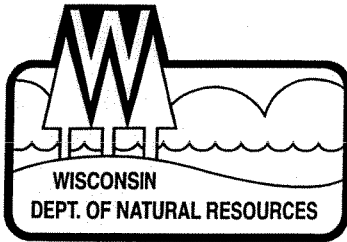


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April 4, 2002

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Re: Clearinghouse Rule No. 00-154

Dear Senator *Judy* Robson and Representative *Glenn* Grothman:

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Under s. 227.19(4)(b)2., Stats., the Department of Natural Resources refers this action to the Joint Committee for an additional 10 working day review.

Sincerely,

Darrell Bazzell
Secretary

cc: Kurt Thiede – WM/4
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**ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
AMENDING AND CREATING RULES**

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WM-40-00a

Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

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Statutory interpreted: ss. 29.177, 29.181, 29.361 and 29.889, Stats.

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The foregoing rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on March 27, 2002.

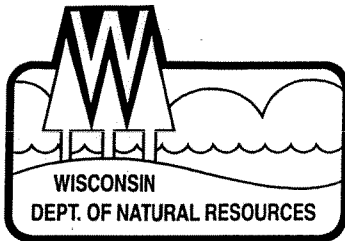
The foregoing rules shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication as provided in s. 227.22, Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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By _____
Darrell Bazzell, Secretary

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Dear Sen. *Judy* Robson and Rep. *Glenn* Grothman,

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The reasons for our request are based on the discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in our wild deer herd that was identified during routine disease surveillance in November 2001, in the Mt. Horeb area. First, we need the authority to help prevent the transport of possibly infected deer carcasses throughout the state and secondly we need to be able to assure the accuracy of our disease testing and sampling efforts.

From a containment standpoint it is necessary for biologists to be able to control the traffic of deer within the disease surveillance area and in other deer management units until the full extent of this disease can be identified. To do this we need to be able to have the authority to limit where hunters can transport and register their deer once they have been harvested. In terms of identification and prevention, it is important that deer be registered close to the area in which they were harvested to be able to accurately determine the location of CWD positive deer should they be identified. The Department will recommend that hunters statewide register their deer in the deer management unit where the deer was harvested or in the adjacent unit. It is also likely that these requirements will be even more strict within the disease surveillance area in order to process, collect samples, and limit transportation of carcasses.

This recommendation however would be in direct contradiction to the bill drafted by the JCRAR which would prevent the Department from promulgating a rule requiring in or adjacent unit registration. The authority to promulgate a rule regarding registration would be taken away from the Department. In light of current events I am respectfully requesting that the JCRAR reconsider their objection to the deer registration change (in or in the adjacent unit) because of the CWD outbreak.

We ask that you consider taking action in regard to this topic at your April meeting when you will also act on the other Deer 2000 items, which have been modified at the request of your Committee by the Department at the March 27, 2002 Natural Resources Board meeting.

Sincerely,

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JOINT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

BY HAND DELIVERY

January 11, 2002

Secretary Darrell Bazzell
Department of Natural Resources
101 South Webster Street
Madison, Wisconsin Legislature

Re: Clearinghouse Rule 00-154 (Deer 2000)

Dear Secretary Bazzell:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules held a public hearing and executive session on January 10, 2002.

Much of the testimony related to Clearinghouse Rule 00-154, the rule drafted by the department to implement the recommendations of the Deer 2000 process.

Four portions of this proposed rule were objected to by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources when the rule was reviewed by that committee. The JCRAR took executive action on those four objections at its January 10, 2002 hearing.

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If the department agrees to consider modifications, those changes can be submitted to JCRAR at any time. If the department does not agree to consider modifications, the committee objects to this portion of the rule.

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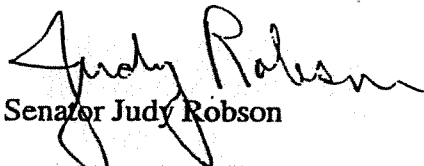
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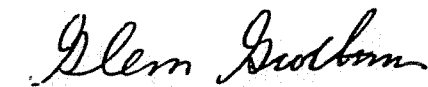
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Thank you for your hard work on behalf of Wisconsin's natural resources and those who enjoy the outdoors. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the modifications requested by the committee.

Sincerely,


Senator Judy Robson

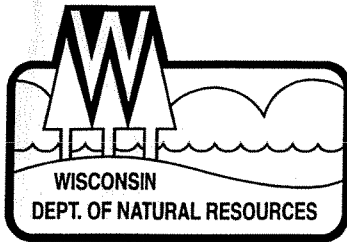

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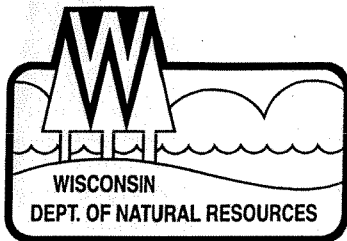
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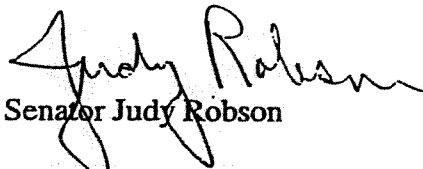
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**JOINT COMMITTEE FOR
 REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Motion Form

Last Modified: June 2001

Date 1/10/01 Location 411 South

Moved by Welch, Seconded by Gunderson

THAT, pursuant to § 227. _____, *Wisconsin State Statutes*, the Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules

request modifications re Dec hunt but not
current proposal (permanent statewide Dec
hunt) (keep alive Dec T Zone)
conditional objection

| COMMITTEE MEMBER | Aye | No | Absent |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| 1. Senator ROBSON | ✓ | | |
| 2. Senator GROBSCHMIDT | ✓ | | |
| 3. Senator HANSEN | ✓ | | |
| 4. Senator WELCH | ✓ | | |
| 5. Senator COWLES | ✓* | | |
| 6. Representative GROTHMAN | ✓ | | |
| 7. Representative SERATTI | ✓ | | |
| 8. Representative GUNDERSON | ✓ | | |
| 9. Representative TURNER | ✓ | | |
| 10. Representative HEBL | ✓ | | |
| Totals | | | |

