

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

COUNTY OF MARATHON
Wausau, WI 54403

A meeting of the County Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee will be held at 212 River Drive, **Rm. #2**, Wausau, WI, 54403, at **6:00pm** on **June 6, 2018**.

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

A G E N D A

- I. Minutes
 - A. Approve Minutes of the March 21, 2018 Meeting

- II. New Business
 - A. 2018 Anticipated Timber Harvest Activity at Nine Mile Forest
 - B. September 2018 Subcommittee Appointments
 - C. 2018 Scheduled Nine Mile Events
 - D. 2018 Spring Timber Sale Bid Summary
 - E. Article – Baldwins Bipartisan Good Neighbor Authority Legislation Becomes Law
 - F. DATCP Extends EAB Quarantine Across Entire State
 - G. Forest Certification Audit – August 2018
 - H. Member Items

- III. Old Business
 - A. Updates on the Land Acquisitions in the Towns of Rib Mountain and Harrison
 - B. Final Marathon County Deer Advisory Council Antlerless Quota Recommendations
 - C. Spring Bird Survey at Nine Mile County Forest
 - D. Nine Mile Event and Use Regulations Decision by Forestry/Recreation Committee
 - E. Update on Feasibility Study Regarding Snowmaking Potential at Nine Mile Forest

- IV. Remaining 2018 Meeting Dates – September 19 and December 19, 2018 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.

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Members present: John Burke, Mark Chickering, Susan Haug, Dale Heil, Paul Klocko, Greg Klos, Mike Lane, Carol Mills, Ryan Schleifer, Gary Weiland

Excused: Marcell Wieloch

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

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

I. Minutes

Motion by Burke to approve December 20, 2017 minutes. Motion **carried**.

III. Old Business

D. Discussion on Nine Mile County Forest Event and Use Regulations and Recommendation to the Forestry/Recreation Committee

Lovlien said the Nine Mile County forest event and use regulations policy had been in place since 2002 and was reviewed because of some recent user conflicts. Since 2002 there have been more and more requests for recreational activities and events at Nine Mile. Nine Mile is very popular because it's close to Wausau and has great trails and facilities. Lovlien said it's important to recognize the County forest law, mission and vision statements. Sustainable timber harvests are the number one priority according to the County forest law. Recreational and timber programs can work together just as they have the last 25 years at Nine Mile. User groups work together and compromise and this balances all the different uses. Lovlien said the regulations regarding events and uses can be revised at any time. This is a guide for staff. Lovlien discussed the twelve proposed regulations in-depth. Discussion followed. **Motion** by Burke to approve the Event and Use Regulations and forward the recommendation on to the Forestry/Recreation Committee. Motion **carried** unanimously.

II. New Business

A. 2017 County Forest Division Annual Report

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

B. 2017 County Forest Law Enforcement Report

Lovlien reported that five tree stands were seized and eight citations were written for various violations. A sale of the tree stands that were seized over the last several years was held bringing in \$711.00.

C. 2008-2017 County Forest Division Expense/Revenue Report

Lovlien reported that over the last ten years almost 4.2 million dollars in gross timber was sold. Before last year, the program was breaking even. There is a lot of timber sold that needs to get cut. The revenue fluctuates each year depending on weather, markets, etc. The timber contracts are normally given three years to harvest.

D. 2018 Spring Timber Sale Package

Lovlien said the spring timber sale package offers 339 acres of timber on seven tracts with an estimated volume of 12, 910 tons and 133.0 thousand board feet. Lovlien discussed the sales. There are two sales in the Kronenwetter Forest Unit, two in the Leather Camp Forest Unit, two in the Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit, and one in the Ringle Forest Unit. The sales will be advertised and the bid opening is April 2nd.

E. Winter Recreation – Trail Program Update

Lovlien said snowmobile trails closed last week and the cross-country ski trails have also closed. Some events that have been held at Nine Mile include the Stomp the Swamp Snowshoe Race, the Badger State Games Cross-Country Ski event, and the Special Olympics cross-country ski event. The Snekkevic Ski Race was cancelled this year.

