

## CHAPTER 28

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**28.005 Definition.** “Department” when used in this chapter without other words of description or qualification means the department of natural resources.

**28.01 Forestry supervision.** The department shall execute all matters pertaining to forestry within the jurisdiction of the state, direct the management of state forests, collect data relative to forest use and conditions and advance the cause of forestry within the state.

**Cross Reference:** See also ss. NR 1.21, 1.211, 1.212, 1.213, and 1.22, Wis. adm. code.

**28.015 Forestry demonstration and education center.** The department shall develop a plan to establish a forestry demonstration and education center.

**History:** 2001 a. 16.

**28.02 State forests lands. (1) DEFINED.** State forests lands include all lands granted to the state by an act of congress entitled, “An act granting lands to the state of Wisconsin for forestry purposes,” approved June 27, 1906; all lands donated to the state by the Nebagamon Lumber Company for forestry purposes; all lands acquired pursuant to chapter 450, laws of 1903, chapter 264, laws of 1905, chapter 638, laws of 1911, and chapter 639, laws of 1911, or under ss. 1494–41 to 1494–62, 1915 stats., and all lands subsequently acquired for forestry purposes. Unless an island is designated as state forest land by the department, state forest lands do not include lands granted to the state by an act of congress entitled, “An act granting unsurveyed and unattached islands to the state of Wisconsin for forestry purposes,” approved August 22, 1912. The department may designate as state forest lands any lands within state forest boundaries which were purchased with other conservation funds and where forestry would not conflict with a more intensive use.

**(2) ACQUISITION.** The department may acquire lands or interest in lands by grant, devise, gift, condemnation or purchase within the boundaries of established state forests or purchase areas; and outside of such boundaries for forest nurseries, tracts for forestry research or demonstration and for forest protection structures, or for access to such properties. In the case of condemnation the department shall first obtain approval from the appropriate standing committees of each house of the legislature as determined by the presiding officer thereof.

**(3) DISPOSITION OF IMPROVEMENTS.** Buildings not required for administrative or other public use may be razed for salvage material. Otherwise they shall be sold.

**(4) SALE OF STATE FOREST LANDS. (a)** Lands outside state forest boundaries may be sold pursuant to s. 23.15.

**(b)** Lands within state forest boundaries may be sold pursuant to s. 23.15, after public hearing in the county courthouse of the county in which the lands to be sold are located, following class

2 notices published, under ch. 985, in the county, and in the official state paper, for the following purposes only:

1. To a local unit of government when required for a public use.
2. To others for the purpose of making land adjustments due to occupancy resulting from errors of survey.
3. To convey good quality, arable land.
4. To settle land title disputes.
5. To public utilities, cooperatives organized under ch. 185 to furnish gas, light, heat, power, or water to their members, and to telecommunications cooperatives formed under ch. 185 or 193 when needed for power and telecommunications substations, transformers, booster stations and similar installations.
6. When no longer needed for conservation purposes.

**(5) EASEMENTS.** The department may grant easements for a right-of-way for public or private roads or public utility lines, or for flowage rights where it finds that any such use at the designated location does not conflict with the planned development of the forest. Easements for public roads shall be granted for a nominal sum; in all other cases the appraised value shall be required in payment.

**(6) CERTAIN LEASES FORBIDDEN.** No lease shall hereafter be issued or any existing lease extended or renewed by the department on any unsurveyed and unattached islands in inland lakes north of the township line between townships 33 and 34 north, and granted to the state by an act of congress, approved August 22, 1912, entitled “An act granting unsurveyed and unattached islands to the state of Wisconsin for forestry purposes,” except that the department may extend or renew any such leases in existence June 25, 1925, to public charitable, religious, educational or other associations not organized for profit, and except that the department may extend or renew any such leases in existence June 25, 1925, on islands upon which improvements have been made.

**History:** 1977 c. 29; 1983 a. 192; 1983 a. 423 s. 12; 1985 a. 30 s. 42; 1985 a. 297 s. 76; 1993 a. 16; 2005 a. 441.

**Cross Reference:** See also s. NR 1.42, Wis. adm. code.

**28.025 Annual allowable timber harvests. (1)** In this section, “forested property” means forested property owned by this state and under the jurisdiction of the department from which timber is harvested.

**(2)** The department shall establish annual allowable timber harvests for each forested property. The department may establish a single annual allowable timber harvest that applies to 2 or more forested properties in a particular region of this state, as determined by the department, if each one of those forested properties is smaller than 5,000 forested acres and if all of the proceeds from the sale of timber harvested on those combined forested properties are credited to appropriations under s. 20.370 that provide funding for the same purpose, as determined by the department.

**(3) (a) 1.** By January 1, 2007, and biennially thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the council on forestry specify-

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ing the total timber harvest on each forested property for the previous biennium, except as provided under par. (b).

2. Notwithstanding subd. 1, the department shall submit its report to the council on forestry as required under subd. 1. by January 1, 2009, and biennially thereafter, if the forested property that is the subject of the report has not been inventoried by the department under s. 23.135.

(b) If, under sub. (2), the department establishes an annual allowable timber harvest for combined forest properties, the department may submit a report that specifies the total timber harvest for these combined properties.

(c) If the department submits a report under this section that states that the timber harvest for forested property in any biennium is less than 90 percent, or more than 110 percent, of the allowable timber harvest established under sub. (2), the council on forestry shall prepare a report containing the reasons for noncompliance and recommendations on methods of ensuring that the timber harvest is consistent with the annual allowable timber harvest established by the department under sub. (2). The council on forestry shall submit the report to the governor, to the department, and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3).

**NOTE:** This section is created eff. 5–1–07 by 2005 Wis. Act 166.  
**History:** 2005 a. 166.

**28.03 State forests. (1) DEFINED.** State forests shall consist of well blocked areas of state owned lands which have been established as state forests by the department.

**(2) NAMED.** The state forests are designated as follows:

(a) “American Legion State Forest” in Oneida County.

(b) “Brule River State Forest” in Douglas County.

(c) “Flambeau River State Forest” in Sawyer, Rusk and Price counties.

(d) “Kettle Moraine State Forest” in Sheboygan, Fond du Lac, Washington, Waukesha, Jefferson, Ozaukee and Walworth counties.

(e) “Northern Highland State Forest” in Vilas and Iron counties.

(f) “Point Beach State Forest” in Manitowoc County.

**(3) DEPARTMENT MAY NAME.** The department may designate by appropriate name any state forest not expressly named by the legislature.

**28.035 American Legion State Forest. (1)** The state forest located in townships 38 and 39 north, ranges 7, 8 and 9 east, Oneida County, shall be named the American Legion State Forest.

**(2)** The department shall enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin department of the American Legion for hunting in the state forest lands described as lots 3, 4, 6 and 7 of section 8 and lots 2 and 3 of section 17, township 38 north, range 7 east, Oneida County, which are used in connection with Camp American Legion and which the Legion is now maintaining on this location as a restoration camp for sick and disabled veterans and their dependents.

**(3) CAMP AMERICAN LEGION.** (a) The written lease entered into between the Wisconsin state department of the American Legion and the department of natural resources dated June 15, 1944, which leases Camp American Legion for a period of 10 years commencing June 1, 1944, shall continue in full force for an additional 10 years, and may be renewed for additional 10–year periods, notwithstanding the expiration of the term expressed in the lease, so long as the Wisconsin state department of the American Legion or any of the American Legion posts organized under s. 188.08 maintains on the property structures which were constructed prior to May 31, 1956, at the expense of the Wisconsin state department of the American Legion or any post, for the purpose of the rehabilitation, restoration, or recreation of veterans and their dependents of the Spanish–American War, the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican border service, World

Wars I and II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam War, the Iraq War, and service in a crisis zone, as defined in s. 45.01 (11).

(b) The ownership of all of the buildings and equipment of the camp shall revert to the state upon the discontinuance of the use thereof for such purposes. On or before January 15 of each year the department of the American Legion shall file with the governor, the department of veterans affairs and the department of natural resources a written report of the operations and the financial status of the camp.

**History:** 1971 c. 164; 1977 c. 29 s. 537; 1977 c. 224; 1979 c. 34; 1983 a. 430; 1987 a. 399; 1991 a. 2, 165; 1993 a. 16; 2003 a. 83; 2005 a. 22.

**28.04 Management of state forests. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

(a) “Biological diversity” means the variety and abundance of species, their genetic composition, and the communities, ecosystems and landscapes in which they occur. “Biological diversity” also refers to the variety of ecological structures, functions and processes at any of these levels.

(b) “Community” means an assemblage of species living together in a particular area, time and habitat.

(c) “Ecological capability” means the potential of an area to support or develop one or more communities through management, with the potential being dependent on the area’s abiotic attributes, its flora and fauna, its ecological processes and disturbances within and upon the area.

(d) “Native” means indigenous to the area or region.

(e) “Sustainable forestry” means the practice of managing dynamic forest ecosystems to provide ecological, economic, social and cultural benefits for present and future generations.

**(2) PURPOSES AND BENEFITS OF STATE FORESTS.** (a) The department shall manage the state forests to benefit the present and future generations of residents of this state, recognizing that the state forests contribute to local and statewide economies and to a healthy natural environment. The department shall assure the practice of sustainable forestry and use it to assure that state forests can provide a full range of benefits for present and future generations. The department shall also assure that the management of state forests is consistent with the ecological capability of the state forest land and with the long–term maintenance of sustainable forest communities and ecosystems. These benefits include soil protection, public hunting, protection of water quality, production of recurring forest products, outdoor recreation, native biological diversity, aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, and aesthetics. The range of benefits provided by the department in each state forest shall reflect its unique character and position in the regional landscape.

(b) In managing the state forests, the department shall recognize that not all benefits under par. (a) can or should be provided in every area of a state forest.

(c) In managing the state forests, the department shall recognize that management may consist of both active and passive techniques.

**(3) STATE FOREST PLANS.** (a) The department shall prepare a plan for each state forest that describes how the state forest will be managed. The department shall work with the public to identify property goals and objectives that are consistent with the purposes under sub. (2). The department shall identify in each plan the objectives of management for distinct areas of the state forest.

(b) The department shall establish procedures for the preparation and modification of these plans, including procedures for public participation. In preparing and modifying plans under this subsection, the department shall use the best available information regarding the purposes and benefits of the state forests that the department acquires through inventories, evaluations, monitoring and research. In evaluating such information, the department shall consider both regional and local scales, including the impact on local economies. As new information becomes available, the

department shall adapt its management of the state forest and, if necessary, the plan for the state forest.

**History:** 1995 a. 257.

**Cross Reference:** See also ch. NR 44 and s. NR 1.24, Wis. adm. code.

The department has no authority to construct spectator sport facilities in state forests, nor has it authority to lease state forest lands for such purpose. 63 Atty. Gen. 519.

**28.042 Forestry inventory; implementation.** (1) The department shall undertake and maintain an inventory of forested areas on land owned by the state, including the areas of timber in these forested areas that have been or are to be harvested for purposes of state forestry management.

(2) The department, in performing its duties under this chapter, shall give priority to the completion of the inventory described in sub. (1) and the completion of the harvesting of timber that has been identified for harvesting in this inventory.

**History:** 2005 a. 25.

**28.045 Educational requirements for field foresters.**

(1) Every person hired as a field forester by the department on or after November 20, 2003, shall have received a bachelor's or higher degree in forestry from a school of forestry with a curriculum accredited by the Society of American Foresters or an equivalent degree, as determined by the chief state forester.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 230.14 (3m), the department may require as a condition of application that an applicant for the position of field forester has met the educational requirements specified under sub. (1).

**History:** 2003 a. 66.

**28.05 Timber sales; state forests.** (1) **LIMITATIONS.** Cutting shall be limited to trees marked or designated for cutting by a forester employed by the department or by an individual determined by the department to be qualified to do such marking or designating and who is under the oversight of a forester employed by the department. The department may sell products removed in cultural or salvage cuttings and standing timber designated in timber sale contracts, but all sales shall be based on tree scale or on the scale, measure or count of the cut products. The department may require that a person purchasing products or standing timber under a timber sale contract provide surety for the proper performance of the contract either directly or through a bond furnished by a surety company authorized to do business in this state.

(2) **PROCEDURE.** Sales of cut products or stumpage having an estimated value of \$3,000 or more shall be by public sale after 2 publications of a classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located. Sales with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more requires approval by the secretary.

(3) **COOPERATING FORESTERS.** (a) The department shall, by rule, establish a program that allows private cooperating foresters to assist the state in the harvesting and sale of timber from state forest lands to meet the annual allowable timber harvest established under s. 28.025. The rule shall include provisions authorizing the department to contract with cooperating foresters for the purpose of harvesting and selling timber from state forest lands and authorizing cooperating foresters to receive a portion of the proceeds from each timber sale. The department shall establish in the rule a method for determining what portion of the proceeds received from each timber sale shall be paid to the private cooperating foresters for their services in assisting the division in the harvesting and sale of timber from state forest lands. The division shall ask the council on forestry to recommend a method for determining what portion of the proceeds received from each timber sale shall be paid to private cooperating foresters under the rule.

(b) Each private cooperating forester with whom the department contracts under par. (a) to harvest and sell timber from state forest lands shall be entitled to receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of such timber in the amount determined by the department under par. (a).

**History:** 1989 a. 79; 1999 a. 9; 2003 a. 66; 2005 a. 166.

Although the DNR has authority to sell firewood, there is no requirement that it do so. 71 Atty. Gen. 23.

**28.06 Forest nurseries.** (1) **LIMITATION.** Only planting stock of species and sizes suitable for forest and woodlot planting and for planting by school pupils to celebrate arbor day under s. 118.025 shall be produced in state forest nurseries. The department may employ labor at prevailing local wages for nursery operation or reforestation.

(2) **DISTRIBUTION.** In addition to use of planting stock on state lands, the department may distribute stock for growing forest products, for establishing windbreaks or shelterbelts, for control of soil erosion, and for game food or cover, but not for ornamental or landscape planting except by school pupils celebrating arbor day. Prices of planting stock shall be approved annually by the department and shall be based on the total cost of administering the forest nursery program under this section, including the cost of processing applications and producing, packaging and distributing nursery stock. To encourage forest planting, free stock may be allotted to any nonprofit organization or any school for the celebration of arbor day under s. 118.025.

(2m) **SURCHARGE.** (a) A person who purchases a seedling under sub. (2) shall pay, in addition to the price of the seedling charged under sub. (2), a surcharge for each seedling purchased. Beginning on September 1, 2001, and ending on June 30, 2002, the surcharge shall be 2 cents for each seedling. Beginning on July 1, 2002, the surcharge shall be 3 cents for each seedling. All surcharges collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the conservation fund.

(b) For fiscal year 2002–03 and each fiscal year thereafter, the department shall credit 50% of the moneys received as surcharges under par. (a) during the applicable fiscal year to the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (1) (cu) and the remaining 50% to the appropriation account under s. 20.370 (1) (cv).

(3) **EXCHANGE, SALE OR PURCHASE.** For the purpose of adjusting forest planting programs, the department may exchange stock with, sell stock to or purchase stock from a county, another state or the U.S. forest service.

(4) **RESALE OF NURSERY STOCK.** Any person who sells forestry stock secured from the department shall forfeit not more than \$100.

(5) **FORFEITURES.** Any person who uses planting stock which he or she knows was produced in state forest nurseries for any purpose other than those specified in sub. (2) or for ornamental or landscape planting except as specified in sub. (2) shall forfeit not more than \$500.

**History:** 1975 c. 365; 1981 c. 59; 1983 a. 422; 1985 a. 153; 1987 a. 27; 1993 a. 16; 2001 a. 16; 2005 a. 25 ss. 541f, 557g.

**Cross Reference:** See also s. NR 1.20, Wis. adm. code.

**28.07 Cooperation.** The department may cooperate with the University of Wisconsin System, with departments and agencies of this or other states, with federal agencies and with counties, towns, corporations and individuals, to promote the best interest of the people and the state in forest surveys, research in forestry and related subjects, forest protection and in assistance to landowners to secure adoption of better forestry practice.

**History:** 1985 a. 13.

**Cross Reference:** See also ss. NR 1.21, 1.211, 1.212, and 1.213, Wis. adm. code.

**28.08 Income.** All income from state forest lands shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the conservation fund.

**History:** 1977 c. 418.

**28.085 Timber.** The department shall allocate for private forest grants under s. 26.38, for forestry research and development grants under s. 26.385, for the forestry education grant program under s. 26.40, for school forest transportation funding under s. 26.39 (5), for transfer to the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (km) for master logger apprenticeship grants under s. 38.04 (29), or for forestry internships under s. 26.39.

**History:** 2005 a. 25.

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**28.10 County forests.** The county board of any county may by resolution establish a county public forest and acquire land by tax deed or otherwise for that purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Enter into leases or agreements, for terms not exceeding 10 years, to explore and prospect for ore, minerals, gas or oil upon any county forest lands. These leases or agreements shall contain proper covenants to safeguard the public interests in the lands involved and to guard against trespass and waste. The county board shall require proper security to ensure that the person engaged in exploration or prospecting fully informs the county of every discovery of ore, minerals, gas or oil and restores the land surface to an acceptable condition and value if no discovery of valuable deposit is made or if county forest lands are not withdrawn from entry under this section. Before a lease or agreement under this paragraph is effective, approval of the lease or agreement by the department is required. If the department finds that the proposed lease or agreement fully complies with the law and contains the proper safeguards, it shall approve the lease or agreement.

(j) Enter into leases for the extraction of valuable deposits of ore, minerals, gas or oil upon any county forest land. If the extrac-

tion can be accomplished without permanently affecting the surface of the land, extraction leases may be entered into and extraction may occur while the land remains county forest lands. If the extraction cannot be accomplished without permanently affecting the surface of the land, extraction may not commence until the land is withdrawn as county forest land. Before an extraction lease under this paragraph is effective, approval of the lease by the department is required.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(5) MANAGEMENT. (a)** On or before December 31, 2005, a comprehensive county forest land use plan shall be prepared for a 15-year period by the county forestry committee with the assistance of technical personnel from the department and other interested agencies, and shall be approved by the county board and the department. The plan shall include land use designations, land acquisition, forest protection, annual allowable timber harvests, recreational developments, fish and wildlife management activities, roads, silvicultural operations and operating policies and procedures; it shall include a complete inventory of the county forest

and shall be documented with maps, records and priorities showing in detail the various projects to be undertaken during the plan period. The plan may include an application for aids under s. 23.09 (17m). The application will be considered an annual application for these aids during the 15–year period of the plan. The initial plan may be revised as changing conditions require. Upon the expiration of the initial 15–year plan period, and upon expiration of each subsequent 15–year plan period, the plan shall be revised and shall be in effect for another 15–year period. If a plan under this paragraph is not revised upon expiration of the 15–year plan period, or if a plan under s. 28.11 (5) (a), 2003 stats., is not revised on or before December 31, 2005, that plan shall remain in effect until such time as that plan is revised and the revised plan takes effect.

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

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

1. Up to 50% of the forester’s salary.
2. Up to 50% of the forester’s fringe benefits, except that the fringe benefits may not exceed 40% of the forester’s salary.

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

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

**(5r) SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANTS.** (a) In this subsection, “sustainable forestry” has the meaning given in s. 28.04 (1) (e).

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Within 90 days after completion of any cutting operation, including timber trespass, but not more than 2 years after filing the cutting notice, the county shall transmit to the department on forms furnished by the department, a report of merchantable wood products cut. The department may conduct any investigations on timber cutting operations that it considers to be advisable, including the holding of public hearings on the timber cutting operations, and may assess severance share payments accordingly.

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

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

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

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

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amounts approved by the department under this subdivision, the department shall pay eligible counties on a prorated basis.

2. The department may allot additional interest free forestry aid loans on a project basis to individual counties to permit the counties to undertake meritorious and economically productive forestry operations, including land acquisitions. These additional aids may not be used for the construction of recreational facilities or for fish and game management projects. Application shall be made in the manner and on forms prescribed by the department and specify the purpose for which the additional aids will be used. The department shall make an investigation as it deems necessary to satisfy itself that the project is feasible, desirable and consistent with the comprehensive plan. If the department so finds, it may make allotments in such amounts as it determines to be reasonable and proper and charge the allotments to the forestry fund account of the county. These allotments shall be credited by the county to the county forestry aid fund. After determining the loans as required under subd. 1., the department shall make the remainder of the amounts appropriated under s. 20.370 (5) (bq) and (bs) for that fiscal year available for loans under this subdivision. The department shall also make loans under this subdivision from the appropriations under s. 20.370 (5) (bt) and (bu).

3. All payments made under this paragraph shall be known as the “forestry fund account”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. One member appointed by the county board submitting the application for withdrawal.

b. One member who is appointed by the governor, who is from another county that has land enrolled under the county forest law, and who shall be chairperson of the review committee.

c. One member appointed by the department.

d. One member appointed by the University of Wisconsin from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

e. One member to be selected by unanimous vote of the appointed members or, if the appointed members fail to achieve unanimity, by the governor.

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

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

b. Provisionally deny the application for withdrawal giving specific reasons why it finds the proposal deficient and making

any suggestions for revising the application to reduce the conflict of the proposed use with the public interest.

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

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

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

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

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

**History:** 1971 c. 215; 1975 c. 39 s. 734; 1975 c. 342; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 34 ss. 723 to 725, 2102 (39) (a); 1983 a. 27; 1983 a. 192 s. 304; 1983 a. 424 ss. 2 to 5; 1985

a. 29 ss. 655ce to 655cg, 3202 (39); 1985 a. 182 s. 57; 1987 a. 27; 1989 a. 31, 79; 1993 a. 16, 184, 301; 1995 a. 27, 201; 1997 a. 237, 248; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16, 103; 2003 a. 242; 2005 a. 48.

**Cross Reference:** See also ch. NR 48 and ss. NR 1.24, 47.60, and 302.03, Wis. adm. code.

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

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

**28.20 Community forests.** Any city, village, town or school district may acquire land, engage in forestry and appropriate funds for such purpose. The forest property may be located outside the city, village, town or school district limits.

**History:** 1985 a. 218; 1993 a. 246.

**28.21 Management.** Any municipality, by registering its forest with the department, shall be eligible to receive free planting stock from the state forest nurseries and the services of foresters in preparing and carrying out planting and forest management plans. No trees shall be cut except those marked or designated for cutting by a state forester. Products of the forest may be devoted to public use.

**28.22 Timber sales; community forests.** Any timber sale from a community forest shall be based on the scale, measure or count of the cut products. Any timber sale with an estimated value of \$3,000 or more shall be by public sale after 2 publications of a classified advertisement announcing the sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the county in which the timber to be sold is located.

**History:** 1989 a. 79; 1999 a. 9.

**28.23 Income.** All income from community forests shall be paid into the treasury, but may be assigned to the support of any legally authorized activity.

**28.99 Parties to a violation. (1)** Whoever is concerned in the commission of a violation of this chapter for which a forfeiture is imposed is a principal and may be charged with and convicted of the violation although he or she did not directly commit it and although the person who directly committed it has not been convicted of the violation.

**(2)** A person is concerned in the commission of the violation if the person:

- (a) Directly commits the violation;
- (b) Aids and abets the commission of it; or

(c) Is a party to a conspiracy with another to commit it or advises, hires or counsels or otherwise procures another to commit it.

**History:** 1975 c. 365.

CHAPTER 16

FOREST AND LAND ORDINANCE

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**16.01 Authority.** This chapter is enacted to prescribe rules and regulations for the administration of County powers and duties as provided in Chapters 26, 28, 29, 59, 75 and 77, Wis. Stats., under which the Vilas County Board is granted specific powers relative to the establishment, protection, development, and management of County Lands and Forests to provide sustained yield of forest products for commercial use and the associated benefits of soil and water conservation, scenic values, and fish and game resources; all in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources. All references to Wisconsin Statutes shall include any amendment thereof.

The County Board of Supervisors of Vilas County do ordain as follows:

**16.02 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following terms mean:

- (1) *Agent.* The Vilas County Forest Administrator.
- (2) *Beach.* Any water area or adjacent land area designated as a swim area by standard regulatory markers.

(3) *Boat Landing.* Any site adjacent to water that provides public access to navigable waters.

(4) *Board.* Vilas County Board of Supervisors.

(5) *Camp or Camping.* The use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bed roll, or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

(6) *Campsite.* A segment of a campground or camping area which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

(7) *Camping Unit.* A single shelter, except sleeping bags and hammocks, used for a camp by a camping party, except those used exclusively for dining purposes.

(8) *Camping Party.* Any individual, family, or individual group occupying a campsite.

(9) *Committee.* The Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee.

(10) *County Land.* County land or lands includes all lands previously and subsequently acquired under supervision of the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee and those lands under land use agreement with them including Federal, State, Town and private lands that provide forest, wildlife or recreational benefit.

(11) *County Property.* County property includes trees, shrubs, plants and other natural growth, sand and gravel, rocks, archaeological or geological features, gates, signs, walls tables, piers, and structures.

(12) *Department.* The Vilas County Forestry Department.

(13) *Personnel.* Includes all individuals involved with the implementation of the Vilas County Forest 10-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan and under the direction of the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee and Forest Administrator.

(14) *Picnic Area.* Any tract of land developed and maintained for picnicking, including adjacent recreational areas.

(15) *Plan.* The Vilas County Forest 10-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan and all other documents referenced therein. [History: rev.1/02-1A]

**16.03 Committee Appointment.** The Vilas County Board hereby assigns administration of the County Forestry Department to the Committee of this Board known as the Forestry,

Recreation and Land Committee. [History: rev. 1/02-1A]

#### **16.04 Powers and Duties of the Committee.**

**(1) POLICIES.** The Vilas County Forest 10-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan and all documents referenced therein shall serve as policy for the operation of the department.

**(2) LANDS AND FACILITIES.** Management and regulatory control of all lands and facilities designated in this chapter or not specifically designated to another committee of the Board of Supervisors are delegated to the Committee.

**(3) SCOPE.** The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all lands, structures, and property owned, leased, controlled or administered by Vilas County as determined in Chapter 16.05(2) of this chapter. All such lands shall be shown on an official map or listing at the Forestry Department located at 1881 Highway 45 North, Eagle River, Wisconsin, and in accordance with the records of the office of the Register of Deeds.

**(4) COUNTY FOREST LANDS.** The Vilas County Forest shall include all lands now held or hereafter acquired for forestry or special use purposes and entered under the provisions of Section 28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**(5) COUNTY RESERVED AND OTHER COUNTY LANDS.** Includes all lands administered under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not specified in §16.05(4) of this chapter.

**(6) ANNUAL OPERATIONS.** The Committee shall approve an Annual Work Plan and Budget prepared by the Administrator for the Department operations for each ensuing year. The Committee shall submit the work plan and budget to the County Board whose approval shall establish the limits as well as purpose for which expenditures may be made.

**(7) PERSONNEL.** The Committee shall direct and supervise the County Forestry Department subject to approval of the County Board. It shall employ a County Forest Administrator as its agent and such other competent personnel as the Board may authorize to direct, perform, and enforce the administration and management functions of this chapter.

**(8) HEADQUARTERS.** The Committee shall establish and maintain forest headquarters for

office space and the housing of machinery, tools, equipment and supplies needed in conducting forestry operations.

**(9) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.** The Committee may purchase, sell, trade, or dispose of equipment and supplies required for the operations of its Department.

**(10) LAND ACQUISITION.** The Committee may negotiate for the acquisition of lands and easements within the County Forest boundary by purchase, gift, bequest, or by exchange of County-owned lands outside the boundary for the purpose of blocking the forest for better administration or for recreational purposes. Each such proposed acquisition must be presented to the County Board for its approval.

