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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: May 15, 2015

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on May 15, 2015.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Thursday, June 4, 2015**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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May 12, 2015

The Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair  
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The Honorable John Nygren, Co-Chair  
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed acquisition grant for the Forest County – Camp 37 Acquisition, using grant funds in the amount of \$301,275.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. The proposed grant award represents 50% of the estimated total project costs. This parcel is located in the Town of Lincoln, Forest County.

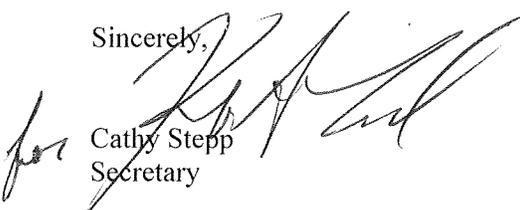
The proposed project will expand the existing Forest County forest by 400 acres. The overall project will ensure future forest management, provide public recreation opportunities, and safeguard wildlife habitat on 103 acres of northern hardwood, 83 acres of aspen, 75 acres of swamp conifer, 55 acres of swamp hardwood, and 84 acres of non-forested wetlands. The project area also contains over 0.5 miles of Hemlock Creek and 0.5 miles of Swamp Creek. Multiple outdoor recreation opportunities will be provided to the public including: hunting, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and a variety of other nature based activities. This land will be enrolled as County Forest and managed consistent with s. 28.11 Wis. Stats., which ensures that the land will be managed for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection.

There are no prohibitions of nature-based outdoor activities, as defined in s. 23.0916(1)(b), Wis. Stats.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Cathy Stepp  
Secretary

C: Steve Miller, Director, Lands and Facilities Bureau  
Sanjay Olson, Lands Div. Administrator  
Joe Schwantes, County Forest Specialist, Forest Management Bureau  
Lavane Hessler, Stewardship Grant Manager, Lands & Facilities Bureau

**DATE:** May 12, 2015  
**TO:** Members of the Joint Committee on Finance  
**FROM:** Cathy Stepp, Secretary

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP ACQUISITION GRANT FOR FUNDING GREATER THAN \$250,000**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant in the amount of \$301,275 to Forest County for the acquisition of 400 acres known as the Forest County – Camp 37 acquisition project. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

**I. PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** Forest County  
**Grant sub-program:** County Forest

**Location:** The Camp 37 property is located in the Town of Lincoln, Forest County. The property can be reached by taking either the Wolf River State Trail south from Crandon or county and town roads.

**Project Description:** The proposed project will expand the existing Forest County forest by 400 acres. The gently rolling forested land consist of approximately 103 acres of northern hardwood, 83 acres of aspen, 75 acres of swamp conifer, 55 acres of swamp hardwood, and 84 acres of non-forested wetlands. The project area also contains over 0.5 miles of Hemlock Creek and 0.5 miles of Swamp Creek. Multiple outdoor recreation opportunities will be provided to the public including: hunting, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and a variety of other nature based activities. This land will be enrolled as County Forest and managed consistent with s. 28.11 Wis. Stats., which ensures that the land will be managed for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection.

Project maps are attached as Appendix A.

**Project Goals:** The Camp 37 acquisition project meets the following goals:

- Provides new forest land for public nature-based outdoor recreation.
- Protects a large block of forested land from potential development.
- Protects and provides permanent public recreational access to over ½ mile of Hemlock Creek and ½ mile of Swamp Creek.
- Provides additional acreage that will be managed as Forest County Forest for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection.

**Public Uses:** The Camp 37 project area will be available to the public 24 hours per day and 365 days per year. Forest users will be able to hunt, trap, hike, cross-country ski, snowshoe, view wildlife and participate in many other nature-based activities. Given the proximity to the City of Crandon, Lake Metonga, and the Mole Lake Reservation this property will be enjoyed by many visitors annually.

The Department's analysis of the permitted nature-based outdoor activities is attached in Appendix B.

**Property Management:** The property will be enrolled into the County Forest Law Program and will be managed according to the *Forest County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan*, as approved by the Department.

