

Chapter NR 30

FOREST PROTECTION DISTRICTS

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(Section 26.12, Wis. Stats.)

NR 30.01 Forest protection districts, intensive. The following described lands shall be and are established as *intensive* forest protection districts.

(1) DISTRICT 1. (a) *Bayfield county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(b) *Douglas county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(2) DISTRICT 2. (a) *Barron county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 36 north, ranges 10, 12, 13 and 14 west.

(b) *Burnett county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in Burnett county except: township 37 north, range 18 west; township 38 north, range 18 west, south one half; township 38 north, range 19 west, sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36.

(c) *Polk county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 36 north, range 20 west; township 36 north, range 19 west, sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, and 32; such portions of sections 15, 22, 28, and 33 lying west of what is commonly known as the Old St. Croix Falls Road, a public highway; township 36 north, ranges 15 and 16 west lying north of state trunk highway 48; township 36 north, range 17 west, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, and 24; and township 37 north, ranges 15, 16, and 17 west.

(d) *Washburn county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(3) DISTRICT 3. (a) *Iron county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(b) *Vilas county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(4) DISTRICT 4. (b) *Langlade county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(c) *Marathon county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated villages and cities in: All that part of township 26 north, range 5 east lying east of county trunk "S"; all of township 26 north, ranges 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 east; all of that part of township 27 north, range 5 east lying east

of county trunk highway "S"; all of township 27 north, ranges 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 east; township 28 north, range 6 east, east $\frac{1}{3}$; all of township 28 north, range 7 east, except those lands lying easterly of the Wisconsin River and the Big Rib River in sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 24; township 28 north, range 8 east, south $\frac{1}{3}$; all of township 28 north, ranges 9 and 10 east; township 29 north, range 7 east, that portion of sections 3 and 4 lying north of county trunk highway "WW"; all of that part of township 29 north, range 9 east lying east of county trunk highway "Q"; all of township 29 north, range 10 east; all of township 30 north, range 3 east; all of that part of township 30 north, range 4 east, lying north of county trunk highways "F" and "H"; all of township 30 north, range 5 east lying north of county trunk highway "A"; township 30 north, range 6 east, north $\frac{1}{3}$; all of township 30 north, range 7 east except sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32 and that portion of section 36 lying east of county trunk highway "W"; all of township 30 north, range 8 east, except that portion of sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 that are south of county trunk highway "WW" and the town highway known as the "Granite Road"; all of township 30 north, ranges 9 and 10 east.

(d) *Shawano county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 26 north, ranges 11, 12 and 13 east; township 27 north, ranges 11, 12 and 13 east; such portions of sections 1, 12 and 13 lying east of state trunk highways 47 and 55 in range 15 east; sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; such portions of sections 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16 lying north of county trunk highway "H" and the north $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 17; the north $\frac{1}{2}$ and west $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 18 in range 16 east; township 28 north, ranges 11, 12, and 13 and 14 east; township 29 north, ranges 11 and 12 east.

(e) *Menominee county*. All lands in township 28 north, range 15 east; all lands in township 29 north, ranges 13, 14 and 15 east; all lands in township 30 north, ranges 13, 14 and 15 east; all lands in townships 28, 29 and 30 north, range 16 east.

(f) *Oconto county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 28 north, all of that part of range 17 east lying west or north of county trunk highways "H" and "HH"; township 29 north, all of that part of range 17 east lying west or north of county trunk highway "H" and state trunk highway 32.

(5) DISTRICT 5. (a) *Florence county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(b) *Forest county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 37 north, range 16 east.

(c) *Marinette county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(d) *Oconto county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 27 north, range 19 east, sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23 and 24; township 27 north, range 20 east, sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22; township 28 north, range 20 east, south one-half of sections 19 to 22, inclusive and all of sections 27 to 34 inclusive; township 29 north, range 22 east, sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 28; township 30 north, ranges 17, 18 and 19 east; township 31 north, ranges 15, 16, 17 and 18 east;

township 32 north, ranges 15, 16 and 17 east, township 33 north, ranges 15, 16 and 17 east.

(6) DISTRICT 6. (a) *Ashland county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(b) *Price county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(c) *Taylor county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(7) DISTRICT 7. (a) *Barron county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 32 north, range 10 west; township 33 north, range 10 west; township 34 north, range 10 west; township 35 north, range 10 west. All that part of township 33 north, range 11 west lying north and east of U.S. highway 53. All that part of township 34 north, range 11 west lying east of U.S. highway 53.

(b) *Chippewa county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 32 north, ranges 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 west; township 31 north, ranges 5, 6, 7 and 8 west. All that part of township 31 north, range 9 west lying east of state trunk highway 40, township 30 north, range 5 west. All that part of township 30 north, range 6 west lying north of county trunk highway "S". All that part of township 30 north, range 7 west lying north of county trunk highways "S" and "Y". All that part of township 30 north, range 8 west lying north of county trunk highway "Y" and east of U.S. highway 53 and state trunk highway 124.