* voted by polling

Motion Carried Motion Failed

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JOINT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Motion Form

Date: 1/10/01 Location: 411 South
Moved by Welch, Seconded by Robson

THAT, date of Oct hunt
concurrency w/ objection

| COMMITTEE MEMBER | Aye | No | Absent |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| 1. Senator ROBSON | ✓ | | |
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| 3. Senator HANSEN | ✓ | | |
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Motion Form

Date: 1/10/01 Location: 411 South
Moved by Welch, Seconded by Turner

THAT, _____
_____ request modifications - 4 day extension
_____ be statewide, not 1 zone

| COMMITTEE MEMBER | Aye | No | Absent |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| 1. Senator ROBSON | ✓ | | |
| 2. Senator GROBSCHMIDT | ✓ | | |
| 3. Senator HANSEN | ✓ | | |
| 4. Senator WELCH | ✓ | | |
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JOINT COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Motion Form

Date: 1/10/01 Location: 411 South
Moved by Robson, Seconded by Hebl

THAT, location of registration
non-concurrence

| COMMITTEE MEMBER | Aye | No | Absent |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|--------|
| 1. Senator ROBSON | ✓ | | |
| 2. Senator GROBSCHMIDT | ✓ | | |
| 3. Senator HANSEN | | ✓ | |
| 4. Senator WELCH | | ✓ | |
| 5. Senator COWLES | | ✓* | |
| 6. Representative GROTHMAN | | ✓ | |
| 7. Representative SERATTI | | ✓ | |
| 8. Representative GUNDERSON | | ✓ | |
| 9. Representative TURNER | | ✓ | |
| 10. Representative HEBL | ✓ | | |
| Totals | | | |

* voted by
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

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Last Modified: June 2001

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Moved by Welch, Seconded by Gunderson

THAT, pursuant to § 227. _____, *Wisconsin State Statutes*, the Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules

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Concurrence

| COMMITTEE MEMBER | Aye | No | Absent |
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January 11, 2002

Senator Judy Robson, Co-Chair
Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules
Room 15 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707

Representative Glenn Grothman, Co-Chair
Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules
Room 15 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708

Judy *Glenn*
Dear Senator ~~Robson~~ and Representative ~~Grothman~~:

I am in receipt of your January 11th, 2002 letter informing me of the Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules action on Clearinghouse Rule 00-154.

I agree to consider modifications to the rule. The Department will bring the proposed changes to the Natural Resources Board for their consideration. In addition, the Department will be working with the Assembly Natural Resources Subcommittee on Deer and Deer Management to discuss these issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this rule.

Sincerely,

Darrell Bazzell
Secretary

cc. Representative Scott Gunderson
Representative DuWayne Johnsrud
Carol Turner - LC/5

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BY HAND DELIVERY

January 11, 2002

Secretary Darrell Bazzell
Department of Natural Resources
101 South Webster Street
Madison, Wisconsin Legislature

Re: Clearinghouse Rule 00-154 (Deer 2000)

Dear Secretary Bazzell:

We are writing to inform you that the Joint Committee for the Review of Administrative Rules held a public hearing and executive session on January 10, 2002.

Much of the testimony related to Clearinghouse Rule 00-154, the rule drafted by the department to implement the recommendations of the Deer 2000 process.

Four portions of this proposed rule were objected to by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources when the rule was reviewed by that committee. The JCRAR took executive action on those four objections at its January 10, 2002 hearing.

Regarding the first objection of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, concerning whether there should be a four-day statewide antlerless only hunt in December, JCRAR voted to request that the department modify this portion of the rule. The committee did not want to object to this part of the rule outright because the committee wanted to preserve the ability of the department to have a December T-Zone hunt, but the committee was strongly opposed to the creation of a permanent, statewide hunt in December.

If the department agrees to consider modifications, those changes can be submitted to JCRAR at any time. If the department does not agree to consider modifications, the committee objects to this portion of the rule.

Regarding the second objection of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, concerning the date of the October T-Zone hunt, JCRAR agreed with the objection of the standing

committee. Therefore, this portion of the rule is objected to and the committee will introduce legislation on this topic in the near future.

Regarding the third objection of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, concerning the four-day extension of the archery season, JCRAR voted to request modifications to the rule. Specifically, the committee requests that the department apply this hunt on a permanent, statewide basis.

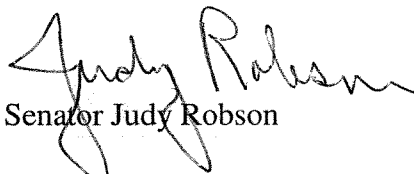
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Regarding the fourth objection of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, concerning where deer must be registered, JCRAR agreed with the objection of the standing committee. Therefore, this portion of the rule is objected to and the committee will introduce legislation on this topic in the near future.

Because JCRAR's jurisdiction over the rule will expire on January 12, the committee will need to know by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2002 whether the department is willing to consider modifications to the rule. Again, if the department does not agree to consider making the modifications described above, then the provisions of Clearinghouse Rule 00-154, relating to the antlerless only deer hunt in December and the four-day extension of the archery season, will be objected to.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of Wisconsin's natural resources and those who enjoy the outdoors. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the modifications requested by the committee.

