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This draft exempts an owner who transfers managed forest land to a county, city, village, or town for the purpose of siting a public safety communications tower from the requirement to pay withdrawal fees and taxes. It also requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to refund those fees and taxes if an owner makes such a transfer and is required to pay the fees and taxes by an order entered on or after September 22, 2009. Please note that under current law the withdrawal taxes collected by DNR are distributed to counties and municipalities under s. 77.89, stats. This draft requires the refund to be paid by DNR rather than by the counties and municipalities that received the distribution of withdrawal taxes. Is this consistent with your intent?

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions with regard to this draft.

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