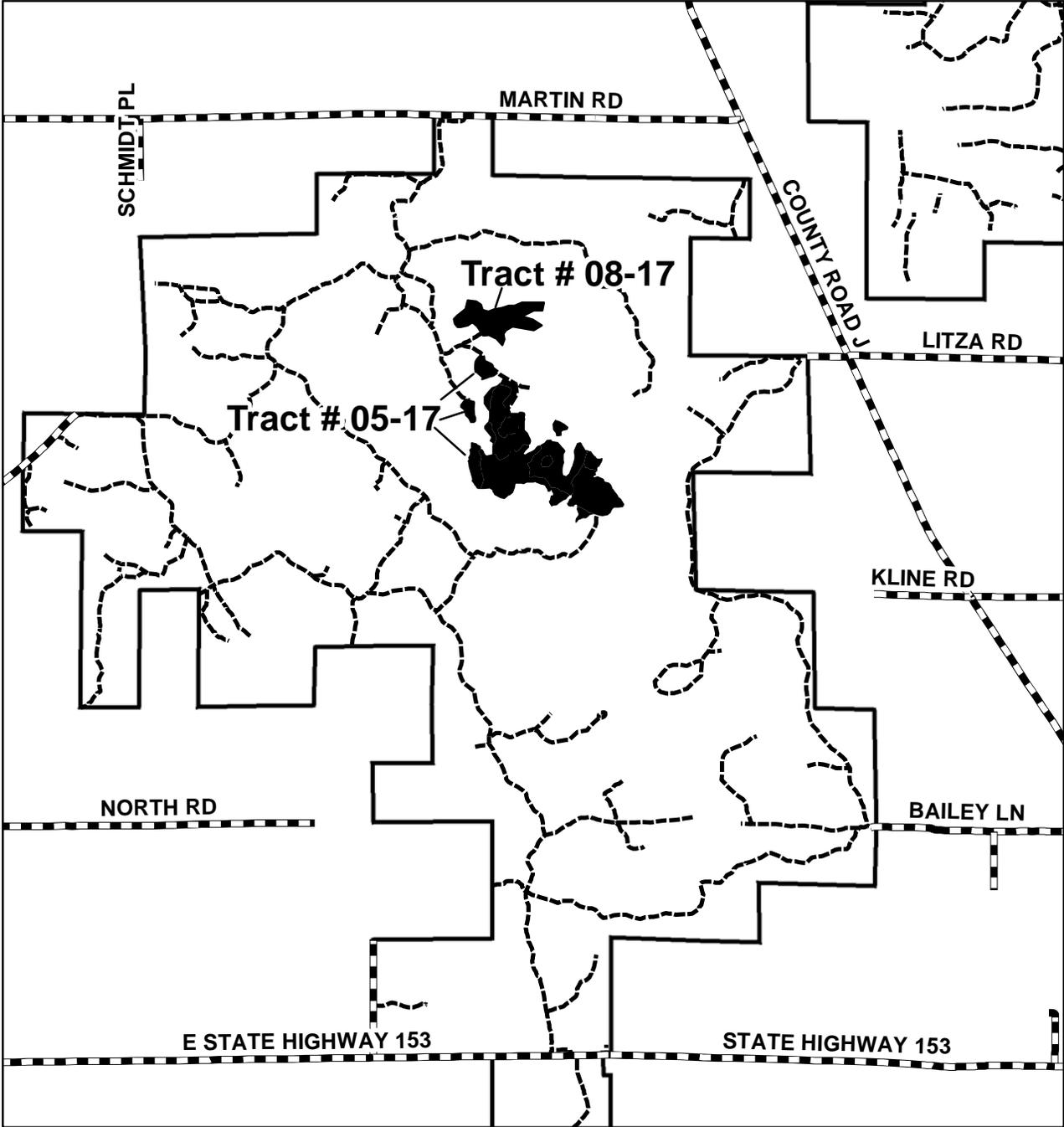
Contract Length: Contract must be completed by June 30, 2020.

Legend

-  Area 1 - Clearcut
-  Area 2 - Select Mark
-  Area 3 - Designate Cut
-  green paint line
-  red paint line
-  trails



Kronenwetter Forest Unit



Tom Lovlien

From: Brown, Douglas E - DNR <Douglas.Brown@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 4:30 PM
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Cc: Warren, James K - DNR; Jane Severt; Gary Zimmer
Subject: Annual Part. Meetings- Certification Issues

Hello all:

With Partnership meetings going on this month, just want to touch base with regarding discussing certification items from the audit last month. I am still waiting for the FSC draft report, and currently we are reviewing the SFI draft report. These reports probably won't be finalized till after most of you have had your annual meetings.

In any case, the items below were addressed in the closing meeting and I encourage you to discuss in your meetings.

SFI/FSC, both Minor CARS-

Minor CAR 2017.1 – FSC Indicator 6.5.d. – Erosion Control
Minor Non-conformance – SFI Indicator 3.1.1 – Water Quality

- Both of these deal with BMPs on Recreational trails. There was 1 observation of gravel/silt run-off through a culvert and into an ash swale, on an ATV trail.

FSC only, observations.

Observation 2017.2 – FSC Indicator 7.3.a – Workers Supervision

Evidence was obtained of poor communications and supervision of contractors on a timber sale.

- This has to do with better communication of Timber sale administrator and contractor at pre-work meeting, having better understanding of what is expected. Rutting policy, payment policy, scaling and so forth.

Observation 2017.3 – FSC Indicator 6.5.d. – Erosion Control

Erosion control (water bars) on a timber sale unit with steep slopes following BMP guidelines was not applied.

- This was a unique situation that was discussed in the field and at length at the closeout meeting. No soil movement/erosion was evident at the site. (Also, this one may not even make it in the final report since we refuted it at the closing meeting)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Doug

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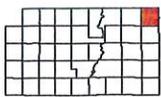
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- Forest management planning requirements are exceptionally detailed and comprehensive.
- There is an extensive range of quality recreational activities within their forests.
- The County Forest program, through the work of county forest personnel, WDNR personnel who have significant duties in the program and the Wisconsin County Forests Association provides an exceptional amount of leadership and support for numerous and diverse activities for public outreach, education and involvement related to sustainable forest management.
- The County Forest program has an exceptional amount of involvement with a wide range of county, state, federal and public entities in their land planning and management activities.
- The documentation found in timber sale files was exceptional.
- The partnership between county and the state with this program is exemplary.
- Impressed with silvicultural thought processes utilized and use of trials for implementing timber/wildlife projects.