Sincerely,



Senator Judy Robson

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Representative Glenn Grothman

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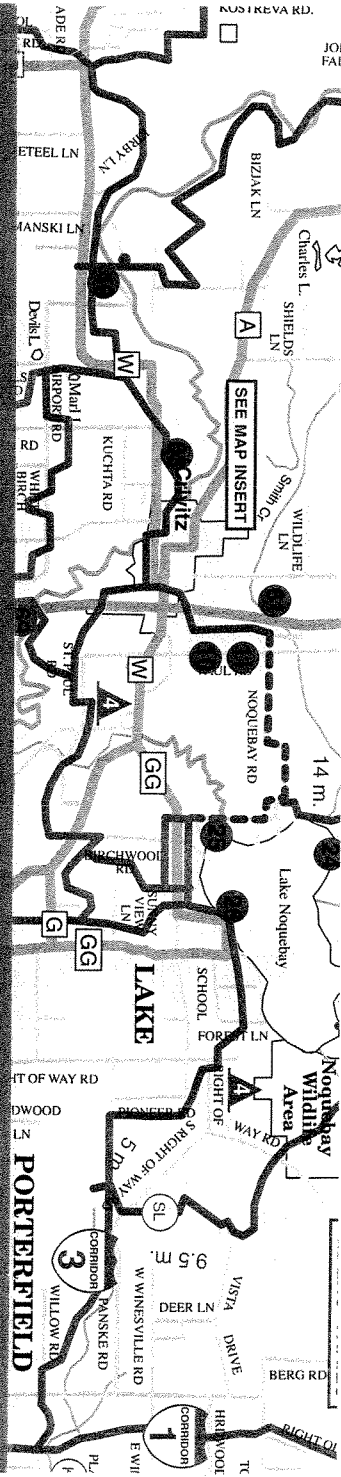
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Near North Snowmobile Club