F. ATV/UTV Sustainable Trail Guidance Document

Lovlien said some of the northern county forests build new trails because they receive a lot of use. Over the last several years some counties have been going to the ATV/UTV Governors Council funding decision meetings to try to get funds for graveling to make trails sustainable. WCFA came up with sustainable trail guidelines to help demonstrate what is needed for protection of water quality, BMP's and keeping the forests certified. There was a certification finding last year on the audit that a trail in northern Wisconsin was eroding into an ash swamp which is being communicated to the ATV/UTV Council. However, there are some members of the Council that don't think they should be paying for gravel and maintenance to fund these trails up to the levels that the counties are required because of forest certification. Lovlien said the County is

following the sustainable guidelines for the trails in the Burma Road Forest Unit and the club is assisting and doing a good job.

G. 2003-2017 Value of Public Land Forest Timber sales in Wisconsin

Lovlien said that since 2009 counties have been receiving from 30 million up to over 40 million dollar's worth of stumpage on the county forest system each year. County forests are the largest public landholders in Wisconsin. Contractors the counties deal with rely on public County forest timber sales for their businesses. State and federal forests are harvesting more acres than they have been in the past.

H. Member Items

Ryan Schleifer commented that a statewide quarantine regarding the Emerald Ash Borer will be going into effect on March 30th. There will no limitations on moving forest products throughout the State. Lovlien said the County will still continue to prohibit firewood from being brought into its campgrounds and forests as firewood is a major mover of insects and diseases. Burke said the ski club along with the County provided free adult ski lessons this year to about 200 people. The Ski club provides instructors and the County provides the equipment. He believes it has been a pretty successful program and sees a number of those people coming back to ski. He also mentioned that a feasibility study is going to be done during the next several months about making snow on a small portion of the area right around the Nine Mile chalet. Lovlien said the ski club brought the proposal to staff and will take a few years to study. Burke said there are two kinds of analysis. One is a technical analysis concerning what it's going to take to actually build it and if it has the necessary resources like water and electricity. There is also an economic analysis if people will pay extra or will it get higher utilization. From a skiers perspective what they would like to ideally see is that skiing be open by the middle of December consistently all the way through until the end of March.

Carol Mills left the meeting at 7:45pm

III. Old Business

A. Land Acquisition – Updates on the Town of Harrison and Town of Rib Mountain Properties

Lovlien said the 40 acres in the middle of the Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit in the Town of Harrison has been purchased and he is in the process of writing a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant to get 50% of that cost reimbursed. Lovlien is still working with the landowners on the Town of Rib Mountain 120 acre property. Ninety acres of this is swamp and 30 acres is upland. He said this purchase may not happen. The State appraisal is complete. An offer was made to the landowners at the appraised value of \$1600 an acre. The landowners are asking \$7400 an acre. Lovlien said while this acquisition blocks in the forest, and there is watershed and habitat protections he doesn't believe those are good enough reasons to pay above the appraised value.

B. 2018 Spring Bird Survey at Nine Mile County Forest

Schleifer and the Wausau Bird Club are definitely interested in helping Lovlien with the bird survey on a 39 acre timber sale that is at Nine Mile. Lovlien said he will get them whatever information they need to do the survey to determine what species of birds are there.

C. County Deer Advisory Council Update on Preliminary 3-Year Quota

Lovlien gave testimony at the last CDAC meeting on behalf of the Department in relationship to deer browse and deer problems in certain areas of the County. Lane discussed the quota recommendations. A 6500 antlerless quota with 1500 private land bonus permits with no public permits was set. There will still be one free antlerless permit with the gun and one free antlerless permit with the bow so on public or private land a person can harvest antlerless deer. Lane said the Council will continue to ask to split the County and hopefully this recommendation will be revisited by the Natural Resources Board in the future. Another meeting will be held on April 16 to finalize quotas after public comments are taken. Written or on-line comments can be submitted from April 2nd to the 12th.