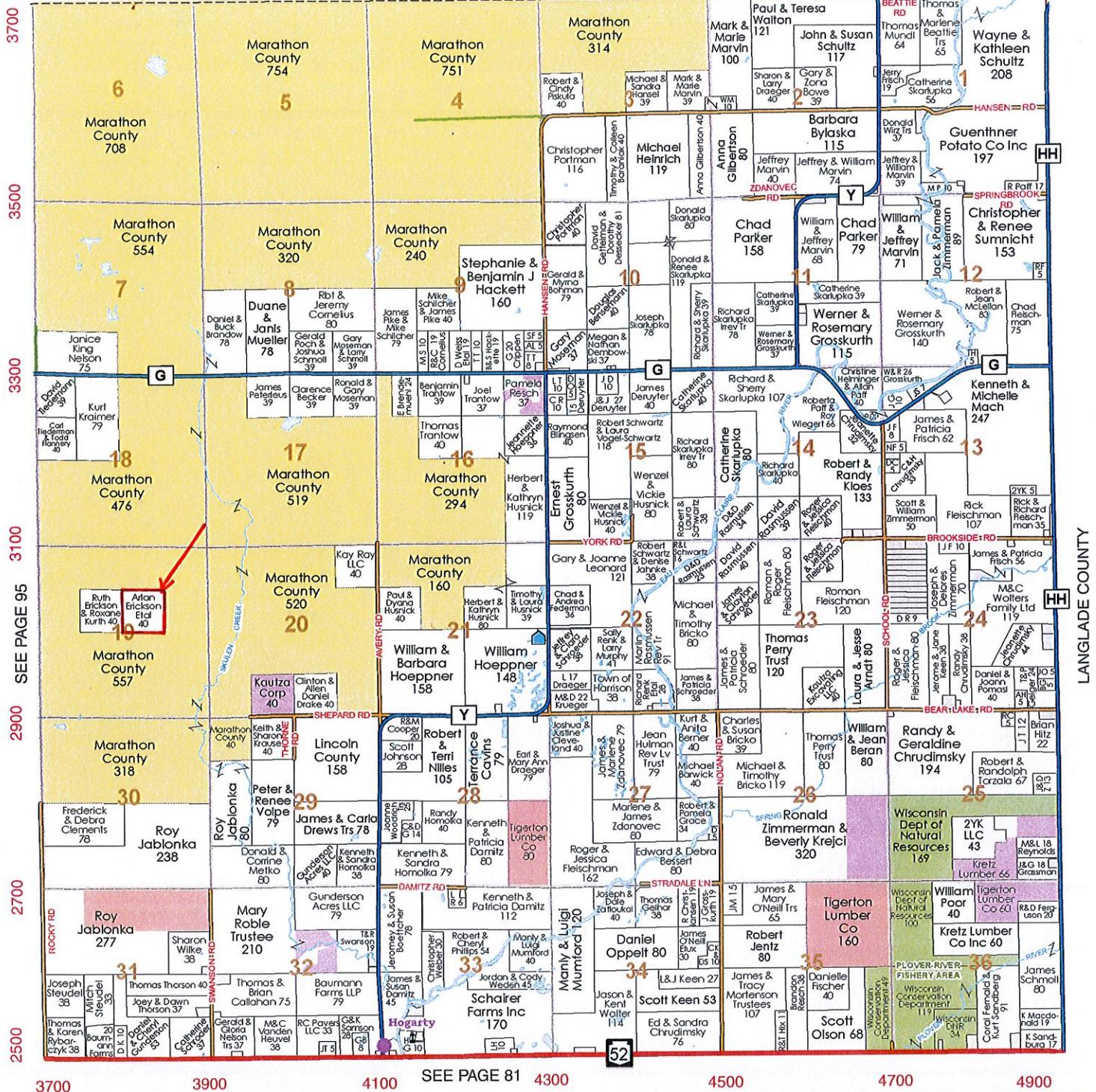


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Subject: Wisconsin County Forests Association receives tourism grant



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION RECEIVES TOURISM GRANT

Grant funds will go towards promoting the area's bird hunting opportunities



MOSINEE, Wis. (July 21, 2017) – The Wisconsin County Forests Association is building up marketing efforts aimed at promoting all 29 Wisconsin County Forests as the go-to spot for bird hunting. With help from a \$7,355 Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, the Association looks to inform thousands of passionate upland bird hunters from across the country about the abundance of premier ruffed grouse and woodcock hunting opportunities in Wisconsin's Forestland.

“Wisconsin continues to receive high marks from travelers for its outdoor recreation opportunities, and hunting has been a longstanding tradition,” said Tourism Secretary Stephanie Klett. “We are excited to support this marketing campaign, which further promotes Wisconsin as a top destination for hunting and wildlife conservation, all while creating a positive economic impact across the state.”

JEM Grant funds will go towards upgrading the Wisconsin County Forests Association website, <http://www.wisconsincountyforests.com>, including the addition of interactive maps that highlight established ruffed grouse management areas on County Forests. Wisconsin County Forests Association also looks to target potential users of grouse hunting opportunities through various media efforts such as print, outdoor magazines, Internet and social media marketing. The project is projected to bring \$202,000 in visitor expenditures.

“Wisconsin’s 29 County Forests collectively make up the largest public land ownership in the state covering nearly 2.4 million acres,” said Wisconsin County Forests Association Executive Director Jane Severt. “Sustainable management of these forests provides a great diversity of wildlife habitat including some of the best locations to hunt ruffed grouse and woodcock in the country. We look forward to encouraging more hunters and wildlife enthusiasts to visit Wisconsin and its unique County Forests.”

In 2016, the tourism economy in Wisconsin totaled \$20 billion, a 3.5 percent increase from 2015. Tourism activity supports 193,500 jobs and the travel and hospitality industry has added 21,500 in employment opportunities for Wisconsin residents since 2010, a 12.4% increase. Visitors generated \$1.5 billion in state and local revenue.

In fiscal 2016, the Department funded 57 JEM projects, awarding a total of more than \$1.1 million. Visitor expenditures driven by the marketing from these projects will exceed \$31 million. JEM grant funds are available to non-profit organizations for the promotion of Wisconsin tourism events and destinations. The state can fund up to 75 percent of a project’s first-year advertising and marketing costs, and provide support for second- and third-year projects with decreasing amounts for funding until projects become self-sustaining. For information on the JEM Program and application materials, visit <http://industry.travelwisconsin.com>.

The mission of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism is to market the State as the Midwest’s premier travel destination for fun by executing industry-leading marketing programs and establishing strategic partnerships. The Department plays a significant role in generating greater economic impact and jobs for Wisconsin. The portal for traveler information can be found at: www.travelwisconsin.com.

[Photo caption: Wisconsin Department of Tourism Grants Coordinator Heidi Schultz presents a \$7,355 JEM Grant check to the Wisconsin County Forests Association.]

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**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Liaison Forester's Fiscal Year 2017
(July 1st 2016 – June 30th 2017) Time Standard Hour Summary.**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the 29 county forests in the state work in partnership with each other.

The DNR provides technical assistance to the 29 counties in a multitude of ways, including the dedication of a specific Department employee, the local DNR County Forest Liaison.

To guide the work of DNR employees on the respective county forests, a county forest time standard was developed to provide each county with a specified amount of technical assistance to be provided by the DNR each year.

This amount of technical assistance equates to 46,000 hours of work that is allocated annually to the 29 counties.

In Marathon County the minimum number of hours that has been agreed upon that will be met each year is 668 hours.

Below is a breakdown of the liaison forester's hours during fiscal year 2016.

- Timber sale planning, pre-establishment field inspections and actual timber sale establishment including all associated paperwork. 275 hours
- County forest administration which includes bid openings, meetings, work planning and training. 199 hours
- Recon updating of forest stands. 146 hours
- Cultural activities including hand release and invasive species control. 29 hours
- Timber sale administration. 2 hours
- Insect and disease activities. 35 hours
- Certification. 8 hours
- Other personnel hours. 108 hours

Liaison forester accounted for 694 of the 802 hours worked on the county forest in fiscal year 2017.

