



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 186
[2009 Senate Bill 408]

**Public Safety Communications
Towers on Managed Forest Land**

Under current law, if the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) issues an order withdrawing land from the managed forest land (MFL) program, it must assess a withdrawal tax and a withdrawal fee unless certain exceptions apply. Under **2009 Wisconsin Act 186**, the DNR may not assess these costs against an owner of MFL who transfers ownership of or leases not more than 10 acres of MFL to a county, city, village, or town for siting a public safety communications tower. This requirement initially applies beginning on September 22, 2009, and DNR is required to refund these costs to owners of land for which these costs were assessed after that date. The DNR also may not order withdrawal of the remainder of a parcel of land affected by such a transfer or lease unless the remainder does not meet the MFL eligibility requirements.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.