Niagara Sno-Knights

Pemenee River Riders

Ranger City Riders

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Ranger City Riders

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Amberg, WI 54102

Near North Snowmobile Club

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Pembine, WI 54158

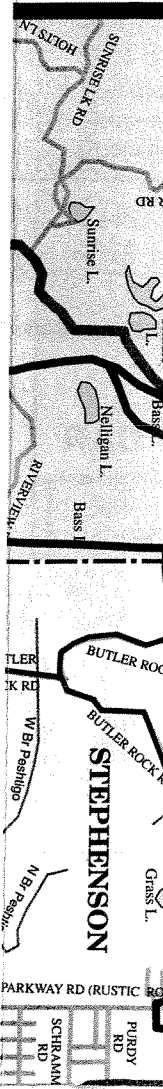
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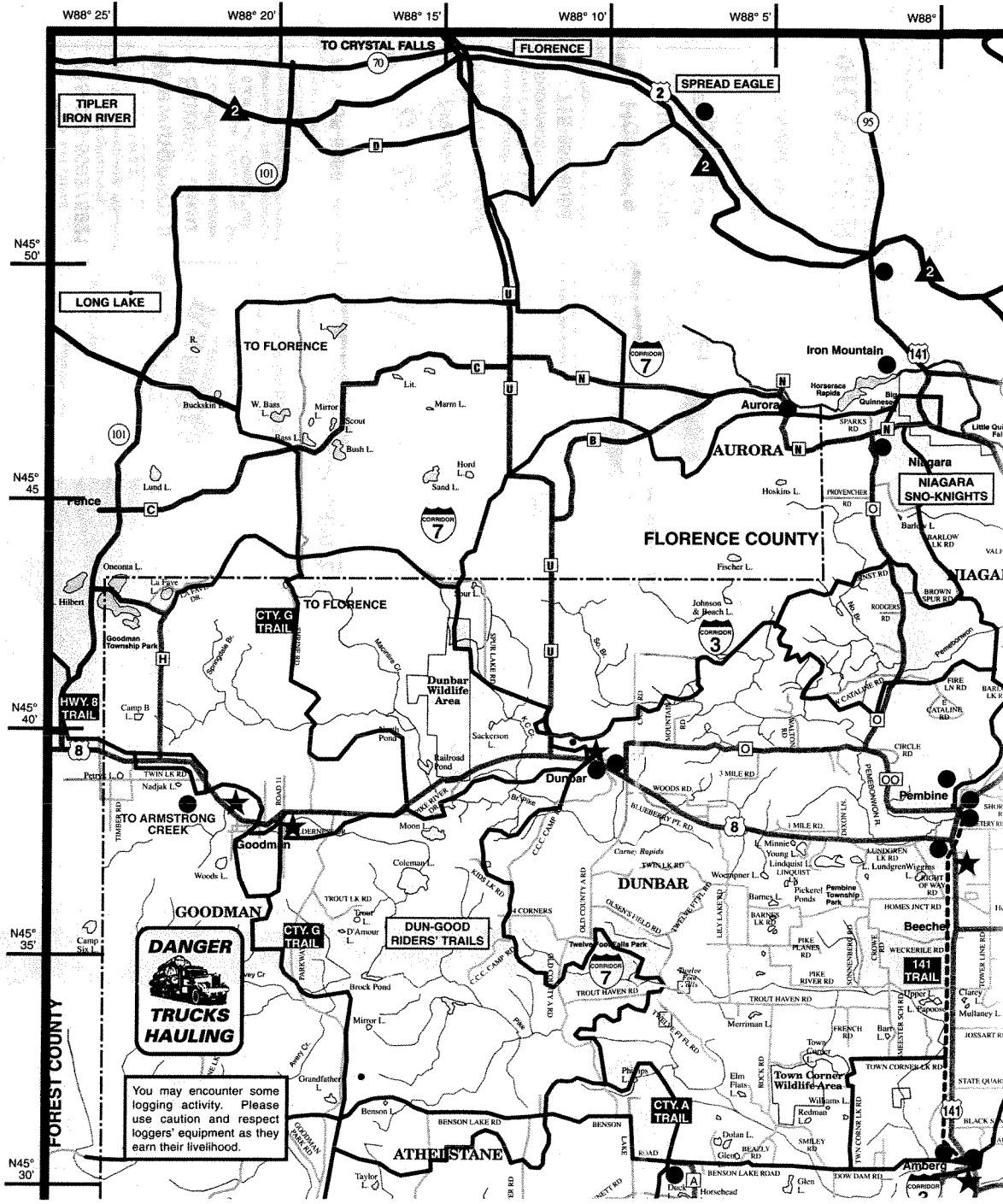
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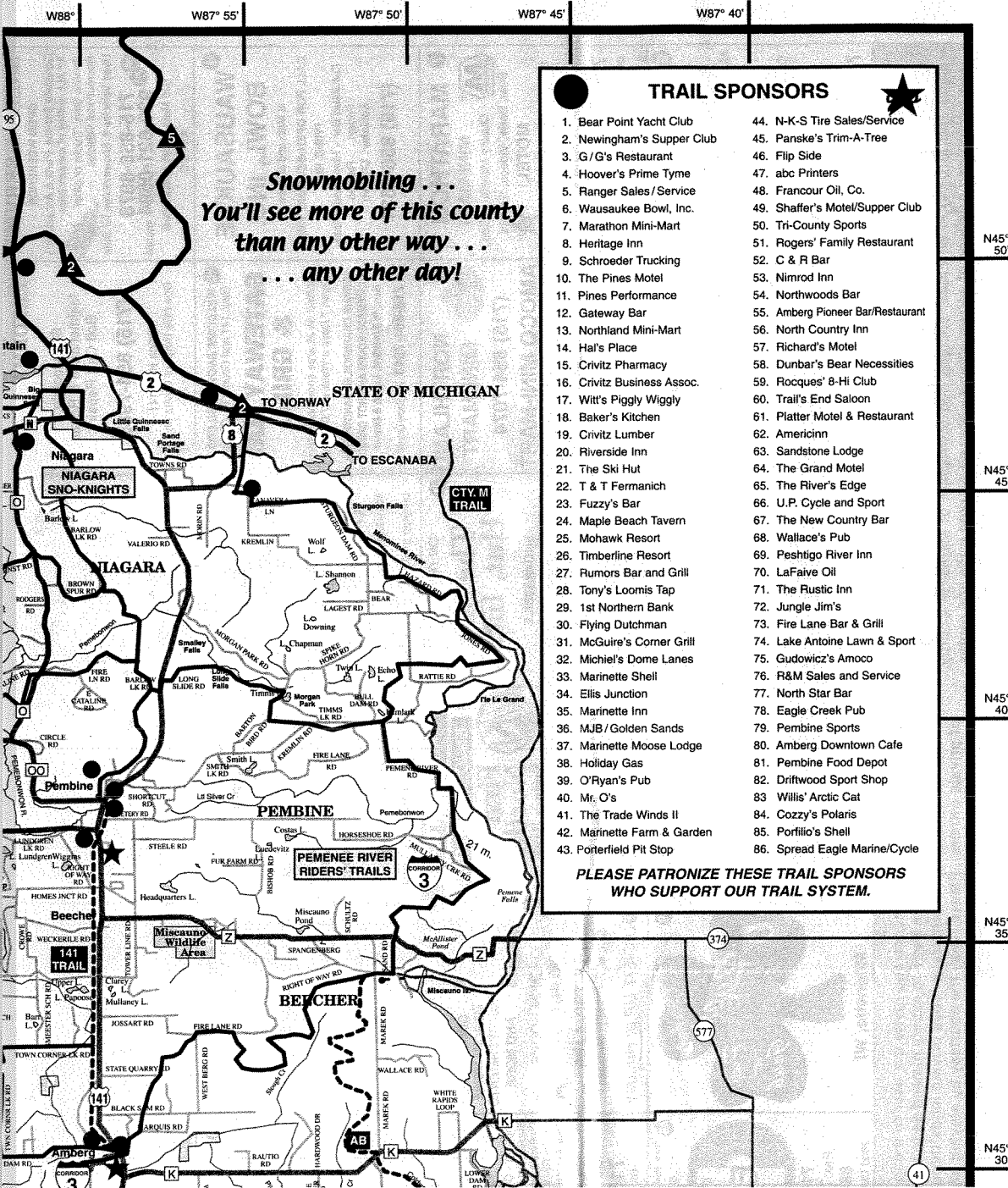