IV. 2018 Tentative Meeting Dates – June 6, September 19 and December 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

V. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Klos. Motion **carried**. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Thomas Lovlien
Secretary

MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
Nine Mile Forest Unit – September 2017

Tract # 06-17 MAD HEN SALE

	<u>Species</u>	<u>Estimated Volumes</u>
Ticket Sale	Red Pine	4" Top 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.

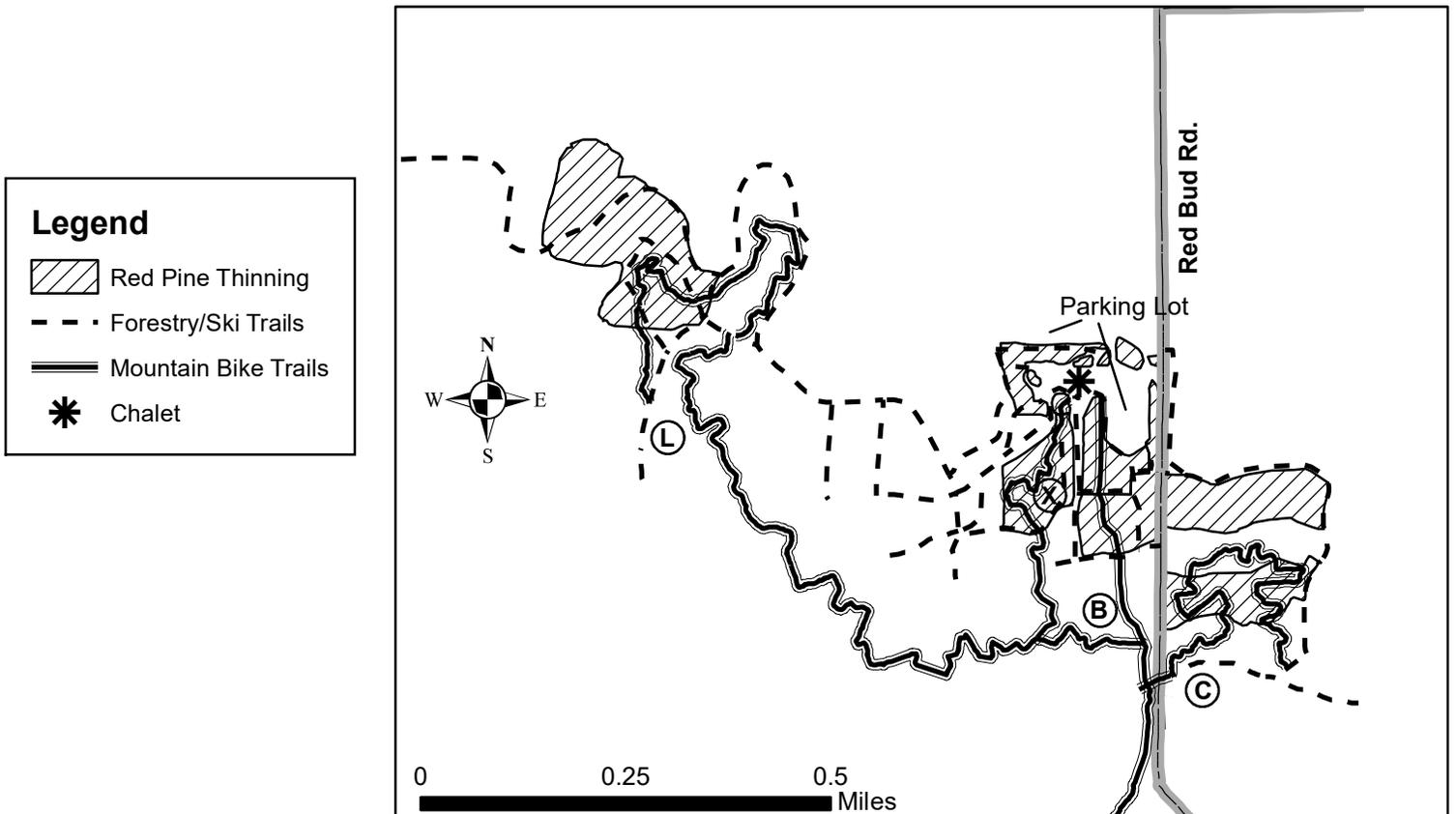
Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. Minimize skidding down Mt. Bike trails. All trails shall be free of slash daily.

