

April 19, 2016

FOREST, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 25, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Forestry Headquarters
Solon Springs, Wisconsin

Please call the Chairperson or the Forestry Department (715-378-2219) if you will not be able to attend.

MEMBERS: Mark Liebaert, Chair John Robinson, Vice Chair Terry White
 Robert Mock Mary Lou Bergman

AGENDA

(Committee to maintain a two-hour meeting limit or take action to continue meeting beyond that time.)

1. Roll call.
2. Approval of minutes from the March 28, 2016, regular meeting and closed session minutes (attached).
3. Department reports:
 - (a) Budget (attached);
 - (b) Forest management operations (attached); and
 - (c) Parks and recreation.
4. Action items/referrals:
 - (a) Douglas County Conditional Use Permit Application for Non-Metallic Mine on County Forest Land (Town of Dairyland) (attached); and
 - (b) Long Lake County Day-Use Park Application for County Forest Law Entry (#SO-026-00708-00) (attached).
5. Informational items/correspondence:
 - (a) Office addition project bid results;
 - (b) 2016 Wisconsin County Forest Certification Audit (attached);
 - (c) WDNR FY2016 Time Standards Reduction (attached);
 - (d) 2016 Spring Forest Industry Gathering; and
 - (e) Reports:
 - (1) Wisconsin County Forest Association; and
 - (2) WDNR County Forest liaison.
6. Future agenda items.

cc: Sue Sandvick County Board Supervisors WI DNR Terry Priem
 WCFA Andy Lisak Carolyn Pierce Shelley Nelson

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Posted: (Courthouse/Government Center)/Daily Telegram Emailed:  4/19/2016
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Solon Springs, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Liebaert.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mark Liebaert, John Robinson, Terry White, Mary Lou Bergman, Robert Mock. Others present – Rebecca Loken, Teri Heathcote, Sig Degitz, Ken Fastner, Carolyn Pierce, Dale Rochon, Terry Asleson, Jane Anklam, Greg Kessler, Mark Schroeder, Jon Harris, Judy Nicoski, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second Robinson, to approve the minutes from the February 29, 2016, regular and March 8, 2016, timber sale meetings. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Budget: Included with members' meeting packet. Nicoski reviewed the budget for the period ending February 29, 2016.

Forest Management Operations: Langenecker reported no active sales or hauling. Tree planting (13 sites/464 acres) scheduled to start in three-to-four weeks.

Parks and Recreation: Schroeder reported snowmobile and summertime ATV trails shut down; temporary park staff recruitment in progress; and writing grants for snowmobile and ATV projects.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: 2016 Capital Improvement Project Requests: Distributed – reviewed.

ACTION (RESOLUTION/REFERRAL): Motion by White, second Mock, to approve the 2016 capital improvement project requests as presented totaling \$695,000, forward to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Straight Arrow Enduro Riders Annual Report: Ken Fastner provided update on activities: considering implementing a smaller loop route from the parking lot working with Mark Schroeder for placement, and other potential improvements being considered. Legislation proposed for WDNR to register off highway motorcycles (dirt bikes) with stickers - reciprocity idea discussed.

Moose River Dog Club Annual Report: Sig provided updates: back to six courses again; spring trial planned for late April; and plan to run the national amateur grouse contest this fall. Disappearing course markers in the area discussed.

Friends of the Bird Sanctuary Annual Report: Report distributed – Terry Heathcoat provided overview. Sharp-tailed grouse viewing blind information distributed.

Invasive Species Control Utilizing Goats in Lucius Woods County Park Accomplishment Report: 1st treatment successfully completed on 1.5 acre target area in park fall 2015 at a total cost of \$1,430. Revised proposal for the same 1.5 acre area is to transport goats back and forth daily with a 2nd treatment proposed at \$500/acre + \$100/day for transport to occur May, 2016, and a 3rd treatment proposed at \$350/acre + \$100/day for transport to occur September, 2016.

ACTION: Motion by White, second Bergman, to approve proposal as presented for the same 1.5 acre target area, with May, 2016, 2nd entry treatment in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 and a September, 2016, 3rd entry treatment in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, coordinate logistics with department staff minimizing disruption to park operations, and deliver a project update report to this committee after completion of the September, 2016, treatment. Motion carried.