**(11) ENTRY OF LANDS.** The Committee may make application for entry under the County Forest Law as lands are acquired within the County Forest boundary.

**(12) PROTECTION.** The Committee shall do all things necessary for the protection of the forest, whether from fire, insects, disease, trespass, or from damage by animals or from other causes, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources.

**(13) SURVEYS.** The Committee shall direct the activities of the County Surveyor in locating survey lines and appropriately monumenting corners of County Forest Lands and Reserve Lands.

**(14) ROADS.** The Committee may construct, improve, and maintain a system of forest roads, trails and firebreaks and purchase secure easements for access required to cross privately owned lands.

**(15) FOREST IMPROVEMENT.** The Committee may conduct forest improvement work including reforestation, release cuttings, thinnings, pruning, and weeding by any method including spraying or dusting of chemicals by airplane and other methods not prohibited by law.

**(16) FISH AND GAME.** The Committee shall cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources on all matters relating to game and fish management.

**(17) SALE OF FOREST PRODUCTS.** The Committee may sell timber stumpage in accordance with the guidelines in the 10-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

**(18) COOPERATION.** The Committee may enter into agreements with the U.S. Forest Service, Lakes States Forest Experiment Station, the University of Wisconsin, and the Department of Natural Resources for the use of County lands, labor, materials, and equipment for conducting forest research.

**(19) SPECIAL USES.** The Committee may establish, construct and maintain recreation and interpretation facilities, boat landings, wild resource zones, aesthetic management zones, special use areas, and wildlife habitat. The Committee may do special forest or recreation development work on school forests, community forests, and other public lands in Vilas County that provide public benefit.

**(20) PROSPECTING.** The Committee may enter into agreements to prospect for minerals upon County lands under its jurisdiction subject to the approval by the Board and the Department of Natural Resources.

**(21) USE PERMITS.** The Committee may authorize special uses of the County-owned lands by written permit. Any such permit shall be revocable for cause by written notice. The Committee may establish and charge fees for special use permits.

**(22) SAND AND GRAVEL PITS.** The Committee may issue permits to municipalities within Vilas County for removal of sand and gravel from lands under its jurisdiction. The municipality shall submit a reclamation plan with this request. The reclamation plan shall follow State of Wisconsin Statutes and must be approved by the Committee prior to issuing a permit. The removal of sand and gravel from County Forest Lands shall be for public use only.

**(23) PLAN.** The Committee shall cooperate with the Department of Natural Resources in the establishment and maintenance of the Vilas County 10-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan. In addition, the Committee will cooperate in the determination of the allowable annual cut, an inventory of growing stock and an acreage assessment, establishment of compartments, and other necessary items for such plan.

**(24) ANNUAL REPORT.** The Committee shall present an annual report of its activities prepared by the Forest Administrator to the County Board. The report shall include statistics

showing work accomplished at what cost. Such reports shall be sufficient in detail so that performance of the Forestry Department may be measured. [History: rev. 1/02-1A]

**16.05 Forest Finances. (1) COUNTY-OWNED LAND.** All proceeds from the sale or trade of County-owned lands shall be credited to the County Land Fund and such fund shall be non-lapsing. The County Land Fund (Segregated Land Account) shall not exceed \$200,000.00. Proceeds over and above this cap shall be deposited in the General Fund, per County Board Resolution 98-49.

**(2) GENERAL FUND.** All monies received from the sale of timber stumpage, cut forest products, fees, and user permits, sale of building materials, sale of surplus materials and equipment, fire or other damage collections or revenues received by the Forestry, Recreation, and Land Committee will be deposited in the General Fund at the end of the year unless otherwise specified under Sec. 16.06 of the Chapter.

**(3) SEVERANCE ACCOUNTS.** All monies received from the sale of timber stumpage and cut forest products as provided under §28.11(9), Wis. Stats., and amendment thereof shall be distributed from the General Fund at the end of the year.

**(4) STATE FUNDS.** All allotments from state funds under §28.11(8)(b) State Forest Aid Fund, §86.315 Road Aids, §92.14 Land Conservation Fund, §23.09(17m) Habitat Development Grant, §23.09(12) County Fish and Game Fund, §23.09(26) Snowmobile Aids, and §23.09(25) Motorcycle Aid Program, of the Wisconsin Statutes, shall be deposited in their respective funds and shall be non-lapsing, except that the County Forest Administrators Grant shall be deposited into the State Forest Aid Account, and withdrawals shall be made quarterly or semi-annually by the County Clerk for the salary of the Forest Administrator. [History: rev. 1/02-1A]

#### **16.06 Forest Land Use Regulations.**

**(1) DESIGNATION OF FOREST LANDS.** All lands and facilities owned, leased, controlled, or operated by the Committee, and not designated under Chapter 27, Wis. Stats., shall be

considered forest lands and regulated by this chapter.

**(2) FOREST PRODUCTS HARVEST AND THEFT.**

(a) *Timber Cutting.* Commercial cutting, salvage cuttings, and cultural cuttings on lands designated in this chapter shall be by written permit, or contract approved by the Committee.

(b) *Firewood and Special Products* Commercial harvest of firewood and specialty products shall be by contract or written permit by the Committee.

(c) *Product Theft.* No person shall remove any plant, tree, parts of a tree, or other forest products from any County lands designated in this chapter except as authorized by the Committee or its agents by written permit, contract, or policy. Picking fruit, berries, nuts and mushrooms is permitted.

**(3) COUNTY PROPERTY DESTRUCTION AND ENTRY.**

(a) *Destruction.* No person shall disturb, vandalize, damage, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, other natural growth, sand or gravel; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls, tables or structures; drive nails into trees; or remove, injure, or deface in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, gates, fences, tables, or other County property. The picking of fruits, berries, nuts, and mushrooms is permitted.

(b) *Entry.* No person shall enter or be in any building, installation, area, or trail that is locked or closed to public use or contrary to public or posted notice without a written permit from the Committee.

(c) *Tampering.* No person shall tamper with any building, installation, or area which is under construction, locked, or closed to public use, and/or tamper with, use, or damage any water control structure, device, dam or culvert, or contrary to posted or public notice.

(d) *Damage by Vehicle.* No person shall operate a vehicle for recreational use or other purpose in or on any property administered by the Committee in such a manner as to cause soil erosion, pollution or other damage.

**(4) SPECIAL USE.** Special use of specific areas of County lands shall be authorized only by written permit issued by the Committee.

**(5) REFUSE.** No person shall leave or dump any litter, rubbish, debris, dirt, stone, stumps, yard waste or other materials on any County-owned lands.

**(6) FIRES.** No person shall burn trash, slash, or litter on designated forest lands except as authorized by written permit or policy.

**(7) EXPLORING OR PROSPECTING.** No person shall explore or prospect on County-owned lands without a written permit.

**(8) SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL USE OF FOREST LANDS.**

(a) *Recreational Use Permits.* Written permits issued by the Committee to incorporated organizations for recreational use of specific areas of County-owned lands, including ski clubs, snowmobile clubs, and other organizations is permitted.

(b) *Abandoned Vehicles.* As used in this section, vehicle means any motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, or mobile home. No person shall leave any vehicle unattended without prior Committee authority for more than 48 hours under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. An abandoned vehicle shall constitute a public nuisance.

(c) *Hunting.* No person shall erect, occupy, or use other than a commercially available, factory manufactured portable tree stand or elevated platform for hunting purposes and only during the period from start of deer archery season through December 31<sup>st</sup> and for no more than eleven (11) consecutive days. Climbing devices to access the portable stand or elevated platform shall be of the ladder type or steps which are attached to the tree with binding straps or chains. Climbing stands which do not damage the tree will be permissible. Penetration of any part of the tree by the combination of stand, platform or climbing device is strictly prohibited. Each licensed hunter shall be limited to one portable tree stand or platform which is in compliance with this Section. Portable tree stands and elevated platforms must have the owner's name, address and telephone number permanently attached to the climbing device at four (4) feet above ground level. Portable tree stand and elevated platforms found in violation of this Section will be removed by the County.

Persons found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to citation and a forfeiture. Ground blinds other than commercially available, factory manufactured portable ground blinds may be constructed only of natural materials (e.g., no manufactured or processed materials, including sawn lumber). No nails, screws or metal objects may be placed into any tree. No damage may occur to trees. [History: cr. 1996-3A; rev. 1/04-2A]

(d) *Off Road Vehicles.* No person shall operate or park any unlicensed or licensed motor vehicle within the County Forest Lands except where such use is specifically approved by the Vilas County Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee. “Motor Vehicle” includes but is not limited to trail bikes, motorcycles, mini-bikes, and all-terrain vehicles. [History: rev. 6/95-1A]

(e) *Vehicles.* No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle upon any blocked road, designated snowmobile trail, or recreational trail, other than a County forest road, or contrary to posted notice, or upon any area other than existing roads or parking areas except for off-road parking and camping adjacent to existing roadway.

(f) *Snowmobiles.* No person shall operate or park any snowmobile on any blocked road, road, trail, or ski trail, other than designated on the official Vilas County Snowmobile Trails Map, or contrary to official signing.

(g) *Access.* No person shall block or restrict access to any trail, road, parking area, or recreational facility, or intentionally interfere with lands and facilities under the management and regulatory control of the Committee. [History: 1/02-1A]

**16.07 Survey Regulations. (1) SURVEY MONUMENTS.** No person shall remove, cover, bury, destroy, or deface any survey monument, corner post, monument accessory, witness tree, bearing tree, or survey accessory on any lands within Vilas County, without following §59.74, Wis. Stats.

**(2) FILING OF SURVEYS.** A correct and true copy of all surveys for individuals or corporations performed by any land surveyor of land in Vilas County must be filed in the Office

of the Vilas County Surveyor within 60 days after completion of the survey. [History: rev.1/02-1A]

**16.08 Recreational Use. Recreation Lands, Sporting Lands and Water. (1) DESIGNATION OF RECREATIONAL LANDS, SPORTING LANDS AND WATER.** All lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired, leased, controlled or operated by the Committee, and not designated under §16.06(1) of this chapter. The following recreational sites shall be shown on an official County map or listing at the Forestry Office located at 1881 Highway 45 North, Eagle River, Wisconsin 54521.

City of Eagle River

Vilas County Fairgrounds and Tennis Courts  
Riverside Park

Cloverland Township

Boot Lake  
Cook’s Lake  
Ewald Lake  
Mud Minnow Lake  
Muskellunge Lake  
Pickerel Creek  
Rice Lake  
Snipe Lake  
Wood Duck Lake

Conover Township

Baker Lake  
Buckatabon  
Buckatabon Shelter  
Vilas County Shooting Range  
Deep Lake  
Lake of the Hills  
Rummels Road Canoe Campsite  
Hunter Lake  
McLeod Lake  
Razorback Canoe Campsite  
River Road Canoe Campsite  
Rummels Road Shelter  
Tamarack Flowage  
Tamarack Springs Campground  
Torch Lake  
Chicago Avenue Radio-Controlled Model  
Airplane Facility

Land O'Lakes Township  
 White Spruce Lake Primitive Campground  
 Lake of the Woods Primitive Campground

Lincoln Township  
 Dr. Oldfield Memorial Park

Phelps Township  
 Lac Vieux Desert Park

Plum Lake Township  
 Langley Lake  
 Snyder Lake

Washington Township  
 Eagle Lake County Park  
 Cranberry Island Park

**(2) ACCESS.** No person shall block or restrict access to any trail, road, parking area, or recreational facility, or intentionally interfere with lands and facilities under the management and regulatory control of the Committee.

**(3) COUNTY PROPERTY DESTRUCTION AND ENTRY.**

(a) *Destruction.* No person shall disturb, vandalize, damage, deface, remove, or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, other natural growth, sand, or gravel; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls, tables or structures; drive nails into trees; or remove, injure, or deface in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, gates, fences, tables, or other County property. The picking of fruits, berries, nuts, and mushrooms is permitted.

(b) *Entry.* No person shall enter or be in any building, installation, area, or trail that is locked or closed to public use or contrary to public or posted notice without a written permit from the Committee.

(c) *Tampering.* No person shall tamper with any building, installation, or area which is under construction, locked, or closed to public use, and/or tamper with, use or damage any water

control structure, device, dam or culver, or contrary to posted or public notice.

(d) *Damage by Vehicle.* No person shall operate a vehicle for recreational use or other purposes in or on any property administered by the Committee in such a manner as to cause soil erosion, pollution or other damage.

**(4) PROPERTY OF OTHERS.** No person shall destroy, molest, or attempt to remove or remove the property of others without the consent of the owner.

**(5) REFUSE.** No person shall discard or leave any refuse, sewage, or other waste material on the ground, or in any building or installation, into the water or upon the ice of any lake or stream or other body of water, or dispose of any such refuse or waste material in any manner except by placing in receptacles or other authorized locations provided for such purposes. Refuse must be packed out from those areas where official containers are not provided. Charcoal residue must be left in a grate or fire ring until cool, or placed in receptacles provided for such purposes.

**(6) PETS.** No person shall allow his/her dog, cat or other pet to be in any building or upon any swimming beach, picnic area, or playground. Dogs, cats, and other pets shall be kept on a leash not more than 8 feet long and under the control of the owner at all times in recreation areas, all campgrounds, and on posted trails. No person shall fail to prevent his/her dog, cat or other pet from interfering in any manner with the enjoyment of the area by others. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of a seeing-eye dog by the blind.

**(7) FIRES.** No person shall start, tend, or maintain any fire on the ground, or burn any refuse except in fire rings or grills at any recreational area. No person shall leave any fire unattended, or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, or pipe ashes or any embers without first extinguishing them, or start, tend, or use in any manner any fire contrary to posted notice on any lands or property under the management, supervision, and control of the Committee.

**(8) PEDDLING AND SOLICITING.** No person shall peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever or distribute handbills or other

advertising matter, post unauthorized signs or decorative matter on any lands, structure, or property under the management, supervision, or control of the Committee, or use such lands, structures, or property as a base of commercial operations for soliciting or conducting business, peddling, or providing services within or outside of such lands, structures, or property.

**(9) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.** No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour or contrary to official traffic signs in any recreational area. No person shall operate or park any vehicle as defined in §340.01(74), Wis. Stats., which is required to be registered by law, on lands under the control and management of the Committee except on roads or in designated parking areas.

**(10) OFF ROAD VEHICLES.** No person shall operate or park any unlicensed or licensed motor vehicle with the County Forest Lands and recreational areas except where such use is specifically approved by the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee. "Motor vehicle" includes but is not limited to trail bikes, motorcycles, mini-bikes and all-terrain vehicles. [History: rev. 6/95]

**(11) PARKING.** No person shall park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle or watercraft, in any manner as to block, obstruct, or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway, or winter facility, or contrary to posted notice.

**(12) SNOWMOBILES.** No person shall operate or park any snowmobile on any blocked road, road, trail, or ski trail other than designated on the official Vilas County Snowmobile Trail Map, or contrary to official signing.

**(13) WATERCRAFT.**

(a) No person shall moor, anchor, or leave unattended any watercraft overnight in the waters of any recreation site under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.

(b) No person shall remain overnight in any watercraft in the waters of any recreation site under the management, supervision, and control of the Committee.

(c) No person shall operate a boat within a water area marked by buoys or other approved regulatory devices as a swimming beach, nor

operate a watercraft in a restricted area contrary to regulatory notice marked on buoys or other approved regulatory devices. This subsection does not apply in the case of emergency or to patrol or rescue craft.

**(14) CAMPING RESTRICTIONS.**

(a) Camping is prohibited at boat landings, picnic grounds, and beaches unless otherwise designated. No person shall camp at any recreation site without a permit and the payment of the prescribed fees, except when traveling by watercraft and camping at the designated canoe campsites on the Wisconsin River. Camping fees must be paid and a permit obtained before setting up camp. Camping is permitted on County Forest Lands in designated camping areas by permit only and not to exceed 10 consecutive days. The only exception is that during the Wisconsin Gun Deer Season camping on County Forest Lands in areas not designated for camping is allowed, by permit only. Any camper who has violated the terms of this chapter or the Wisconsin Statutes that are part of this chapter shall be subject to immediate ejection from the County-owned lands. [History: rev. 1/02-1A]

(b) When traveling by watercraft no person shall camp at any of the designated canoe campsites on the Wisconsin River for more than a 24-hour period.

(c) All camping permits expire at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.

(d) Extensions within the 10-day limit may be granted on camping permits. Extensions must be obtained prior to 3:00 p.m.

(e) After the 10-day limit, the camping unit must be removed from the property for at least 7 days before being eligible to return.

(f) A campsite must be occupied by a camping unit on the first night of the permit period, and no campsite may be left unoccupied by the camping party for more than 48 hours. Any tent, equipment or motor vehicle not occupied for more than 48 hours may be removed by the Department at the owner's expense.

(g) No person shall obtain a camping permit for use by a camping party of which that person is not a member.

(h) No more than one recreational trailer or motor home may occupy a campsite.

**(15) FIREWORKS.** No person shall possess, fire, discharge, explode or set off any explosives or pyrotechnic device containing powder or other combustible or explosive material within the limits of any recreation site under the management, supervision and control of the Committee or contrary to posted notice.

**(16) FIREARMS.** No person shall have in his possession or under his control any firearm or airgun as defined in §939.22, Wis. Stats., or any slingshot or spring-loaded device designed for shooting a projectile, unless the same is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, or any bow unless same is unstrung or enclosed in a case at any campground, picnic area, swimming beach or boat landing.

**(17) SHOOTING RANGES.** No person shall discharge any firearm, airgun, or bow in any shooting range under management, supervision, and control of the Committee contrary to posted regulations.

(a) “*Weapon*” shall mean any rifle, pistol, firearm, airgun or other device whose function is similar to that of a firearm.

(b) The following rules shall apply to all shooting ranges on County-owned lands:

1. Whenever a person is down range for any reason, all individuals in the range shall cease firing and unload and break open the actions on their weapons.

2. All weapons are to be shot or fired only into the backstops. Targets shall not at anytime be placed on top of the backstops.

3. Glass targets shall not be used.

4. Users of the range must remove all refuse (cans, plastic containers, shell casings, etc.) from the range when finished and must dispose of such refuse at an appropriate disposal site.

5. Alcoholic beverages and containers are absolutely prohibited at the shooting range site and shall not be consumed on or brought to the premises.

6. The range is open spring, summer, and fall during daylight hours within the period from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. It is closed during the winter season, as the snowmobile trail passes through it, and the access road is not plowed.

(c) Violations of this section shall be subject to the penalty and assessment provisions found in §16.10 of the General Code of Vilas County. [History: rev. 9/99-5A]

**(18) WILDLIFE.** No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue or otherwise disturb any wild animals, bird or any other wildlife in any campground, picnic area, swimming beach, or boat landing or contrary to posted notice on other areas under the management, supervision and control of the Committee.

**(19) HORSES.** No person shall ride a horse in any campground, picnic area, beach area, or any other recreation site.

**(20) PERSONAL CONDUCT.** No person shall engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace or to disturb or annoy others. The Department may expel any person from lands under the management, supervision and control of the Committee for violation of any state law, county ordinance or contrary to posted rules or regulations.

**(21) UNDUE OR UNNECESSARY NOISES.** No person shall operate soundtracks, loud speakers, motors, motorboats, motor vehicles or any other mechanical devices that produce undue or unnecessary noises.

**(22) CLOSING HOURS.** No person except registered campers in or enroute to designated campsites shall park or enter any campground, picnic area, swimming beach, or boat landing site between sunset and sunrise unless launching a watercraft. [History: rev. 1/02-1A]

**(23) CLOSING AREAS.** The Department may close, by posted notice, any picnic area, beach, camping area, trail, unpaved road, or similar recreational site.

**(24) BEACHES AND LANDINGS.** No person shall wash cars, persons, pets, cooking utensils, or clothing in any waters adjacent to these areas under the management, supervision, and control of the Committee.

**(25) SWIMMING.** No person shall swim more than 50 yards from shoreline or swim beyond or molest a swimming beach boundary buoy or marker in any swimming beach under the management, supervision, and control of the Committee.

**(26) FEES AND CHARGES.** No person shall use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee without payment of such fee or charge. [History: 1/02-1A]

**16.09 Gathering Miscellaneous Forest Products. (1) PERMIT REQUIRED.** Any treaty rights participant as covered in decision dated 19 March 1991, in case number 74-C-313-C, the Honorable Barbara B. Crabb, District Judge for the Federal District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, interested in gathering firewood, tree bark, maple sap, lodge poles, bows, marsh hay, or other miscellaneous forest products (except fruits, seeds, or berries not enumerated in County Ordinances), from County-owned land shall obtain a County Gathering Permit from the County Forestry Department prior to the exercise of said gathering rights.

**(2) APPLICATION AND PROCESSING.** The County Forest Administrator shall prepare an appropriate application requesting pertinent information from all treaty rights participants who seek to gather miscellaneous forest products on County Forest Lands. Said application shall be available upon request. Those treaty rights participants who seek to gather miscellaneous forest products shall provide proper identification and present a valid tribal membership card upon submitting an application with the County. Upon receipt of an application, the County shall respond to the gathering permit request no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of said application. Said response shall either grant or deny the request. Should the request be denied, the reasons for said denial shall be set forth in the response of the County, including the basis for said denial with specific reference to the limitations set forth in §16.09(4) below. Any application which is incompletely or incorrectly prepared shall be returned within said fourteen (14) days to the applicant with specific directions as to which portion or portions of said applications are defective.

**(3) RIGHTS GRANTED BY SAID PERMIT.** The gathering permit shall indicate the location of the material to be gathered, the volume of the

material to be gathered, and any additional conditions on the gathering of the material necessary for conservation of timber or miscellaneous forest products on County land, or for public health and safety.

**(4) DENIAL OF GATHERING PERMIT.** The County may not deny a request to gather miscellaneous forest products on County property under the terms of this Ordinance unless:

(a) The gathering is inconsistent with the forest management plan for said property;

(b) The gathering will conflict with pre-existing rights of a permittee or other person possessing an approval to conduct an activity on the property, including a contractor of the County; or

(c) Is otherwise inconsistent with conservation or public health or safety. [History: 1/02-1A]

**16.10 Enforcement and Penalty Assessments.**

**(1) ENFORCEMENT.** Every law enforcement officer shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.

**(2) PENALTY ASSESSMENTS.**

(a) Any person, firm, or corporation, including those doing work for others who shall violate any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit to Vilas County the sum of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 plus the penalty assessment imposed. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a distinct and separate violation of this Ordinance and as such, forfeitures shall apply accordingly.

(b) Any treaty rights participant gathering miscellaneous forest products without first obtaining a gathering permit shall be subject to all existing penalties provided for in County Ordinances, including trespass and timber theft charges. Any person who possesses a gathering permit, and gathers beyond the authority granted in the permit, or who causes damage to the timber or miscellaneous forest products on County land, shall be assessed a forfeiture of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$200.00 for the first offense and not less than \$75.00 nor more than \$300.00 for every subsequent offense within twelve (12) months of the first offense.

(c) In addition to the penalties above, any person damaging the property of the County or another person shall remain liable in a civil action for the amount of that damage. [History: cr. 1/02-1A]

(3) INJUNCTION. Any use or action which violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a court injunction prohibiting such violation.

(4) RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE. Any person, firm, or corporation causing a violation or refusing to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance will be notified in writing of such violation by the County Forest Administrator or his designated representative, giving the person responsible a time period not to exceed 30 days from the date on the letter of notification to have the violation brought into compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Each day a violation exists thereafter shall constitute a distinct and separate violation of this Ordinance, and as such forfeitures shall apply accordingly. [History: 1/02-1A]

**16.11 Conflicts.** Any and all Ordinances or Resolutions of Vilas County, or any portion of said Ordinances or Resolutions to the contrary or in derogation of the above sections, are hereby repealed only insofar as conflict exists.

**16.12 Publication.** This Ordinance will take effect and be in force upon passage and publication as provided by law.

**16.13 Uniform Schedule of Deposits.**

**(1) COUNTY FOREST AND LAND FORFEITURE SCHEDULE AND TOTAL DEPOSIT.**

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Forfeiture</u>
16.06(2)(c)	Product Theft	\$200.00
16.06(3)(a)	Destruction of Property	200.00
16.06(3)(b)	Entry to County Property	50.00
16.06(3)(c)	Tamper w/Property	50.00
16.06(3)(d)	Damage to Property	80.00
16.06(5)	Refuse Dumping	200.00
16.06(6)	Forest Fires	200.00
16.06(8)(a)	Recreation Permit	50.00
16.06(8)(b)	Abandoned Vehicles	200.00
16.06(8)(c)	Hunting	200.00
16.06(8)(d)	Off Road Vehicles	100.00
16.06(8)(e)	Vehicle on Trails	100.00
16.06(8)(f)	Snowmobiles on Trails	100.00
16.06(8)(g)	Access to County Forest Lands	80.00

16.09(1)	Gathering Permit Required	50.00
16.09(3)	Gathering Permit Violation	50.00
16.09(3)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Violation	150.00

**(2) RECREATIONAL LANDS.**

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Forfeiture</u>
16.08(2)	Access to Rec. Lands	\$ 80.00
16.08(3)(a)	Destruction of Property	200.00
16.08(3)(b)	Entry to County Property	50.00
16.08(3)(c)	Tamper with County Property	50.00
16.08(3)(d)	Damage to County Property	200.00
16.08(4)	Property of Others	50.00
16.08(5)	Refuse Dumping	200.00
16.08(6)	Pets	50.00
16.08(7)	Fires	200.00
16.08(8)	Peddling and Soliciting	50.00
16.08(9)	Vehicular Traffic	50.00
16.08(10)	Off Road Vehicles	80.00
16.08(11)	Parking	50.00
16.08(12)	Snowmobiles	100.00
16.08(13)(a)	Watercraft Unattended	50.00
16.08(13)(b)	Watercraft Camping	50.00
16.08(13)(c)	Watercraft Buoys	100.00
16.08(14)(a)	Camping Restricted	50.00
16.08(14)(b)	Canoe Campsites	50.00
16.08(14)(c)	Camping Permit Expiration	50.00
16.08(14)(d)	Camping Permit Extensions	50.00
16.08(14)(e)	Camping 10-day Limit	50.00
16.08(14)(f)	Unoccupied Campsites	50.00
16.08(14)(g)	Non-member Permit Restrict	50.00
16.08(14)(h)	One Unit per Campsite	50.00
16.08(15)	Fireworks	100.00
16.08(16)	Uncased Firearms	100.00
16.08(17)	Shooting Ranges	100.00
16.08(18)	Wildlife in Parks	50.00
16.08(19)	Horses - Riding	50.00
16.08(20)	Personal Conduct	100.00
16.08(21)	Unnecessary Noise	100.00
16.08(22)	Closing Hours	100.00
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[History: rev.1/02-1A; Upd. 2/10/05]

**CHAPTER 19**

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

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**19.01 Authority.** To implement §27 and §59, Wis. Stats., under which the Vilas County Board is granted specific powers relative to the establishment, protection, development and management of the County Parks and other lands to provide recreational facilities.

**19.02 General Administration. (1) SCOPE.** Except when the context provides otherwise, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to all lands, structures, and property owned, eased, or administered by Vilas County, Wisconsin, and under the management, supervision, and control of the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee.

**(2) PLAN.** The Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee shall provide general guidelines for park and recreation development in the County.