FY 2017 County Forest Hours

County	Task Code	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	FY17 Total to Date	Running Accomplishment (% of 2016 TS)	Base Hours (Line 25 Worksheet)	FY15 Annual Adjustment Hours (Line 26 Worksheet)	FY17 Time Standard (Line 27 Worksheet)	Difference (Total hrs. Hbk. hrs.)
ASHLAND	02					1220.5	117%		1044	1,044	177
BARRON	03					652.5	116%		561	561	92
BAYFIELD	04					3498.8	103%		3395	3,395	104
BURNETT	07					2432.4	105%		2287	2,287	145
CHIPPEWA	9					987.1	106%		922	922	65
CLARK	10					2902.8	106%		2748	2,748	155
DOUGLAS	16					4136.1	106%		3905	3,905	231
EAU CLAIRE	18					1251.9	119%		1055	1,055	197
FLORENCE	19					1204.9	108%		1112	1,112	93
FOREST	21					800.3	127%		629	629	171
IRON	26					3376.8	113%		2997	2,997	380
JACKSON	27					1516.8	105%		1441	1,441	76
JUNEAU	29					542.8	102%		533	533	10
LANGLADE	34					2799.0	105%		2678	2,678	121
LINCOLN	35					1805.0	102%		1763	1,763	42
MARATHON	37	235	139	228	200	802.0	120%		668	668	134
MARINETTE	38					2990.3	103%		2900	2,900	90
MONROE	42					417.0	111%		376	376	41
OCONTO	43					1123.3	109%		1028	1,028	95
ONEIDA	44					1489.8	104%		1438	1,438	52
POLK	49					587.5	110%		536	536	52
PRICE	51					1443.0	106%		1363	1,363	80
RUSK	55					2517.8	104%		2421	2,421	97
SAWYER	58					2673.5	108%		2471	2,471	203
TAYLOR	61					691.3	102%		678	678	13
VERNON	63					219.2	103%		213	213	6
VILAS	64					863.0	102%		866	866	17
WASHBURN	66					2933.5	105%		2804	2,804	130
WOOD	72					816.0	110%		740	740	76
TOTAL HOURS						48,714.41	107%		45,572	45,572	3,142

Liaison Hours

Timber Sales
 Admin Cty Forest Law
 Recon
 Sale Administration
 Release / Herbicide
 GIS
 Reforestation
 Certification
 Insects and Disease

275 hours
 199 hours
 146 hours
 2 hours
 23 hours
 0 hours
 6 hours
 8 hours
 35 hours

694 Hours

Other Hours

John Hintz
 John Hunt
 Joe Schwantes
 Matt Esser
 Chad Gottbeheit

37 hours
 33 hours
 27 hours
 10 hours
 1 hour
802 hours

Time Standards Worksheet Goal

285
 118
 70
 46
 43
 20
 18
 30
 20

AGENDA SUMMARY

IV. 2018 Budget – Discussion and Possible Action on Developing the 2018 Budget

A new facet to the 2018 budget process is to consider the initial outcomes of the Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) process that the County began to implement in 2015. The PBB process tries to answer 3 questions:

1. Why are we in business?
2. What do we do?
3. What are the costs?

Over the past two years all departments have been assessing all their programs and providing specific data on each including initial program identification and associated expenditures, revenues, and manpower associated with each. Then each program was ranked by how it reflected each of five attributes:

1. Mandate – Is there a mandate for the County to provide the program?
2. Reliance – Is the County relied upon to provide the program?
3. Cost – What is the cost recovery of the program?
4. Population Served – What is the portion of the community or organization served?
5. Demand – What is the change in demand for the program?

The cumulative ranking of each program produces a score that in comparison with all the other County programs indicates how much or how little each program aligns with the overall objectives of the County with emphasis on being the healthiest, safest, economically stable and best governed County in the State. The program rankings are separated into fourths, or “quartiles”. The 1st Quartile contains the programs having the greatest alignment and the 4th Quartile contains the programs with the least alignment. The objective is then to assess whether there are resources being used on lower ranked programs that could be better used on higher ranked programs. As part of the 2018 budget process each department has been asked to examine their 4th Quartile programs for efficiency, effectiveness, and demand to determine if resource economies may be found.

The enclosed data sheets include a general summary of Parks, Recreation and Forestry programs, expenditures and also summary sheets for each quartile listing the associated programs by overall expenditure. In general, organizations should expend the majority of their funds in the higher quartiles. Staff will lead a more in depth discussion at the Commission Meeting.

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Resource Alignment

Department	Line Item Budget	Program Cost + Fixed Costs	Program Cost	Fixed Cost
Parks, Recreation and Forestry	6,146,717	6,146,717	6,146,717	0

DrillDown Multi-Year Costs & Revenue Percentage Pies Table Cost Analyzer



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- All Program Types
- All Community Programs
- All Governance Programs

Fund: All Funds

Department: Parks, Recreation and Forestry

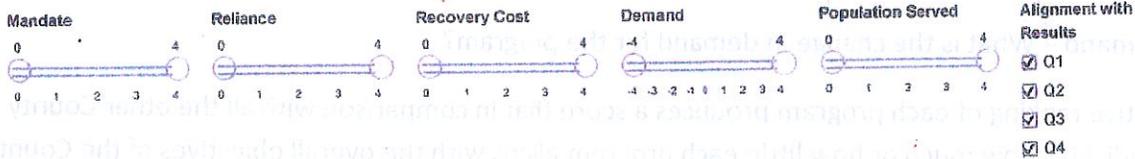
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Budget Perspective: Total Cost

Program: All Programs

Results: All Results

Result Score: 0 to 4 (slider)