(c) *Rusk county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(d) *Sawyer county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(8) DISTRICT 8. (a) *Lincoln county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(b) *Oneida county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(c) *Forest county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages except: township 37 north, range 16 east.

(9) DISTRICT 9. (a) *Adams county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(c) *Juneau county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 14 north, ranges 5 and 6 east; township 15 north, ranges 4 and 5 east; township 16 north, ranges 3, 4 and 5 east; township 17 north, ranges 2, 3 and 4 east; township 18 north, ranges 2, 3 and 4 east; township 19 north, ranges 2, 3 and 4 east; township 20 north, ranges 2, 3, 4 and 5 east.

(e) *Wood county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 21 north, ranges 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 east; township 22 north, ranges 2, 3, 4, 5 and the east $\frac{1}{2}$ of range 6; township 23 north, range 2 east.

(10) **DISTRICT 10.** (a) *Clark county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 23 north, ranges 1 east, 1, 2 and 3 west; township 24 north, ranges 3 and 4 west; township 25 north, ranges 3 and 4 west; township 26 north, ranges 3 and 4 west; township 27 north, ranges 3 and 4 west; township 28 north, range 3 west, south one-half; township 28 north, range 4 west, south one-half.

(b) *Eau Claire county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 25 north, range 5 west; township 26 north, ranges 5 and 6 west. All that part of township 26 north, range 7 west lying north of U.S. highway 12; township 27 north, ranges 5, 6 and 7 west. All that part of township 27 north, range 8 west lying north of U.S. highway 12.

(c) *Jackson county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 20 north, ranges 1 east, 1, 2, 3 and 4 west; township 21 north, ranges 1 east, 1, 2, 3 and 4 west; township 21 north, range 5 west except the following: section 18—S½ of the SW¼; section 19—NW¼; N½ of the SW¼ and SW SW; section 30—W½ of the NW¼; SE¼ of the NW¼; section 32—S½; township 22 north, ranges 1 east, 1, 2, 3 and 4 west; township 23 north, range 4 west.

(d) *Monroe county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 17 north, range 1 east; township 17 north, range 1 west; township 17 north, ranges 2 and 3 west; township 18 north, ranges 1 east, 1, 2 and 3 west; township 18 north, range 4 west, north one-half; township 19 north, ranges 1 east, 1, 2, 3 and 4 west.

History: 1-2-56; (9) (b) and (d) repealed; (4) (a) renumbered to be (8) (c); (2) (c), (6) (c) and (8) (a) am. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; (4) (c) am. Register, November, 1956, No. 11, eff. 12-1-56; am. (7), Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57; am. (2) (b) and (c), Register, September, 1960, No. 57, eff. 10-1-60; cr. (4) (e), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior; am. (4) (d); cr. (4) (f); am. (9) (e), Register, April, 1962, No. 76, eff. 5-1-62; am. (4) (c), Register, April, 1968, No. 148, eff. 5-1-68; renum. from WCD 30.01 to be NR 30.01, Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

NR 30.02 Forest protection districts, extensive. The following described lands shall be and are established as *extensive* forest protection districts.

(1) **DISTRICT 11.** (a) *Green Lake county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(b) *Marquette county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(c) *Portage county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(d) *Waupaca county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(e) *Waushara county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(2) **DISTRICT 12.** (a) *Columbia county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(b) *Crawford county.* All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(c) *Dane county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 6 north, range 6 east, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; township 7 north, range 6 east; township 8 north, ranges 6 and 7 east; township 9 north, ranges 6 and 7 east.

(d) *Grant county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 5 north, range 6 west, north one-half; township 5 north, range 7 west, north one-half; township 6 north, ranges 6 and 7 west; township 6 north, range 5 west, north one-half; township 6 north, range 4 west, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; township 7 north, ranges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 west; township 8 north, ranges 1, 2 and 3 west; township 9 north, ranges 1 and 2 west.

(e) *Iowa county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages in: township 6 north, range 1 east, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; township 6 north, range 2 east, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; township 6 north, range 3 east, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; township 6 north, range 4 east, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; township 6 north, range 5 east, sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; township 7 north, ranges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 east; township 8 north, ranges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 east.

(f) *Richland county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(g) *Sauk county*. All lands outside of the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

History: 1-2-56; (2) Cr. Register, August, 1956, No. 8, eff. 9-1-56; (2) (c) and (e) am. Register, November, 1956, No. 11, eff. 12-1-56; renum. from WCD 30.02 to be NR 30.02, Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71; am. (2) (b) and (f), Register, July, 1976, No. 247, eff. 8-1-76.

NR 30.03 Burning regulations, extensive forest protection districts; posting notices. Within the boundaries of the extensive forest protection districts established by section NR 30.02 it shall be unlawful:

(1) For any person, persons, firm or corporation to burn any rubbish, slashings, brush piles, stumps or marsh lands or other lands on or in any and all of the areas hereinbefore described in this section unless he first shall have obtained a permit therefor from a duly authorized and appointed district forest ranger or other person delegated similar authority by the department.