**(3) DESIGNATIONS.**

(a) *Park, County Park, and Vilas County Park.* All lands and water previously and subsequently acquired by the County for park and recreational purposes, or under the jurisdiction of the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, and Land Committee, including federal, state, town, and privately owned lands, the use of which has been granted to the County for park, recreational, or like public purposes:

- Eagle Lake Park
- Torch Lake Park
- Hunter Lake Park
- Tamarack Springs Picnic Area
- Dr. Oldfield Park
- Lac Vieux Desert Park
- Cranberry Island Park
- McLeod Lake Picnic Area

(b) *Boat Landings.* 1. The following County Park, federal, state, town, or private land under land use agreement with the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee that is set aside for the purpose of setting afloat or retrieving any form of water craft:

- Town of Cloverland
- Pickerel Creek
- Snipe Lake
- Muskellunge Lake
- Boot Lake
- Ewald Lake Canoe Landing

- Town of Conover
- Lake of the Hills
- Baker Lake
- Tamarack Flowage
- Snyder Lake
- Buckatabon Landing
- Hunter Lake

- Town of Lincoln
- Dr. Oldfield Park

- Town of Washington
- Eagle Lake
- Cranberry Island Park

(c) *Campsites.* The following County Parks are set aside for the purpose of overnight camping by permit, except that overnight camping at the Wisconsin River Canoe Campsites without a vehicle is allowed without permit:

- Tamarack Springs Family Campground
- White Spruce Primitive Campground
- Lake of the Woods Primitive Campground
- River Road Canoe Campsite
- Rummels Road Canoe Campsite
- Buckatabon Shelter Canoe Campsite
- Razorback Canoe Campsite

Cranberry Island Park

(d) *Panfishing Piers.* The following County Parks are set aside for the purpose of panfishing:

- Baker Lake
- Tamarack Flowage
- Deep Lake
- Cook’s Lake
- Lake of the Hills
- Mud Minnow Lake
- Rice Lake
- Wood Duck Lake

(e) *Other Recreational Areas.* The following County Park, federal, state, town, or private land under land use agreement with the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee are set aside for recreational purposes:

- Vilas County Shooting Range
- Langley Lake Cross-Country Skiing Trail
- Chicago Avenue Radio-Controlled Model Airplane Facility.
- Vilas County Fairgrounds
- Riverside Park
- Eagle River Tennis Courts

(f) *Swimming Beaches.* The following lands are under the jurisdiction of the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee and are designated as swimming areas by standard regulatory markers or posted notice:

- Torch Lake Park
- Eagle Lake Park
- Hunter Lake Park

**(4) DEFINITIONS.**

(a) *Committee.* The Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee.

(b) *County Lands.* Any park lands to which Vilas County is legal owner or those lands under the jurisdiction of the Committee.

**(5) CLOSING HOURS.**

(a) All County Parks shall be closed to the general public from sunset to sunrise except such areas and facilities specifically designated by official action of the Forestry, Recreation, and Land Committee and properly posted by the Vilas County Forest Administrator.

(b) Persons transporting water craft to and from designated boat landings are permitted at any hour, except where posted to the contrary. No camping is permitted at boat landings except where posted.

**(6) FEES.** No person shall use any park land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee without payment of the required fee.

**(7) ADDITIONAL RULES, PERMITS, EXCEPTIONS.**

(a) *Additional Rules.* Rules and regulations may be made from time to time by the Committee or County Board for use and enjoyment of parks, playgrounds, beaches, boat landings, lakes, streams, and the facilities thereof. Any person who refuses to subject himself/herself thereto may be excluded from the use of such facility.

(b) *Permits.* Any person to whom a permit shall have been issued by the Committee shall be bound by the provisions of all ordinances of Vilas County as fully as though the same were inserted in each permit. [History: rev. 1/02-2A; rev. 6/04-4A]

**19.03 Peddling and Soliciting. (1)** No person shall peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever or distribute handbills or other advertising matter, post, unauthorized signs or decorative matter on any lands, structure, or property in any County Park or use such lands, structures, or property as a base of commercial operations for soliciting or conducting business, peddling, or providing services within or outside of such lands, structures or property, with the exception of activities conducted through the Vilas County Fair Board pursuant to the lease entered into with the Vilas County Forestry Department and the Vilas County Fair Board.

**(2)** No person shall use in any manner the dock, pier, wharf, boat landing, mooring facilities, or the waters in any County Park for the purpose of soliciting rides of any kind. [History: rev.1/02-2A; rev. 6/04-4A]

**19.04 Personal Conduct and Nuisances.**

**(1) PERSONAL CONDUCT.** No person shall engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct which tends to cause or provoke a disturbance.

(2) **PROPERTY OF OTHERS.** No person shall destroy, disturb, molest, or remove the property of another without the consent of the owner.

(3) **UNNECESSARY NOISES.** No person shall operate soundtracks, loud speakers, motors, motorboats, motor vehicles, or any other mechanical devices that produce unnecessary noises.

### **19.05 Destruction, Entry, Cleaning and Refuse. (1) DESTRUCTION AND ENTRY.**

(a) *Destruction, Defacement, or Removal.* No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth; carve on any rocks, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; or drive nails in trees in any County Park or boat landing. No person shall on lands under the jurisdiction of the Committee, move, injure, or deface in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables, or other property. The picking of edible fruits or nuts is permitted.

(b) *Entry and Manipulation.* No person shall enter in any way any building, installation, or area that may be under construction or locked or closed to public use; molest or manipulate any dam or culvert; or enter or be upon any building, installation, or area after the posted closing time, before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice, in any lands or facilities under Committee jurisdiction.

### **(2) CLEANING AND REFUSE.**

(a) *Washing.* The washing of cars, persons, pets, cooking utensils, or clothing is prohibited at any of the lakes or streams or on any picnic grounds, playgrounds, boat landings, parking lots, or roadways or within 50 feet of any pump, fountain, or drinking water outlet in any County Park.

(b) *Fish and Game.* No person shall clean, butcher, scale or skin any fish, game, livestock, or poultry in any County Park or boat landing.

(c) *Refuse.* No person shall dispose of any garbage, sewage, bottles, aluminum cans, paper, or other waste material in any manner except by placing in receptacles provided for such purposes or dump any such refuse in any park. Throwing of bottles, aluminum cans, sewage, or other refuse in or on the roads in any County Park is prohibited. Charcoal residue must be left

in a grate or fireplace until cool or placed in receptacles provided for such purposes. No person shall dispose of any non-park generated litter in refuse containers placed in County Parks.

### **19.06 Vehicles. (1) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.**

(a) No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 MPH or contrary to official traffic signs in any County Park.

(b) No person shall operate any vehicle in any park in a reckless manner contrary to provision of §346.62, Wis. Stats.

(c) No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle, except as provided for herein, upon any beach area, playground, picnic area, or any other area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps, and service areas, or contrary to posted notice, or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.

(2) **PARKING.** No person shall park, stop, or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction, or water craft, in any manner so as to block, obstruct, or limit the use of any road, trail, parking lot, boat landing, or waterway, contrary to posted notice or between sunset and sunrise, except that vehicles used to transport water craft are permitted at designated boat landings at any time.

### **19.07 Fires, Fireworks, Firearms. (1) FIRES.**

(a) No person shall start, tend, or maintain any fire or burn any refuse except in grills within any County Park, except that fires for cooking or heating may be made in portable stove, heaters, or grills.

(b) No person shall leave any fire unattended, or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, pipe ashes, or any embers without first extinguishing them, or abandon any fire or start, tend or use in any manner, any fire contrary to posted notice on any lands under Committee jurisdiction.

(2) **FIREWORKS.** No person shall possess, fire, discharge, explode, or set off any explosive or pyrotechnic device containing powder or other combustible or explosive material within the limits of any lands under Committee jurisdiction, except that exhibitions of fireworks given under the direction or by the permission of

the Committee or its authorized agent are permitted.

(3) FIREARMS. No person shall have in his possession or under his control any firearm or airgun as defined in §939.22, Wis. Stats.

**19.08 Animals.** (1) PETS. No person shall allow pets to enter any public building, swimming beach, picnic grounds, boat landing, or playground, or run at large at any time on lands designated in this chapter. In addition, pets are not allowed on the following Vilas County properties all located within the City of Eagle River: all vendor/exhibitor areas and food concessionaire areas located on the Vilas County Fairgrounds, Riverside Park, the Fran Richter Memorial Softball Fields, or Eagle River Tennis Courts. In areas where permitted, pets shall be kept on a leash not more than 8 feet long. All pets shall be effectively restrained or under the owner’s control at all times. No person shall allow his pet to deprive or disrupt another’s enjoyment or use of any area.

(2) HORSES. No person shall ride a horse in any area designated in this chapter, except in connection with organized shows or exhibits on the Vilas County Fairgrounds.

(3) HUNTING AND TRAPPING. No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue or otherwise disturb any wild birds or animals in any County Park. [History: rev. 2002-2A; rev. 6/04-4A]

**19.09 Beaches.** (1) FOOD AND BEVERAGES. No person shall carry or consume any food or beverages of any kind on any swimming beach or within 2 feet of any swimming beach.

(2) BOUNDARY BUOYS – MOLESTATION. No person shall swim beyond or disturb or molest a swimming beach boundary buoy or marker in any swimming beach.

(3) STORMS AND DANGEROUS WEATHER.  
 (a) No person shall swim in the water fronting any beach during electrical storms or in dangerous weather.

(b) No person shall swim more than 50 yards from the shoreline of any swimming beach, or beyond the limits of beach marker buoys where provided.

(4) BEACH ATHLETICS. Except in locations designated for such purposes, no person shall engage in any athletic game or sport or in any

activity upon a swimming beach or in the water when injury or inconvenience to other might result therefrom.

(5) SWIMMING ATTIRE. No person shall enter the water or onto any swimming beach unless clothed in such a manner so as to cover all intimate parts, as defined in §939.22(19), Wis. Stats.

(6) CHANGING CLOTHES. No person shall change clothes, except in beach houses or enclosed places.

**19.15 Enforcement and Penalties.**

(1) ENFORCEMENT. Every law enforcement officer shall enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(2) PENALTIES. Any person, firm, or corporation, including those doing work for others, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, forfeit to Vilas County the sum of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, plus the penalty assessment imposed. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a distinct and separate violation of this Ordinance and as such, forfeitures shall apply accordingly.

(3) ADDITIONAL PENALTIES. In addition to the penalties above, any person damaging the property of the County or another person shall remain liable in a civil action for the amount of that damage.

**19.16 Uniform Schedule of Deposits.**

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Forfeiture Plus Court Costs</u>
19.02(5)(a)	Closing Hours	\$100.00
19.02(6)	Fees & Charges	50.00
19.03(1)	Peddling	50.00
19.03(2)	Soliciting Rides	50.00
19.04(1)	Personal Conduct	100.00
19.04(2)	Property of Others	50.00
19.04(3)	Unnecessary Noise	100.00
19.05(1)(a)	Destroy & Deface	200.00
19.05(1)(b)	Entry/Manipulation	50.00
19.05(2)(a)	Washing	50.00
19.05(2)(b)	Cleaning Fish	50.00
19.05(2)(c)	Leaving Refuse	200.00
19.06(1)(a)	Vehicular Traffic	50.00
19.06(2)	Parking	50.00
19.07(1)(a)	Campfires	200.00
19.07(1)(b)	Unattended Fire	200.00
19.07(2)	Fireworks	100.00
19.07(3)	Firearms Unlawful	100.00
19.08(1)	Pets Unauthorized	50.00
19.08(2)	Horseback Riding	50.00
19.08(3)	Hunting & Trapping	50.00

19.09(1)	Food/Beverage on Beach	50.00
19.09(2)	Buoy Molestation	100.00
19.09(3)(a)	Swim/Dangerous Weather	50.00
19.09(3)(b)	Swim Beyond Limits	50.00
19.09(4)	Beach Athletics	50.00
19.09(5)	Swimming Attire	50.00
19.09(6)	Changing Clothes	50.00

# GENERAL SOIL TYPES - VILAS COUNTY

## LOCATION OF THE VILAS COUNTY FOREST

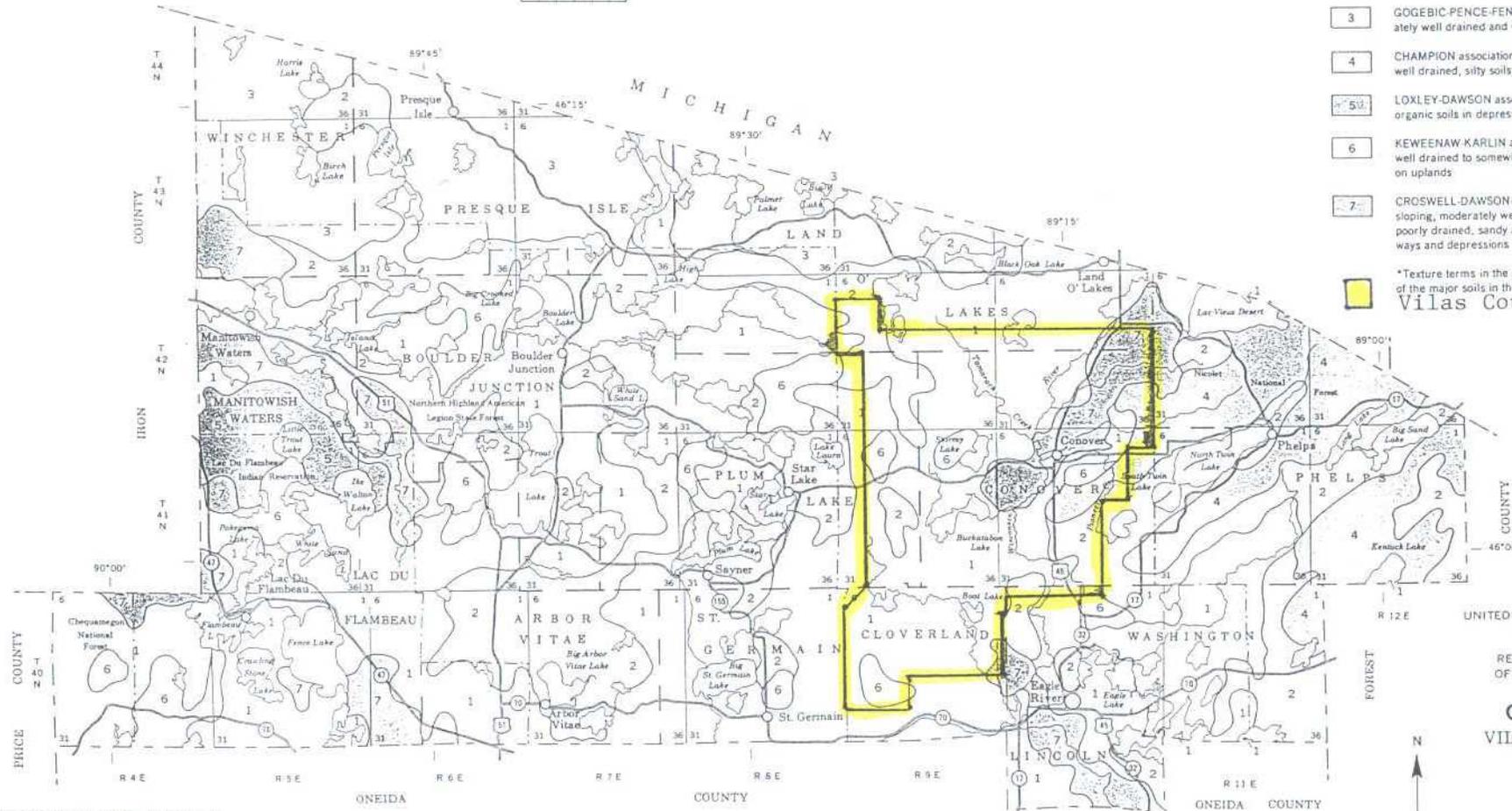
## LEGEND\*

SECTIONALIZED TOWNSHIP

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	25	36

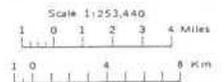
- 1 RUBICON-SAYNER-KARLIN association: Nearly level to very steep, excessively drained and somewhat excessively drained, sandy soils on uplands
- 2 PADUS-PENCE association: Nearly level to very steep, well drained, loamy soils on uplands
- 3 GOGEBIC-PENCE-FENCE association: Nearly level to steep, moderately well drained and well drained, loamy and silty soils on uplands
- 4 CHAMPION association: Nearly level to moderately steep, moderately well drained, silty soils on uplands
- 5 LOXLEY-DAWSON association: Nearly level, very poorly drained, organic soils in depressions and on low lying flats
- 6 KEWEENAW-KARLIN association: Nearly level to steep, moderately well drained to somewhat excessively drained, loamy and sandy soils on uplands
- 7 CROSWELL-DAWSON-AUGRES association: Nearly level and gently sloping, moderately well drained, very poorly drained, and somewhat poorly drained, sandy and peaty soils on flats and in upland drainage ways and depressions

\*Texture terms in the descriptive headings refer to the surface layer of the major soils in the associations.  
**Vilas County Forest**  
 Compiled 1986



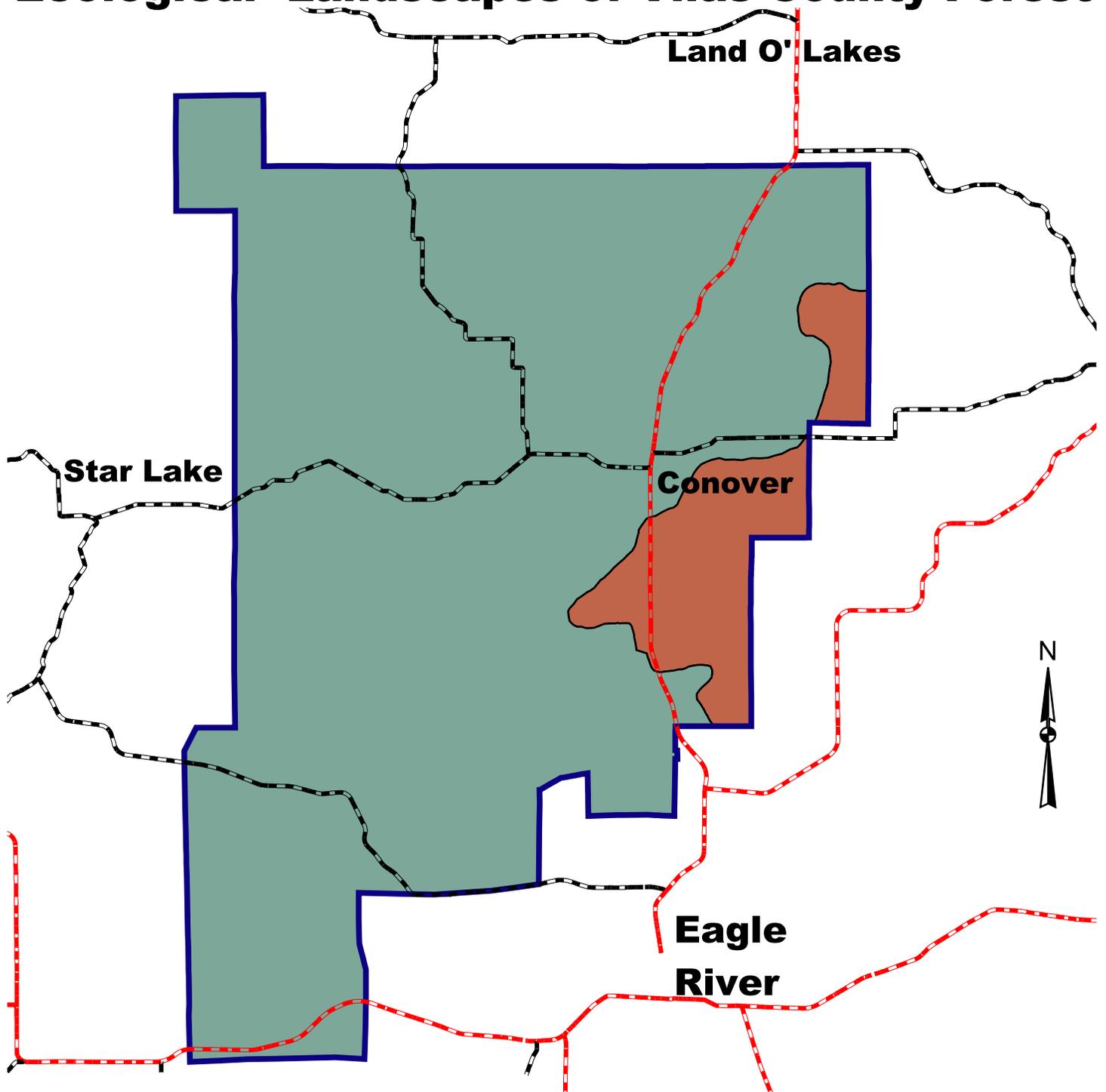
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE  
 FOREST SERVICE  
 RESEARCH DIVISION OF THE COLLEGE  
 OF AGRICULTURAL AND LIFE SCIENCES  
 UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

### GENERAL SOIL MAP VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN



Each area outlined on this map consists of more than one kind of soil. The map is thus meant for general planning rather than a basis for decisions on the use of specific tracts.

# Ecological Landscapes of Vilas County Forest

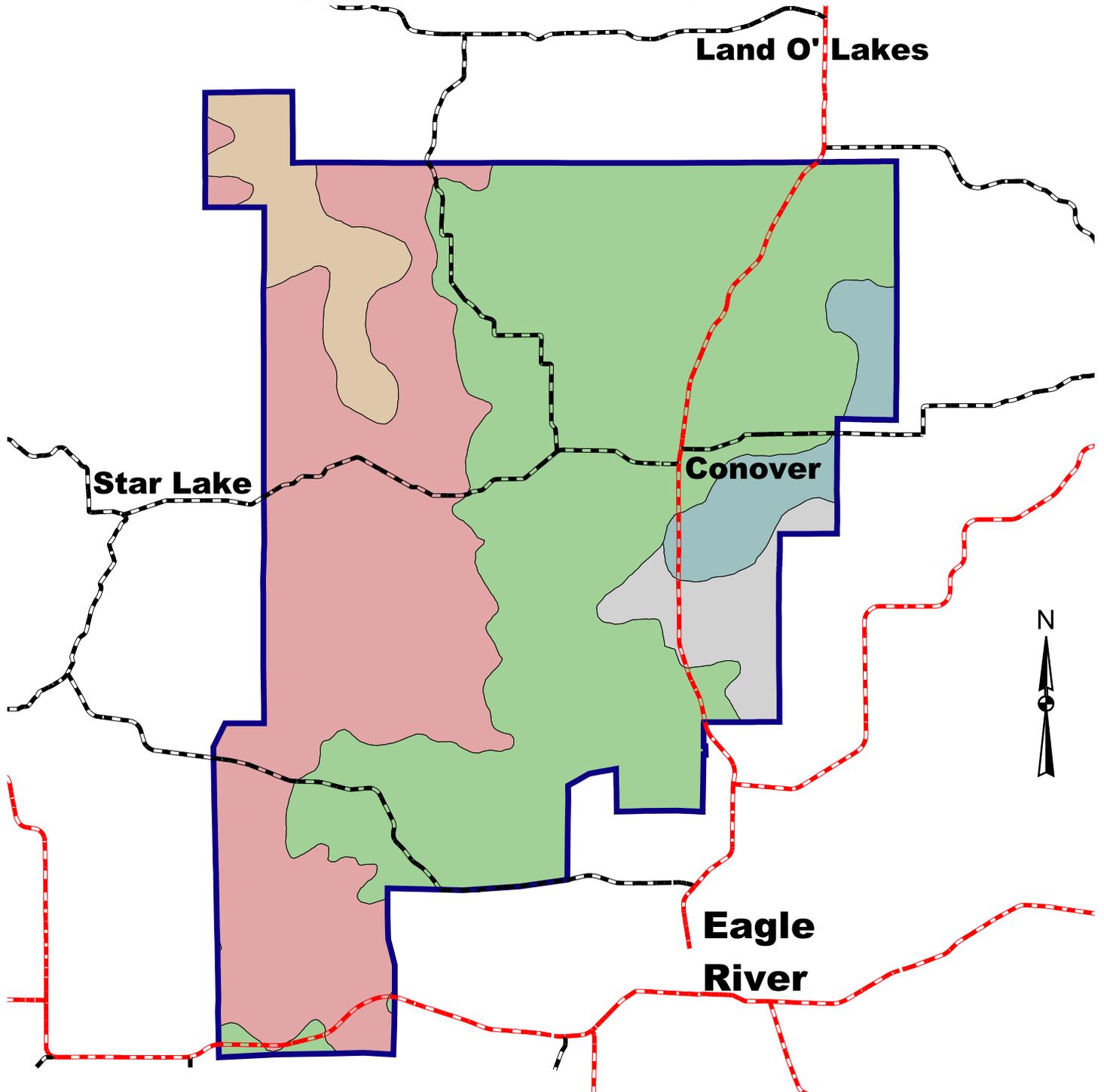


Ecological Landscape Units of Vilas County Forest  
National Hierarchical Framework of Ecological Units - Subsections

-  212Xb - Northern Highland Pitted Outwash
-  212Xc - Brule and Paint Rivers Drumlinized Ground Moraine
-  Forest Boundary
-  County Highways
-  State Highways

Scale - 1:158,400

# Vilas County Forest - Land Type Associations



Vilas County Forest Land Type Associations

-  Argonne Outwash Plains
-  Iron River/Argonne Drumlins
-  Vilas-Oneida Loamy Hills
-  Vilas-Oneida Outwash Plains
-  Vilas-Oneida Sandy Hills

-  Official Forest Boundary
-  County Highways
-  State Highways

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# Land Type Associations of Vilas County

<u>LTA Name:</u>	<u>Symbol:</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. <b>Argonne Outwash Plains</b>	<b>212Xc02</b>	The characteristic landform pattern is undulating pitted and unpitted outwash plain with kame terraces, swamps, and bogs common. Soils are predominantly well drained sandy loam over outwash. Common habitat types include forested lowland, AOCa, ATD, ATM.
2. <b>Iron River/Argonne Drumlins</b>	<b>212Xc01</b>	The characteristic landform pattern is rolling drumlin with inter-drumlin drainageways. Soils are predominantly moderately well drained silt loam over acid loamy sand till. Common habitat types include AOCa, TMC, forested lowland, ATM, and ATD.
3. <b>Vilas-Oneida Loamy Hills</b>	<b>212Xb05</b>	The characteristic landform pattern is rolling collapsed outwash plain with bogs and lakes common. Soils are predominantly well drained sandy loam over outwash or acid loamy sand debris flow. Common habitat types include AVVb, PArVAa, PArV, ATM, and forested lowland.
4. <b>Vilas-Oneida Outwash Plains</b>	<b>212Xb03</b>	The characteristic landform pattern is nearly level pitted and unpitted outwash plain with bogs and lakes common. Soils are predominantly excessively drained sand over outwash. Common habitat types include PQE, PArV, forested lowland, PArVAa, ArAbVC, and TMC.
5. <b>Vilas-Oneida Sandy Hills</b>	<b>212Xb02</b>	The characteristic landform pattern is rolling collapsed outwash plain with bogs common. Soils are predominantly excessively drained loamy sand over outwash or acid loamy sand debris flow. Common habitat types include PArVAa, PArV, forested lowland, and AVVb.