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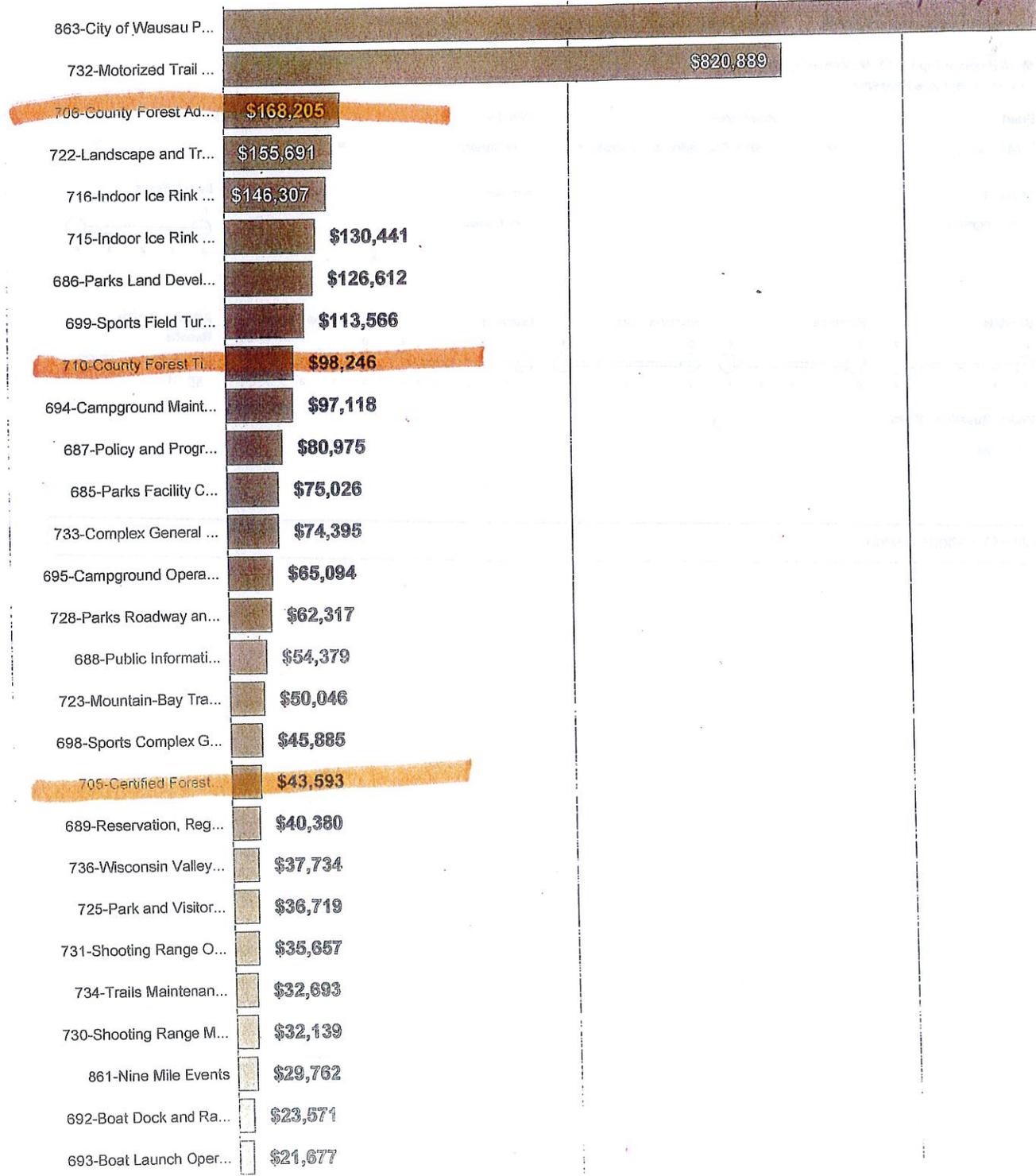
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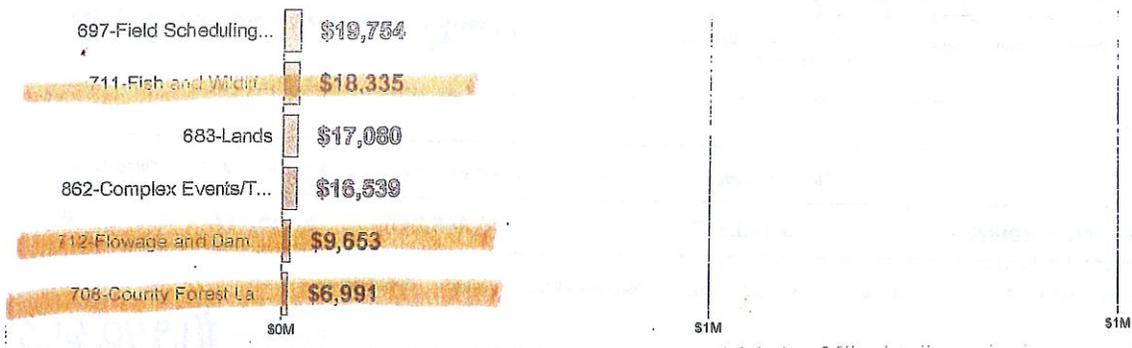
Department	Line Item Budget	Program Cost + Fixed Costs	Program Cost	Fixed Cost
Parks, Recreation and Forestry	6,146,717	6,146,717	6,146,717	0

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Filters (<https://dashpbb.net/#tab-5667-1>) Program Report (<https://dashpbb.net/#tab-5667-2>) Program Manual

- All Program Types
- All Community Programs
- All Governance Programs

Fund: All Funds | Department: Parks, Recreation and Forestry | Division: All Divisions | Budget Perspective: Total Cost

Program: All Programs | Results: All Results | Result Score: 0 to 4 (slider)

Mandate: 0 to 4 (slider) | Reliance: 0 to 4 (slider) | Recovery Cost: 0 to 4 (slider) | Demand: -4 to 4 (slider) | Population Served: 0 to 4 (slider) | Alignment with Results: Q4 Q3 Q2 Q1

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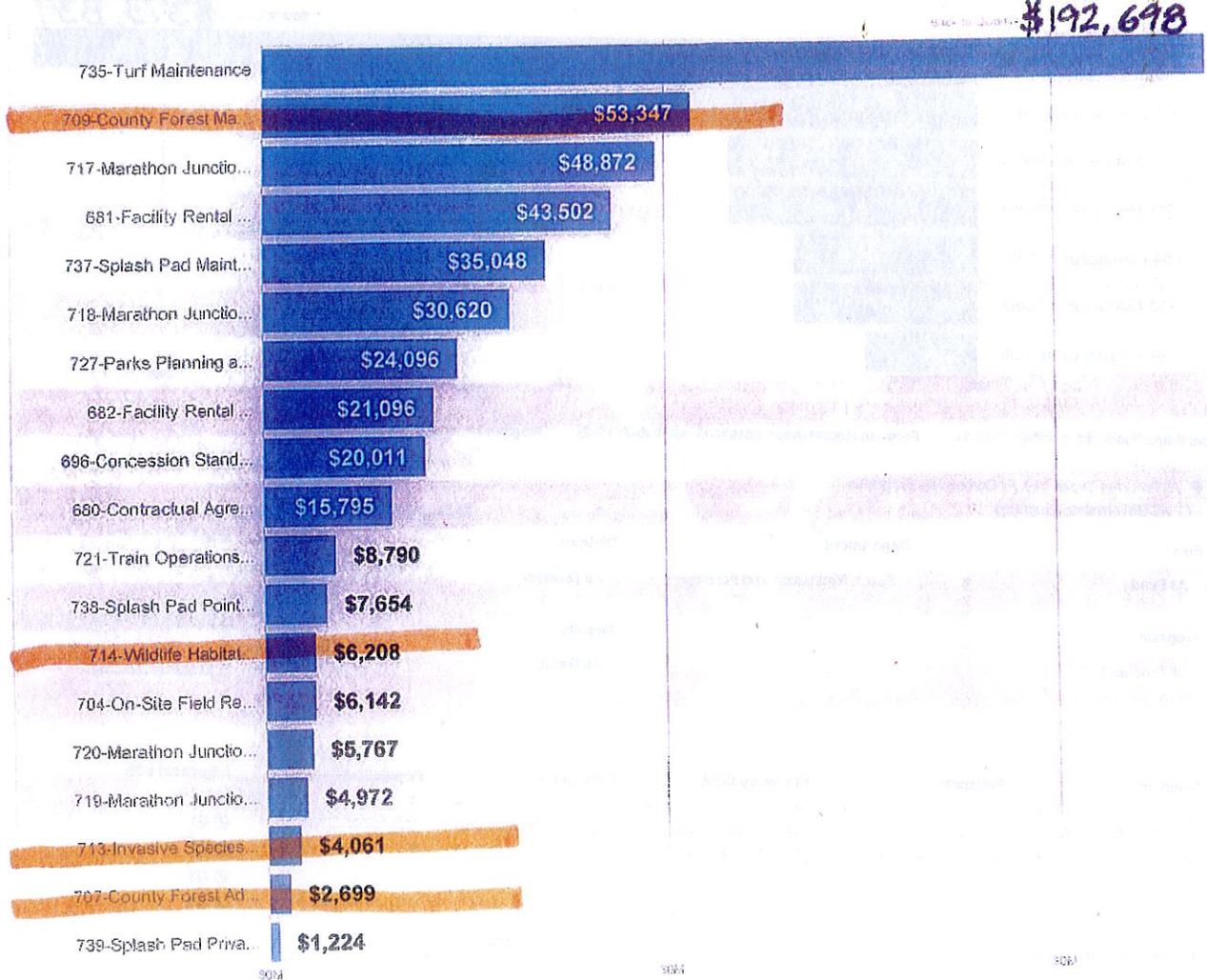
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Resource Alignment +