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19. Crivitz Lumber
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54. Northwoods Bar
55. Amberg Pioneer Bar/Restaurant
56. North Country Inn
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59. Rocques' 8-Hi Club
60. Trail's End Saloon
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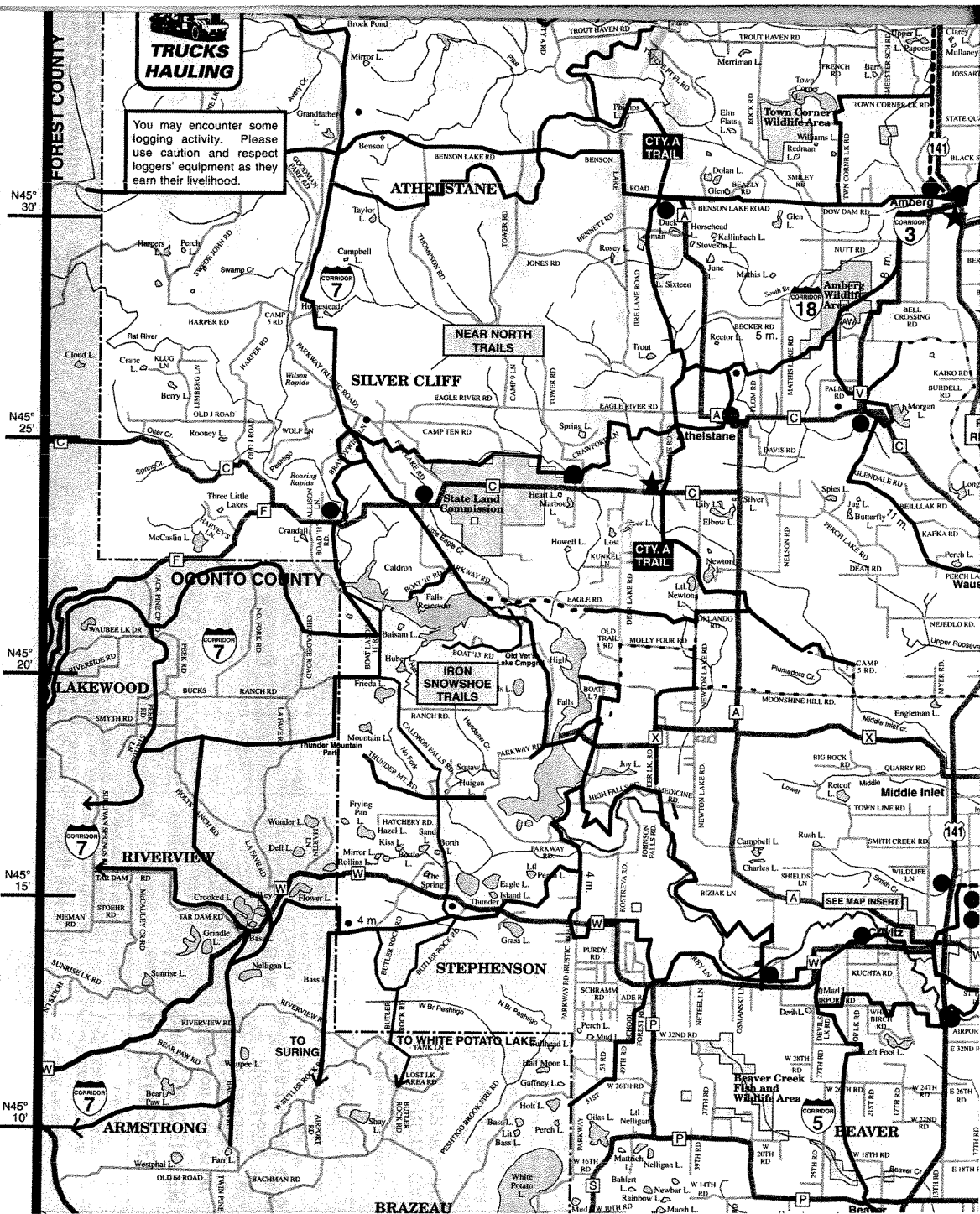
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Beaver Creek Fish and Wildlife Area