S659-02A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - FOREST RECON  
 FOREST STRUCTURE – PRESENT AND FUTURE

PROPERTY: 6400 VILAS COUNTY

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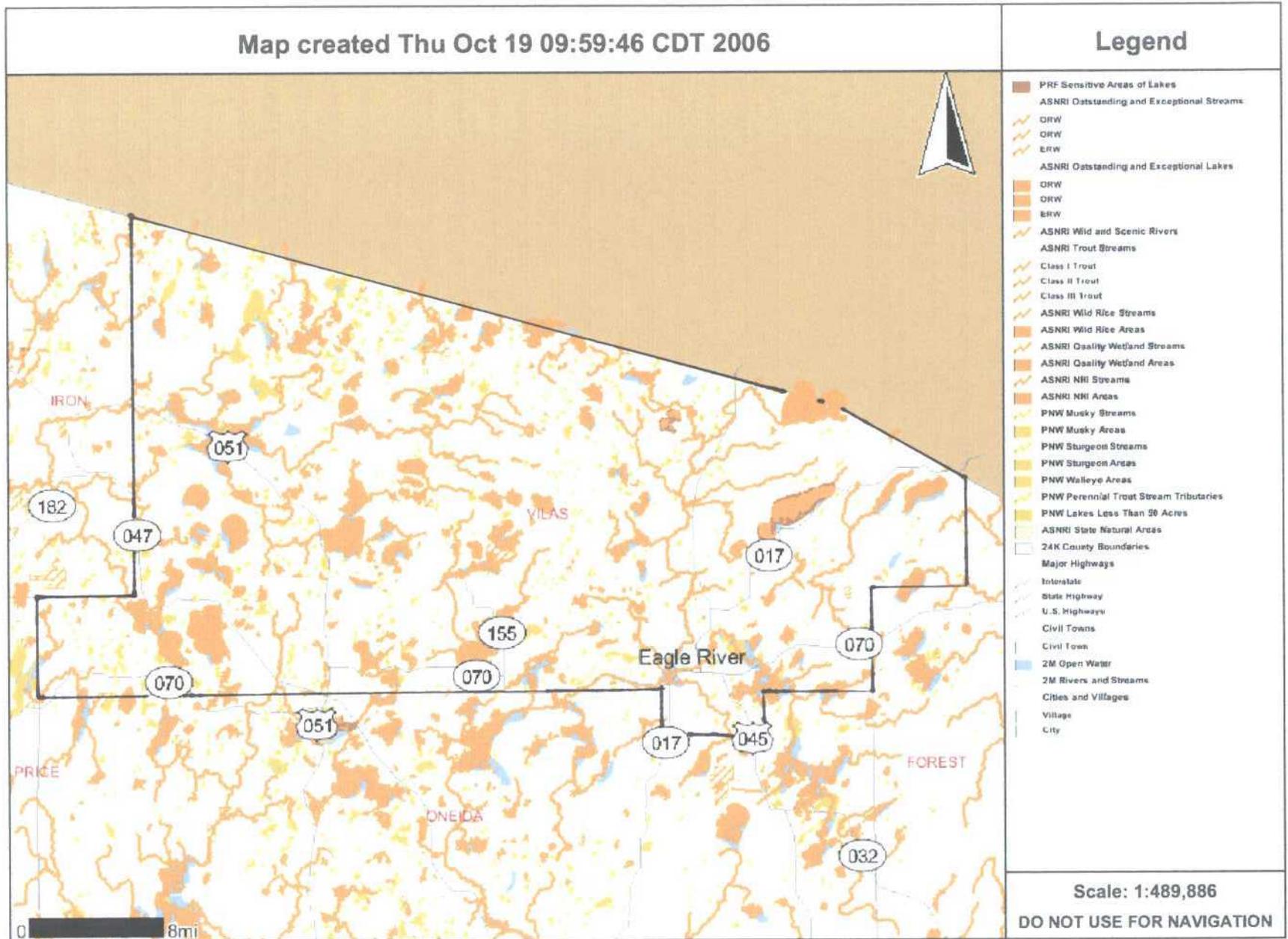
LAND COVER TYPE	ACRES	YEAR	PRESENT	FUTURE
FOREST COVER:				
ASPEN	13,548	1977	14,934	14,869
WHITE BIRCH	2,314	1977	153	99
CEDAR	35	1977	60	60
FIR-SPRUCE	701	1977	251	377
HEMLOCK-HDWD	10	1977	7	7
RED MAPLE			52	15
NORTHERN HDWD	1,625	1977	2,235	2,495
OAK	1,202	1977	2,220	1,812
JACK PINE	5,847	1977	5,485	5,499
RED PINE	3,213	1977	3,965	3,762
WHITE PINE			1,508	1,925
BLACK SPRUCE	3,475	1977	2,785	2,735
SWAMP CONIFER	330	1977	173	173
SWAMP HARDWOOD			8	8
NONCOMM SPRUCE			1,115	1,115
NONCOMM TAMARAC			312	312
TAMARACK	241	1977	436	436
*TOTAL FOREST ACRES:	32,541		35,699	35,699
NON-FOREST COVER:				
HERIB VEGETATION	116	1977	164	164
LOW SHRUBS	452	1977	302	302
INDUSTRIAL AREA			7	7
PICNIC AREA			34	34
SNOWMOBILE TRAIL			1	1
MARSH	1,652	1977	13	13
MUSKEG BOG			1,089	1,089
EMERGENT VEG			67	67
LOWLAND BRUSH			187	187
ALDER	1,372	1977	1,454	1,454
MINOR LAKE			447	447
MINOR STREAM			228	228
RIGHT OF WAY			735	735
UPLAND BRUSH	48	1977		59
*TOTAL NON-FOREST ACRES	3,640		4,787	4,787
*TOTAL PROPERTY ACRES:	36,181		40,486	40,486

### Outstanding & Exceptional Resource Waters in Vilas County

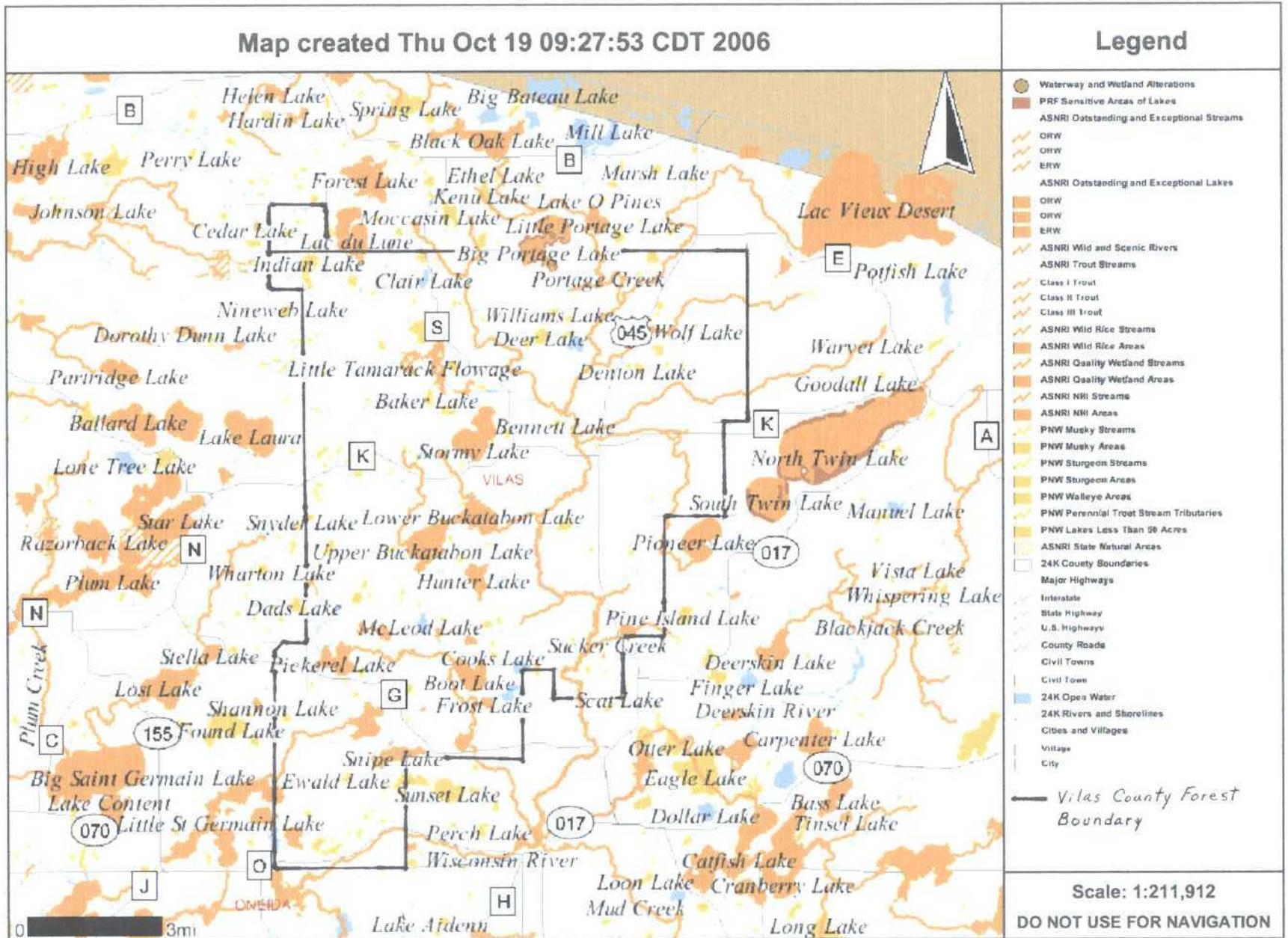
Waterbody Name	Portion within ORW/ERW Classification	Status
Allequash Creek & Springs	Springs downstream to Allequash Lake	ORW
Beaver Creek	All	ERW
Black Oak Lake	All	ORW
Blackjack Creek & Springs	Upper 3.4 miles	ERW
Brule Creek	All	ORW
Crab Lake	All	ORW
Creek 33-5 T41N R10E	All	ERW
Deerskin River	N Sec. ¼ line S 34 T41N R11E upstream to USFS Road 2538	ORW
E Branch Blackjack Creek	All	ORW
Elvoy Creek & Springs	All	ORW
Lac Vieux Desert	All	ORW
Little Deerskin River	All	ERW
Manitowish River	From Rest Lk Dam downstream to Iron Co. Line	ERW
McGinnis Creek	All	ERW
Military Creek	North Twin Lk upstream to lake outlet	ERW
Mishonagon Creek	Confluence of Tomahawk River upstream to Section Line between S 5 & 16 T40N R6E	ORW
Muskrat Creek	All	ERW
No. Trout Ck & Springs	Springs to Trout Lake	ERW
North Twin Lake	All	ORW
Palette Lake	All	ORW
Partridge Lake	All	ORW
Pine Ck & Rainbow Springs	Rainbow Springs to Pine Lake	ERW
Pioneer Creek	N Section Line S14 T41N R10E downstream to County Highway K	ERW
Plum Creek	Co. Hwy N downstream to Co. Hwy C	ORW
Plum Lake	All	ORW
Siphon Creek	All	ORW
South Twin Lake	All	ORW
Spring Meadow Creek & Springs	All	ORW
Star Lake	All	ORW
Stella Creek	Town Rd S26 T41N R8E to Stella Lake	ERW
Stormy Lake	All	ORW
Sucker Creek & Springs	From Springs to Lake of the Hills	ERW
Tamarack Creek	All	ORW
Trout Lake	All	ORW
White Sand Lake	Sec. 26 T42N R7E – All	ORW
Wisconsin River	From outlet of Lac Vieux Desert to inlet of Watersmeet Lk & from State Hwy 70 to inlet at Rainbow Flowage	ERW



OUTSTANDING & EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCE WATERS IN VILAS COUNTY



OUTSTANDING & EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCE WATERS WITHIN THE VILAS COUNTY FOREST



## VILAS COUNTY FOREST RECREATION SITE SUMMARY

Beaches, Swimming	3
Boat Landings	11
Campgrounds, Formal	1
Campsites, Canoe	3
Campsites, Primitive	1
Docks & Piers	17
Fishing Sites, Improved	5
Grills & Fire Rings	53
Horseshoe Pits	4
Hunter/Hiking Trails	89.70 Miles
Picnic Areas	15
Picnic Tables	69
Roads in County Forest System	47.70 Miles
Shelters	4
Shooting Ranges	1
Snowmobile Bridges	29
Snowmobile Trails, State Funded	445.70 Miles
Swingsets	2
Toilet Buildings	13
Water Wells	1

### Improved Fishing Sites on the Vilas County Forest

Baker Lake	Pier
Cook's Lake	ADA Pier
Deep Lake	ADA Pier, fire ring
Lake of the Hills	ADA Pier
McLeod Lake	Table, fire ring
Mud Minnow Lake	Table, fire ring, grill, Pier
Rice Lake	Pier
Tamarack Flowage	Pier
Wood Duck Lake	Pier

### Boat Landings on the Vilas County Forest

Baker Lake	Pier
Boot Lake	Pier
Upper Buckatabon Lake	ADA Pier
Lake of the Hills	ADA Pier
Hunter Lake	Latrine, tables, grills, swingset
Muskellunge Lake	ADA Pier
Snipe Lake	Pier, latrine, shelter
Tamarack Flowage	Pier
Dr. Oldfield Memorial Park	ADA Pier, latrine, tables, grills
Eagle Lake	ADA Pier

VILAS COUNTY OWNED CAMPSITES

Date	Name	Units	Tables	FireRings/Grills	Toilets	ADA	Renovated
1981	Buckatabon Ck (WI River) (Shelter)	2	1	2 rings/1 grill	Yes	No	
1981	River Rd (WI River)	2	3	1 ring	Yes	No	
1981	Rummels Rd (WI River) (Shelter)	2	1	1 ring/1 grill	Yes	No	
1984	Tamarack Creek	9	9	9 rings	Yes	No	
1980	White Spruce Lk	1	1	2 rings	No	No	
	Total: 5						

VILAS COUNTY MAINTAINED BOAT LANDINGS

Date	Name	Dock	Toilets	ADA	Renovated
1970	Baker Lake	8 X 16'	No	No	
1970	Boot Lake	8 X 16'	No	No	2003
1976	Dr. Oldfield Park (WI River)	4 X 20'	Yes	Yes	2002
1960's	Eagle Lake	6 X 40'	No	Yes	2004
1970	Hunter Lake	No	Yes	No	
1970	Lake of the Hills	6 X 20'	No	Yes	2000
1970	Muskellunge Lake	4 X 40'	No	Yes	2003
1970	Pickeral Lake (via Creek)	No	No	No	
1970	Snipe Lake		Yes	No	
1970	Tamarack Flowage	8 X 16'	No	No	2006
1970	Upper Buckatabon Lake	5 X 24'	No	Yes	2001
Total	11				

VILAS COUNTY OWNED SWIMMING BEACHES

Date	Name	Tables	Fire Rings/Grills	Toilets	ADA	Renovated
1940	Eagle Lake Park	24	1 ring/7 grills	Yes	Yes	2003
1984	Hunter Lake Park	6	2 rings/3 grills	Yes	No	1995
1982	Torch Lake Park	3	1 ring/3 grills	Yes	No	2003
	Total Beaches: 3					

VILAS COUNTY MAINTAINED PICNIC AREAS

Date	Name	Tables	Fire Ring/Grill	Toilets	ADA	Renovated
1981	Buckatabon Ck (WI River) (Shelter)	1	1 grill/2 rings	Yes	No	
1980	Cranberry Island	3	2 rings/3 grills	Yes	No	2001
1980	Deep Lake	1	1 ring	No	Yes	2001
1975	Dr. Oldfield Park	2	2 grills	Yes	Yes	2002
1940	Eagle Lake Park	24	1 ring/7 grills	Yes	Yes	2003
1984	Hunter Lake Park	6	2 rings/3 grills	Yes	No	1995
1969	Lac Vieux Desert Park	6	2 grills	Yes	Yes	2000
1980	McLeod Lake	1	1 ring	No	No	2003
1981	River Rd (WI River)	3	1 ring	Yes	No	
1981	Rummels Rd (WI River) (Shelter)	1	1 ring/1 grill	Yes	No	
1984	Snipe Lake (Shelter)	3	3 grills	Yes	No	
1980	Snyder Lake	1	1 ring	No	No	
1970	Tamarack Springs	3	3 grills/pump	Yes	No	
1982	Torch Lake	3	1 ring/3 grills	Yes	No	2003
1980	Upper Buckatabon Lk	1	1 ring	No	Yes	2001
	Total Picnic Areas: 15					

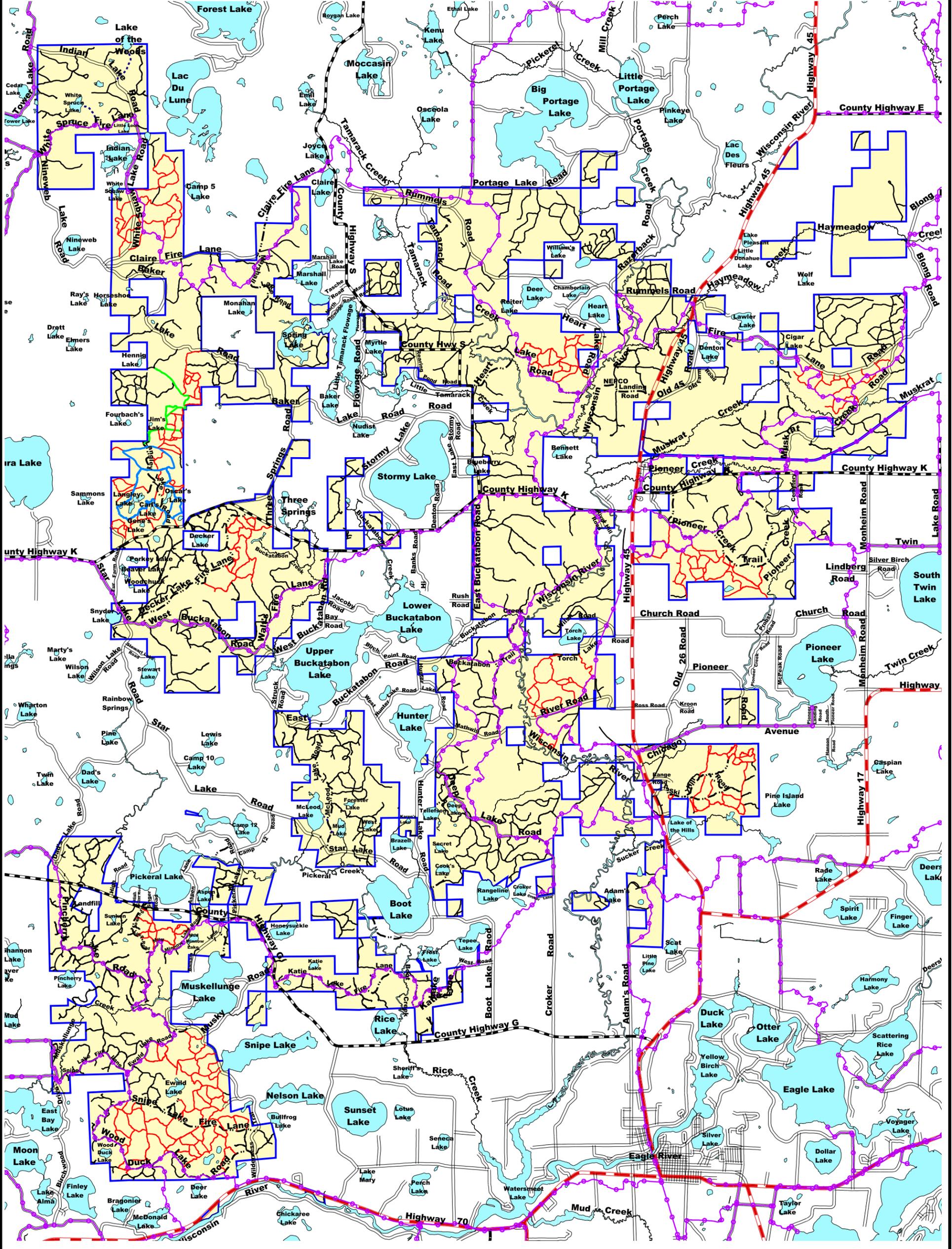
## VILAS COUNTY FOREST SPECIAL USE AREAS

Conover Shooting Range: Established 1970 – parking approximately 10 stalls, 8 backstops, 5 signs, 1 fire ring, 5 benches, 5+ acres. Shooting lanes: 15, 25, 50, and 100 yards. There is a shotgun area and donation tube. Rules are posted.

Fairgrounds/Riverside Park: Under lease to Softball Association, Fair Board, and Tennis Club:

- 4 toilet buildings
- 2 pavilions
- 1 exhibit building
- 2 concession stands
- 5 bleachers
- 1 barn, rebuilt in 1997
- 1 gate
- 1 chicken coop, rebuilt in 1998
- 1 office, rebuilt in 2003
- 3 ball fields
- 4 tennis courts
- 1 wind screen

# Vilas County Forest - Trails Map



## Roads & Trails

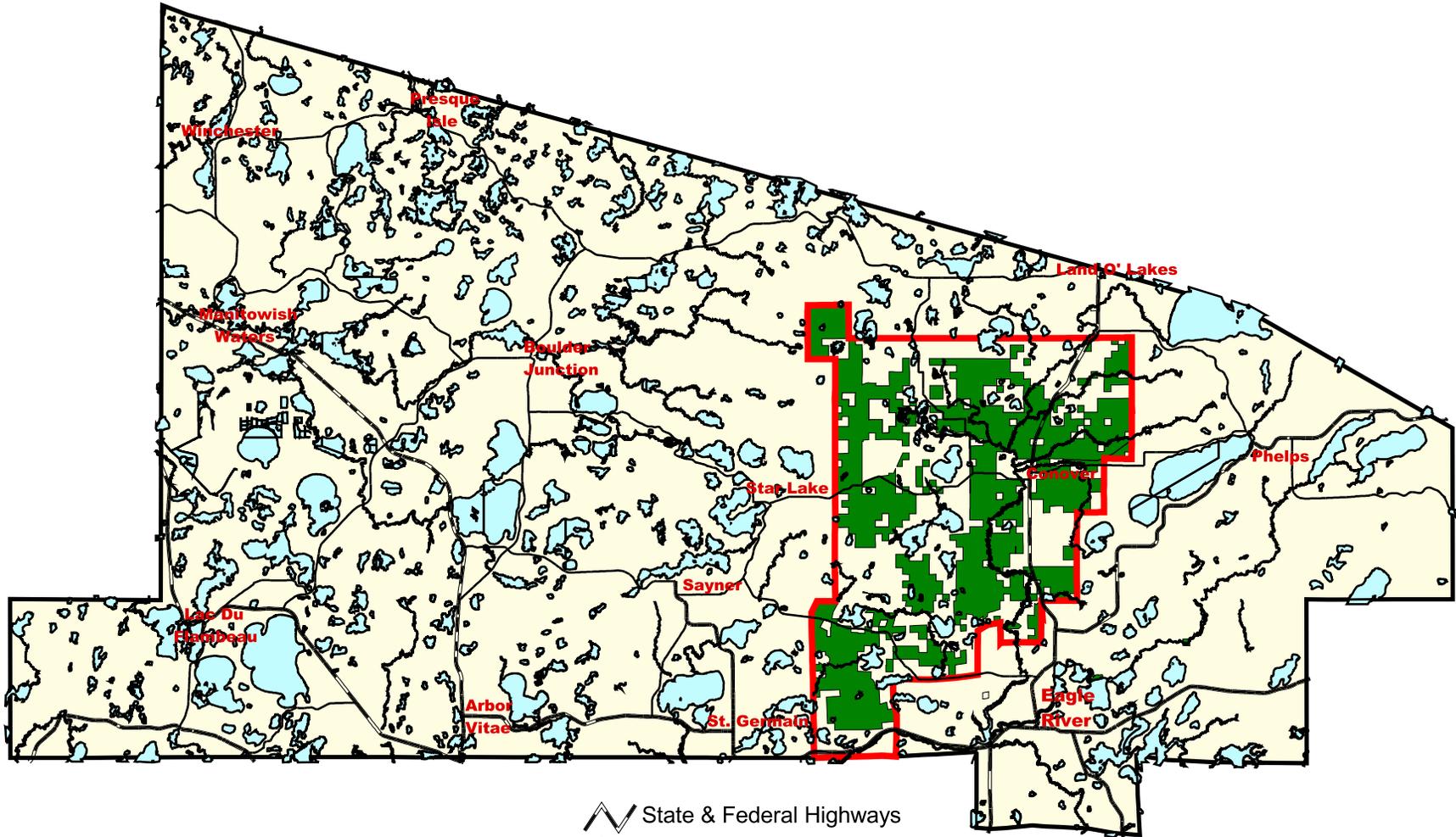
-  Camping/Recreation Access
-  Disabled Hunter Access
-  Snowmobile Trails
-  Hunter Hiking Trail
-  Ski Trail

-  County Hwy
-  County Forest Roads
-  State Hwy
-  Township Roads
-  Forest Access Trails

-  Lakes and Rivers
-  County Forest Land
- Scale 1" = 1-1/4 mile
- Revised September 2006



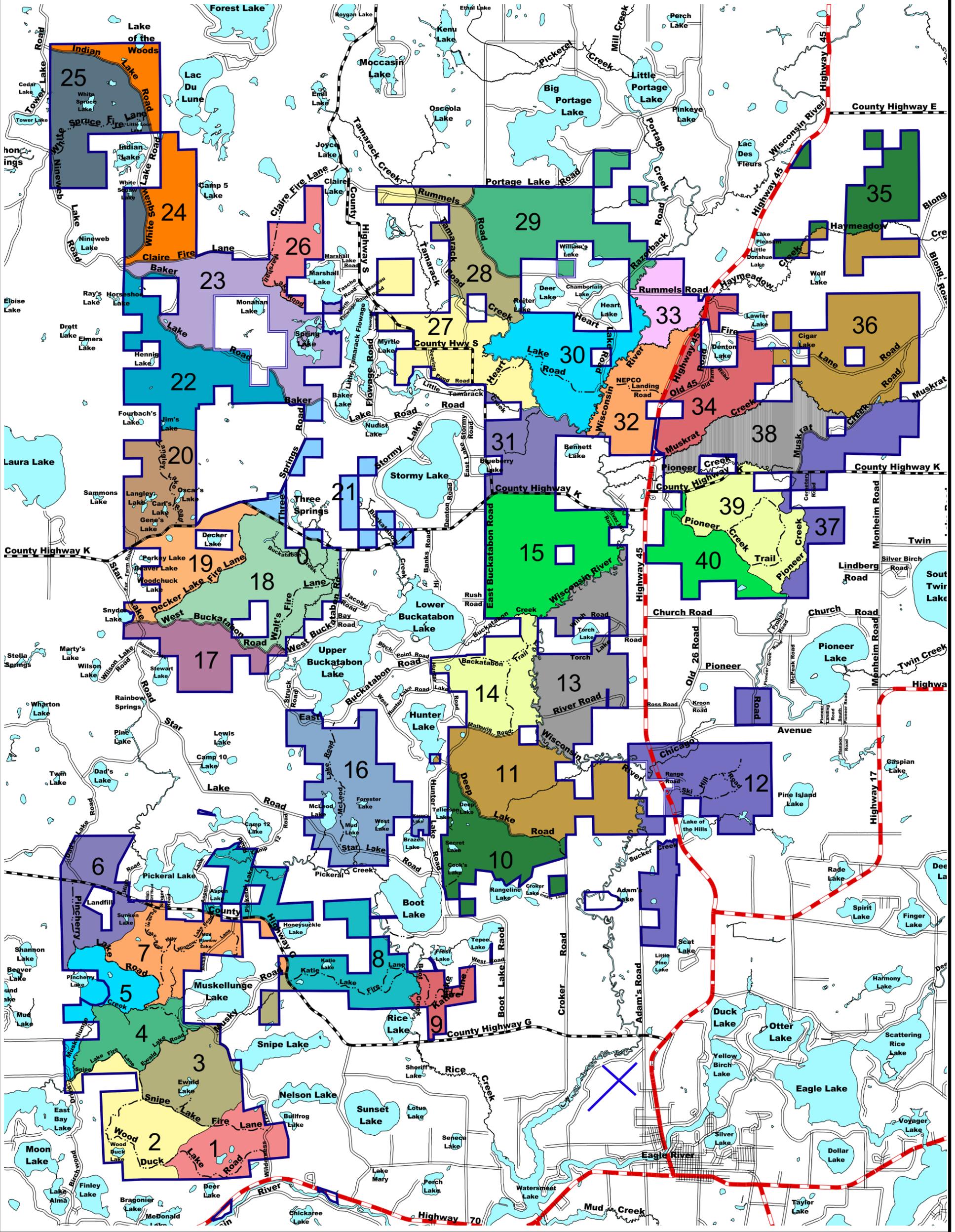
# Vilas County Forest Official Boundary & Location Map



-  State & Federal Highways
-  County Highways
-  Major Lakes & Rivers
-  Vilas County Forest
-  Vilas County Forest Official Boundary
-  Vilas County

Scale: 1" = 6 Miles

# Vilas County Forest - Compartment Boundaries



Compartments										Highways and Roads																															
																																									Airport Runway County Highways State Highways Township Roads County Forest Roads

**Permit to Gather Firewood Upon County Owned Land**  
**Vilas County** Eagle River, WI \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

Permission is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_  
Of \_\_\_\_\_, Wisconsin, to gather firewood upon the  
VILAS COUNTY FOREST LANDS on Timber Sale No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_

*This permit entitles the above named grantee to gather and remove logging residue from the described closed timer sate(s) above. The permit is granted with the further stipulations that the grantee use due precautions not to damage growing trees and that the Vilas County Forestry Department cannot be held liable for any mishaps out of said permit granted. Anyone taking cut wood products will be prosecuted. This permit is for personal home consumption only and must be in possession of the grantee when removing logging residue.*

**VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT**

*The Forestry Land Committee  
reserves the right to cancel this  
permit at any time.*

By \_\_\_\_\_

## Permit to Cut Christmas Trees on Vilas County Forest Lands

Issued to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: 2007

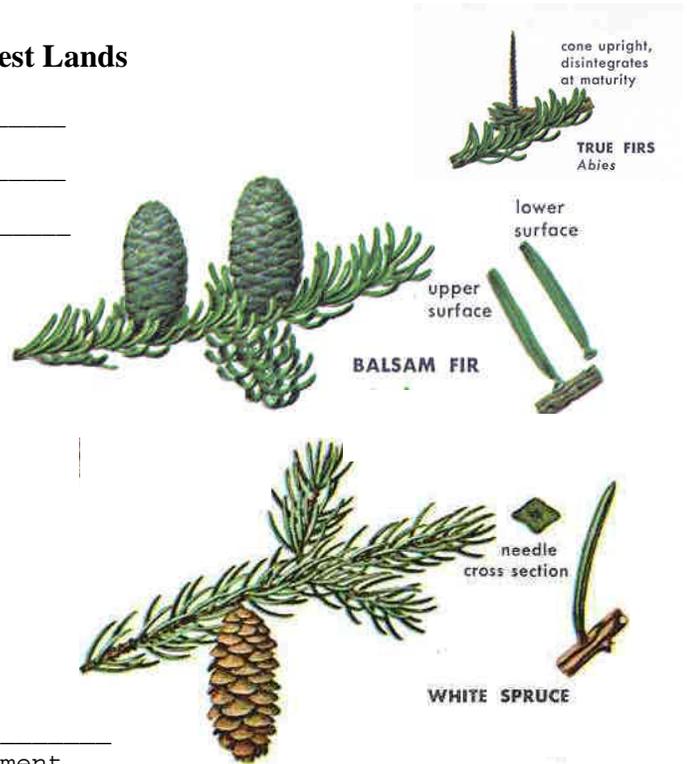
Restrictions:

1. No trees to be cut within 100' of R-O-W.
2. Limited to 3 trees.
3. Boughs to be cut for personal use only.
4. Within plantations cut only Balsam Fir. Know the difference from Spruce.
5. Stumps shall be no higher than 6".
6. Crush needles for Balsam fragrance. Balsam needles are flat; Spruce needles are square.