Department	Line Item Budget	Program Cost + Fixed Costs	Program Cost	Fixed Cost
Parks, Recreation and Forestry	6,146,717	6,146,717	6,146,717	0

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- All Program Types
- All Community Programs
- All Governance Programs

Fund	Department	Division	Budget Perspective
All Funds	Parks, Recreation and Forestry	All Division s	Total Cost
Program		Results	Result Score
All Programs		All Results	0 4
			0 1 2 3 4
Mandate	Reliance	Recovery Cost	Demand
0	4 0	4 0	4 4
Population Served			
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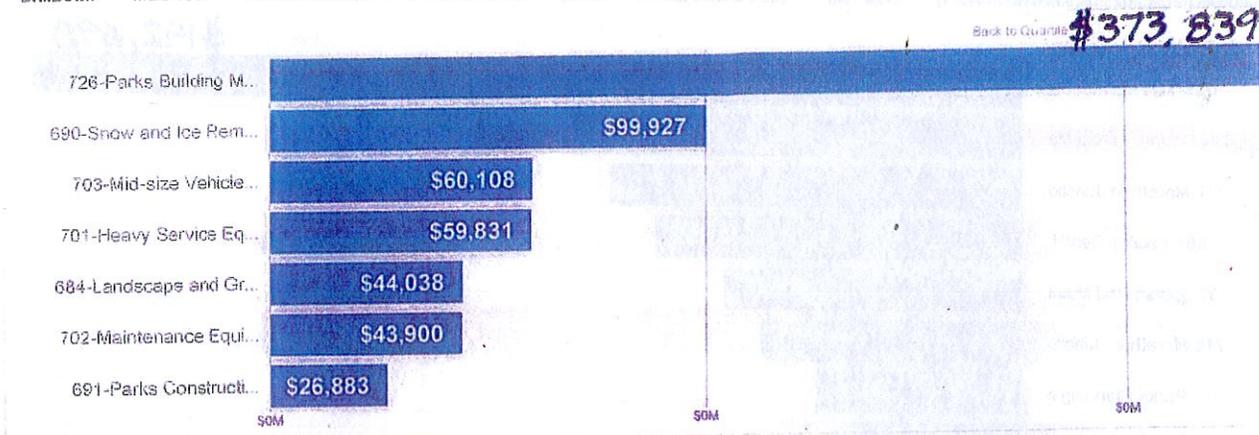
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Resource Alignment

Department	Line Item Budget	Program Cost + Fixed Costs	Program Cost	Fixed Cost
Parks, Recreation and Forestry	6,146,717	6,146,717	6,146,717	0

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- All Program Types
- All Community Programs
- All Governance Programs

Fund: All Funds | Department: Parks, Recreation and Forestry | Division: All Divisions | Budget Perspective: Total Cost

Program: All Programs | Results: All Results | Result Score: 0-4

Mandate: 0-4 | Reliance: 0-4 | Recovery Cost: 0-4 | Demand: -4-4 | Population Served: 0-4

Alignment with Results: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4

Policy Question Filters
No Filter

Policy Questions Report

County Deer Advisory Council

August 2017 Meeting Minutes



County: Marathon

Submit meeting minutes by August 28 to DNRCDACWEBMAIL@Wisconsin.gov.

ORDER OF BUSINESS	08-24-2017	06:00pm	212 river dr Wausau, Wi
	Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location

1. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

a. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Mike Lane chair	at	6:00 pm
	Council Officer Name		Time

b. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	6 council members. Chr. Alt chair, 2 dnr liaison
EXCUSED	0
UNEXCUSED	Mike Brust, Hunt/conservation club
# PUBLIC ATTENDANCE	9 guests

c. AGENDA APPROVAL OR REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Agenda reviewed by chair
ACTION	none

d. REVIEW COUNCIL CHARTER

e. MEETING MINUTE REVIEW AND APPROVAL

DISCUSSION	Previous minutes read by alt-chair
ACTION	Dick B motioned to approve. Joe S second. Passed

f. REVIEW OF MEETING AND DISCUSSION ETIQUETTE

2. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON COUNTY DEER HERD METRICS, POPULATION OBJECTIVES AND DMU BOUNDARIES

DISCUSSION	Brandon S gave a power point presentation regarding the three year review of the deer population to either decrease, increase, or maintain the herd. He showed the recommended process and preliminary recommendations. He covered the fall and spring population estimates, and explained the deer management goals; healthy deer and productive hunting. He showed how deer are extremely important
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	to Wisconsin, by showing the positive and negative results of the herd in the state. He showed how we need a good balance between deer and forest management. He discussed the regional consideration between the higher capacity of Farmland and Forest land. He covered the implications between high and low populations. He explained the benefits of a well-managed herd. He covered the deer harvest history and winter severity index. He also covered CWD, deer vehicle collisions, ag damage permits, and harvest totals. He also explained the Co. modification options.
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3. PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

COMMENTS	<p>Paul B hunts town of Bevent and sees lots of deer in his area. He recommended splitting the Co. for possible extra antlerless tags.</p> <p>Chair read a letter from Greg W who recommended an increase and no boundary change.</p> <p>Chair read a letter from Tom L explaining the forestry interest and regeneration problems. His recommendation is to maintain if the boundary stays as is, or decrease if it is split.</p>
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4. DETERMINATION OF PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS PLEASE COMPLETE THE CDAC PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION & JUSTIFICATION FORM

a. DMU BOUNDARY CHANGE DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION/JUSTIFICATION	<p>1st: Recommendation for keeping the Co. as is.</p> <p>Paul D questioned forestry on problem of reforestation.</p> <p>Mike P reported on private and public land regeneration problems.</p> <p>Chad K agreed with Tom's letter regarding significant deer browse in most forests in the county.</p> <p>Paul D motioned to Maintain. Second by Mike P</p> <p>Passed unanimous 6-0</p> <p>2nd: Recommendation on splitting the Co.</p> <p>Paul D questioned the best way to split.</p> <p>Marcell W questioned the lack or loss of data available if split</p> <p>Discussion followed on possible split lines.</p> <p>Paul D motioned to make DMUs 46, 62a, and 62b into one unit. Failed for lack of a second</p> <p>Dick B motioned to make DMUs 62a and 62b into one unit for the heavy populated area, and the rest of the Co into unit 2. Joe S second.</p> <p>Paul D agreed. Discussion followed including guests for opinions.</p> <p>Motion passed 5-1 with Ken F opposed</p>
ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	<p>Joe S suggested Maintain on both units and issue antlerless tags as needed to provide justification.</p> <p>Joe S then motioned to Maintain in both units.</p> <p>Dick B second</p> <p>Passed unanimous</p>

b. 3-YEAR DEER POPULATION OBJECTIVE DISCUSSION

County Deer Advisory Council Charter

- Gather public opinion on deer populations and goals, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.
- Review and consider scientific metrics on deer herd trends, impacts to habitat and agriculture and human-deer interactions.
- Provide the department with recommendations on deer population objectives, antlerless quotas and herd management strategies.