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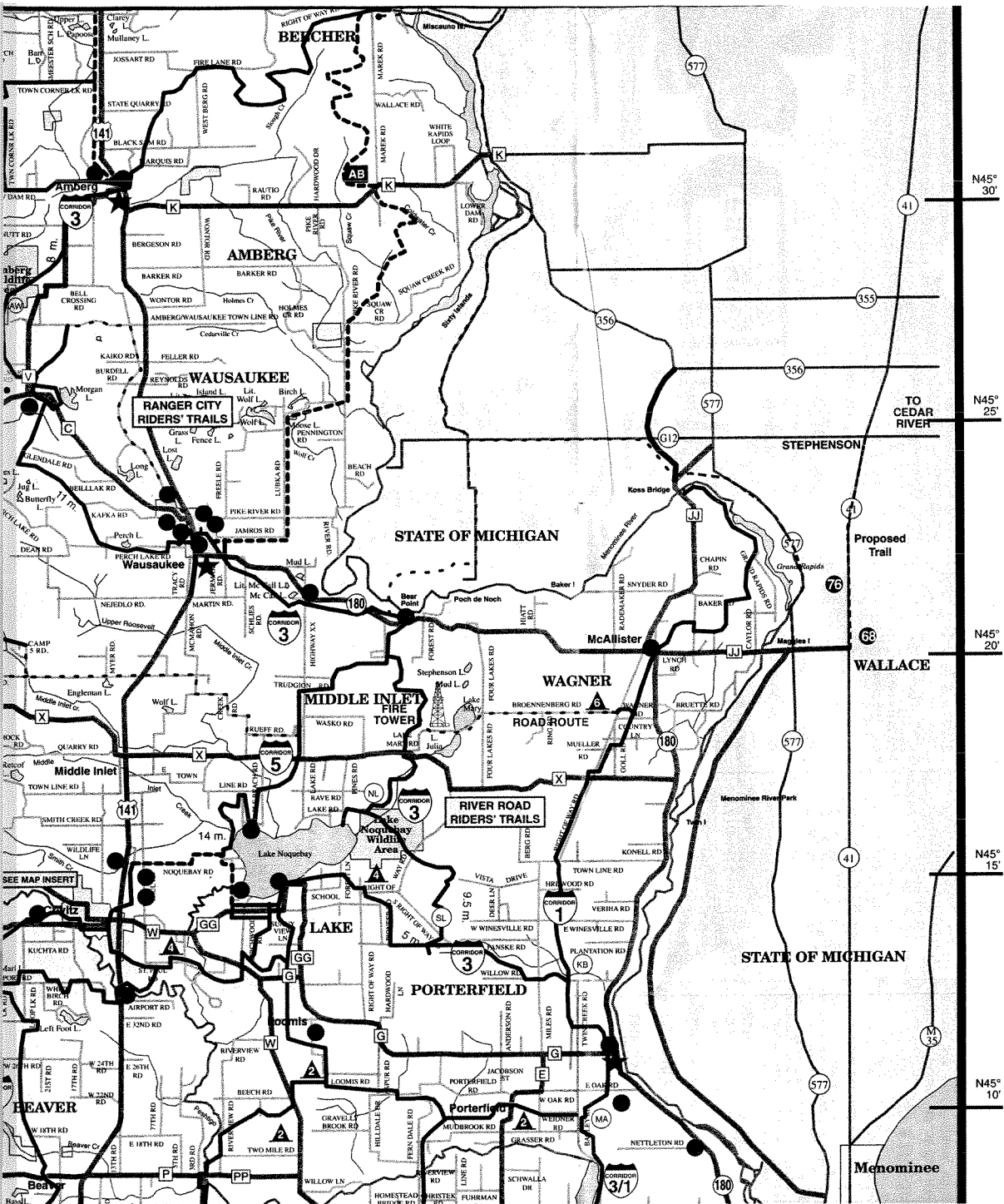
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| Koss Bridge Jct. - Michigan | 19 |
| Koss Bridge Jct. - Marinette | 17 |
| Marinette - Crivitz | 35 |
| Wausaukee - Crivitz | 23 |
| Wausaukee - Amberg | 22 |
| Amberg - Pembine Jct. | 36 |
| Pembine Jct. - Pembine | 2.5 |
| Pembine Jct. - Niagara | 10 |
| Dunbar - Pembine Jct. | 20 |
| Dunbar - Goodman | 10 |
| Goodman - Athelstane | 41 |
| Athelstane - Dunbar | 39 |
| Athelstane - Wausaukee | 19 |
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County Trail