(2) The regulations provided in this section shall be put into effect by posting of proper notices of such regulations within said extensive forest protection districts, such posting being deemed by said department to be the most feasible way of notifying the public within the said extensive forest protection districts that such regulations are in effect and such regulations shall remain in full force and effect so long as such posting shall continue or until this section is rescinded or modified by the department or by legislative action.

History: 1-2-56; renum. from WCD 30.03 to be NR 30.03, and am. intro. par. (1) and (2), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

NR 30.04 Emergency fire regulations. Within the boundaries of the forest protection districts it shall be unlawful:

(1) For any person or persons to build a camp fire in any manner except at authorized improved camp grounds or other places of habitation unless he has first obtained a special permit from a duly

appointed district forest ranger or other person delegated similar authority by the department.

(2) For any person or persons to smoke any pipe, cigarette, or cigar except at places of habitation, authorized improved camp grounds or in automobiles or vehicles operating on state or county highways, and such automobiles or vehicles shall be equipped on the inside of the body of such automobile or vehicle in each and every instance with a receptacle that will serve as an ash container, and no matches, ashes, burning tobacco or other burning material shall be thrown from any such automobile or other vehicle while the same is within the boundaries of the forest protection districts.

(3) For any person, persons, firm or corporation to burn any rubbish, slashings, brush piles, stumps or marsh lands or other lands on or in any and all of the areas hereinbefore described in this section, unless he first obtains a special permit from a duly authorized and appointed district forest ranger or other person delegated similar authority by the department.

(4) The provisions of this section shall be put into effect by posting of proper notice of the emergency regulations within the respective forest protection districts, this being deemed by the department the most feasible way of notifying the public within said districts that such regulations are in effect, and such emergency regulations shall remain in full force and effect so long as such posting shall continue or until this section is rescinded or modified by the department or by legislative act.

History: 1-2-56; renum. from WCD 30.04 to be NR 30.04, and am. (1), (3) and (4), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

NR 30.05 Travel on fire lanes. (1) **TRAVEL PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to travel with any automobile or other vehicle on or over any fire lanes, truck trails or roads that have been constructed by the department or under the direction of the department or its representatives for the particular use only of its forest fire-fighting equipment wherein barriers, gates or similar obstructions have been placed across them by the department, its forest rangers, conservation wardens or other designated agents closing them to public travel unless a permit for such travel by vehicle or automobile has been issued them by the department, or their forest rangers, conservation wardens or other designated agents.

(2) **PERMITS.** The department, its forest rangers, conservation wardens, or other designated agents of the department are hereby authorized to receive and to issue, free of cost, to any person or persons making application, a permit to travel on such fire lanes, truck trails or roads wherein the applicant or applicants can show to the satisfaction of the department, its forest rangers, conservation wardens or other designated agents that there is good and sufficient reason why such a permit should be issued to them. Applications for such permits shall state thereon the name and address of the applicant, the reasons why he desires such a permit and such other information as may be required by the department.

(3) **PEACE OFFICERS.** Nothing in the provisions of this section shall apply to the armed forces of the United States, the national guard or peace officers in the performance of their duties as such, or any

person summoned by such peace officers to assist them in making an arrest or to preserve the peace while such person or persons are so engaged, or to any conservation officers, forest rangers, either federal or state, who are acting in the performance of their duties as such.

History: 1-2-56; renum. from WCD 30.05 to be NR 30.05, and am. (1) and (2), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

NR 30.06 Emergency use regulations. (1) The secretary upon a finding of the existence of the applicable conditions enumerated in subsection (2) shall:

(a) Order use restrictions on all state-owned lands managed by the department or lands under its control, supervision or management by lease, easement or otherwise on which the applicable conditions in subsection (2) exist; or

(b) Close or modify hunting, trapping and fishing regulations or seasons on lands for which the applicable conditions in subsection (2) exist.

(2) (a) Emergency fire regulations pursuant to section NR 30.04 are in effect in the counties affected when they are located within forest protection districts; or

(b) The threat to natural resources by the presence of forest fire hazards requires the limitation on or the prohibition of use of state-owned lands under management by the department to protect and conserve the natural resources of the state; or

(c) The threat to the fish and wildlife resources by the presence of forest fire hazards requires the closure or modification of hunting, trapping or fishing regulations or seasons.

(3) (a) The order of the secretary, including findings of fact supporting it, shall become effective upon publication in the official state newspaper. As soon thereafter as is feasible and reasonable, the department shall publish the order in one newspaper in the area affected which is likely to give notice to residents in that area, file copies of the order within one week of its effective date with clerks of all counties affected by the order and take such other steps as it deems necessary to convey effective notice to persons who are likely to have an interest in the order. The same procedure shall be followed to cancel or modify the order or any part thereof.

(b) Such order may apply to the state as a whole or for any specified county or part of a county, or for any lake or stream or part thereof.

(4) The secretary shall act only after consideration of advice from department personnel in the area affected and when feasible shall obtain and consider the advice of other state agencies, agricultural extension personnel, county forest administrators and town and county officials in the area affected and other state and federal agencies interested.

History: Cr. Register, January, 1978, No. 265, eff. 2-1-78.