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

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

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by December 30, 2019.



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE
 Nine Mile Forest Unit - March 2016

Tract # 1-16 *IN MEMORY of JOHN HOWARD*

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

Location: Town of Rib Mountain, Sec. 30&31, T28N, R7E; Town of Marathon, Sec. 36, T28N R6E
Seasonal Time Frame: July 15 – November 15 & August 24-November 15 (SEE SALE MAP)
Cutting Area: 64 acres

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

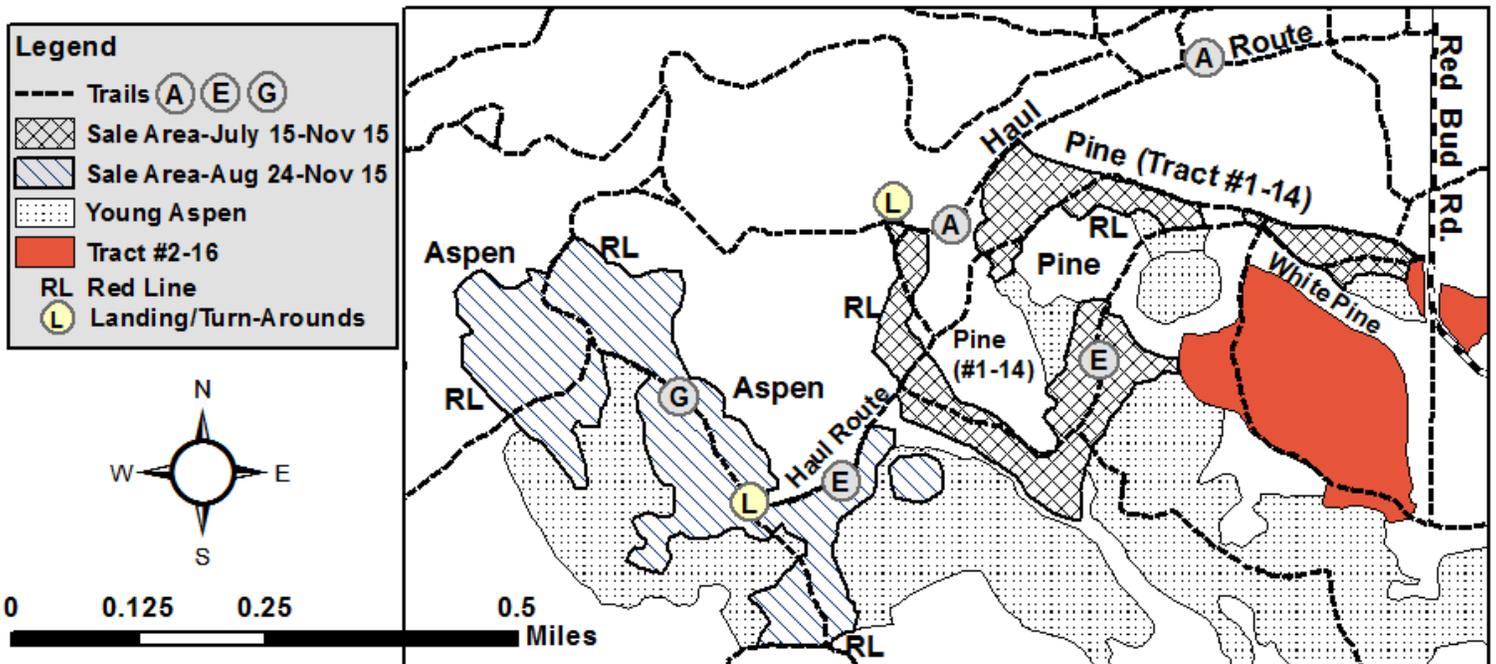
Roads, Trails, and Deck Areas: Forestry Division must approve skid routes and decking areas. Minimize skidding down Mtn. Bike trails. All trails must be free of slash daily.