Wildlife Update Report (WDNR Wildlife Biologist): Greg Kessler provided updates and distributed handouts: 2016 Wisconsin hunting and trapping seasons; public spring hearing information; deer harvest history; bear application drawing results; and forest openings treatment record.

April 6, 2016, Spring Forest Industry Gathering: Harris advised the gathering will be held at the Solon Springs Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 6, 2016.

Reports:

Wisconsin County Forest Association: No updates.

WDNR County Forest Liaison: Dale Rochon advised that due to current WDNR vacancies, training commitments, and pending spring fire season duties, the FY2016 WDNR time standards commitment to Douglas County of 3,905 hours will be difficult to meet by June 30, 2016. Requesting reduction of 550 hours. Will work with department staff on request and formal agreement.

ACTION: Motion by Mock, second White, to extend meeting beyond two hour time limit. Motion carried.

MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(g) OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING 2011 STATE LINE FLOWAGE DAM REPAIR PROJECT: Motion by Mock, second Robinson, to adjourn open session and convene in closed session as stated above. Roll call vote taken, with all present voting yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk

Town of Dairyland
Douglas County
15208 S State Rd 35, Dairyland, WI 54830

4/14/2016

Douglas County Forestry
Jon Harris, Director
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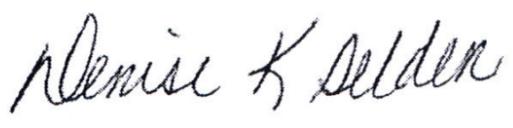
Mr. Harris :

On April 11, 2016 at our Monthly Board meeting a discussion and a motion was made to get further information in regards to our interest in re-opening your gravel pit on S. State Rd 35. We also approved Trent Sprague our Lead Road Worker to represent the Town of Dairyland in these discussion and procedures. If it is approved we realize and accept that we will be responsible for the following items:

- 1. Maintenance of the hauling road.
- 2. Add the pit to our insurance policy.
- 3. File and pay for all required permits
- 4. Will be responsible for the reclamation of the pit at the end of use, yet to be determined.

Included with this letter you will find a copy of our minutes. We would like to thank you now for your consideration s of this request and we look forward to working with you.

Regards,



Denise K Selden
Town Clerk
Town of Dairyland
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Dairyland, WI 54830
715-271-8457

Monthly Board Meeting
April 11, 2016

Members present: Ron Deyo, Russ Sullivan, Tony Stelsel , Richard Gustafson and Denise Selden.
3 visitors present. Meeting called to order by Chairman Deyo at 7:02pm

Clerk read the minutes of the March meeting; Motion made by Toney Stelsel the accept minutes including the corrections as read. 2nd by Russ Sullivan.

Treasurer gave the financial report; motion made Tony Stelsel and 2nd by Russ Sullivan.

Correspondence were read.

Discussion with Trent about roads that are in of repair and if we can start working on them this week. Trent is going to check the gravel pit to see if we can start pulling gravel and will be working on Andrews road and School Rd. Also discussed South Swedish blacktop that needs repairs and we should look into our options.

Discussion was made that our seasonal worker will not be coming back to work and it was determined that we re-valuate at the May meeting if we really need a seasonal worker this season.

DOVR presented the septic contract to us to sign since we are the landowners. Motion made by Russ Sullivan 2nd by Tony Stelsel to approve. Judy stated she had concerns if that should have gone through the planning commission before it went through the board. The planning commission has training next week and will bring up questions there about it for future reference.

Motion made Russ Sullivan and 2nd by Tony Stelsel to approve the bills.

Ed O'Meara , assessor joined our meeting to explain what the letter meant and how to get into compliance with our assessed taxes. He has spoken to the state about it and the majority is swamp lands that are the issue, but is already being fixed.

* Discussion was made to request to Forestry Dept to enable us to open up the pit on 35, which is their property. The pit will bring the town saving on gravel being able to pull pit run with sand in it for a base for drainage then gravel on top. After discussion the board has agreed to move forward as Trent Sprague as our representative to start the process to get the information and details of what the expectations will be from the Forestry to make the final decision.

Planning Commission presented an amend to the ordinance regarding building permits to add a penalty if the property owner does not get a permit.

Date set for the closed Fire Dept Meeting on Aril 25, 2016 at the Townhall @ 7 pm to discuss matters of concerns with volunteers.

