

June 1, 2021

FOREST, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Douglas County Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Solon Springs Community Center

11523S Business 53, Solon Springs, Wisconsin

OR JOIN BY PHONE: (US) +1 414-436-8199 PIN: 703 593 969#

OR VIDEO: <https://meet.google.com/hyd-csqz-prv>

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

MEMBERS: Mark Liebaert, Chair Mary Lou Bergman, Vice Chair Steve Long
Joseph Moen Nick Baker

TIMBER SALE

AGENDA

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

1. Roll call.
2. Open and approve timber sale bids.
3. Action items/referrals:
 - (a) Forestry Department Winter trail and summer trail reroute request (attached); and
 - (b) Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035 (attached):
 - (1) Draft plan; and
 - (2) Public comments.
4. Future agenda items.
5. Adjournment.

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

NOTE: Attachments to the agenda are available at the County Forestry Department for review or copying and at the Douglas County website at www.douglascountywi.org. Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda. The County of Douglas complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are in need of an accommodation to participate in the public meeting process, please contact the Douglas County Forestry Office at (715) 378-2219 by 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled meeting. Douglas County will attempt to accommodate any request depending on the amount of notice received.

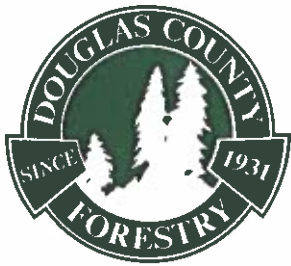
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06/01/2021

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Date



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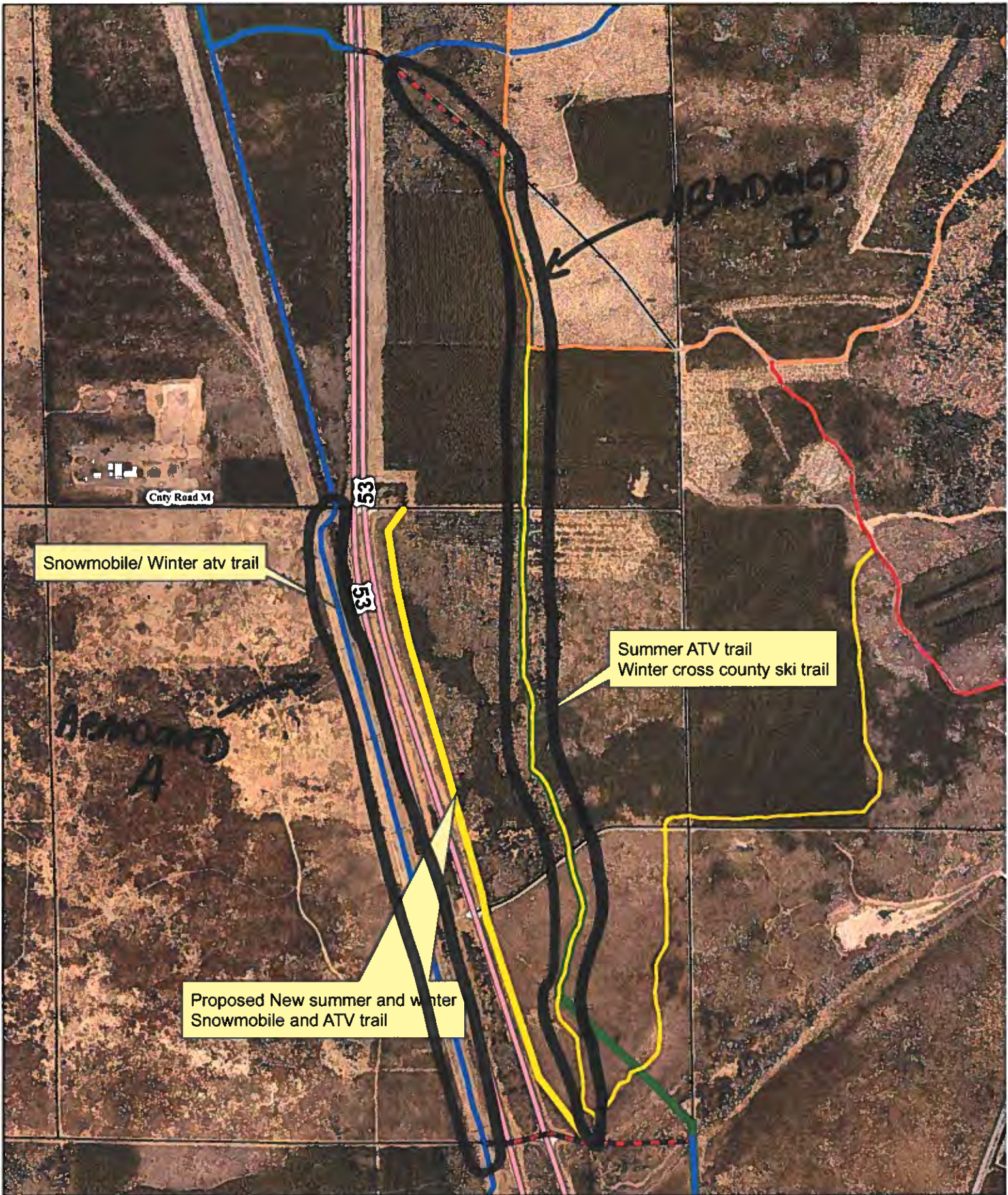
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Douglas County Forestry is requesting to relocate a section of the Wild Rivers trail on County Forest land east of highway 53 between Poodle lane and Plantation road. This new section of trail will serve as a dual purpose summer and winter trail, eliminating the winter only trail on the west side of the highway. And the summer only trail that uses the winter cross country ski trail on the east side of the highway. This will allow for a more consistent signing system and allow for less motorized and non-motorized user conflict in the winter. Since this is a request from the Forestry Department, upon approval, Forestry staff will be completing all construction work on the trail. After the trail is finished the club will sign it and we will apply for new funding on this section of trail.

