

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FR-28-06

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to s. 823.075(1)(d), Stats., interpreting s. 823.075(1)(d), Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on the creation of s. NR 1.25, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the definition of "generally accepted forestry management practices". 2005 Wisconsin Act 79 created s. 823.075(1)(d), Stats., which requires the to define "generally accepted forestry management practices" and allows the Department to incorporate into the definition, by reference, the most recent version of the Department publication entitled Wisconsin Forest Management Guidelines. The proposed rule requires updates to the Forest Management Guidelines a minimum of every five years and requires the Department to use a process that incorporates public participation, including public comments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., it is not anticipated that the proposed rule will have an economic impact on small businesses. The Department's Small Business Regulatory Coordinator may be contacted at SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us or by calling (608) 266-1959.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Department has made a preliminary determination that this action does not involve significant adverse environmental effects and does not need an environmental analysis under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. However, based on the comments received, the Department may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the proposal. This environmental review document would summarize the Department's consideration of the impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the hearings will be held on:

August 29, 2006 Conference Room, DNR Service Center, 107 Sutliff Ave., Rhinelander
Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

August 30, 2006 Room 150, State Office Building, 718 W. Clairemont, Eau Claire
Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

August 31, 2006 Gathering Waters Room, DNR South Central Region Hdqrs., 3911 Fish
Thursday Hatchery Road, Fitchburg at 1:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Carmen Wagner at (608) 266-1667 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

The proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be reviewed and comments electronically submitted at the following Internet site: <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov>. Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted via U.S. mail to Ms. Carmen Wagner, Division of Forestry, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Comments may be submitted until September 15, 2006. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearings. A personal copy of the proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be obtained from Ms. Wagner.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Scott Hassett, Secretary