**Timetable:** Pending grant approval Forest County desires to close on this property by July 31, 2015.

**II. PROJECT FINANCES:**

**A. Partnerships:**

- Forest County: Provides matching funds and is responsible for forest management, development, operation, and maintenance according to the *Forest County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan*.
- Connor family, Seller.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides 50% financial grant assistance and works with Forest County to implement the *Forest County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan*.

**B. Appraisals:**

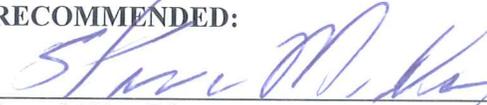
As required by s. 23.0917(7)(e)1., Wis. stats., two appraisals were used to determine the fair market value of the land.

Appraisal #1	\$635,000
Appraisal #2	\$600,000
<b>Value Certified by Department</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

**C. Grant Calculations:**

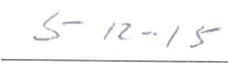
DNR Certified Appraised Value	\$ 600,000.00
Grant-eligible associated costs	\$ 2,550.00
Total Project Costs	\$ 602,550.00
Forest County contribution	\$ 301,275.00
DNR Stewardship Grant Funding	\$ 301,275.00 (50%)

**III. RECOMMENDED:**

  
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Steve Miller, Director  
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

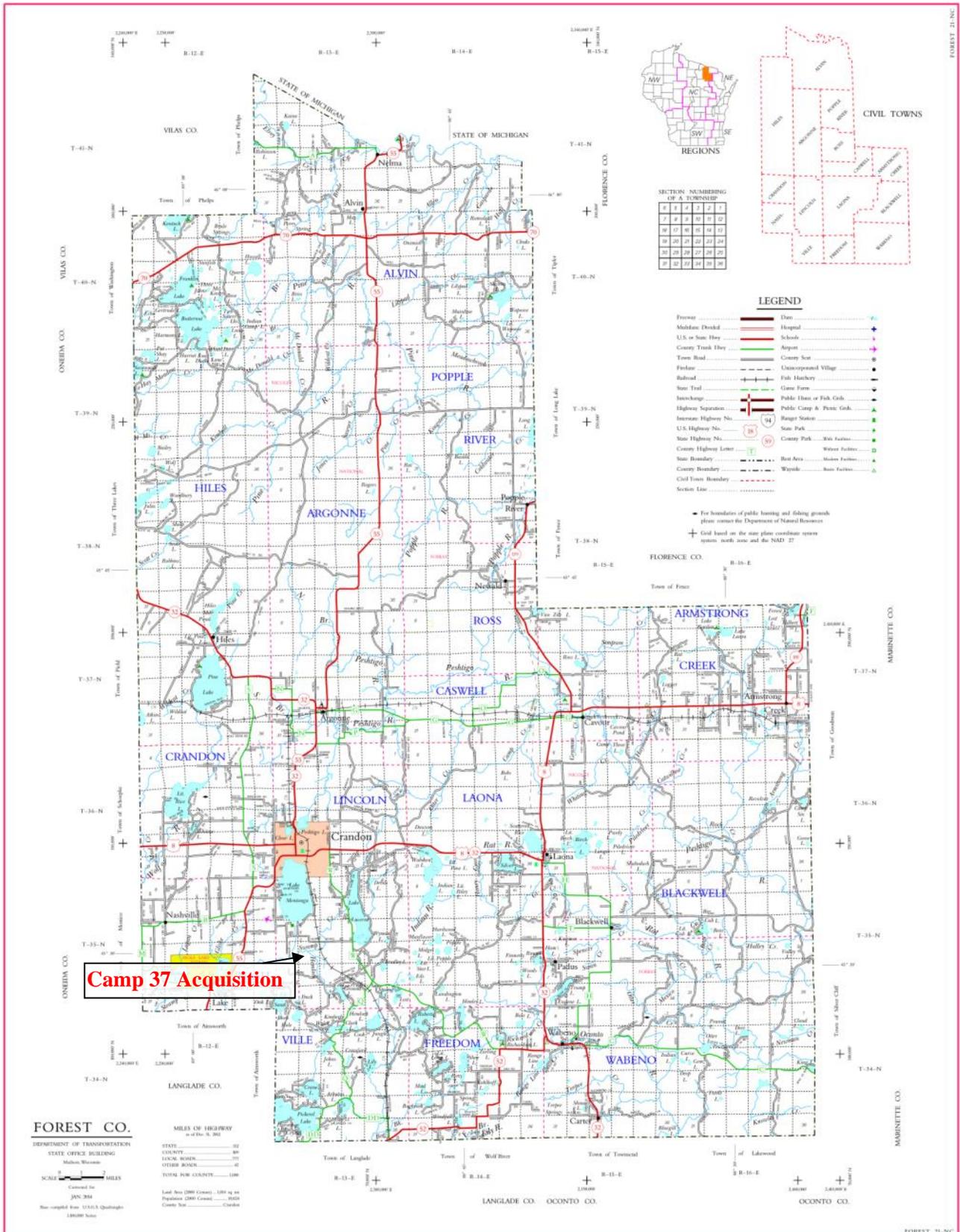
  
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Sanjay Olson, Administrator  
Lands Division

  
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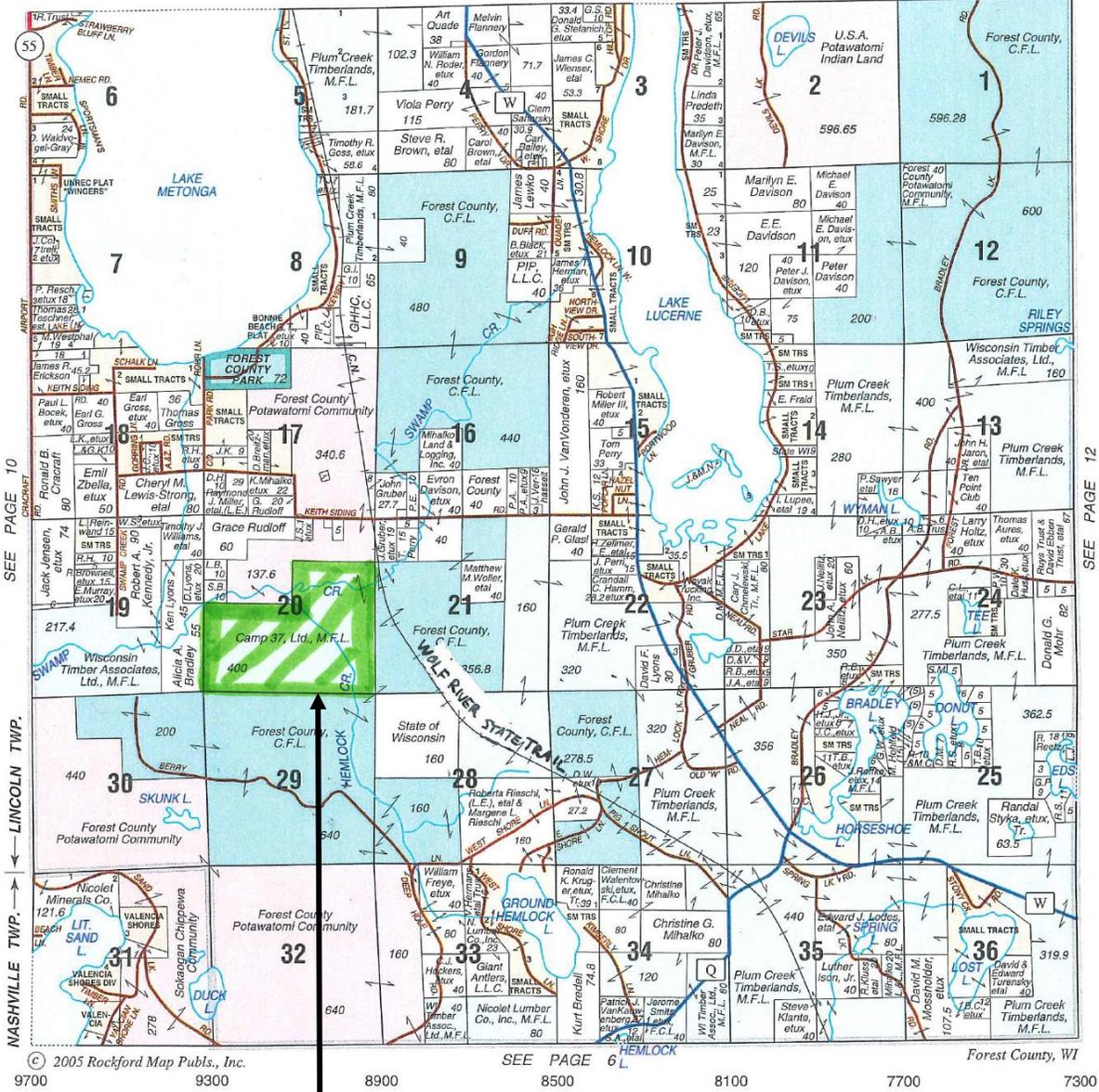
Attachments: Appendix A – Project Area Maps  
Appendix B – Staff Analysis of NBOAs