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

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

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

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



September 2017

**MARATHON COUNTY FOREST
CITIZENS' ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mark Chickering 2918 Pine Ridge Blvd. Wausau WI 54401 (H) 715-574-4610 <i>icloud.com</i> Email: markchickering@gmail.com	Mountain Biking 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
John Burke 5907 Old coach Rd. Wausau WI 54401 (H) 715-218-7883 E-mail: johnbethburke@charter.net	Cross-Country Skiing 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Greg Klos 6603 Cavin Dr. Wausau WI 54401 (H) 842-5951 (W) 845-2206 E-mail: gklos@charter.net	Conservation 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Susan Haug R13775 River Rd. Ringle WI 54471 (H) 446-2775 (W) 847-2000 Ext.52714 E-mail: sjhaug@charter.net	Birding 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Mike Lane 921 Landfried Ave. Mosinee WI 54455 (H) 693-2749	Hunting 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Carol Capelle Mills 4152 Martin Rd. Kronenwetter, WI 54455 (H) 715-359-3058 (C) 715-571-6654 E-mail: ccmhorseranch@gmail.com	Equestrian 2 year term to 2018 Expires September 1, 2018
Paul Klocko 3907 Pat St. Weston WI 54476 (H) 715-241-6940 E-mail: pklocko@dwave.net	General Member 2 year term to 2019 Expires September 1, 2019
Marcell Wieloch 1705 Town Hall Rd. Mosinee WI 54455 (H) 693-4449 E-mail: mfwieloch@mtc.net	Conservation Congress 2 year term to 2019 Expires September 1, 2019
Ryan Schleifer 511 Bob's Drive 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

2018 SCHEDULED NINE MILE EVENTS

Sat., June 2	ATV Safety Classes – North Parking Lot
Thurs., June 7	Bike Demo (Builer) – Parking Lot
Fri., June 8 – Sun., June 11	WEMS Bike Race
Sat., June 30	CWOCC Women’s Biking Get Together
Sat., July 7	ATV Safety Classes – North Parking Lot
Fri., July 27 – Sun., July 29	Wausau 24 Bike Race
Sat., August 4	ATV Safety Classes – North Parking Lot
Tues., August 28	Mosinee X-C Race
Thurs., August 30	Marathon X-C Race
Sat., September 8	ATV Safety Classes – North Parking Lot
Mon., Sept. 17 – Mon., Sept. 24	RAGNAR set up and relay race
Sat., Oct. 6 – Sun., Oct. 7	High School Bike Race
Thurs., October 11	Edgar High School X-C Race
Sat., October 13	D.C. Everest High School X-C Race
Sat., October 20	ATV Safety Classes – North Parking Lot

*Four other dates have chalet rented for weddings, birthdays, graduations.

MARATHON COUNTY FOREST SPRING 2018 BID OPENING RESULTS

SPECIES	TONS	HIGH BID	LOW BID	Weighted Average of All Bids	Weighted Average of High Bids	Wt. Av. High Bids Fall 2017	Wt. Av. High Bids Fall 2016	Wt. Av. High Bids Spring 2016
ASPEN	6955	\$17.77	\$8.00	\$12.45	\$14.33	\$16.24	\$15.27	\$17.47
MIXED HWD	2795	\$16.66	\$8.00	\$11.75	\$13.22	\$16.18	\$18.36	\$22.24
OAK	100	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$7.87	\$11.15	\$13.50
BASSWOOD	110	\$5.11	\$1.00	\$3.70	\$5.11	\$8.73	\$2.00	\$9.73
WHITE SPRUCE	800	\$22.65	\$16.50	\$19.09	\$22.65	\$19.27	\$6.00	xxxx
RED PINE	210	\$31.87	\$18.30	\$24.59	\$31.87	\$26.62	xxxx	\$24.93