Matt Holter requested to be put on the May Agenda in regards to road waivers.

Motion made by Tony Stelsel and 2nd by Russ Sullivan to adjourn . Motion carried.

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Town Clerk

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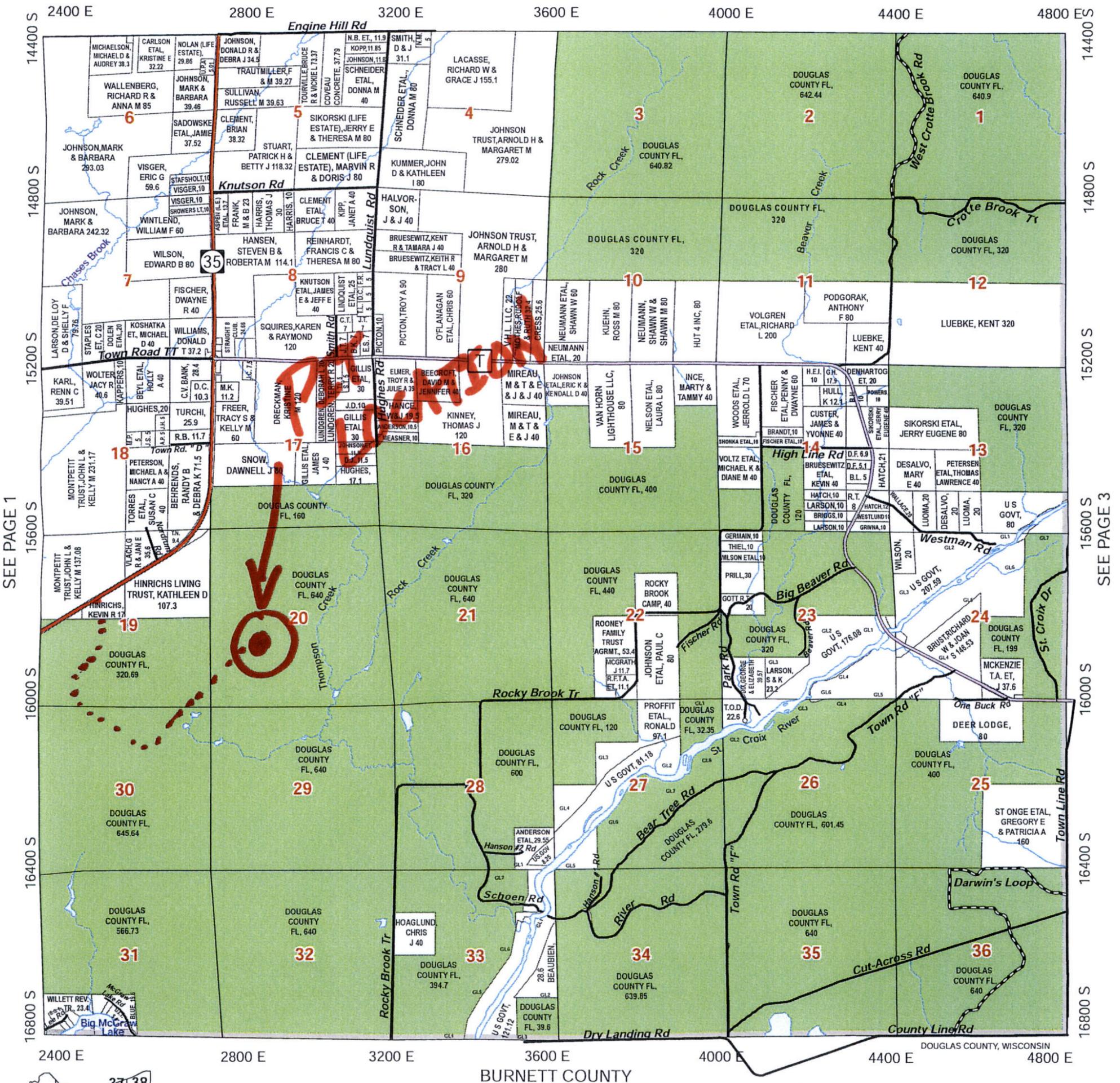
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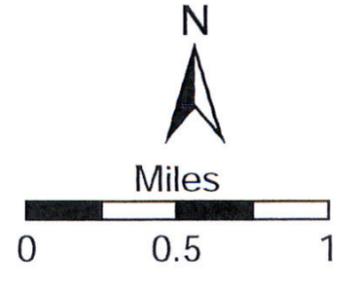