Connecting Trail or road route may or may not be marked and groomed.

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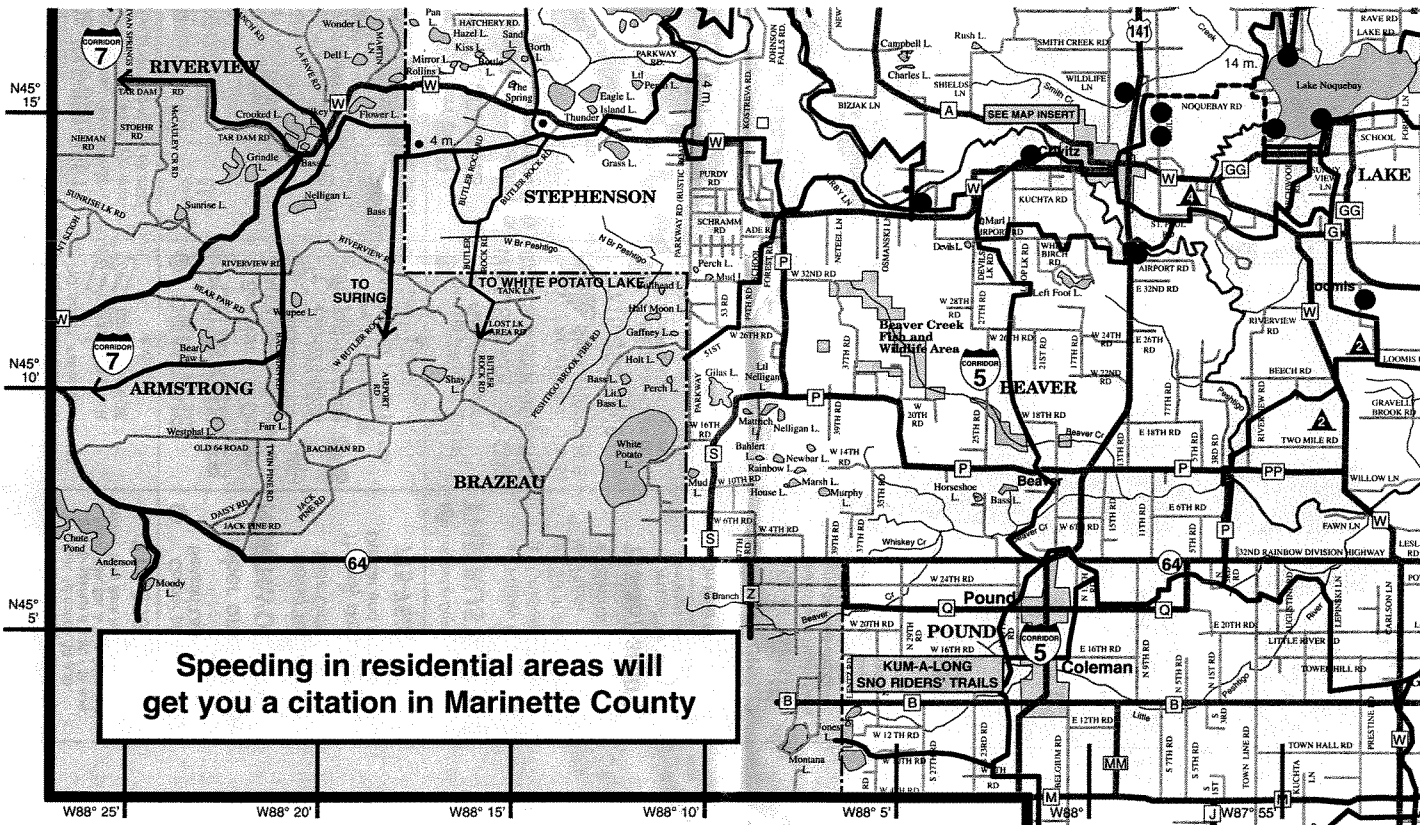
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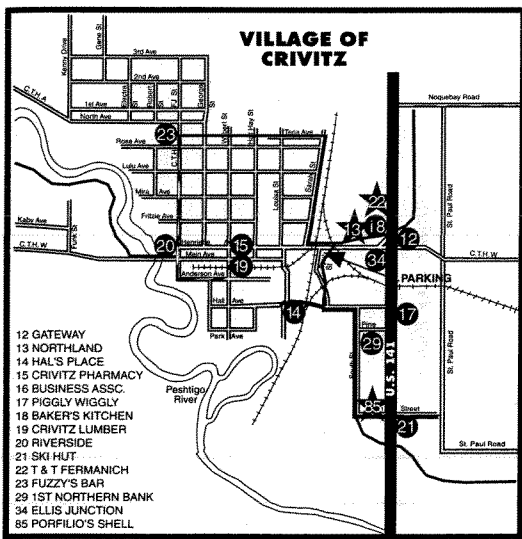
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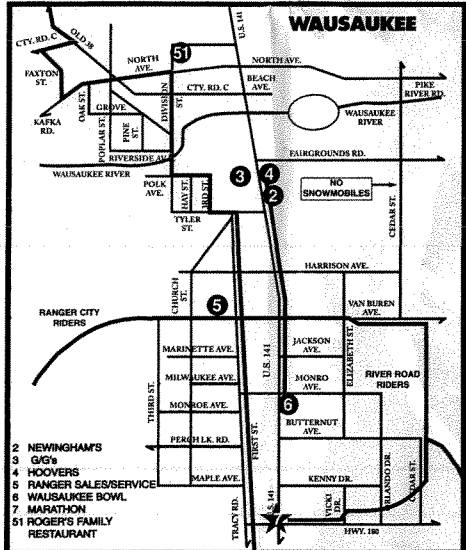
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- 20 RIVERSIDE
- 21 SKI HUT
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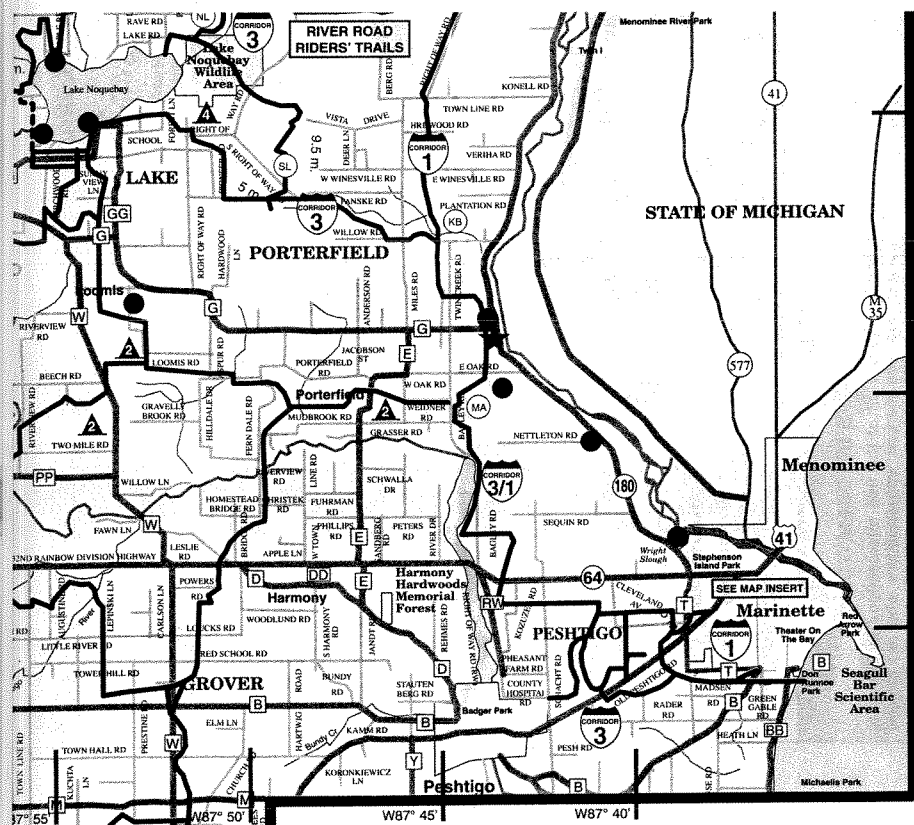
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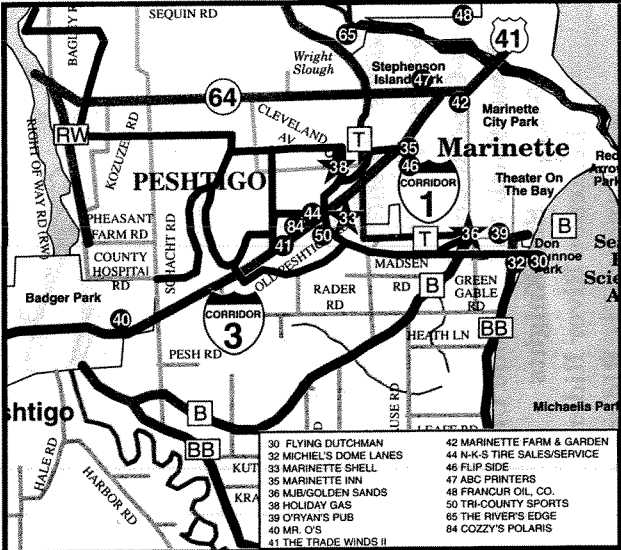
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October 16, 2001

Representative DuWayne Johnsrud
Room 323 North
State Capitol
P. O. Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Mr. Johnsrud:

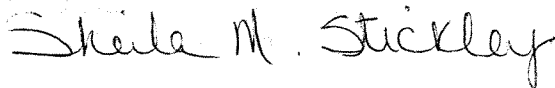
On behalf of the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that the general membership of the Phillips Chamber strongly opposes the DNR 's gun deer hunting in December.