MBF

RED OAK	16	\$350.00	\$225.00	\$276.74	\$321.88	\$445.00	\$445.00	\$479.50
RED MAPLE	62	\$235.00	\$160.00	\$202.31	\$220.16	\$297.55	\$297.55	\$328.72
WHITE ASH	10	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$259.29	\$220.00	\$290.94
BASSWOOD	15	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$145.00	\$200.00	\$205.00	\$200.00	\$284.29
SUGAR MAPLE	5	\$310.00	\$200.00	\$270.00	\$310.00	\$475.00	xxxx	\$500.00
MIXED HWD	25	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$191.11	\$200.00	\$212.69	xxxx	xxxx

BIOMASS

All Species	1590	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.96
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Number of sales sold	6/7	7/8	4/4	6/6
Acres sold	301	485	262	404
Value of sales sold	\$170,890.35	\$430,571.35	\$211,829.50	\$276,513.50
Appraised value of sales	\$174,647.15	\$327,850.55	\$183,770.25	\$196,760.50
\$ / acre sold	\$567.74	\$887.78	\$808.51	\$684.44
Ton eq. sold	11,630	14,300	12,035	9,520
\$ / ton ave.	\$14.69	\$30.11	\$17.60	\$29.04
Cord eq. sold	5055	6220	5232	4140
\$ / cord ave.	\$33.80	\$69.22	\$40.49	\$66.80

This bid opening was for 7 county forest sales

Received 15 bids from 8 different contractors. Tract 5-18 did not sell, only one bid received below advertised value. One contractor bid on the tops on all five of the sales he bid on.

U.S. SENATOR TAMMY BALDWIN SECURES MAJOR VICTORIES FOR WISCONSIN'S TIMBER ECONOMY IN BIPARTISAN SPENDING AGREEMENT

Baldwin's Bipartisan Good Neighbor Authority Legislation Becomes Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced major victories for Wisconsin's forest and timber economy in the bipartisan spending agreement that passed Congress and was signed into law last month. Senator Baldwin fought for funding to boost Wisconsin's timber economy, help improve forest management and to help rural counties pay for schools, roads and emergency response services.

“Our forests and the timber industry in northern and central Wisconsin are facing a number of challenges that need to be addressed and I'm proud to work across party lines to secure significant reforms to strengthen Wisconsin's timber economy,” **said Senator Baldwin.** “By passing the Good Neighbor Authority Improvement Act, fixing fire borrowing and securing funding for schools and services in our rural counties, we can make sure critically needed funding stays in Wisconsin and helps move key forest restoration and timber projects forward to strengthen our northwoods economy.”

Fire Borrowing Fix

In recent years, U.S. Forest Service funds have been regularly diverted from Wisconsin forests to fight wildfires in the west, in a process known as “**fire borrowing.**” The bipartisan spending package includes a ten year fix for fire borrowing which will prevent funding from being taken from local Wisconsin forest projects to fight fires in western states, and will ensure those funds stay dedicated to projects in Wisconsin. Senator Baldwin has long supported a fix for fire borrowing and the broken fire management system and pushed to include this measure in the final bipartisan bill.

Good Neighbor Authority Act

The final agreement also included bipartisan legislation authored by Senator Baldwin and cosponsored by Senator Johnson – the Good Neighbor Authority Improvement Act – that amends the 2014 Farm Bill to allow the Forest Service’s Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) to cover forest management efforts that require road repair, which will help improve forest access and complete stalled Forest Service projects. The Good Neighbor Authority Improvement Act proactively addresses the need to conduct road repairs in order to complete Forest Service projects in the next few years. This modification also supports ecosystem goals by improving forest health, restoring wildlife and fish habitat and improving water quality.