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AERIAL VIEW

Legend

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- County Road
- City Streets
- Town Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Village Roads
- Private Roads
- Forest Roads
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- Lakes/Rivers
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- Douglas County Wildlife



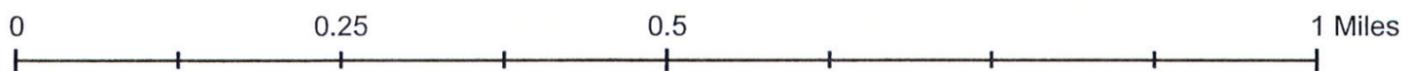
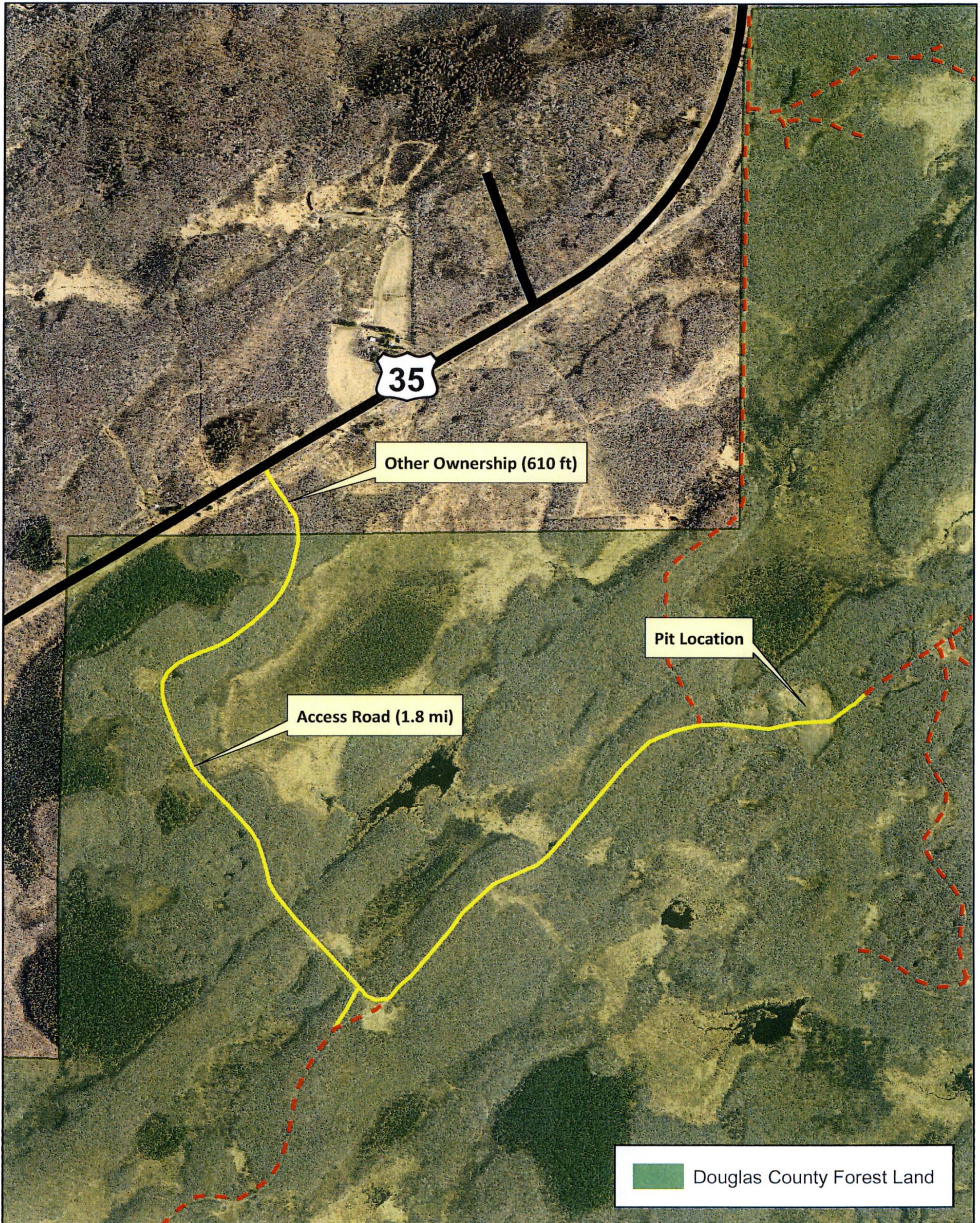
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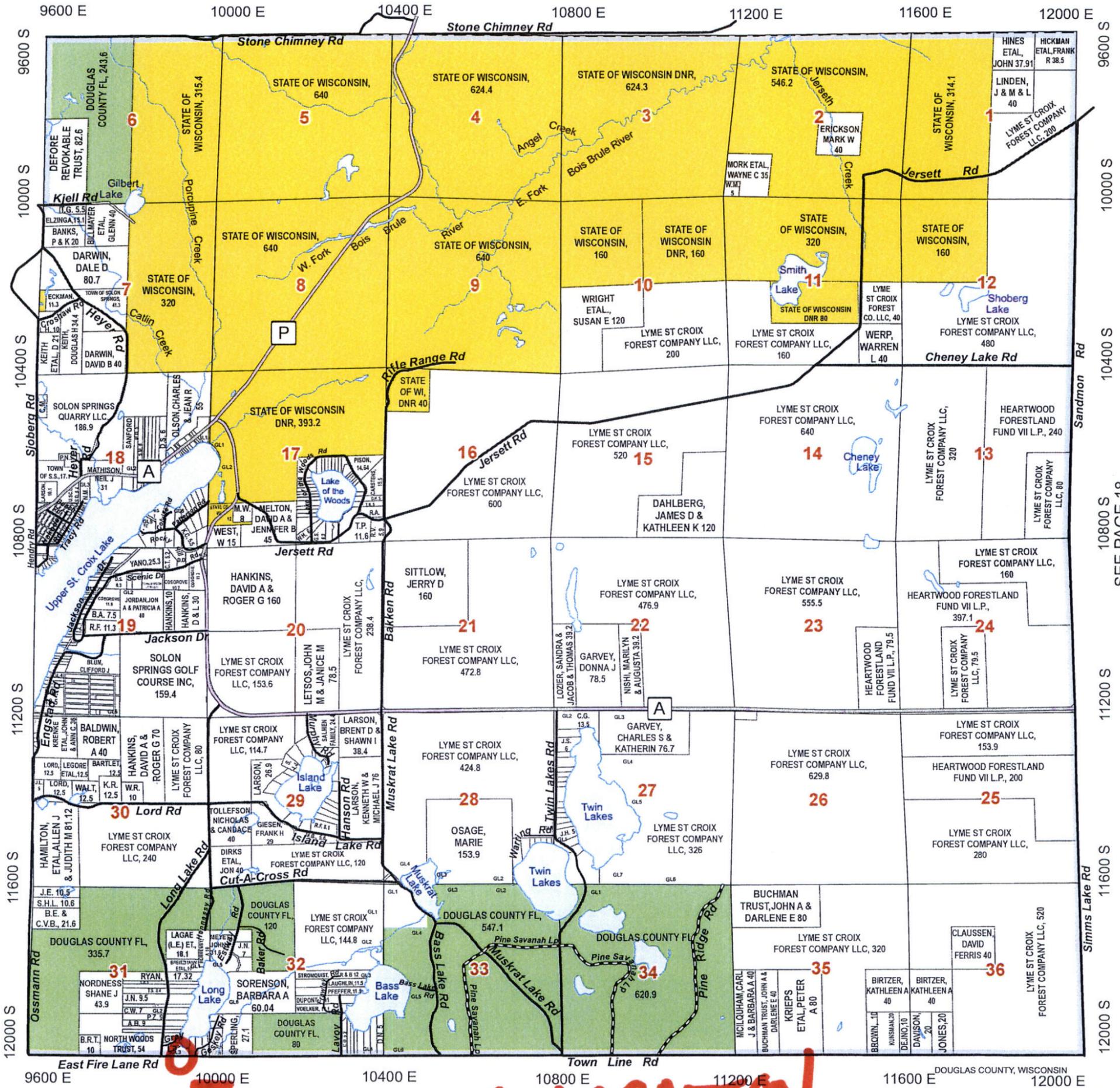
Highway 35 - Aspen Moraine Trail Gravel Pit