# Appendix A



SOUTH PART LINCOLN NORTHEAST PART NASHVILLE T.35N.-R.13E.

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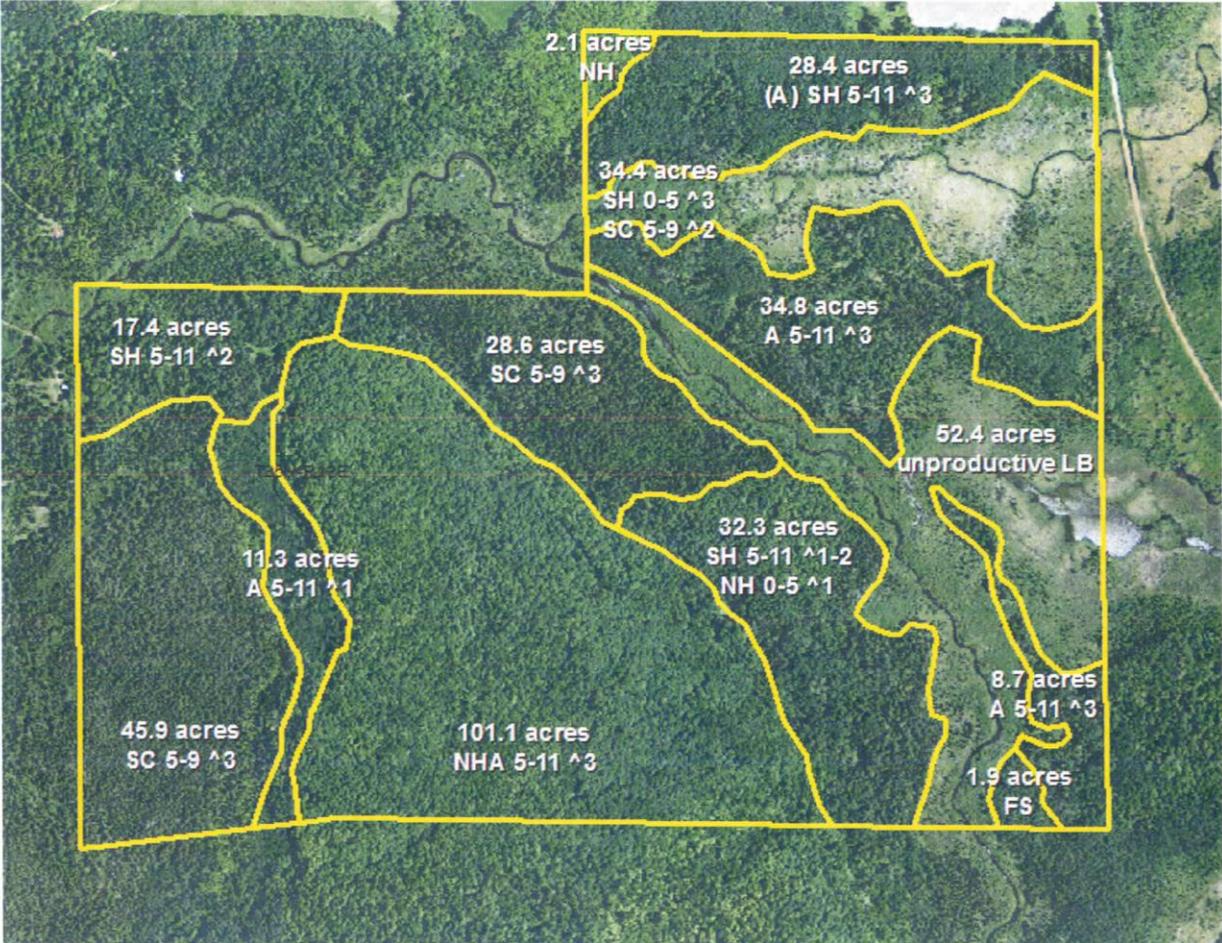
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**Camp 37 Acquisition**