“The importance of the omnibus spending bill to Wisconsin’s forest products industry cannot be overstated,” **said Max Ericson, President of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association.** “With forestry being the number one employer in northern Wisconsin counties and Wisconsin being the number one paper producing state in the union, it is extremely important to manage federal lands wisely. We are very thankful for Senator Baldwin’s leadership and support of this bi-partisan legislation. The omnibus package will enable schools and local units of government with federal lands to receive Secure Rural School Funds and PILT payments, it will enhance the use of Good Neighbor Authority and it will enable the US Forest Service to treat more acres of public lands without the loss of management funding to fire suppression.”

As a strong supporter of Wisconsin’s timber economy, Senator Baldwin championed the use of Good Neighbor Authority in Wisconsin. Using this tool, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and the Wisconsin DNR established an agreement to work **together under the authority in 2015. Since then, Good Neighbor contributed to a substantial increase in timber harvest** in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, along with Stewardship Agreements and the work of the Forest Service. Timber sales on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest have risen steadily in recent years, from 77.1 million board feet (mmbf) in 2014 to 81.1 mmbf in 2015 to 114.8 mmbf in 2016. The Good Neighbor Authority Improvement Act will allow increased sales and forest restoration projects to continue.

Secure Rural Schools Program

Finally, the spending bill included full funding for the Secure Rural Schools program for the next 2 years, which will provide funds to Wisconsin’s northern counties to help with local school costs, roads and emergency response services. Senator Baldwin urged Senate leadership in December of last year to include this funding authorization in the agreement to help communities across northern Wisconsin with school costs.



DATCP Extends EAB Quarantine Across Entire State

Release Date: 3/21/18

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MADISON – The entire state of Wisconsin will be placed under quarantine for emerald ash borer, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection announced today. The quarantine will be effective Friday, March 30.

Until now, quarantines have been imposed county by county, but now that EAB is in 48 of the state’s 72 counties, officials have decided a statewide quarantine is warranted. However, they still discourage moving firewood within the state.

“The county-by-county quarantines have helped slow the spread of EAB over the past decade,” said Brian Kuhn, director of DATCP’s Plant Industry Bureau. “They gave communities time to plan and spread the costs of removing and replacing trees on a schedule ahead of the infestation.”

To date, EAB has been found in all of the counties in the southern half of the state, and seven northern counties. Currently, all but two Wisconsin counties are either under quarantine or adjacent to a quarantined county in the state or a neighboring state.

Quarantines require businesses handling ash wood, untreated ash products and hardwood firewood to sign agreements specifying how they will reduce the risk of moving EAB into non-quarantined areas, and prohibit moving firewood from quarantined areas to non-quarantined areas.

With the entire state under quarantine, wood can move freely between counties within Wisconsin. Businesses that move regulated items out of state will need to work with USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to confirm interstate requirements. These are items such as ash wood with bark still on it, larger ash chips, and any kind of hardwood firewood.

Firewood restrictions will remain on state and federal lands. Kuhn recommended that campers and other tourists buy wood near the campgrounds or cabins where they intend to burn it, or that they buy firewood that bears the DATCP-certified mark, meaning it has been seasoned or heat-treated to kill pests.

“We don’t want to speed the spread of EAB or any other pests and diseases through the movement of firewood,” explained Kuhn. “Firewood can carry pests and diseases such as oak wilt to new areas – or even new pests and diseases that we’re not even aware of yet.”

Other recommendations for property owners:

- 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.
- 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 species of trees that are not susceptible to EAB.
- Contact a professional arborist for expert advice, and visit emeraldashborer.wi.gov for detailed information.

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EAB—ADD ONE

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 eastern Wisconsin in 2008.

County-by-county quarantines for gypsy moth still exist. For additional information on firewood movement, visit https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/MovingFirewood.aspx.

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