Clint Meyer

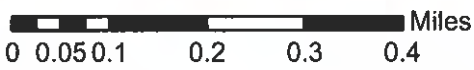
Park and Recreation Supervisor



Snowmobile/ Winter atv trail

Summer ATV trail
Winter cross county ski trail

Proposed New summer and winter
Snowmobile and ATV trail



Map Prepared By: Clint Meyer



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Improving tomorrow's forests today through sustainable long-term management

May 20, 2021

RE: DRAFT Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035

Dear Forestry Committee member:

It is with great pleasure that I would like to present you with the DRAFT Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035 with its supporting DRAFT Access Management Plan.

The DRAFT Plan spells out how the Douglas County Forest will be managed, used and developed, how it will look, and the benefits it will provide over the course of the next 15 years. It defines the current and future recreational uses, forestry and other land management practices in addition to other aspects of the Forest's future use and development.

Over the last year, an interdisciplinary team of Department staff and specialists from the WDNR developed the DRAFT Plan with many long days filled with meetings, research, and writing assignments.

The next step in plan development (required by the WDNR) is a 30-day public comment period where the public will have the opportunity to gather information, ask specific questions, or provide comments on the DRAFT Plan. This request will be added to the **June 8, 2021 Timber Sale Meeting agenda** where we will discuss the DRAFT Plan and public participation process in detail. Please find enclosed, your own personal hardcopy of the DRAFT plan to allow you time to review it prior to the meeting.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jon Harris

Director of Forestry & Natural Resources

enc: DRAFT Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035

County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035

CURRENT State Statute 28.11 - Administration of county forests.

(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.

Douglas County Comprehensive Land-Use Plan History

In 1963, legislation was passed that statutorily required each county forest to prepare a forest plan every 10 years.

1. 1965-1975 First Generation Plan (10 year planning period)
2. 1976-1985 Second Generation Plan (10 year planning period)
3. 1986-1995 Third Generation Plan (10 year planning period)
4. 1996-2005 Fourth Generation Plan (10 year planning period)
5. 2006-2020 Fifth Generation Plan (15 year planning period)
6. * **2021-2035 Sixth Generation Plan (15 year planning period)**

DRAFT WEBSITE OFFERING

NOW AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW!

DRAFT Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035

The Douglas County Forest, Parks, and Recreation Committee and Forestry Department are pleased to announce that the DRAFT Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035 has been completed and is now available for public review.

The DRAFT Plan spells out how the Douglas County Forest will be managed, used and developed, how it will look, and the benefits it will provide over the course of the next 15 years. It defines the current and future recreational uses, forestry and other land management practices in addition to other aspects of the Forest's use and development.

The public has the opportunity to review and comment on the DRAFT Plan from **June 9, 2021 through July 9, 2021**.

To view the DRAFT Plan, please select from the Chapter links below:

[INSERT LINKS TO THE DRAFT PLAN](#)

Written public comments on the DRAFT Plan can be submitted online at:

[Public Comment Form](#)

In order to be considered, all comments must be completed and submitted/received on or before July 9, 2021.

If necessary, comments can also be submitted by email to forestry@douglascountywi.org or mailed directly to the Forestry Department at PO Box 211, Solon Springs, WI 54873.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the Douglas County Forest!

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Please share with us your thoughts on the DRAFT Douglas County Forest Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035. Your input is needed to help create a Plan that best meets the needs of all who use the County Forest.

The public comment period will be open for 30 days from June 9, 2021 through July 9, 2021.

Thank you for your time and interest in the County Forest!

* Required

INSTRUCTIONS:

This public comment survey consists of 9 questions. Any comments received, including personal information of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public review. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered if deemed proper and appropriate. Personal information collected will be used for administrative purposes only.

1. First and Last Name

(Optional) Leave blank if you prefer not to provide.

2. What city or town and state do you live in? *

3. Email Address

(Optional) Leave blank if you prefer not to provide. By providing, you may receive a response to your comments.

4. What is your age? *

Mark only one oval.

- Under 18
- 18 to 29
- 30 to 39
- 40 to 49
- 50 to 59
- 60 to 69
- 70+

5. What is your gender? *

Mark only one oval.

- Female
- Male
- Other / Prefer not to Answer

6. These comments are being provided on behalf of: *

Mark only one oval.

- An Individual
- An Organization
- A Business

7. If comments are being provided on behalf of an organization or business, what is the name of your group? *

(Insert N/A if providing comments on behalf of an individual)

8. What type of relationship do you have with the Douglas County Forest? *

(Select all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- My primary place of residence is in Douglas County.
- I own property adjacent to Douglas County Forest land.
- I use Douglas County Forest campgrounds, parks, and/or trails to recreate.
- I use general Douglas County Forest lands to recreate.
- I do business with the Douglas County Forest (e.g. logging contractor, recreational trail club, etc.).

Other: _____

9. Please provide any general comments or suggestions in regards to the DRAFT Plan. Referencing specific Plan chapters, sections, or page numbers is encouraged. All comments will be considered. Please note that you may or may not receive a response. *

(Limit 3000 characters, approximately one page)

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