# Aerial Photo Cover-type Map



# Appendix B

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program



## DNR Staff Analysis of Nature Based Outdoor Activities on Projects Purchased with Stewardship Grant Funds

Rev. August 2012

**NOTE TO DNR STAFF:** This completed form will be attached to the NBOA notice that the DNR will publish when considering a request for Stewardship grant funding. Do not list location information for the subject property or the seller's name because WI courts have held that this information is confidential until land ownership has changed hands. In "Staff Narrative" sections below each NBOA, summarize sponsor's reason for prohibition.

<b>Applicant/ Sponsor:</b> Forest County	<b>Year of application:</b> FY 2015
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**Project name and primary purpose (after acquisition):**  
Camp 37 Acquisition

**Parcel size, shape and topography:** Describe the size, shape, and topography of the parcel.  
This project will acquire approximately 400 acres of forested land. The property is primarily gently rolling and includes 103 acres of northern hardwood, 83 acres of wetland, 75 acres of swamp conifer, 55 acres of swamp hardwood, and 84 acres of non-forested wetlands. The project area includes ½ mile of Hemlock Creek shoreline and ½ mile of Swamp Creek shoreline.

**Plan(s) or reports identifying project area as priority:**  
Forest County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan

### Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist

HUNTING			
<b>DNR Staff Narrative:</b> Property will be open for hunting.			
<b>X No prohibitions being proposed</b>			
<b>If a prohibition is proposed:</b>			
<b>Public safety factors considered,</b> check all that apply.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is within 50 feet of the center line of highways & roads			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is within 1700 feet of school grounds, hospital, or sanatorium			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance exists –			
<input type="checkbox"/> Discharge or carrying a weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting within park <input type="checkbox"/> Throwing or shooting missiles, arrows, spears, etc.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.			
<b>Unique plant and animal communities factors considered,</b> check all that apply.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed endangered species		<input type="checkbox"/> State listed endangered species	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed threatened species		<input type="checkbox"/> State listed threatened species	
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal listed species of special concern		<input type="checkbox"/> State listed species of special concern	
	Allowable species (Gun)	Allowable species (bow)	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Waterfowl	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations
Small Game	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations
Turkey	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations
Large Game	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations



**HIKING****DNR Staff Narrative:** Property will be open for hiking.**X No prohibitions being proposed****If a prohibition is proposed:****Public safety factors considered,** check all that apply.

- Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.
- Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
- Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.
- Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
- Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.

**Unique plant and animal communities factors considered,** check all that apply..

- Federal listed endangered species
- State listed endangered species
- Federal listed threatened species
- State listed threatened species
- Federal listed species of special concern
- State listed species of special concern

Location	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
On-Trail	Yes	Year round
Off-Trail	Yes	Year round

**CROSS COUNTRY SKIING****DNR Staff Narrative:** Property will be open for cross-country skiing.**X No prohibitions being proposed****If a prohibition is proposed:****Public safety factors considered,** check all that apply.  Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.

- Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
- Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.
- Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
- Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.

**Unique plant and animal communities factors considered,** check all that apply.

- Federal listed endangered species
- State listed endangered species
- Federal listed threatened species
- State listed threatened species
- Federal listed species of special concern
- State listed species of special concern

Type of Trail	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	Per snow conditions
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	Per snow conditions
On-Trail (groomed)	No	Per snow conditions