NWSW & SWSW Section 20, T43N, R14W, Town of Dairyland, Douglas County, WI

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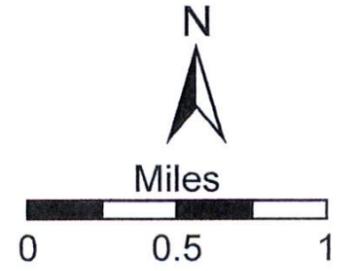
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PARCEL LOCATION

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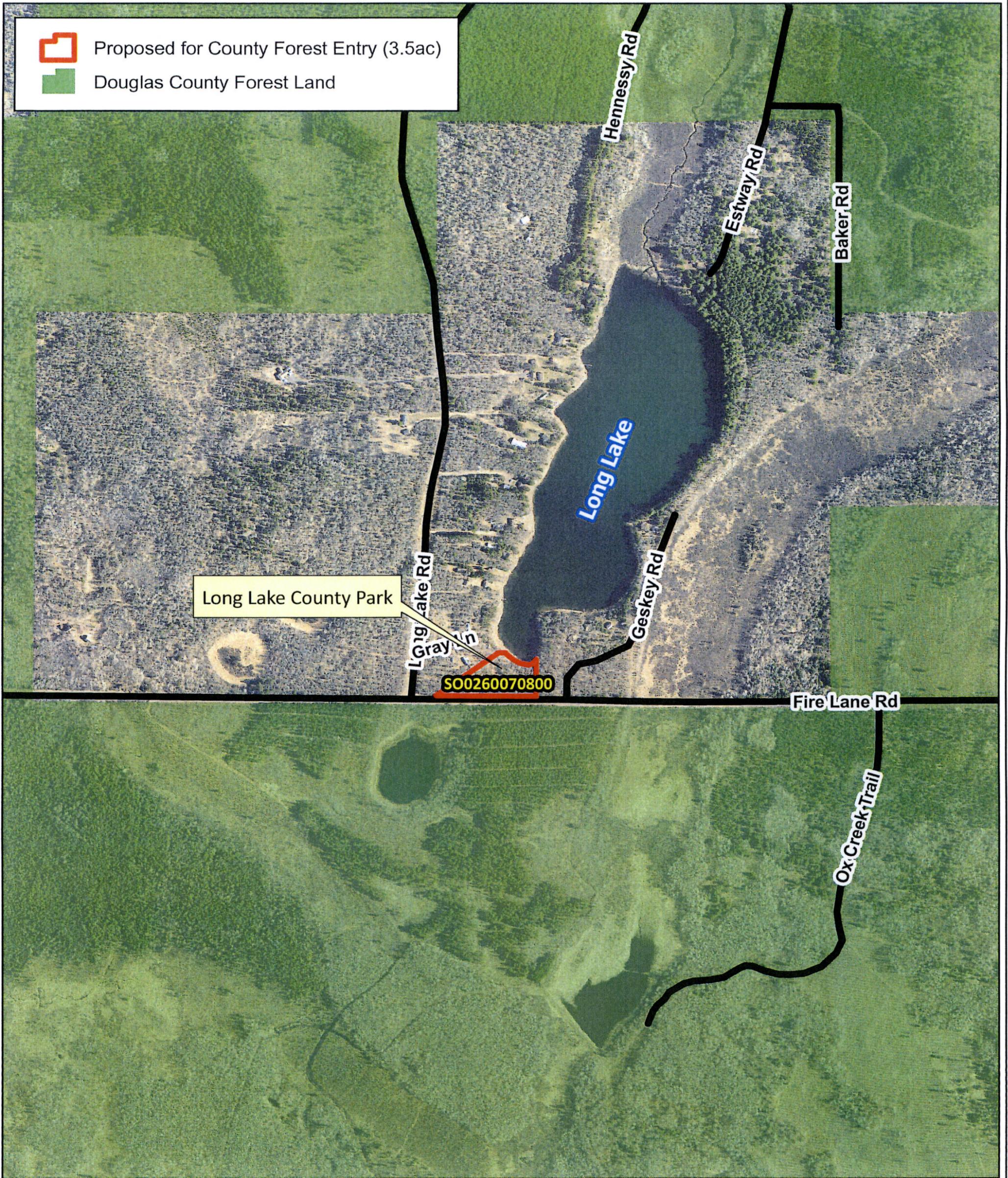