DISCUSSION/JUSTIFICATION	See 4a
ACTION/RECOMMENDATION	See 4a

5. COUNTY SPECIFIC ISSUES/CONCERNS

DISCUSSION	<p>Joe S had concerns regarding deer farms and CWD in the future Dick B said that we need more tools available to control specific area problems. Paul D stated that many groups (Wi Wildlife Fed, Conservation Congress, etc) work hard to get changes to help hunting, conservation, fishing, etc., but legislators ignore our efforts and pass through their own bills which many times are more harmful than helpful. There was a discussion on predators. There will be a kiosk at the Rib Mtn DNR station for CWD testing this coming hunting season</p>
ACTION	none

6. OCTOBER MEETING (SELECT DATES BETWEEN 2-5 AND 9-12)

DATE	Oct 3 rd 2017
TIME	6:00 pm
LOCATION & ADDRESS	212 river drive depending on availability

7. COUNCIL MEMBER MATTERS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	

8. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED (TIME)	8:42 pm. Dick B motioned, Paul D 2nd
SUBMITTED BY (NAME)	Marcell Wieloch
DATE	8-28-2017



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August 24, 2017

Marathon County CDAC Committee

RE: Three Year Population Objectives and DMU Boundaries in Marathon County

Dear CDAC Chair Lane and Committee,

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. Marathon County owns 31,155 acres of County Forest land and 3,470 acres of County Park lands that have forests.

In 2014 the CDAC Council voted to maintain the deer population in Marathon County. I was a member of the Committee during this time representing Forestry interests. This was a hard decision for the committee based on the size of the County and all the different deer habitats. Some areas had low deer populations and some had very high populations. Since that time the DNR deer metrics show an increase in the deer population year after year. We have experienced two mild winters and another average winter that has led to populations on the very high end of the maintain category.

The County forest lands south of Highway 29 has more deer than can support tree regeneration in some areas of Kronenwetter, LeatherCamp, Burma and Ringle Forest units. We have been trying to regenerate red oak and red maple during this time and have seen heavy browse by deer limiting our ability to maintain these species on the landscape. Simply put there are too many deer on the landscape to grow these tree species in some areas of Marathon County.

Should the Committee decide to stay with the current DMU County boundary our Department supports a "maintain" three year population objective with the caveat that the Committee offer a significant amount of free antlerless and bonus permits to attempt to lower the population in areas South of Highway 29 where there are too many deer. If the Committee decides to split the County in two or more DMU units our Department supports a "decrease" objective in those units primarily south of Highway 29 and a "maintain" in those units north Highway 29.

Our Department has started gathering scientific data to show that regeneration efforts are failing. The forest industry is important to Marathon County as it's the second leading employer. More importantly unless the CDAC committee does something now to reduce the deer population we may lose important tree species in the future.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Thomas G. Lovlien

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas A. Lovlien". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Marathon County Forest Administrator

Big Eau Pleine County Park Deer: Exclusion Fence Proposal

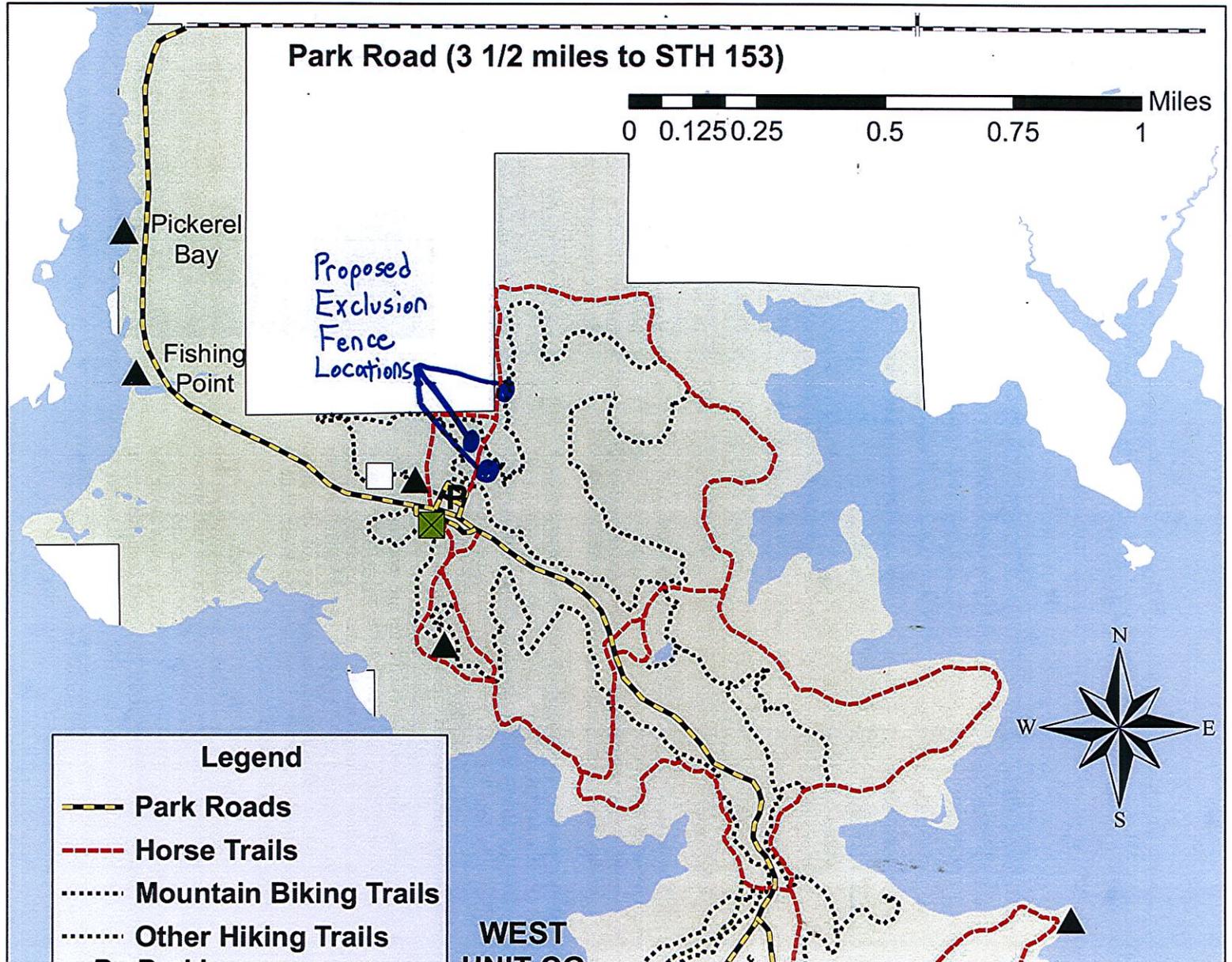
August 29, 2017:

County Forest Administrator Tom Lovlien, WI DNR Wildlife Biologist Brandon Stefanski, County Forester Joe Tucker met at the horse trailer parking lot (across from the Ranger Station) at Big Eau Pleine County Park, to walk the completed harvest area along the horse trail in order to discuss the establishment of deer exclusion fencing. The purpose of this fencing is to determine if the White Tail Deer population in and around the park are preventing the recruitment and growth of Northern Hardwood regeneration within the canopy gaps created by the hazard tree removal goals from the harvest.