No. of trees: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vilas County Forestry Department



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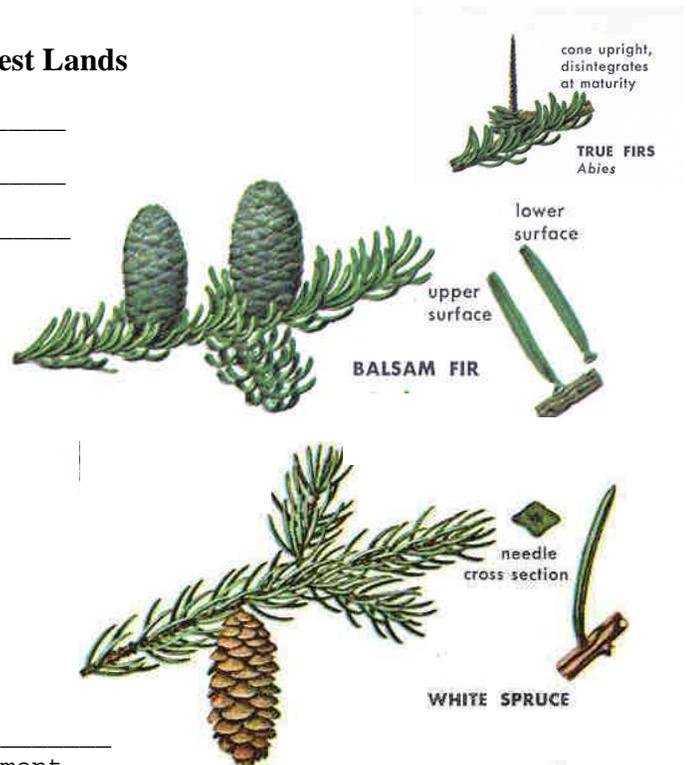
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vilas County Forestry Department



MISCELLANEOUS FOREST PRODUCTS GATHERING PERMIT

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous Forest Products Sought to be Gathered \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Permittee \_\_\_\_\_

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Further restrictions: None \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence L. Stevens - County Forest Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permittee



TREATY RIGHTS  
MISCELLANEOUS FOREST PRODUCTS GATHERING APPLICATION & PERMIT

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Identification Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous Forest Products Sought to be Gathered \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Volume of Products to be gathered \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Products to be gathered \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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PERMIT

The above Tribal Member is hereby authorized and permitted to gather the following miscellaneous forest product(s), as described above in the Application, subject to the conditions listed below:

Volume of product that may be gathered: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Products that may be gathered: \_\_\_\_\_

(see attached map)

Conservation or public health or safety restrictions:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Further restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bough Gathering Application & Permit - Page 2 of 2

This permit is valid from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_.

Standard provisions:

- \* The Tribal Member must possess this permit at all times while gathering or transporting the gathered miscellaneous forest product(s).
- \* While gathering or transporting any miscellaneous forest product, this permit, accompanying map(s), and a tribal identification card must be presented by the permittee upon request by any county representative.
- \* The permit holder assumes all responsibility to gather in designated area only and to assure that he/she is on County Forest property.
- \* The permit holder assumes all responsibility for his/her own protection and agrees to hold the County harmless for any accident or injuries that may happen to themselves or others.
  - \* All roads and trails shall be kept open at all times and any ruts shall be repaired.
  - \* No skidding equipment may be utilized without written permission from the County.
  - \* No permittee shall transfer this permit or allow the use thereof by any other person.
- \* Violations of this permit or any conditions of gathering stated herein shall be determined by the County Forest Administrator and will result in the revocation of such permit and may subject the permittee to an assessment for any actual damage caused.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Lawrence L. Stevens - County Forest Administrator

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Permittee

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**COUNTY FOREST**  
**PESTICIDE APPLICATION PRESCRIPTION & RECORD**

**SITE REFERENCE:** Site 1-05; Compartment/Stand

**SITE LOCATION:** Legal description; Township name; Number of acres of the site

**SOIL TYPE(S):** Karlin Sandy Loam

**PURPOSE OF APPLICATION:** Site preparation for conifer plantation; Names of target species ex: Corylus spp. , grass & sedge species, Acer Rubrum, etc.

**PESTICIDES APPLIED:** Arsenal AC herbicide - Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr  
EPA Reg. No. 241-346  
Accord Concentrate herbicide - Glyphosate  
EPA Reg. No. 524-343

**AMOUNT & RATE OF APPLICATION:** Arsenal AC: 2 gals. @ 1/4 qt./acre  
Accord Concentrate: 12 gals. @ 1.5 qts./acre

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS & PRECAUTIONS TAKEN:** Site contains part of a wetland. To prevent herbicide from being sprayed in this non - target area a buffer of 50 feet is placed around the perimeter of the wetland within the Site.

**TYPE OF APPLICATION:** Aerial, Ground, Backpack blower, Skidder etc.

**DATE & TIME OF APPLICATION:** August 13, 2004 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

**MIX & LOAD LOCATION:** Legal description if different from above.

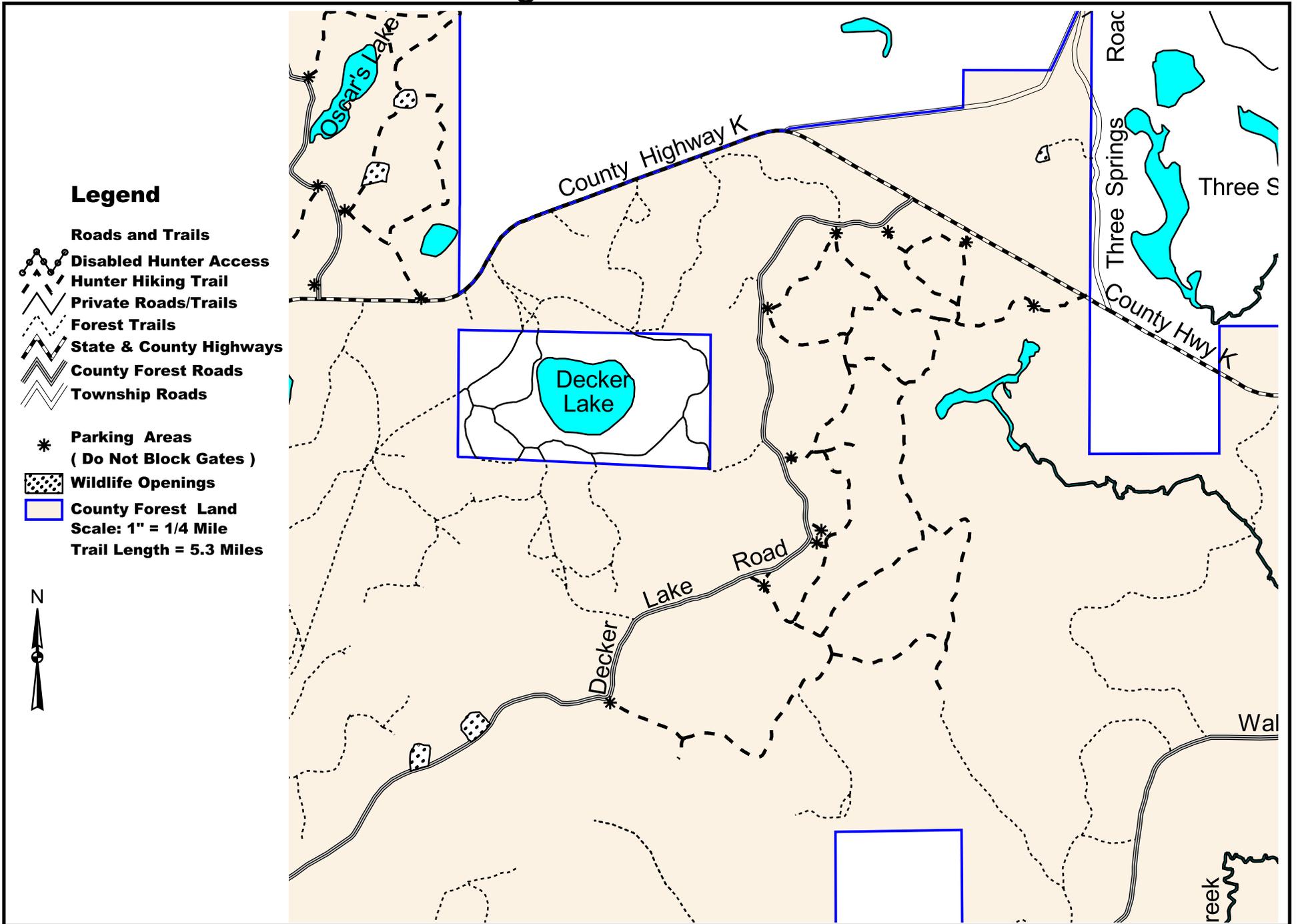
**APPLICATOR:** Name, Address, Tele No., Commercial Applicator Licence No.  
Names of employees present.

**STAFF INVOLVED:** Names of staff involved with on-site handling and/or application and Commercial Applicator Licence No. if he/she is licenced.

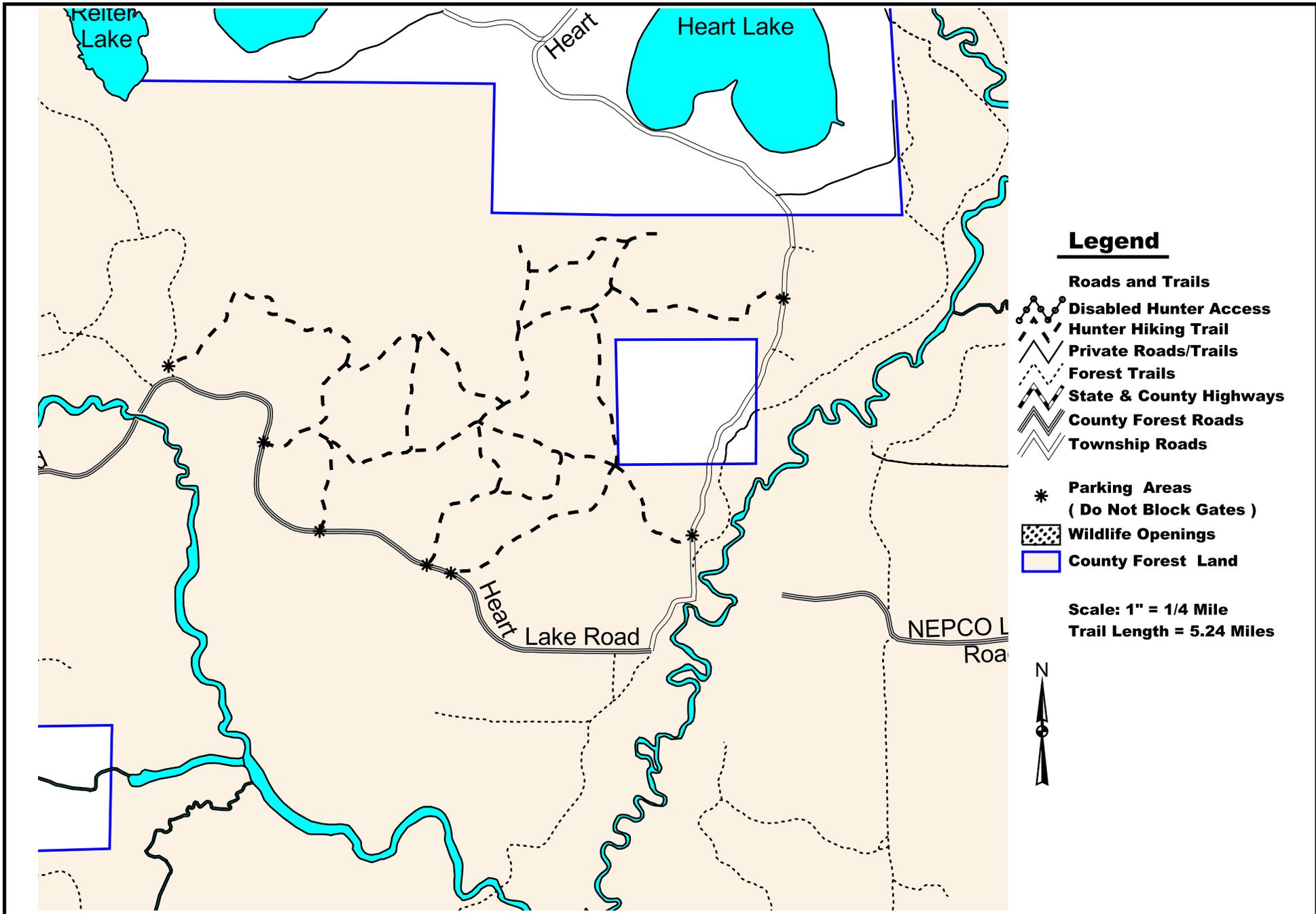
**RESULTS:** Statement of control of target spp. (95+% control of Aspen etc); Date examined (up to 1 year after application); Problems;

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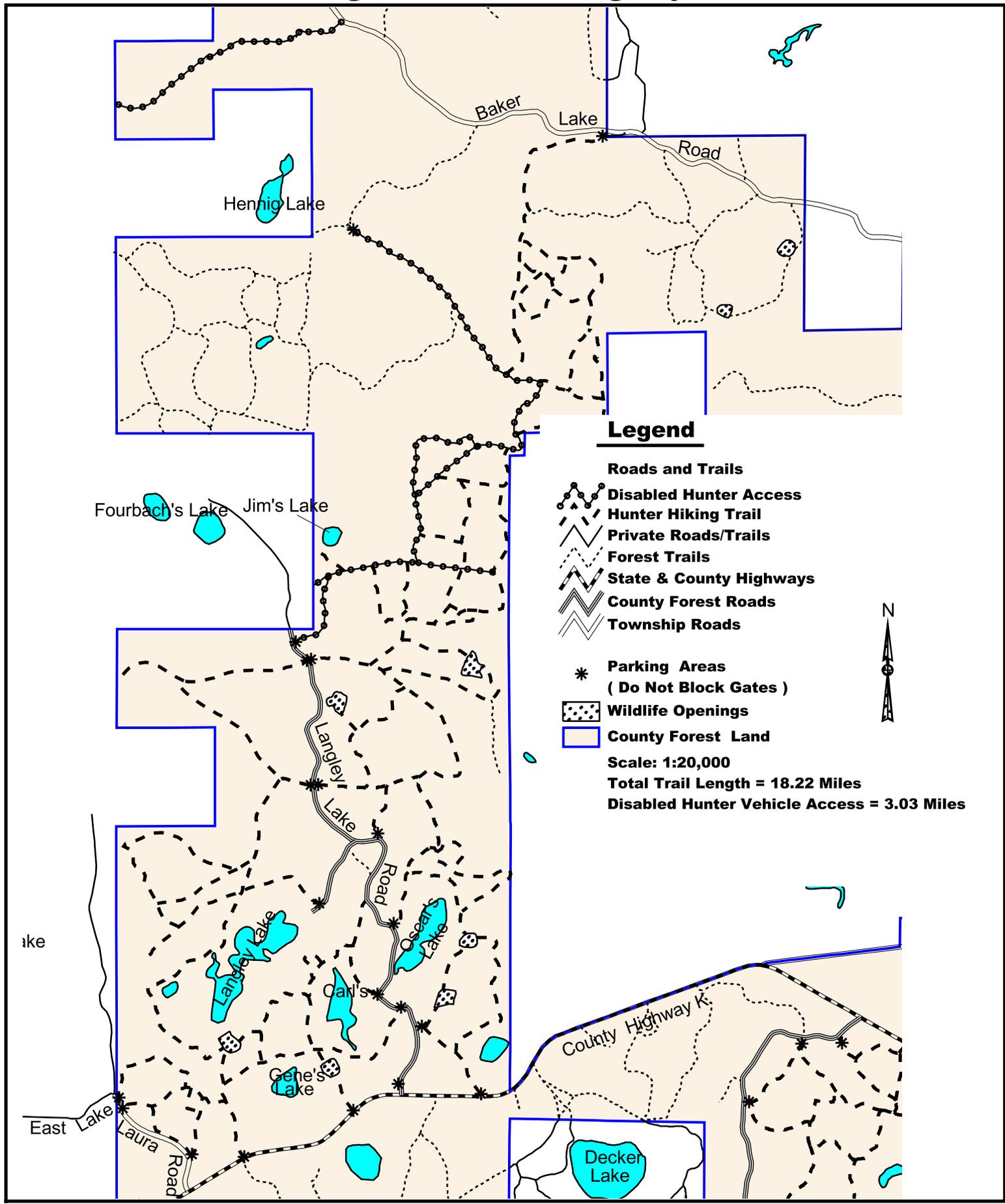
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# Hunter/Hiking Trail - Heart Lake Unit



# Hunter/Hiking Trail - Langley Lake Unit



## Legend

- Roads and Trails**
- Disabled Hunter Access
  - Hunter Hiking Trail
  - Private Roads/Trails
  - Forest Trails
  - State & County Highways
  - County Forest Roads
  - Township Roads
- \* Parking Areas ( Do Not Block Gates )**
- Wildlife Openings
- County Forest Land

Scale: 1:20,000  
 Total Trail Length = 18.22 Miles  
 Disabled Hunter Vehicle Access = 3.03 Miles

# Langley Lake Ski Trail Map

**Langley Ski Trail System**

- Loop #1 - 1.14 Miles
- Loop #2 - 3.61 Miles
- Loop #3 - 4.62 Miles

Water

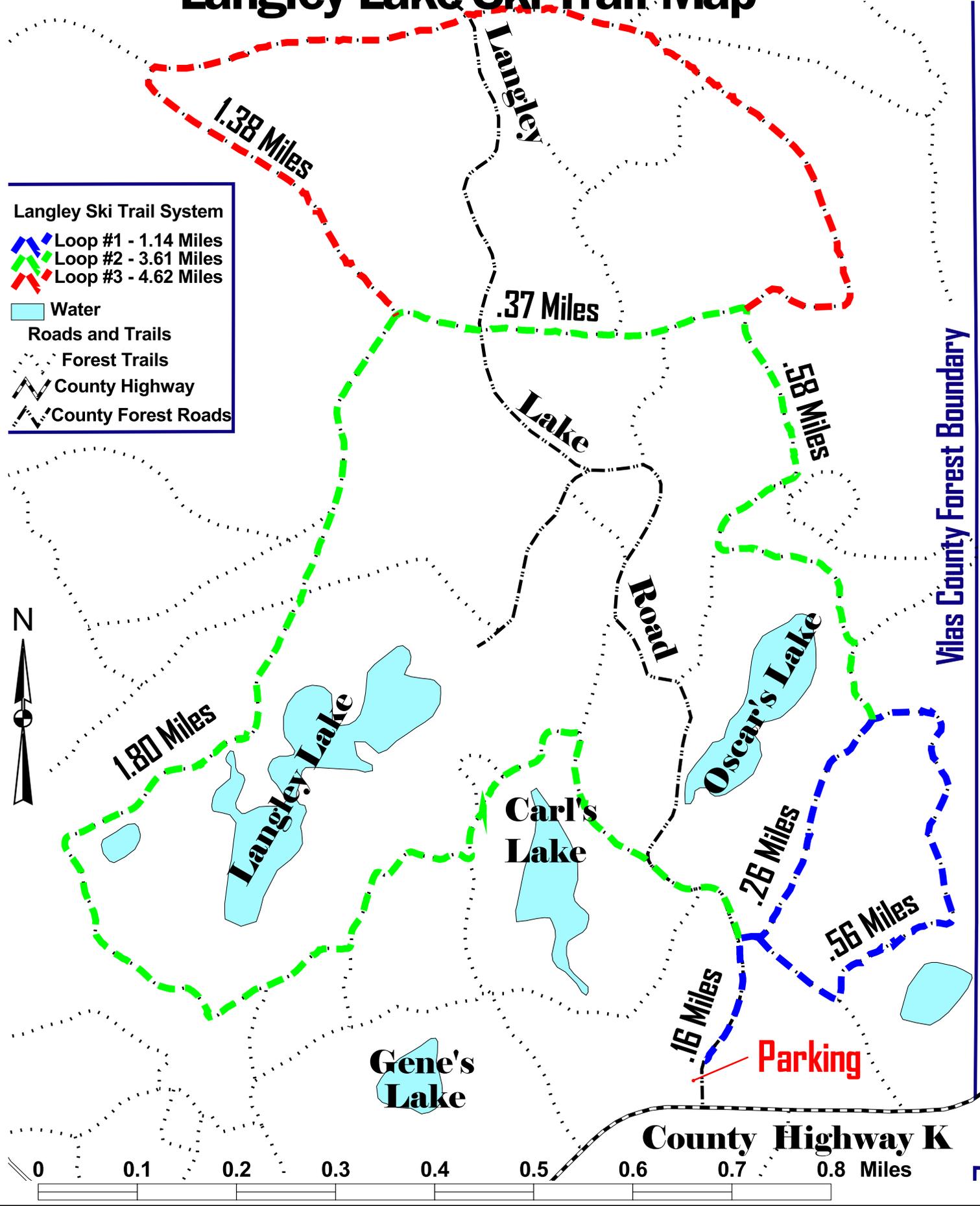
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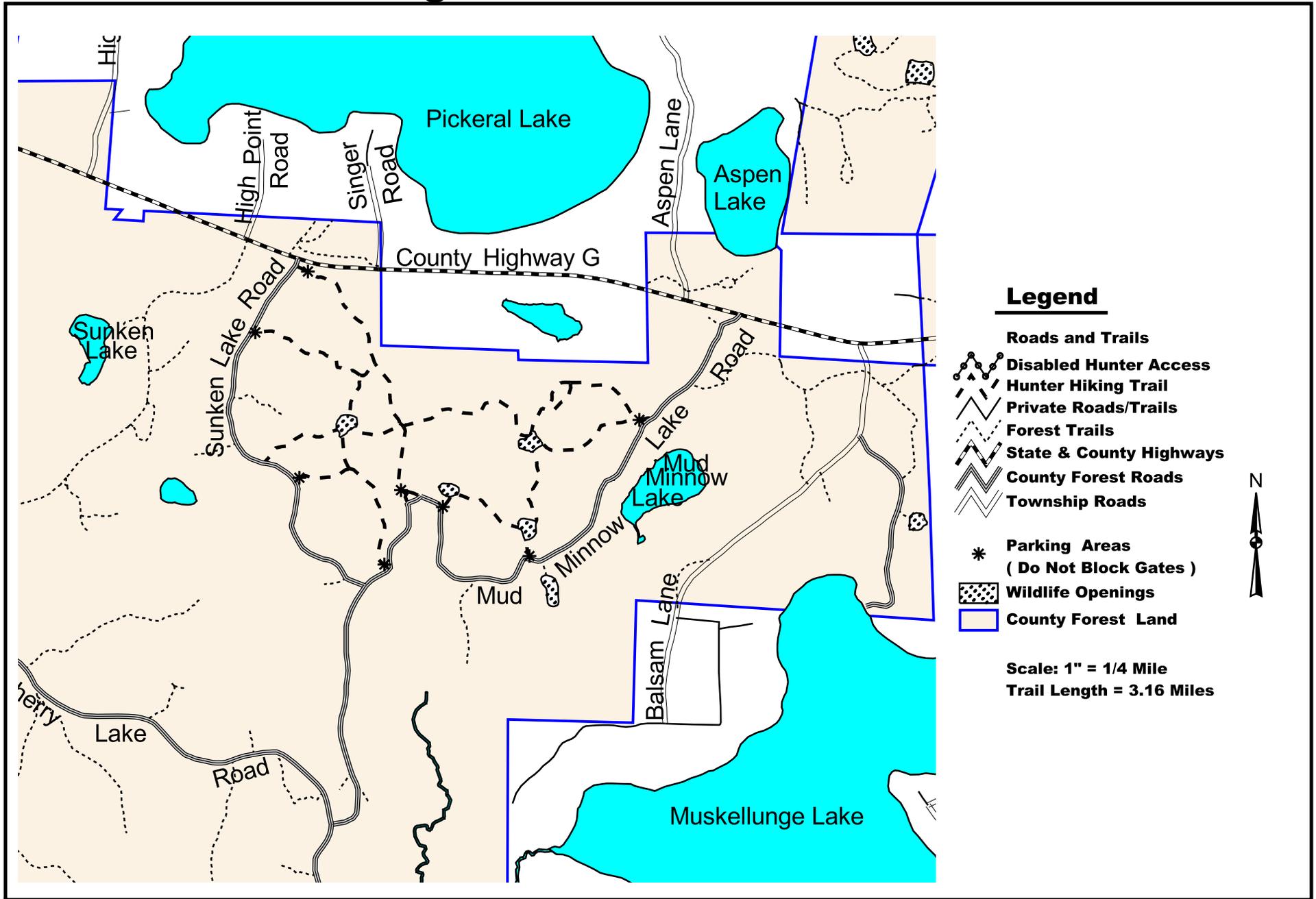