PARCEL PROPOSED FOR COUNTY FOREST SPECIAL USE ENTRY

Part of SESE, Section 31, T45N - R11W, Town of Solon Springs, Douglas County, Wisconsin

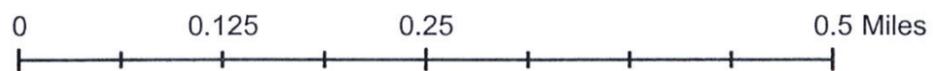
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 Proposed for County Forest Entry (3.5ac)
 Douglas County Forest Land



Long Lake County Park

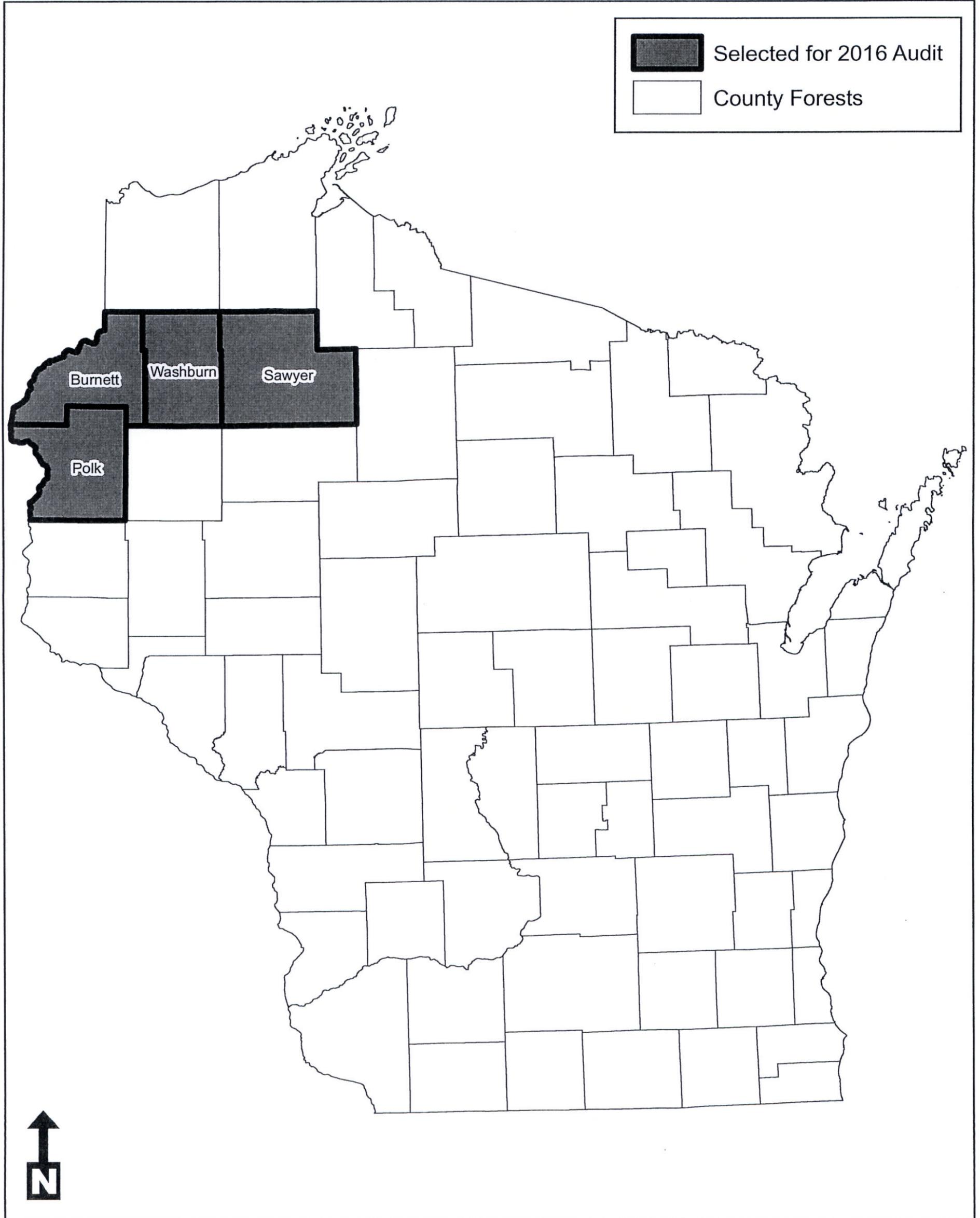
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2016 Forest Certification Audit - Wisconsin County Forests