Results:

1. To demonstrate the effect of no deer browse, construct 2 deer exclusion fences, approximately 50-75 feet from the edge of the horse trail. Fence constructed shall be approximately 75' X 75' in size and be placed where canopy gaps were created from the timber harvest. Fence shall be constructed of lightweight UV protected plastic mesh (10-15 year lifespan) approximately 7.5'-8' tall, to prevent deer entry.
2. Once erected, each exclusion shall have a permanent 1/300 radius plot established, with metal stake at the center of each plot, along with GPS coordinates. Each tree species shall be recorded according to 5 separate height classes, along with herbaceous and woody species/competition present, and recording of over-story shading. Additionally photos shall be taken from each cardinal direction.
3. To demonstrate effects of deer browse, 2 permanent plots shall be established outside of each exclusion fence, following the same metrics as those plots within each fence. Additionally, 4-6 additional deer browse plots shall be established along the horse trail in areas completed by the timber harvest.
4. County staff shall construct exclusion fence, under the direction of County Forester, and place interpretive signs. County Forester shall establish browse plots within and outside of deer exclusion fence. County staff shall routinely inspect and maintain fencing. County Forester shall conduct annual follow-up browse surveys following the metrics used when plots were initially established.

BIG EAU PLEINE COUNTY PARK



Tom Lovlien

From: Keranen, Chad M - DNR <Chad.Keranen@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Tom Lovlien
Subject: FW: New Opportunity for Secretary Stepp

From: Stepp, Cathy L - DNR
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 9:25 AM
Subject: New Opportunity for Secretary Stepp

*** This message is being sent to all staff ***

Hi everyone! I'm pleased to announce that I have accepted an appointment as Deputy Regional Director for the EPA's Region 7 office in Kansas City beginning the beginning in early September. This has all come together quite rapidly.

The White House presented me with an opportunity that I couldn't ignore. It is an exciting time for me professionally and also for my family. I'm excited about the possibility of bringing some of the reforms we've been able to put in place here in Wisconsin to the national stage. There is so much to share about what we have all done together.

Of course, with the excitement comes the thought of having to leave the DNR, the wonderful leadership team that has provided so much support and guidance these past six and a half years and the dedicated people who work at the DNR. You all strive every day to protect our resources and serve the citizens of Wisconsin under the watchful eyes of the public. It has been an honor to sing your praises.

No one gets to this point in their careers without the help of so many people along the way. I have too many of you to thank individually. You opened your hearts and minds to me; shared your work experiences with me; and taught me so much. You have both enriched and enlightened me in so many areas of my life. More people see us now as an agency that makes decision using sound science, the law, and common sense. We assist people and businesses in understanding the law so they can proceed with their plans and not be delayed by bureaucracy. This approach protects the environment and benefits Wisconsin economically as well.

Thanks to your input, understanding, and patience the DNR is in a better position to survive future challenges through our strategic alignment effort-something that will always give me a sense of pride in the Wisconsin DNR.

In fact, our alignment efforts are already paying off. When we started our alignment plan two years ago we had no idea a Foxconn project was on the horizon but it's exactly what we accomplished in alignment that makes us even more ready than we were two years ago to work on this transformational project in a One DNR spirit.

Special thanks to those in our DNR family, past and present, who were willing to serve in our leadership team. To my Kurt, Ed, Holly, division administrators and their deputies, secretary's directors---thank you. I slept easier at night knowing I had the best team in state government on the job.

As a Wisconsinite, that word "forward" will always have special meaning. I look forward to the new challenges this opportunity presents and I encourage you to keep moving the Wisconsin DNR forward. You have a great team of leaders solidly in place.

With appreciation, love, and respect,

Cathy Stepp

Secretary

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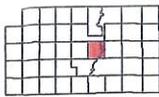
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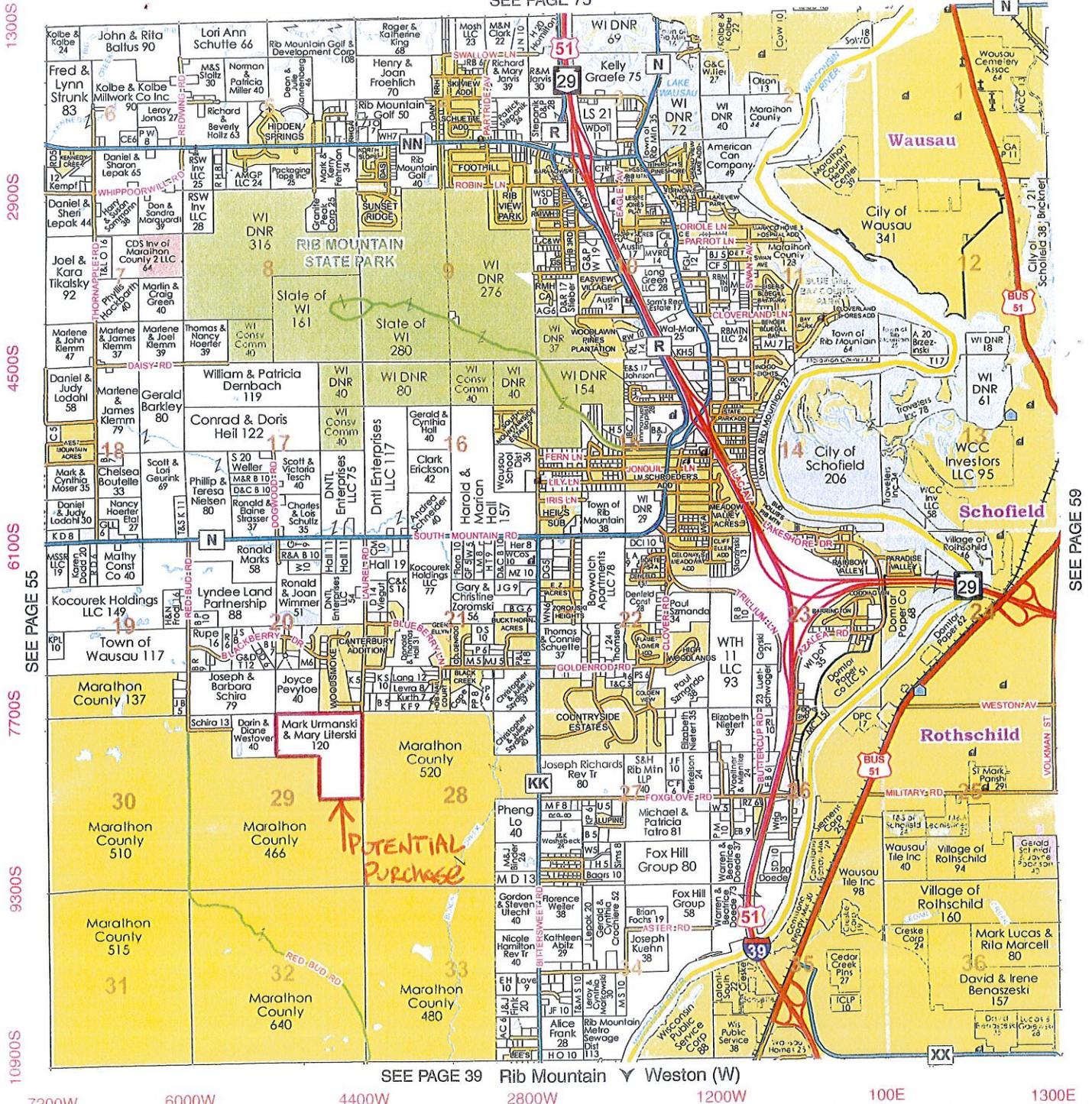


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Township 28N - Range 7E

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Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Five New Wisconsin Counties

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MADISON – Emerald ash borer has been confirmed in five new Wisconsin counties, including two northern counties. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will quarantine all five.