Vilas County Forest Boundary

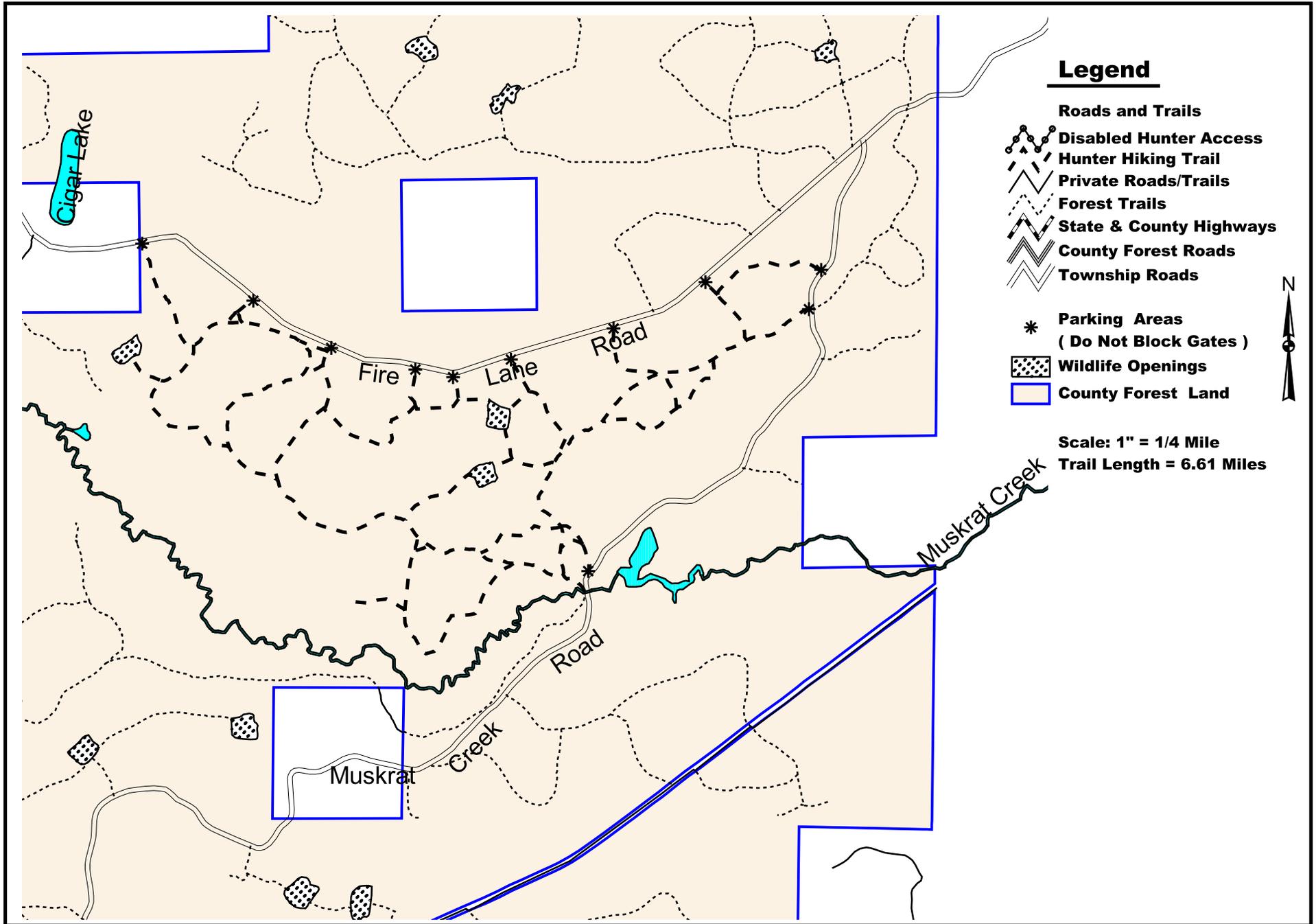
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# Hunter/Hiking Trail - Mud Minnow Lake Unit



# Hunter/Hiking Trail - Muskrat Creek Unit

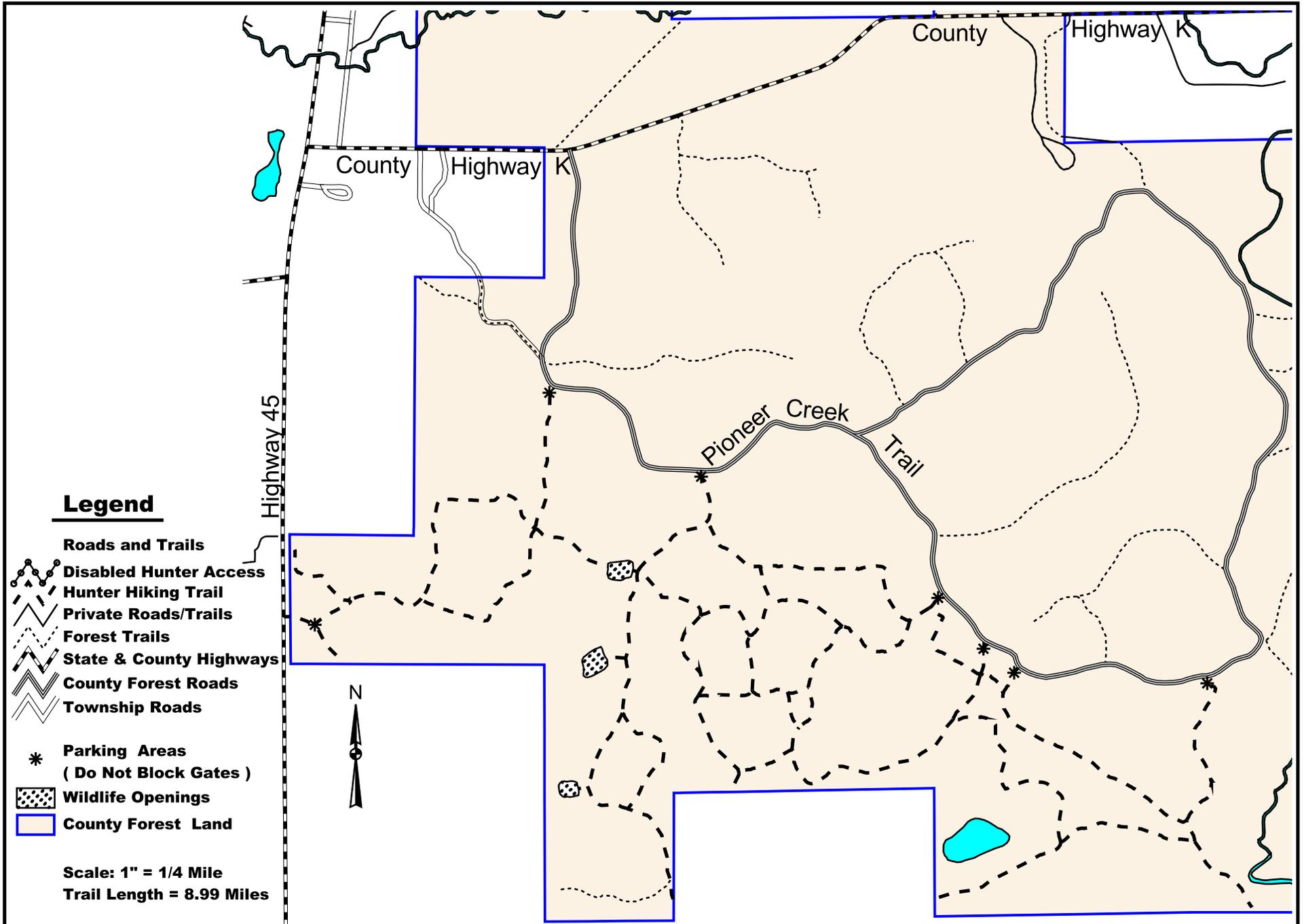


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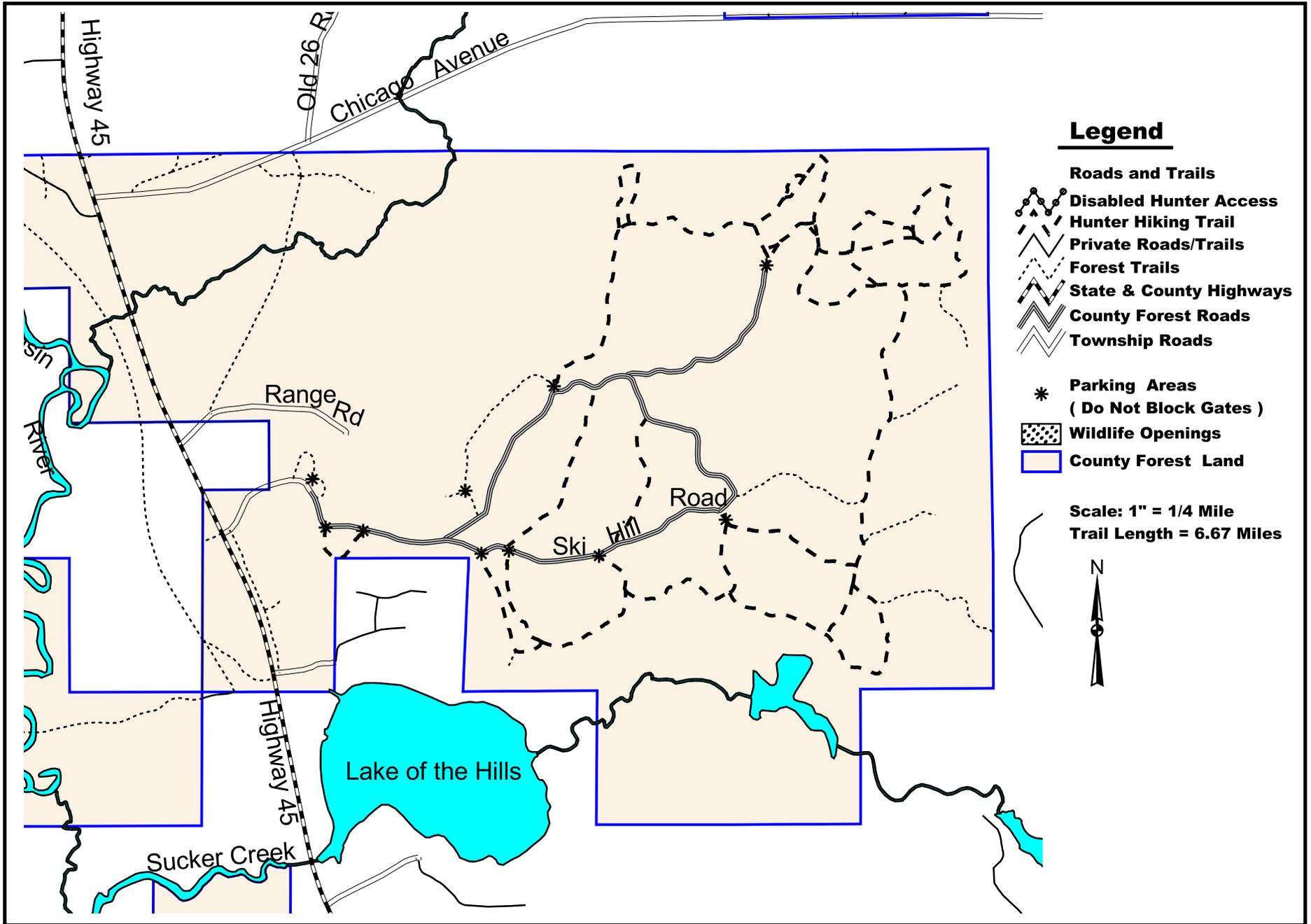
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Trail Length = 6.61 Miles

# Hunter/Hiking Trail - Pioneer Creek Unit



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# Hunter/Hiking Trail - Ski Hill Unit



## Legend

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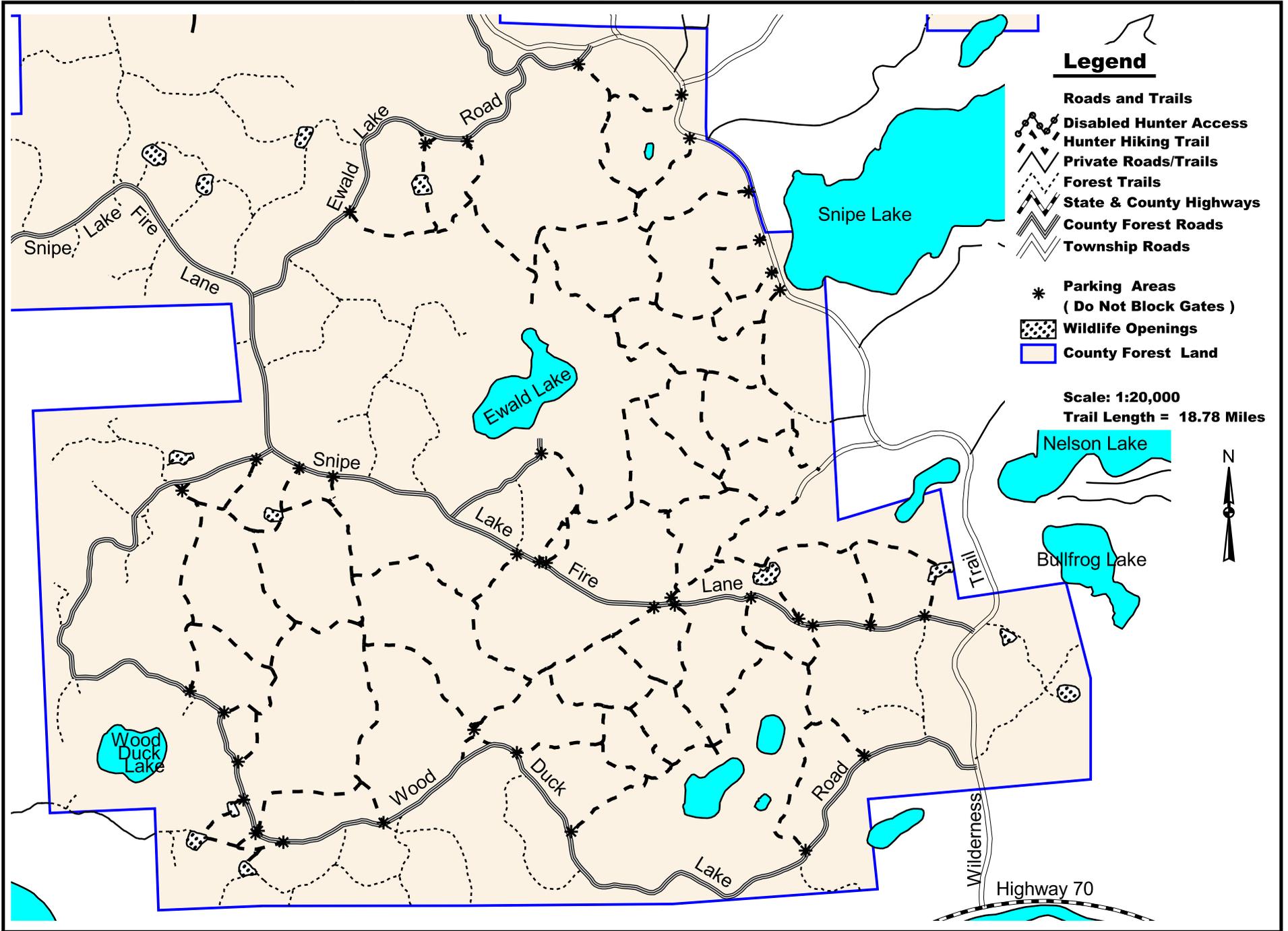
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-  County Forest Land

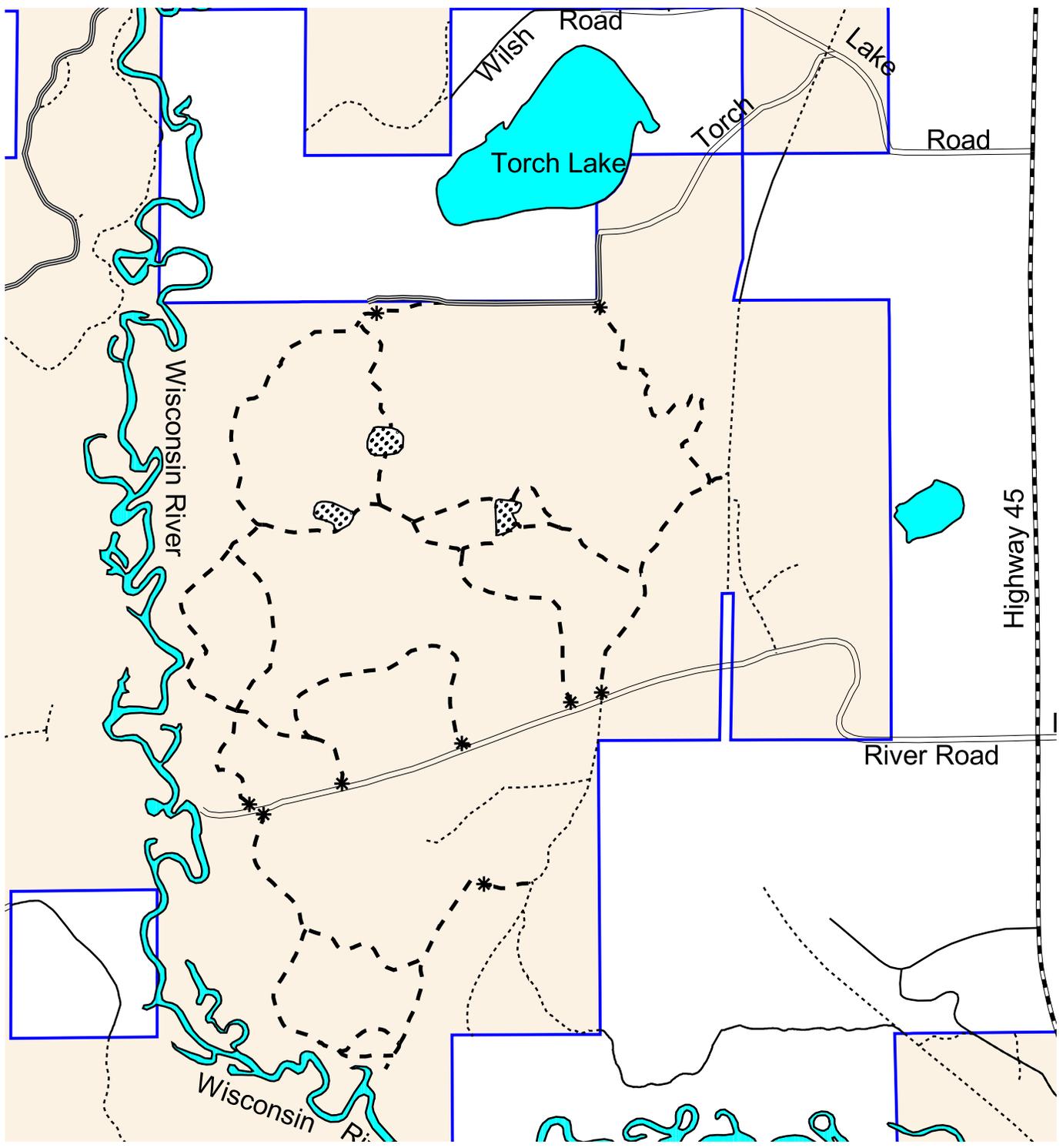
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# Hunter/Hiking Trail - Snipe Lake Unit & Ewald Lake Unit



# Hunter/Hiking Trail - Torch Lake Unit

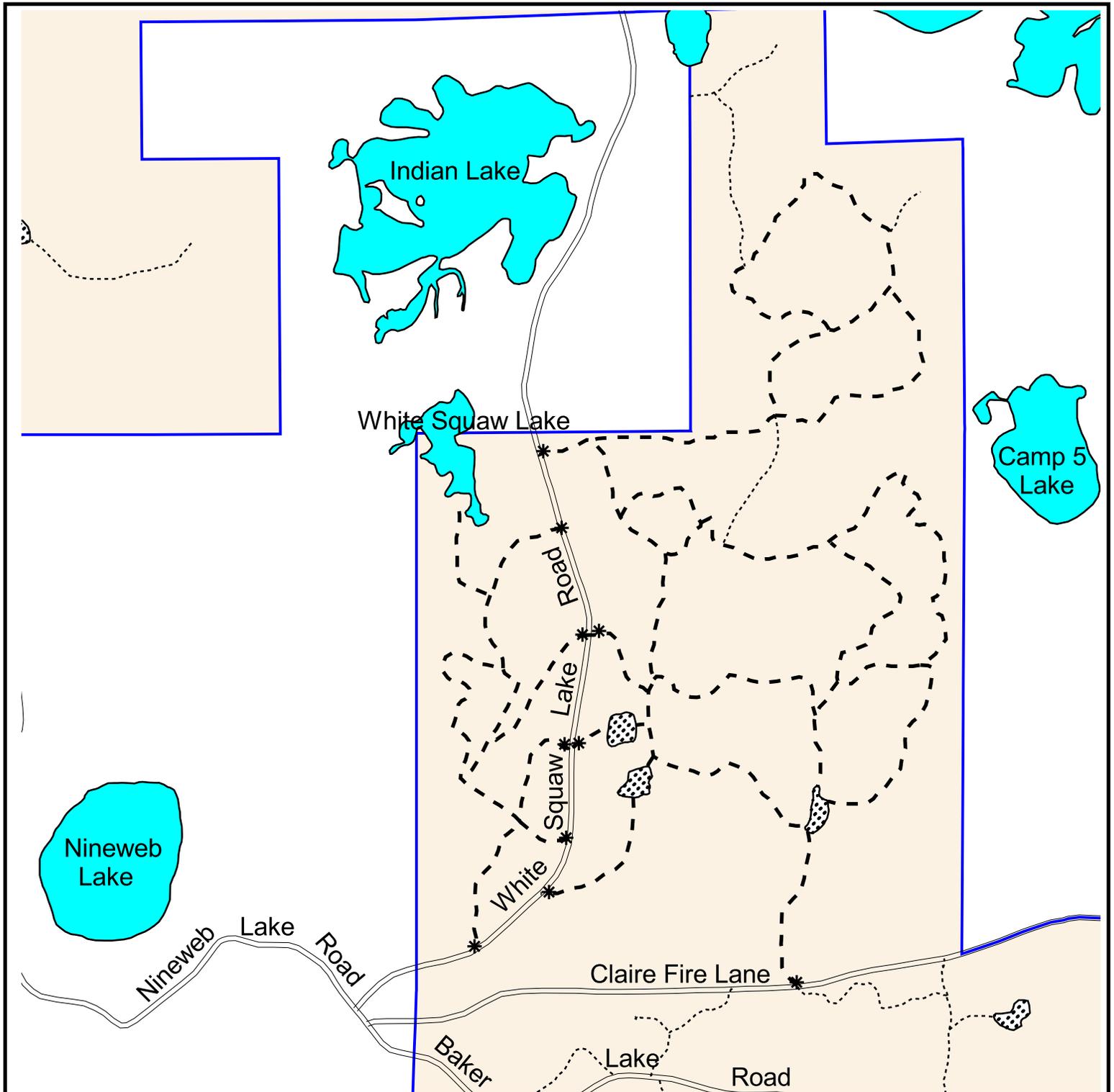


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|  | <b>Hunter Hiking Trail</b>         |  | <b>Wildlife Openings</b>                        |
|  | <b>Private Roads/Trails</b>        |  | <b>County Forest Land</b>                       |
|  | <b>Forest Trails</b>               |   | <b>Scale: 1" = 1/4 Mile</b>                     |
|  | <b>State &amp; County Highways</b> |   | <b>Total Trail Length = 6.79 Miles</b>          |
|  | <b>County Forest Roads</b>         |   |   |
|  | <b>Township Roads</b>              |   |   |



# Hunter/Hiking Trail - White Squaw Lake Unit



## Legend

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| <b>Roads and Trails</b> |   |
|                         | <b>Disabled Hunter Access</b>                   |
|                         | <b>Hunter Hiking Trail</b>                      |
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|                         | <b>State &amp; County Highways</b>              |
|                         | <b>County Forest Roads</b>                      |
|                         | <b>Township Roads</b>                           |
|                         | <b>Parking Areas<br/>( Do Not Block Gates )</b> |
|                         | <b>Wildlife Openings</b>                        |
|                         | <b>County Forest Land</b>                       |

Scale: 1" = 1/4 Mile  
 Total Trail Length = 9.12 Miles



RESOLUTION NO. 96-25

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN:

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, & Land Department has the responsibility of maintaining the 45.75 mile County Forest Road System providing access to the County Forest; and,

WHEREAS, the need is recognized for gravel resources for the Vilas County Highway Department to use for the maintenance and improvement of the public roads; and,

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Highway Departments cooperate to accomplish work goals; and,

WHEREAS, an agreement has been made between the two Departments wherein the Highway Department may mine the gravel resource on two identified sites on the County Forest for use on public road projects only. In return, the Forestry Department shall receive perpetually, the grading of the County Forest Road System, not more than twice per year, and patch graveling for road repair at the cost of the hourly rates of the equipment operators only. For any projects on the County Forest Roads that exceed patch repair the Forestry Department shall pay for the gravel at cost. It is further understood that the Forestry Department shall be responsible for the reclamation of the gravel pits with the Highway Department bearing the costs of equipment, labor, and planting; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement directly affects the management of the County Forest and therefore shall be recorded in the Vilas County Forest Ten Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors approves this cooperative agreement and directs the above management effort to be documented as an amendment to the County Forest Ten Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

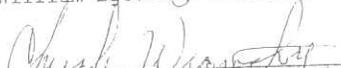
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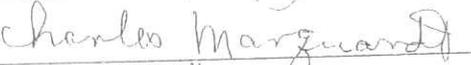
VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY, RECREATION, & LAND COMMITTEE AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

  
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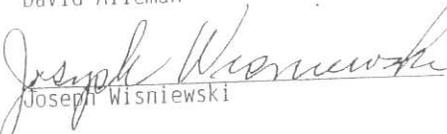
  
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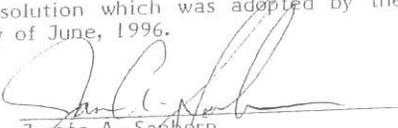
  
David Alleman

  
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James Bryant

  
Joseph Wisniewski

I, James A. Sanborn, Clerk of Vilas County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution which was adopted by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors on the 18th day of June, 1996.