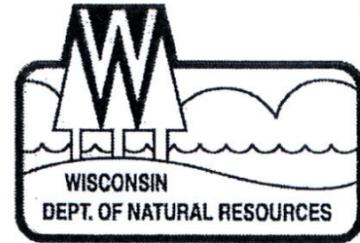
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Summer 2016



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Cathy Stepp, Secretary
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5d.

March 22, 2016

Douglas County Forestry
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Subject: FY 2016 County Time Standards- Douglas Team

Dear Jon Harris- County Forest Administrator and Mark Liebaert- Forestry Committee Chair:

This letter is in regard to the Douglas Time Standards that are agreed upon at the annual partnership and planning meetings. The state is responsible for 3905 hours of assistance to the county forestry department each fiscal year. As of March 17, 2016 the Douglas Team has completed about 72% of assigned hours, which equates to 2850 hours. Due to a variety of circumstances we would like to adjust, by subtracting our commitment by 550 hours.

The following reasons are why we are requesting the variance of hours: a retirement mid fiscal year, vacancies, and staff movement and required training within the area accounts for the 550 hours. The Brule Forester completed 540 hours of his assigned 1100, before retiring at the first of the year. The Gordon Operator position completed 235 of the assigned 500 hours. This position is currently vacant. The Gordon Ranger position is currently vacant and is assigned 200 hours, of which a negligible amount of hours was completed. The Liaison Forester has been out of the office for 4 weeks due to required Deputy Forest Ranger Training. The Pattison Ranger position is currently vacant, which completed 214 hours of his 400 assigned. The Douglas Team also failed to recruit a Limited Term Forester (LTE) that would have accounted for the hour's shortfall.

Outlined in the conditions above, due to the vacancies, other priority work needs, fire season approaching, and not getting a LTE, without other outside assistance, the Douglas Team will not meet their assigned time standard goals. We are asking for approval for variance of 550 hours for a total hour commitment of 3355. This reduction in hours will leave the Douglas Team with a total of 505 hours for remainder of the fiscal year. Douglas team will accomplish the new hour goal through timber sale establishment done independently and assisting the county staff. We will conduct reconnaissance to update stand level data, and administer the County Forest Law.

I have attached a memorandum with the purpose to mutually agree upon the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Douglas Team requests of a new hour assignment of 3355 for FY 2016. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at 715-399-3100.

Sincerely,



Dale Rochon
Douglas Team Leader
Pattison Ranger Station



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Jon Harris
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Dear Jon,

This is the Douglas Team's plan for completing 3,355 hours of the reduced County Time Standard commitment. We currently have 2,942 hours completed, which leaves a balance of 413 hours. Tasks that we will be doing to fulfill our hour commitment include: timber sale establishment (independent sales and assisting the county foresters), updating county forest recon., administration of the county forest law program and road improvement projects.

Gordon Station

Terry Asleson 100 hrs
Dan Jones 100 hrs
Nate Haskins 40

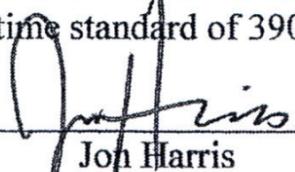
Pattison Station

Jeff O'Flanagan 40 hrs
Blake Johnson 40 hrs

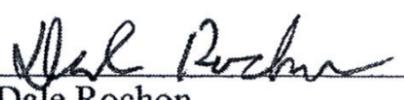
Brule Station

Zak Neitzel 40
Mike Mattson 40
Adam Stegmann 13 hrs
TOTAL = 413

Jon, as I mentioned during our discussions, we are attempting for the second time to hire a LTE forester to work on the county forest. The DNR's goal is to complete as many hours as possible of the original time standard of 3905 hours.


Jon Harris
Douglas Co. Forestry Dept.
Administrator

04/13/2016
Date


Dale Rochon
WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Douglas Team Leader

04/13/16
Date