This results in a very late start for the snowmobile season, since the groomers would not be able to be out packing and grooming the trails. Not only does this affect snowmobiler's but it also affects the cross-country skiers, motels and resorts, restaurants, taverns, service stations, as well as retail shopping.

We appreciate the fact that the DNR is looking for ways to get the deer herd down to a safer more manageable size. There are, however, other alternatives that should be considered such as having more gun deer hunting days before December 1st.

Thank you for your time and please consider the contents of this letter when you are making your decisions.

Sincerely Yours,



Sheila M. Stickley
Executive Director

The State of Wisconsin



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the family sport of snowmobiling is enjoyed by thousands of men, women and children in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, there are 208,000 snowmobiles registered in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, snowmobiling represents a facet within Wisconsin winter tourism industry, contributing 30 percent of Wisconsin tourism revenues to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is a leader in the snowmobiling industry, helping establish snowmobile associations in many other states; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 25,000 miles of state-funded trails, which wind through much of Wisconsin's breathtaking scenery; and

WHEREAS, employing safe responsible driving practices, such as, avoiding alcohol and operating at safe speeds, make Wisconsin's snowmobiling a safe and enjoyable experience;

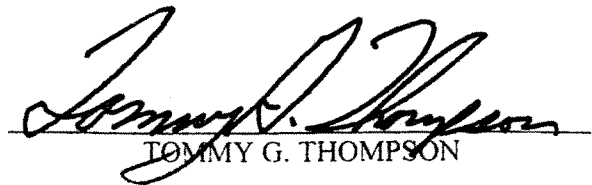
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 17 through January 23, 1999

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this seventh day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred ninety-eight.


TOMMY G. THOMPSON

**TESTIMONY FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE
FOR REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**
Capital Building, Madison, WI 53707

January 10, 2002

**STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO
PROPOSED DECEMBER T-ZONE HUNT**

I am here today to testify on behalf of two organizations that represent the interests of recreation and tourism in the state of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin State Trails Council members are appointed by the Governor to four year terms and represent the user groups of hiking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, ATVs, people with disabilities, DOT, as well as tourism and business. Our charge is to advise and help guide the Wisconsin DNR on trails issues.

My remarks today are also on behalf of Wisconsin Nordic Network (WINN) This not-for-profit organization represents cross-country skiers in Wisconsin. As the JCRAR reviews WM-40, and its impact on trail users, we need to make our position clear.

For the record, The Trails Council and WINN do not oppose deer hunting or deer herd management. In fact, many snowmobilers, cross-country skiers and other trail users participate in hunting themselves. We understand the necessity to trim the herd as well as the need to schedule T-Zone Antlerless Hunts beyond the traditional firearm deer-hunting season. But we object to the scheduling of any firearm deer hunt after the traditional Thanksgiving season. Permitting an additional, permanent, mid-December hunt allows no flexibility in managing the deer herd and has not been effective. Many hunters and hunter organizations are also opposed to the multiple fragmented firearm seasons that are contained in this rule.

December is one of three key months that winter enthusiasts can count on being able to get into the state's forests and trails to recreate. However, if a firearm deer hunt is scheduled, it discourages all trail users from venturing into the Wisconsin back country. This is even more true since the tragic muzzle-loader death in western Wisconsin. By permitting the December hunt you will be denying traditional mid-December recreation including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snow showing, winter hiking and camping.

Besides the impact on winter tourism and recreation, there are significant economic costs to consider.

- 1) Maintaining groomed trails for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing is very expensive for the DNR, clubs and non-profit organizations. This expense is significantly increased when hunters venture onto these trails and damage them, particularly in low snow conditions.
- 2) There are several cross-country centers in the state, which rely on fees from skiers for their existence. These centers are forced to close during the Thanksgiving firearm season and will now need to close in mid-December again.
- 3) North woods merchants also cater to significant snowmobile/skier business. Last year many snowmobile access gates were locked during the T-zone hunt. Several years of poor snow have marred the economies of many small northern communities.

It's important for the JCRAR to recognize that winter tourism and recreation is a growth industry in Wisconsin when properly supported.

It is the position of the State Trails Council and WINN that there are clear alternatives. If additional hunts are necessary, schedule them prior to the annual firearm deer hunt in early November when use of National Forests and State Parks is at its lowest. While this might displace other hunting opportunity including deer archery, it is important to compare the numbers to understand this issue. In year 2000, there were 249,000 licenses issue for the three-month deer archery hunt. In the three-month winter recreation period, there are over million state residents participating in snowmobiling and cross-country skiing alone.

We fully support reasonable, multiple-use of our lands. Deer hunters and winter enthusiasts will both come out ahead if additional deer hunts are scheduled prior to the traditional firearm season. To decide any differently negatively impacts the economics of the winter tourism and denies Wisconsites their expected mid-December recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

Michael McFadzen

State Trails Council and Wisconsin Nordic Network

Every organization and individual on the attached list received:

- original invitations to participate (February 1998) – See attached for complete list
- Received announcements of statewide public reviews (September 1999 and June 2000)
- Received project newsletters which announced monthly meetings, invitations to participate, study group preliminary recommendations, study group updates
- Received original invitation to participate in study groups (July 1999)

Snowmobile Organizations asked to Participate in Deer 2000

- 1) DNR Snowmobile Recreational Council Liaisons
- 2) Wisconsin Snowmobile Recreation Council
- 3) Wisconsin Snowmobile Alliance
- 4) Association of WI Snowmobile Clubs