  
James A. Sanborn  
Vilas County Clerk

**WISCONSIN ELECTRIC  
DISTRIBUTION EASEMENT  
GAS**

Document Number

IDO NO. 7008961a

For \$1.00 and other valuable consideration which **VILAS COUNTY**, hereinafter referred to as "grantor," owner of land, acknowledges receipt of, grants and warrants to **WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY**, hereinafter referred to as "grantee," a permanent easement upon, within and beneath a part of grantor's land hereinafter referred to as "easement area."

The easement area is described as a strip of land 10 feet in width being part of the SW 1/4 of Section 24, T41N, R9E, Town of Conover, Vilas County, Wisconsin

The location of the easement area shall be limited to a strip of land 10 feet in width, 5 feet on each side of the centerline of the facilities as finally located on said lands.

The location of the easement area with respect to the grantor's land is as shown on the attached drawing, marked Exhibit "A", and made a part of this document.

RETURN TO:  
WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY  
PROPERTY RIGHTS & INFORMATION GROUP  
231 W. MICHIGAN STREET, ROOM A440  
PO BOX 2046  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53201-2046

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(Parcel Identification Number)

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this easement is to install, operate, maintain repair, replace and extend underground utility facilities, pipeline or pipelines with valves, tieovers, main laterals and service laterals together with all necessary and appurtenant equipment under and above ground, as deemed necessary by grantee, for the transmission and distribution of natural gas and all by-products thereof or any liquids, gases, or substances which can or may be transported or distributed through a pipeline. Trees, bushes, branches and roots may be trimmed or removed so as not to interfere with grantee's use of the easement area.
2. **Access:** The Grantee shall have all other rights and benefits necessary or convenient for the full enjoyment and use of the rights herein granted, including but not limited to, the rights to remove and to clear all structures and obstructions such as but not limited to rocks, trees, brush, limbs and fences which might interfere with the rights herein contained, and the free and full right of ingress and egress over and across the strip of land and other adjacent lands of the Grantor to and from said strip of land, and the use of said strip of land and other adjacent lands of the Grantor, as necessary or convenient for the full enjoyment and use of the rights herein granted, during the operations of the Grantee as herein above enumerate but not necessarily limited thereto.
3. **Buildings or Other Structures:** The Grantor covenants and agrees that no structures, obstructions or impediments, of whatever kind or nature, which will or might interfere with the full enjoyment and use of the rights herein granted, will be constructed, placed, granted to allowed within the above-defined strip of land.
4. **Elevation:** The grantor agrees that the elevation of the ground surface within the easement area will not be altered by more than 4 inches without the written consent of grantee.
5. **Restoration:** Grantee, by the acceptance hereof, agrees to reasonably restore or repair damage to owner's property, and to compensate the owner for any reasonable losses thereto which the Grantee causes by the activities and operations hereinabove enumerated; but Grantee shall not be held in any way responsible for indemnifying, protecting, or otherwise holding any other person, firm, or corporation harmless from and against its or their own acts and omissions and the consequences thereof.
6. **Exercise of Rights:** It is agreed that the complete exercise of the rights herein conveyed may be gradual and not fully exercised until some time in the future, and that none of the rights herein granted shall be lost by non-use.
7. This grant of easement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of all parties hereto

8. In consideration of the foregoing grant, it is understood that during the time said underground natural gas facilities are located on the premises of the grantor pursuant to this grant, Wisconsin Electric Power Company will indemnify and save the grantor its successors and assigns harmless from any and all claims for injury or death to any person or for any damage to property of any person arising out of the installation and maintenance of the aforesaid facilities.

Grantor: VILAS COUNTY

Grantor:

By [Signature]

By \_\_\_\_\_

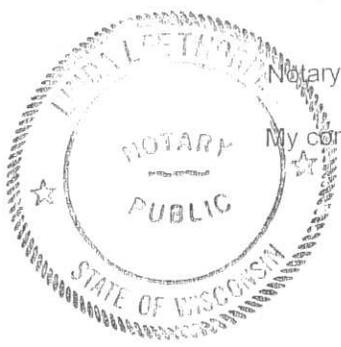
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\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Vilas County.

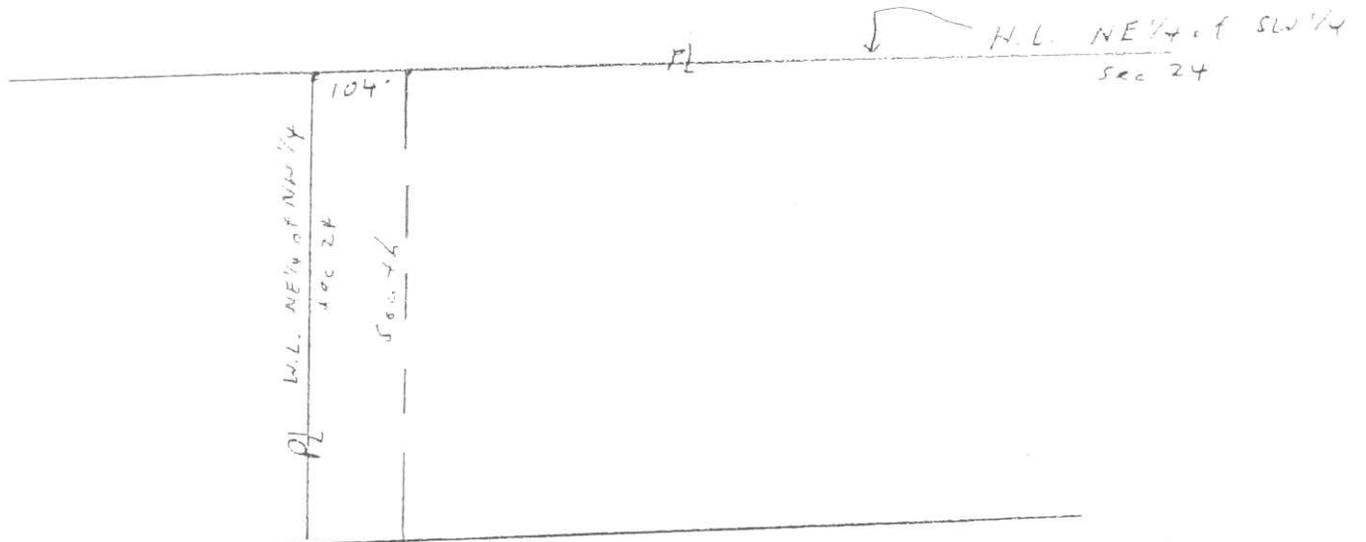
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Notary Public State of Wisconsin  
My commission expires 6-23-2002

Lower Buckston  
Lake



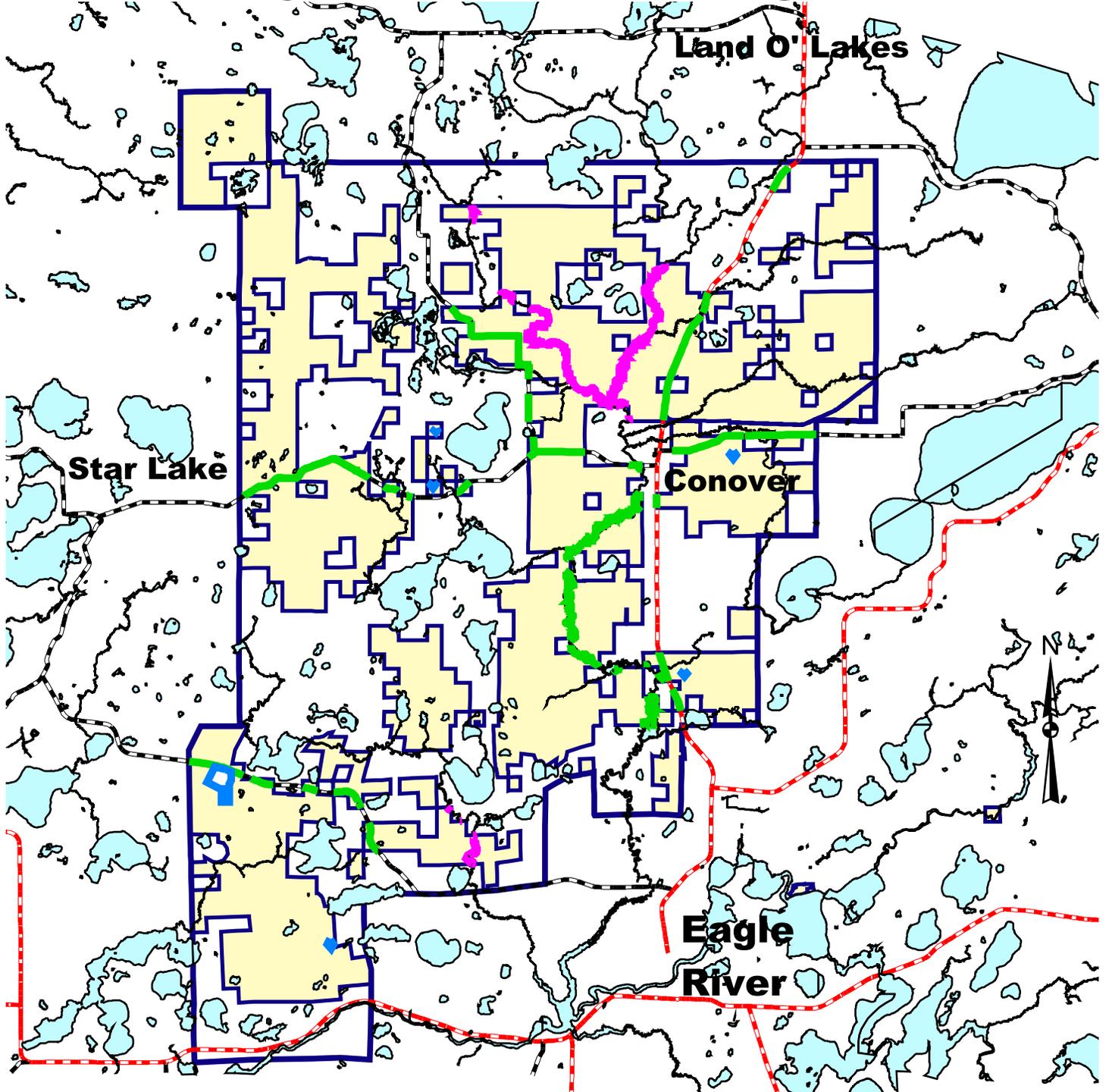
East Buckatabon Road



Key: / 10' Easement

Exhibit "A"

# Vilas County Forest Aesthetic Management Zones



Vilas County Forest - Aesthetic Management Zones

## Aesthetic Management Zones

- Zone A
- Zone B
- Zone D

- Lakes and Streams
- County Forest Land

- Forest Boundary
- County Highways
- State Highways

Scale - 1:158,400

Vilas County Wild Rice & Wild Celery Lakes

Arbor Vitae

Big Arbor Vitae Lake  
Devine Lake  
Little Arbor Vitae Lake  
Mud Creek

Boulder Junction

Allequash Lake  
Fish Trap Lake  
Grassy Lake  
Island Lake  
Johnson Creek  
Little Rice Lake  
Nixon Lake  
Sparkling Lake  
Stevenson Creek  
Trout River  
Upper Gresham Lake  
Wild Rice Lake

Cloverland

Boot Lake  
Mud Lake  
Muskellunge Creek  
Pickeral Creek  
Pickeral Lake  
Rice Lake

Conover

Buckatabon Creek  
Tamarack Creek

Lac du Flambeau

Amik Lake  
Fence Lake  
Flambeau Lake  
Trout River  
West Ellerson Lake  
Wild Rice Lake

Land O'Lakes

Spring Creek  
Spring Lake  
Tenderfoot Lake  
West Bay Lake

Lincoln

Duck Lake  
Scattering Rice Lake  
Mud Creek

Manitowish Waters

Alder Lake  
Benson Lake  
Clear Lake  
Dead Pike Lake  
Fawn Lake  
Little Manitowish Lake  
Rest Lake  
Stone Lake  
Trout River  
Vance Lake

Phelps

Lac Vieux Desert Lake  
Long Lake  
Military Creek  
Sand Lake

Plum Lake

Allequash Lake  
Allequash Springs  
Aurora Lake  
Little Star Lake  
Irving Lake  
Partridge Lake  
Pine Lake  
Plum Lake  
Star Creek

St. Germain

Lost Creek  
Stella Lake  
St. Germain Lake  
Big St. Germain Lake

Washington

Cranberry Lake  
Deerskin Creek  
Deerskin Lake  
Lower Nine Mile  
Upper Nine Mile

Winchester

Circle Lily Lake  
Harris Lake  
Rainbow Lake  
Tamarack Lake  
Turtle Lake  
Turtle River

Land O'Lakes

Helen Creek  
Helen Lake  
Johnson Lake  
Mamie Lake  
Mill Creek  
Palmer Lake

Stella Creek

Presque Isle

Presque Isle Lake  
Spread Lake  
State Line Lake

**Northern Highland**  
**Species of Greatest Conservation Need**

**Aquatic** (Coldwater streams, cool-water streams, impoundments/reservoirs, inland lakes, warm-water rivers, and warm-water streams)

***Birds***

American Black (Duck)	<i>Anas rubripes</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>

***Fish***

Lake Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>
Pugnose Shiner	<i>Notropis anogenus</i>
Greater Radhorse	<i>Moxostoma valenciennesi</i>
Longear Sunfish	<i>Lepomis magalotis</i>
Least Darter	<i>Etheostoma microperca</i>

***Herptiles***

Four-toed Salamander	<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>
Mudpuppy	<i>Necturus maculosus</i>
Mink Frog	<i>Rana septentrionalis</i>
Wood Turtle	<i>Clemmys insculpta</i>

***Mammals***

Water Shrew	<i>Sorex palustris</i>
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**Grassland** (bracken grassland)

***Birds***

Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizelia pusilla</i>
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>

***Herptiles***

Wood Turtle	<i>Clemmys insculpta</i>
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**Northern Forest** (northern dry forest, northern dry-mesic forest, northern hardwood swamp, northern mesic forest, northern wet forest and northern wet-mesic forest)

***Birds***

Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Spruce Grouse	<i>Falcipennis canadensis</i>
American Woodcock	<i>Scelopax minor</i>
Whip-poor-will	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>
Black-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides arcticus</i>
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>
Boreal Chickadee	<i>Poecile hudsonica</i>
Veery	<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>
Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>
Connecticut Warbler	<i>Oporornis agilis</i>
Canada Warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>

***Herptiles***

Four-toad Salamander	<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>
Wood Turtle	<i>Clemmys insculpta</i>

This list represents those important or major opportunity communities in this landscape that have one or more Species of Greatest Conservation Need moderately or significantly associated with them.

Northern Highland (continued)

**Mammals**

Water Shrew  
Arctic Shrew  
Pigmy Shrew  
Northern Flying Squirrel  
Southern Bog Lemming  
Woodland Jumping Mouse  
Timber Wolf

*Sorex palustris*  
*Sorex arcticus*  
*Sorex hoyi*  
*Glaucomyssabrinus*  
*Synaptomys cooperi*  
*Napaeozapus insignis*  
*Canis lupus*

**Wetland** (alder thicket, boreal rich fen, emergent aquatic, emergent aquatic-wild rice, ephemeral pond, northern sedge meadow, open bog, shrub carr, and submergent aquatic)

**Birds**

American Bittern  
American Black Duck  
Blue-winged Teal  
Canvasback  
Lesser Scaup  
Bald Eagle  
Northern Harrier  
Yellow Rail  
Lesser Golden-plover  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Dunlin  
Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
Short-billed Dowitcher  
American Woodcock  
Black Tern  
Veery  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Canada Warbler  
Le Conte's Sparrow  
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow  
Rusty Blackbird

*Botaurus lentiginosus*  
*Anas rubripes*  
*Anas discors*  
*Aythya valisineria*  
*Aythya affinis*  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*  
*Circus cyaneus*  
*Coturnicops noveboracensis*  
*Pluvialis dominica*  
*Tringa solitaria*  
*Calidris alpina*  
*Tryngites subruficollis*  
*Limnodromus griseus*  
*Scelopax minor*  
*Chlidonias niger*  
*Catharus fuscescens*  
*Vermivora chrysoptera*  
*Wilsonia canadensis*  
*Ammodramus leconteii*  
*Ammodramus nelsoni*  
*Euphagus carolinus*

**Herptiles**

Four-toed Salamander  
Mink Frog  
Wood Turtle

*Hemidactylium scutatum*  
*Rana septentrionalis*  
*Clemmys insculpta*

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Arctic Shrew  
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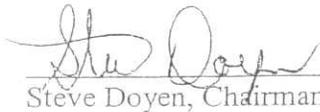


1 **BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee  
2 be designated committee of jurisdiction with regard to participation in the planning of any public  
3 trail to be located on County Lands.  
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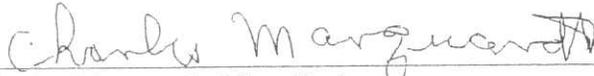
5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee and  
6 the County Forest Administrator shall develop and adopt a trail planning and permitting process  
7 forthwith which efficiently and expeditiously facilitates trail planning, oversight, and conflict  
8 resolution with respect to trails to be located on Vilas County Lands, while protecting the current  
9 and future interests and uses of existing trail users, the general public, and Vilas County  
10 government.  
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12 Respectfully Submitted By:

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14 VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY, RECREATION, & LAND COMMITTEE

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18 Steve Doyen, Chairman

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**Fiscal Impact:**

Yes  
 No

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

  
**Corporation Counsel**

I, James A. Sanborn, Clerk of Vilas County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution which was approved by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004.

  
James A. Sanborn  
Vilas County Clerk

## TRAILS POLICY- GENERAL OUTLINE

### Purpose:

1. Create guidelines and methods for trail acceptance and oversight on Vilas County Lands.
2. Include Vilas County in trail planning process.

All trail requests requiring use of County Lands and/or County administration must first come to the Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee.

### 1. Minimum requirements for trail consideration.

- A. All requests for trails on highway right of way will be forwarded, with maps, to the Vilas County Highway Committee and Land Use & Zoning Committee for final approval.
- B. Purpose and use of trail.
- C. Trail sponsors: Public entity or private group. A private group must consist of at least 10 members with a president, vice-president, secretary, & trail boss. The names, addresses, & telephone numbers of the above officers must be submitted to the Forestry, Recreation, & land Dept. The president of the Group must have the authority to contract with Vilas County for the development/maintenance of the trail. A public entity must submit the name, address, & phone number of the responsible person.
- D. Trail route and mapping: The Group must submit a map of the proposed trail accurately illustrating the trail location with fine point red ink including distances & dimensions.
- E. A natural resource review will be performed by County Staff.
- F. Require use agreement with County.
- G. The Trail Sponsor must submit a detailed cost estimate for the trail development and maintenance with a plan for the long term funding of the trail maintenance. The Sponsor will submit a Certificate of Insurance providing proof of public liability in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and Worker's Compensation (a signed waiver shall be submitted if Worker's Compensation does not apply).
- H. Have all Trail Coordinators, stakeholders, and other trail groups been informed?
- I. Resolve conflicts with other proposed/existing trails. The current as well as future land use of the County Land is to be considered. Current land use plans will be reviewed, such as the County Recreation Plan and the County Forest Management Plan. Conflicts of trail use and implementation will be resolved by the decision of the Forestry, Recreation, and Land Committee. For asphalt trails, the group must state how the trail will be maintained & repaired.
- J. The responsible party or trail group must provide proof it has the ability to maintain the trail system by submitting documentation showing the group owns, leases, or has available equipment that is capable of maintaining the trail.

- K. Construction and maintenance of trails on County Land shall adhere to Wisconsin's Best Management Practices for Water Quality (PUB-FR-093-95). Construction or maintenance of any recreational trail in which the activity would increase the erosion potential of one or more acres of land is subject to state and federal storm water run-off requirements (NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code and §283.33, Wis. Stats.). In addition, the Trail Sponsor will prepare an erosion control plan for each project depicting the location of the project, surrounding wetlands, and what erosion control measures will be employed.
- L. Trails on County Forest Land shall comply with Wis. Stats. Chapter 28.11 governing the use of County Forests and the sustainability of forest resources, and the Vilas County Forest 10 Year Management Plan.
- M. Asphalt trails shall be planned to accommodate access for heavy equipment. Vilas County will not be responsible for any damage to paved trails due to heavy equipment.
- N. The placement and operation of trails on County Land shall not hinder any current or future forest management activity.
- O. When shared use of a trail between bicycles, snowmobiles, and other motorized or non-motorized is not an option:
  - o Snowmobiles trails shall be located to the back of the right of way to allow for the headlight factor.
  - o Bicycle trails shall be located closer to the highway to accommodate current/future snowmobiles.
  - o If a new trail requires relocation of an existing trail, the request shall specify who is responsible for the cost of trail relocations.
- P. The County or its contractors are not responsible for damage or repair to trails on County land.
- Q. Discontinued use of the trail: The Trail Sponsor is required to submit to the Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee a plan to reclaim the trail in the event the trail use is discontinued and/or the sponsoring organization would dissolve. The plan is to include the reclamation of the land and the name(s), addresses, and Phone numbers of those persons responsible for accomplishing the tasks. The names of the responsible persons will be updated yearly or more frequently should changes occur.

VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT  
ACCESS PERMIT

This permit is entered into by the Vilas County Forestry Department hereinafter referred to as the Owner and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as Permittee, for the purpose of obtaining ingress and egress across Vilas County Lands described as follows:

The location of the subject accessway is shown on the exhibit attached hereto and made a part hereof. This permit shall be in effect for a five (5) year period, commencing on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, and ending the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

The Permittee shall pay the Owner \$50.00 (\$10.00/year for 5 years). The owner may extend this permit on the same terms and conditions by serving written notice of its election to extend on the Permittee at least 30 days prior to the expiration date heretofore stated.

It is understood by the Owner and Permittee that this permit is subject to the following conditions:

- 1.) Prior to this permit taking effect the Permittee shall submit for approval to the Owner a plan describing the accessway construction and maintenance. No deviations from this plan will be allowed without the prior written approval of the Owner.
- 2.) If the Owner determines that further use of the above-described property by the Permittee will interfere with present or future management objectives of the Owner, this permit may be cancelled by 30 days written notice by the Owner to the Permittee.
- 3.) This permit is non-transferable.
- 4.) No merchantable wood products will be cut without prior written approval of the Owner.
- 5.) Any wood products approved for cutting will be cut and piled by species and all wood in 100" lengths cut to a 4" top diameter.
- 6.) All stumps, slash, waste materials, and other debris resulting from the permitted land use shall be disposed of by the Permittee as directed by the Owner.
- 7.) No cutting or trimming of trees shall be done without the

prior written approval of the Owner.

- 8.) The Permittee agrees to reimburse the Owner for any unauthorized property damage to the subject property that may arise from the permitted construction, maintenance, or use of the described lands.
- 9.) The Permittee shall maintain the area under this permit in a safe condition at all times, causing no obstruction to free and uninhibited use by the public.
- 10.) This permit does not give the Permittee, its members or agents any rights pertaining to hunting or trapping; said rights remaining under the control of the Owner.
- 11.) The Permittee agrees to protect, indemnify, and save harmless the Owner, its agents, and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, liability, and expense by reason of loss or damage to any person whatsoever that may arise from the construction and placement of objects on the described lands and from the maintenance or use of the described lands, and the Permittee shall defend the Owner in any such action or claim.
- 12.) The Permittee will notify the Owner within 30 days of any address change for the Permittee.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have set their hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Permittee 1 - \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permittee 2 - \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence L. Stevens,  
Forest Administrator

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT  
LOGGING ACCESS PERMIT

This permit is entered into by the Vilas County Forestry Department hereinafter referred to as the Owner and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as Permittee, for the purpose of obtaining ingress and egress across Vilas County Lands described as follows:

It is understood by the Owner and Permittee that this permit is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The location of the subject accessway is shown on the Exhibit AA@ attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. This permit shall be in effect for a \_\_\_\_\_ month period, commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and ending the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.
3. The Permittee shall deposit with the Owner five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to insure performance of the conditions of this access permit. The performance deposit shall be held by the Owner until the Owner has determined all conditions of this permit have been satisfactorily complied with. If, in the opinion of the Owner, the Permittee has failed to comply with one or more of the conditions of this permit, the performance deposit, or any portion thereof, may be forfeited to the Owner.
- 4.) Prior to this permit taking effect the Permittee shall submit for approval to the Owner a plan describing the accessway construction or reconstruction and maintenance. No deviations from this plan will be allowed without the prior written approval of the Owner.
- 5.) Prior to the granting of this permit, the landowner must submit to the Forestry Department written documentation as to how the property boundary between the private land and County Forest land was determined. If the Forestry Department concludes that the accuracy of the property boundary is questionable due to insufficient survey evidence or the manner in which the line was placed, the landowner may be required to provide a certified survey of the boundary. Depending on the availability of funding, the Forestry Department may share in the cost of the certified survey of up to \_\_\_\_\_% of that portion coincident with the County Forest boundary.
- 6.) If the Owner determines that further use of the above-

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described property by the Permittee will interfere with present or future management objectives of the Owner, this permit may be cancelled by 30 days written notice by the Owner to the Permittee.

- 7.) Granting of this Permit shall not grant or transfer any rights other than those rights expressly set forth herein. No right of ownership or possession shall vest in the Permittee, solely by virtue of the granting of this Permit. This document contains all the terms and conditions of said Permit, and no other terms, conditions, rights, duties, or obligations shall be inferred or implied. This Permit may be amended, modified, or continued only by written codicil duly executed by the parties hereto. This Permit is non-transferrable and non-assignable for any reason.
- 8.) The Permittee shall not cut any merchantable timber or brush except as authorized by the Owner. Merchantable timber approved for cutting will be cut and decked by species. Utilization shall be to a 100" stick with a 4" top diameter. The value of cut wood products to be paid to the Owner by the Permittee will be the average stumpage rate for the species and product as published by Wisconsin DNR for the Vilas County Forest. Limbing of trees adjacent to the road shall be done by cutting the limb a distance of not greater than 2' from the trunk of the tree from which it is growing. Slash from brush cutting and unmerchantable tops of trees shall be cut to a height of no greater than 12" from ground level. Uprturned stumps, root wads, waste materials, and other debris resulting from road construction or improvement shall be disposed of off County Forest Land.
- 9.) The Permittee agrees to reimburse the Owner for any unauthorized property damage to the subject property that may arise from the permitted construction, maintenance, or use of the described lands. The Permittee is responsible for the certified monumentation of any survey monuments disturbed or destroyed.
- 10.) The Permittee's use of this road is not exclusive. The Permittee shall maintain the area under this permit in a safe condition at all times, causing no obstruction to free and uninhibited use by the public. The road is to be kept level and free of debris.
- 11.) Neither decking, yarding, or loading of timber products,

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storing of equipment or other items, will be permitted on County Forest Land.

- 12.) Prior to the termination of this access permit, the Permittee shall level and seed the road to restore vegetation. If access is permitted through a Vilas County gated or bermed area, the road shall be seeded to White Dutch clover. If access is permitted through an unrestricted area, the road shall be seeded to a grass mixture containing not more than 50% annual grass seed. The rate of application shall be 20 lbs/acre.
- 13.) The Permittee agrees to protect, indemnify, and save harmless the Owner, its agents, and employees from and against all claims, demands, suits, liability, and expense by reason of loss or damage to any person whatsoever that may arise from the construction and placement of objects on the described lands, and from the maintenance or use of the described lands, and the Permittee shall defend the Owner in any such action or claim. The Permittee and/or the logging contractor performing harvesting operations for the Permittee shall provide the Owner with a Certificate of Insurance exhibiting proof of Liability coverage with minimum limits of \$300,000.00 bodily injury and \$100,000.00 property damage and Worker=s Compensation, prior to the issuance of this Access Permit.
- 14.) The Permittee will notify the Owner within 30 days of any address change for the Permittee.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have set their hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Permittee 1 -  
  
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Permittee 2 -  
  
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence L. Stevens,  
Forest Administrator  
For Vilas County Forestry Dept., Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

TIMBER SALE CONTRACT

Property Ownership: Vilas County Tract # \_\_\_\_\_ Sale # \_\_\_\_\_

This contract is made by and between the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee of Vilas County, Wisconsin, hereinafter called the Committee, and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, hereafter called the Purchaser.