The new counties are Chippewa, Green Lake, Marinette, Waupaca and Waushara. The Chippewa County infestation was discovered by a homeowner on private property where trees were dying. The other four were finds in monitoring traps set by the USDA-APHIS and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

“These new finds fill in the map for the southern two-thirds of the state, and add to the checkerboard of quarantined counties in the north,” said Brian Kuhn, Plant Industry Bureau Director with DATCP.

“However, many of the quarantined counties are not generally infested. This is a pest that’s largely been spread by humans. People still need to use certified firewood that has been treated or seasoned to ensure it’s not infested with live pests. If they use uncertified firewood, they should burn it where they buy it, and not move it even within quarantined areas. That will help slow the spread of EAB and the many other pests that firewood could carry.”

Details of the new finds:

Chippewa County A Lake Wissota homeowner in the Town of Lafayette reported dying trees, and DNR staff collected EAB larvae, or immature insects. This infestation appears to have been present for several years.

Green Lake County Adult emerald ash borers were found in traps in two different townships: The Town of Green Lake, in the right of way along St. Marie Road just north of Highway 23, and in the Town of Brooklyn, in Margaret Dodge Memorial Park.

Marinette County Adult emerald ash borers were found in traps in three different locations: On Ridge Street in Niagara, County Rd RR in the Town of Wagner, and on South Hilbert Road in the Town of Goodman.

Waupaca County An adult EAB was collected in a trap in the right of way along County Road Q, just south of Highway 10 in the Town of Farmington.

Waushara County: An adult EAB was collected from a trap in the right of way along Beechnut Avenue, just west of County Road V in the Town of Deerfield.

For private citizens, the quarantine means that they cannot take firewood from quarantined counties to non-quarantined counties. For businesses handling wood products that could carry EAB, it means that they must work with DATCP to assure that their products are pest-free before shipping.

For property owners in these and other quarantine counties, Kuhn recommends:

- Watch ash trees for signs of possible EAB infestation: Thinning in the canopy, D-shaped holes in the bark, new branches sprouting low on the trunk, cracked bark, and woodpeckers pulling at the bark to get to insect larvae beneath it.

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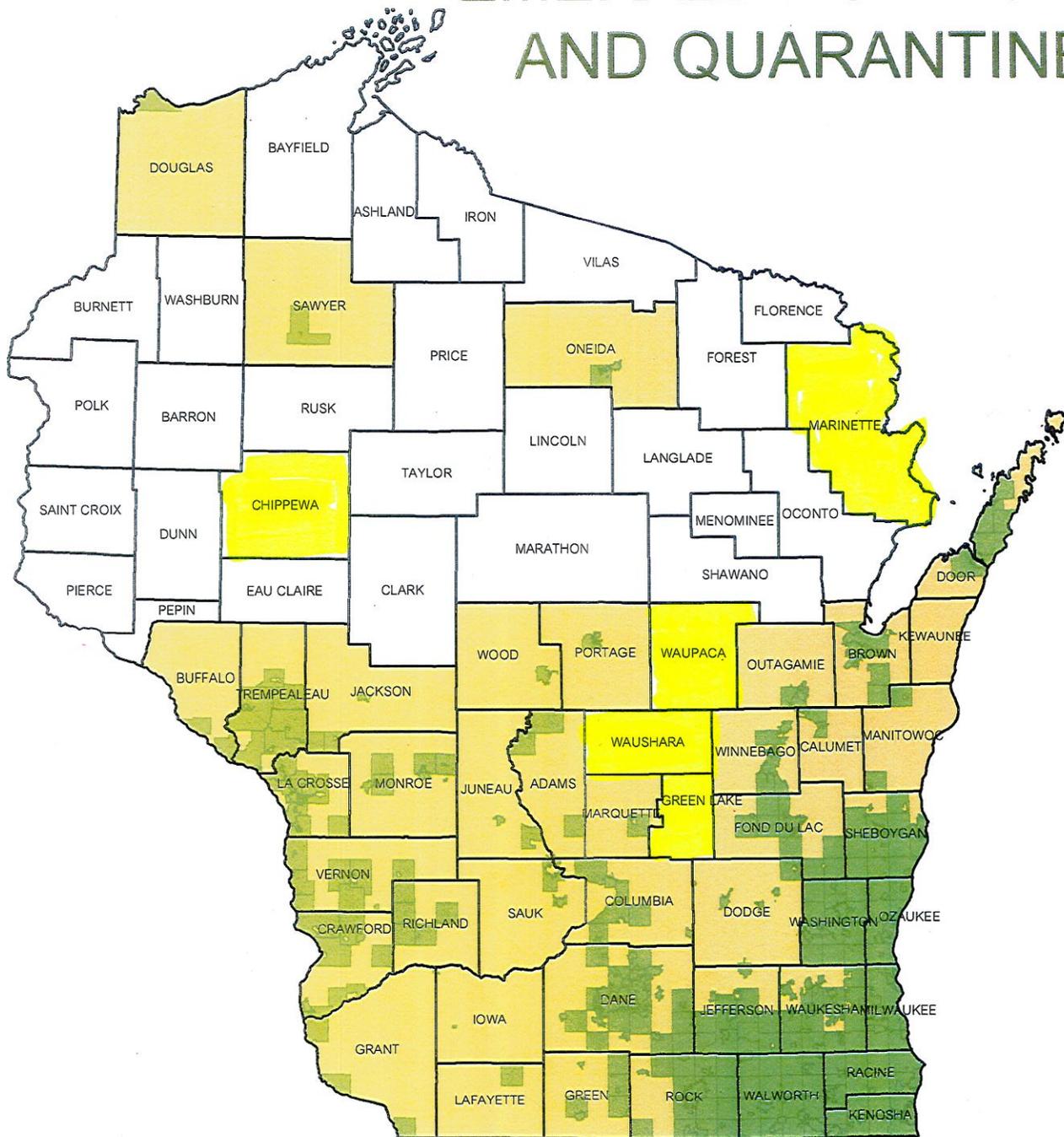
- If your property is within 15 miles of a known infestation, consider preventive treatments. Whether to treat depends on several factors: the age of the trees, the size of the trees, and the number of trees. Treatment costs vary depending on size of the tree and whether you do the treatments yourself or hire a professional.
- Consider planting different species of trees that are not susceptible to EAB.
- Contact a professional arborist for expert advice, and visit emeraldashborer.wi.gov for detailed information.

Emerald ash borer is native to China and probably entered the United States on packing material, showing up first in Michigan in 2002. It was first found in Wisconsin in 2008 in Washington County. The five new counties joins 41 other Wisconsin counties where EAB has been found: Adams, Brown, Buffalo, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door, Douglas, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oneida, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Winnebago and Wood. Kewaunee County is also under quarantine because of the proximity of infestations in neighboring counties.

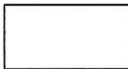
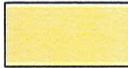
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EMERALD ASH BORER DETECTIONS AND QUARANTINE IN WISCONSIN



Most of Wisconsin is EAB-free, including most of the northern half and the yellow areas in all quarantined counties. EAB has been confirmed only in those cities, villages and townships colored dark green. By following quarantine rules and limiting the transport of ash wood and all firewood, we can slow down EAB's spread to the northern forests and un-infested communities in the south. Visit www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov for information on what you can do.

-  Non-Quarantined County, No EAB Detections
-  Quarantined County
-  EAB Confirmed Area in a Quarantined County