The Purchaser agrees to provide, at the signing of this contract, documentation that at least one person on site engaged in the performance of this contract is certified under the Wisconsin Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Standard as adopted by the Wisconsin SFI Implementation Committee. Criteria for the Standard can be obtained by contacting the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA). The Committee recognizes and accepts documentation under the Michigan training standard.

The Committee hereby authorizes the Purchaser to cut and remove all timber marked or designated by the Committee's appointed representative on the following described lands, hereafter called the premises:

The Committee and the Purchaser mutually agree that this contract is subject to the following conditions:

CONTRACT DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. Cutting of timber on the premises may start after the Committee and Purchaser have signed this contract and will continue with reasonable diligence so that the logging operation will be completed no later than \_\_\_\_\_. Within 24 hours of initiation of activity or when activity ceases for more than 5 consecutive days and prior to contract completion, Purchaser will contact the Vilas County Forestry Department. A forfeiture of 5% of the performance bond will result when the Purchaser fails to give proper notice of initiating or ceasing activity on the contract.
2. An extension of time may be granted by the Committee, with an appropriate adjustment in stumpage rates, at the request of the Purchaser. The adjustment in stumpage rates is determined by the following rate increase schedule. No extensions will be given beyond 4 years.

One year contracts:        5% 1st extension  
                                  10% 2nd extension  
                                  15% 3rd extension

Two year contracts:        10% 1st extension  
                                  15% 2nd extension

Three year contracts:     15% 1st extension

Four year contracts:      No extension

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An extension of time with no stumpage increase will be considered by the Committee when the Contractor submits proof that the completion of this contract is constrained due to the Contractor=s commitment to harvest elsewhere under salvage conditions.

3. The Committee, or its representative, shall give the Purchaser verbal and/or written notice in the event of a breach of any condition of the contract. All operations shall cease immediately upon receipt of such notice by the Purchaser, and continued occupancy shall be a trespass. Operation may not be resumed without written authorization from the Committee.

The decision of the Committee, acting on the advice of its agent and the Department of Natural Resources liaison forester as to whether Purchaser is in compliance with the terms of this contract, shall be final.

The Forestry, Recreation, & Land Committee reserves the right to delay or terminate work under this contract if it is so determined to be in the best interest of Vilas County.

#### PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT

4. Purchaser is required to furnish a performance deposit in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to insure proper performance of the conditions of the contract. The performance deposit may be in the form of check, cash, Letter of Credit, or Performance Bond. Letters of Credit or Performance Bond shall have their termination date to be 60 days beyond the termination date of the contract. Upon written notification from the Committee that the Purchaser has failed to comply with one or more conditions of this contract, the performance deposit or any portion thereof may be forfeited to Vilas County. The performance deposit shall be held until the Committee or its representative has determined all conditions of this contract have been satisfactorily completed.
5. Title to any forest products cut under this contract shall remain with the County until stumpage payment is received by the Vilas County Forestry Department.
6. Any access across private lands or other lands not owned by Vilas County is the responsibility of the Purchaser.

#### ADVANCE STUMPAGE PAYMENT

7. Payment instructions: All stumpage payments will be cash, Certified Check, or money order unless other arrangements are made with the Committee. Payments for more than one sale must be submitted by separate Certified Check or money order.

Stumpage payment schedule:

##### Option 1

- a. Advance stumpage of \$500.00 will be made at the time of the signing of this contract. For contracts with

an estimated sale value of less than \$500.00, the Purchaser shall pay the amount of the estimated sale value.

- b. Advance stumpage will be accredited toward the first scale.
- c. Stumpage must be received within 10 days of scaling or no additional wood products will be scaled, and no wood products may be removed from the sale area.

Option 2

The Contractor shall provide a letter of credit, separate from the letter of credit for the performance deposit, on Vilas County form to provide continuity of logging activity when Option 1 cannot be met.

- 1. An irrevocable letter of credit will be provided at the signing of the contract in the amount of not less than \$10,000.00. The amount of the letter of credit may be increased by \$1,000.00 increments. The termination date of the letter of credit shall be 2 months beyond the termination date of the contract.
- 2. Stumpage invoices are due 30 days from the date of the invoice. The total stumpage balance due shall not exceed 90% of the letter of credit. Failure to meet this stipulation will result in no additional wood products being scaled and no wood products being able to be removed from the sale area.

Overdue balances for either payment option will be charged an interest penalty at the rate of 12% per year for each day balances are past due. The penalty will be calculated by this formula: (amount past due)X(.0003287)X(# of days past due).

The Contractor shall abide by Stumpage Payment Option # \_\_\_\_.

8. Purchaser agrees to pay the following rates:

Species	Volume	Unit Value	Total Est. Value

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9. The "Harvest Regulations" on the attached Timber Sale Map are made a part of this contract.

#### UTILIZATION

10. Utilization Specifications:
- a. All trees marked or otherwise designated by this contract shall be cut progressively and to the satisfaction of the representative of the Committee whether or not the quantity or quality of such timber is more or less than the estimates comprising the operational specifications.
  - b. Cut wood products will be utilized to a minimum specification of a 100 inch stick with a four inch top diameter inside the bark. The whole tree will be utilized for those tracts or designated species purchased as whole tree volume. Any change in utilization as specified in this contract will result in an amendment of stumpage prices.
11. Maximum stump height shall not exceed 10 inches unless specified otherwise in the "Harvest Regulations" of the Timber Sale Map.
12. Marked or designated trees left uncut or undesignated trees cut or damaged and timber not utilized in tops and stumps shall be paid for at double the mill rate as determined by the County Forestry Department.
13. No unnecessary damage shall be done to residual timber stands. Young growth bent or held down by felled trees shall be promptly released. Trees damaged through normal cutting operations may be designated for cutting by the Committee's designated representative and harvested if merchantable and will be paid for at the rate specified under Condition #8 . For species not listed in Condition #8, the Committee's representative shall appraise the value of the timber.

#### SLASH DISPOSAL

14. Purchaser agrees to comply with the State Slash Law, ' 26.12(6), Wis. Stats., and to do all in his power to cooperate with fire protection officers to prevent/suppress forest fires. Roadways

and trails shall be kept free from brush and waste resulting from operations.

15. Other slash disposal requirements specific to this sale area will be included in the "Harvest Regulations" on the Timber Sale map.

ROADS, CAMPS, SURVEY CORNERS, BOUNDARY LINES

16. Location, construction and use of logging roads, mill sites, temporary campsites, and landings are subject to advance approval and on-site inspection by the Committee or its designated representative. All such areas or facilities used or constructed by the Purchaser must be operated, maintained, and restored prior to termination of the contract in a manner satisfactory to the Committee or its designated representative. Purchaser shall repair damage to existing roads. Waste wood, tops, and stumps shall be scattered to reduce the height to less than 2 feet and enhance the visual aesthetics of the area.
17. No residence or dwelling shall be established on the premises.
- 18a. Logging roads that intersect town, county, or state roads must have the intersections approved by the proper authorities and proof submitted to the Forestry Department prior to construction and cleared of all unsightly debris at the time of construction.
- 18b. There is to be no decking or skidding on any County Forest Road, Town Road, County or State Highway regardless of permission from any authority.
- 19a. Purchaser shall be responsible for knowledge of the boundaries of the sale area, and shall be liable for all trespass committed by the Purchaser outside of such boundaries.
- 19b. 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 deposit placed by the Purchaser under Condition 4 is insufficient to cover such costs, ' 59.635, Wis. Stats., "Perpetuation of Landmarks" may be enforced.
- 19c. Trees painted to mark either legal or sale boundaries shall not be cut.

SOIL DISTURBANCE GUIDELINES

3. These guidelines are to define the limits of acceptable soil disturbances, such as rutting and gullies, on Vilas County Forest Lands.

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Soil disturbances are excessive if:

M Roads, Landings, Skid Trails, & General Harvest Area

M A gully or rut is 6" deep or more and is resulting in channelized flow to a wetland, stream, or lake.

O Roads, Landings, & Primary Skid Trails

O In a riparian management zone (RMZ) or wetland, a gully or rut is

6" deep or more and 100' long or more.

O In an upland area (outside of RMZ), a gully or rut is 10" deep or more and 66' long or more.

F Secondary Skid Trails & General Harvest Area

F Gully or rut is 6" deep or more and 100' long or more.

**Definitions:**

- A gully is an erosion channel cut into the soil along a line of water flow.
- A rut is an elongated depression in a trail or roadway caused by dragging logs, by wheels or by tracks of harvesting machinery. Ruts are often exacerbated by erosion from uncontrolled storm water runoff.
- A primary skid trail is used for three or more passes.
- A secondary skid trail is used for one or two passes.

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).

4. Maintenance Expectations for Soil Disturbances. >Excessive= means that a soil disturbance has exceeded the threshold for acceptable rutting. An area with an excessive soil disturbance requires additional attention from a County Forester to evaluate the effect of the soil disturbance and to provide recommendations for practices to mitigate the effects of soil disturbance. Classifying a soil disturbance as >excessive= does not mandate closing of a timber sale or a forest road; however, actions should be taken, as appropriate, to minimize further soil disturbances.

If soil disturbances are below the excessive threshold, then the expectation is that:

O If the soil disturbance occurs during a timber sale, the contractor will evaluate the disturbance and determine what actions, if any, are needed to address the disturbance. A County Forester will evaluate all timber sales at the close of contracts to ensure that all soil disturbances are properly addressed.

O If the soil disturbance occurs on a county forest road that is not part of an ongoing timber sale contract, a County Forester will evaluate what actions, if any, are needed to address the disturbance.

If soil disturbances exceed the excessive threshold, then the expectation is that:

O If the soil disturbance occurs during a timber sale, the contractor will contact a County Forester and together they will evaluate the

disturbance and determine what actions, if any, are needed to address the disturbance. A County Forester will evaluate all timber sales at the close of contracts to ensure that all soil disturbances are properly addressed.

- 0 If the soil disturbance occurs on a county forest road that is not part of an ongoing timber sale contract, a County Forester will evaluate what actions, if any, are needed to address the disturbance.

#### LIABILITY

- 22. The Purchaser agrees to protect, indemnify, and save harmless the County, its representatives, and employees from and against any and all causes of action, claims, demands, suits, liability or expense by reason of loss or damage to any property or bodily injury to any person, including death, as a direct or indirect result of timbering operations or in connection with any action or inaction of the Purchaser, who shall defend the County in any such cause of action or claim. A Certificate of Insurance will be required with minimum limits of \$100,000.00 each person and \$300 000.00 each occurrence. Insurer shall notify the Vilas County Forestry Department within five days of any change.
- 23. In addition to costs as specified under Conditions 12 and 13 the Purchaser or his agents may be subject to a forfeiture under Vilas County General Code 16.06, ' 26.05, Wis. Stats., or subject to prosecution under ' 943.20, Wis. Stats. for theft for the damage or removal of undesignated timber.

#### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

- 24. The Purchaser, prior to any performance under the Contract, shall provide the Committee with a Certificate of Insurance indicating that Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage is provided for all employees regardless of exemptions in ' 102, Wis. Stats., working under this Contract. Such Certificate shall further include the condition that the Insurer shall notify the Vilas County Forestry Department within five days of any change in its terms or twenty days prior to its termination.
- 25. The Purchaser is an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of the Committee for any propose including Worker's Compensation. The Committee agrees that the Purchaser shall have sole control of the method, hours worked, and time and manner of any performance under this Contract other than as specifically provided herein. The Committee reserves the right only to inspect the job site or premises for the purpose of insuring that the performance is progressing or has been completed in compliance with the Contract. The Committee takes no responsibility for supervision or direction of the performance of the Contract to be performed by the Purchaser or the Purchaser's employees or agent. The Committee further agrees that it will exercise no control over the selection and dismissal of the Contractor's employees or agents.

26. In connection with the performance of work under the Contract, the Purchaser agrees not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, sex, handicap, physical condition, or developmental disability as defined in ' 51.05(5), Wis. Stats., sexual orientation or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, lay-off or termination, pay rates or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Except with respect to sexual orientation, the Purchaser further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities. The Purchaser agrees to post in a conspicuous place available for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Purchaser setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

#### ASSIGNMENT AND CHANGES

27. This Contract, together with the specifications in the bid request and referenced parts and attachments, shall constitute the entire agreement and previous communications or agreements pertaining to this Contract are hereby superseded. Any contractual revisions including cost adjustment and time extensions must be made by an amendment to this Contract or other written documentation, signed by both parties at least 30 days prior to the ending date of this Contract.
28. Neither this Contract nor any right or duty in whole or in part by the Purchaser under this Contract may be assigned, delegated, or subcontracted without the written consent of the Committee.

#### CONTRACTING PARTIES

29. In this Contract, the Committee and the Purchaser include their respective officers, employees, agents, directors, subcontractor, assignees, partners, representative, successors, heirs, members, and servants.
30. If the Purchaser ceases to exist, in fact or by law, the Committee may immediately terminate this Contract, and, without waiving any remedies available to it, perform the Contract.

#### SCALING AND CONVERSION FACTORS

31. All products shall be scaled on the sale area by a County or State Forester and shall be scaled according to their use and specifications. No wood products may be removed from the premises until scaled. Tracts designated to allow chipping operations will be scaled and accounted for under the Haul Permit System as amended to this contract. The County reserves the right to inspect trucks hauling forest products from the premises and to check a scale at any time.
32. Unless otherwise specified, a cord is 4'x4'x100". 12.5% will be added to the volume of hand peeled or ring debarked volume and 25% will be added to other machine peeled volumes to compute the equivalent unpeeled volume. Volumes produced by chipping operations will be determined by the Cordwood Weight Conversion Factors in WDNR Timber Sale Handbook 2461.

33. The Scribner Decimal C Log Rule shall be used for scaling logs and poles. A log is defined as being at least 8 feet long and having a small end diameter inside the bark of at least 10 inches for softwoods and 10 inches for hardwoods. However, products that will be utilized as sawlogs having dimensions smaller than the above shall be scaled as sawlogs.
34. Conversion of MBF (thousand board feet) to cords to MBF will be 2.44 cords per MBF softwoods and 2.20 cords per MBF for hardwoods.
35. If no sawlog price is established, all species cut in lengths longer than 100 inches will be scaled by the board foot and the price per thousand board foot will be negotiated by the Committee's designated representative. Any negotiated price will be subject to Committee approval and will be made part of this Contract by written amendment only.
36. All cordwood and sawlogs must be decked and separated by product and species unless described as mixed products under this Contract.
37. Sawlogs and poles shall be decked placing the small ends facing the same direction. When decks contain logs or poles of more than one length, the log length shall be marked on the small end. Deck height shall not exceed six feet. Poles longer than 20' (twenty feet) must be laid out individually on the ground with the small ends facing the same direction with pole lengths indicated on the small end.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS

38. Successful bidders on more than one tract must complete each tract before moving into a new tract. All previous contracts must be completed before new tracts can be started. Permission to cut in more than one tract at a time is subject to Committee approval.
  39. All berms on hunter walking trails removed must be replaced at the edge of sale boundaries when contracts are open. When contracts are completed, berms must be replaced at original locations.
  40. No litter shall be deposited on the sale area, nor on access route to the area. This includes such material as empty oil cans, broken equipment parts, and lunch containers. A \$10.00 fine will be imposed for each time litter is noted on the sale area.
  41. Firewood cutting will not be allowed on active timber sales. Any firewood sold will be paid for at timber sale contract stumpage rates. The Purchaser and his employees may remove non-merchantable wood for their personal use. Non-merchantable wood is defined as any part of a tree not capable of being cut to a 100 inch length with a small end diameter of 4 inches or larger.
  42. All petroleum products used by the Purchaser shall be disposed of in an acceptable manner. Any on-site spillage must be reported to the DNR according to ' 292.11, Wis. Stats., and must be removed and cleaned up by the Purchaser. All costs associated with the clean-up will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.
5. The Contractor is responsible for adhering to Wisconsin's Best Management

Practices For Water Quality. Non-compliance with BMP=s For Water Quality will result in cessation of all contract activity and may result in termination of this contract and forfeiture of all or part of the performance deposit. If damages exceed the value of the performance deposit, the Committee reserves the right to seek legal action to assure repair to the affected environment.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2006.

This contracted entered into by and between VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

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Lawrence L. Stevens, Forest Administrator

Purchaser -

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Witness

## AMENDMENT TO VILAS COUNTY TIMBER SALE CONTRACT

### Haul Permit – Ticket Scale System

1. Only wood chips, including bark, leaves, etc., are allowed to be hauled using a Haul Permit (ticket). Sawlogs, as well as other products, are to be scaled on the landing by a County or State Forester.
2. Haul Permits (tickets) are to be purchased by the contractor in books of 10; exception at completion of contract. The value of the tickets will be based on a 12 cord load size, and using a weighted average \$\_\_\_\_\_/cord based on sold value divided by estimated cords.
3. Tickets are to be used in sequence and each book must be used before another book is started. Tickets may only be used on the contract for which they were purchased.
4. Before each load of wood products leaves the sale area, a Haul Permit must be completely filled out. The original is to be completely deposited in the ticket (lock) box. Hung tickets will be considered the same as not depositing tickets. A ticket will be considered hung if the ticket is deposited into the ticket box, yet is retractable. Failure to deposit tickets in the ticket (lock) box before each load of cut wood products leaves the sale area will be considered a violation of Vilas County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16.06(2)(c), or § 943.20, Wis. Stats. The result will be that the contractor will be charged two (2) times the mill value.
5. The second copy of the Haul Permit is to accompany load to the mill, and is to be attached to the mill scale slip. When wood products are delivered to buyers not providing a mill scale slip, the contractor shall provide the name, address, phone number, and signature of the buyer. This information shall be attached to copy #2 of the ticket, which shall list the information normally found on tickets. This information shall be submitted to the Vilas County Forestry Department. Incomplete scale slips will result in the contractor being charged two (2) times the stumpage rate for that load.
6. The County has the right to stop the truck to inspect ticket and load, and check the scale of wood products.
7. The contractor will have 14 days from the Thursday following the day the last ticket in each book was used to return all mill scale slips. The mill ticket copy (copy #2) must be attached to the mill scale slip. Failure to return all mill scales by this deadline will result in no wood being removed from the sale area.
8. Mill scale weights will be converted to cordwood volume by use of the 'Cordwood Weight Conversion Factors' in WDNR Timber Sale Handbook 2461. After the tickets from each book have been reconciled, the contractor will be sent a statement of account for which the contractor will have seven (7) days to pay the remaining balance, if any is due (credit balance will be applied to the purchase of next book of tickets).

9. After completion of the sale, the contractor shall have fourteen (14) days to return all mill scale slips to the Forestry Department. The tickets will be reconciled and the contractor will be sent a statement of account in which the contractor will have seven (7) days to pay any remaining balance. If wood products are not marketed after two (2) weeks, all remaining products will be scaled on the landing and billed to the contractor.
10. The contractor will be charged \$10.00 for each ticket not used and not returned at the end of the sale.
11. The Vilas County Forestry Department reserves the right to change the method of scale if the contractor fails to abide by any procedure of this Amendment to Vilas County Timber Sale Contract.

This contract entered into by and between VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

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Lawrence L. Stevens, CF  
Forest Administrator

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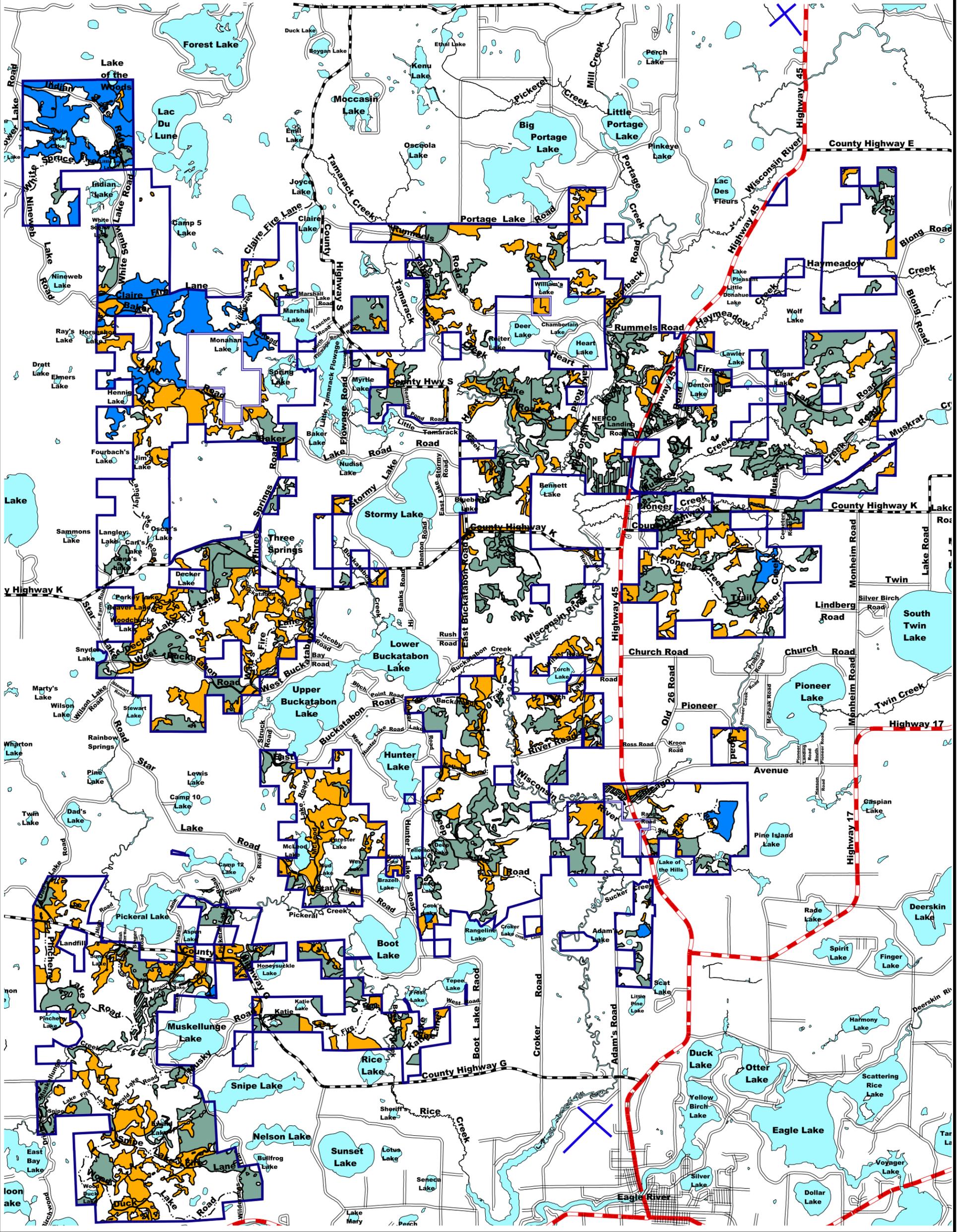
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Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

# Vilas County Forest 15-Year Harvest Plan 2006 - 2020



Vilas County 15-year Plan Harvest Treatments

- All Aged Harvest
- Regeneration Harvest
- Intermediate Thinning
- Vilas County Forest Boundary
- Lakes and Rivers

Highways and Roads

- Airport Runway
- County Highways
- State Highways
- Township Roads
- County Forest Roads

Scale: 1" = 1-1/4 Mile

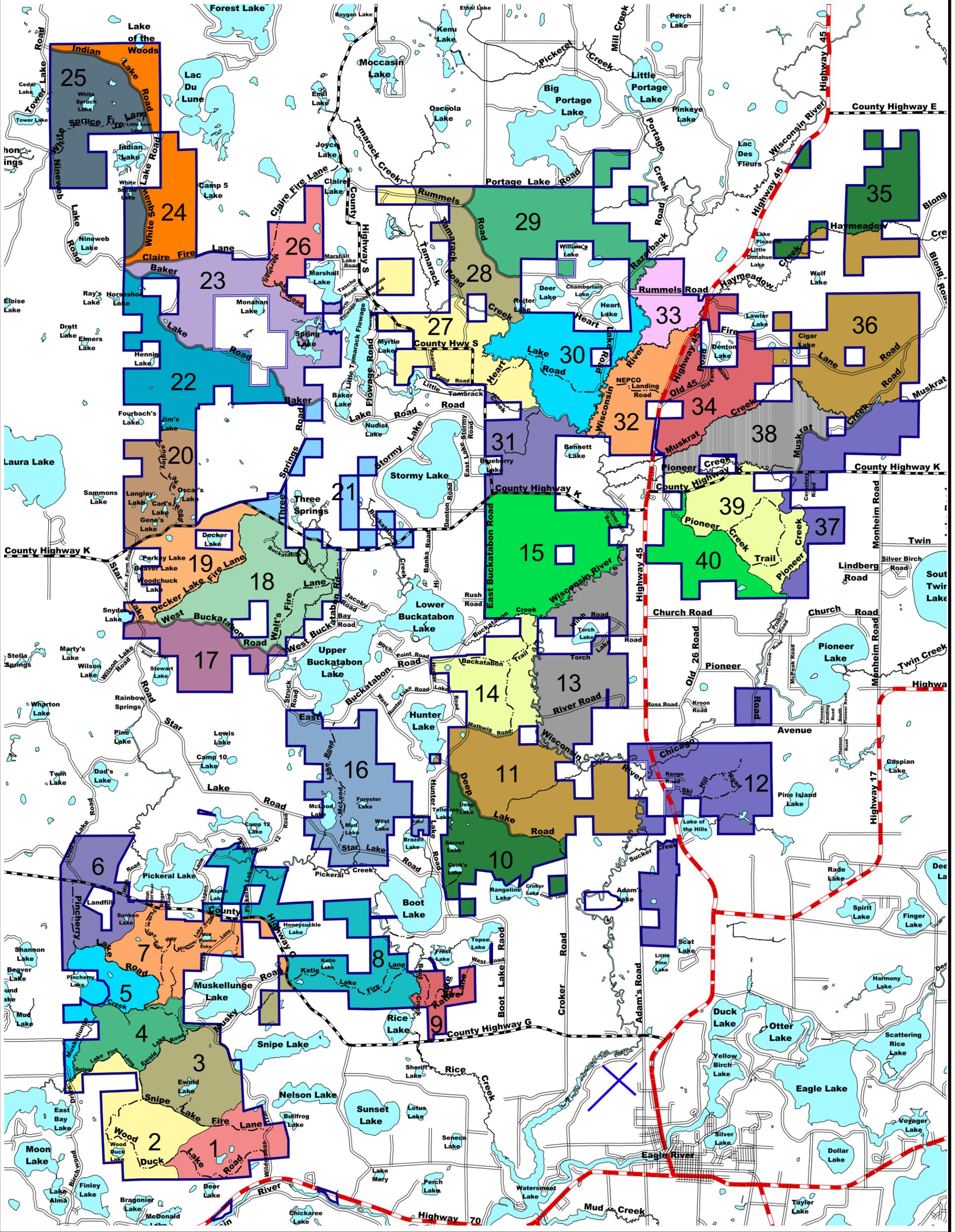
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**Boat Landing Regulatory Information Sign  
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# Vilas County Forest - Compartment Boundaries



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