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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: April 27, 2017

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 April 27, 2017.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Tuesday, May 16, 2017**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

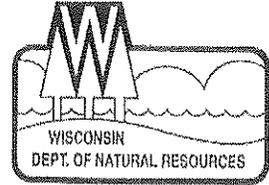
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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April 28, 2017

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (d), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed \$75,421.00 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to Langlade County for acquisition of property known as the Grogan tract.

The property is located north of State Highway 64, eight miles west of Summit Lake and approximately 26 miles northwest of Antigo in the Town of Summit in Langlade County.

The Grogan project will acquire 155.33 acres in the Town of Summit will be incorporated into the County Forest and Stewardship Programs. The overall project will ensure future forest management, provide public recreation opportunities, and safeguard wildlife habitat on 155.33 acres of forest land.

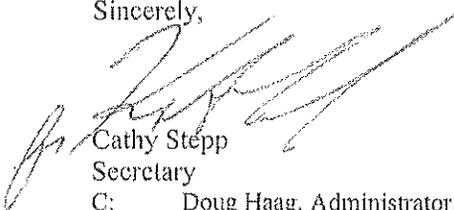
The entire 155.33 acres will be enrolled into the County Forest program and managed consistently with s. 28.11 Wis. Stats., which ensures that the land will be managed for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection.

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: Doug Haag, Administrator, Internal Services Division
Doug Brown, County Forest & Public Lands Specialist, Bureau of Forest Management

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

State of Wisconsin

DATE: April 28, 2017
TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance
FROM: Cathy Stepp, Secretary
SUBJECT: Request for approval of a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant for acquisition located north of Highway 64

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (dr), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program grant for land located north of State Highway 64. The proposed award is \$75,421.00 to Langlade County for the acquisition of 1 parcel, containing 155.33 acres in total known as the Grogan Project. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

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

Location: The 155.33 acre parcel is located in the Town of Summit, Langlade County adjacent to over 1,000 acres of County Forest land.

Project Description: The Grogan project fills a gap that is surrounded by County Forest lands. By acquiring this property, Langlade County will protect and ensure future management of productive forest land. The property's timber includes approximately 60 acres of aspen; the remainder of the property contains small islands of black spruce/tamarack and tag-alder/marsh grasses. The property also contains a 3-acre lake and the headwaters of Big Hay Meadow Creek, a Class II trout stream.

There is a state-funded ATV trail across the property that connects other portions of Langlade County Forest.

All 155.33 acres will be incorporated into the Stewardship and County Forest programs and managed according to the Langlade County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Project area maps are attached as Appendix A.

Project benefits:

- Provides significant additional forest land for public nature-based outdoor recreation.
- Ensures public access and continued use of a State-Funded ATV trail as well as access to additional 1000s of acres of county lands.
- Protects water quality of a Class II trout stream helping promote continued reproduction of sport fish populations
- Allows for permanent public access to the headwaters lake of Big Hay Meadow Creek
- Provides additional acreage that will be managed as Langlade County Forest for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection.
- Fill in a block within existing county forest land which will improve recreational access and reduce administrative efforts required for boundary maintenance.

- Provides for efficient management of contiguous blocks of productive timberlands that will be harvested sustainably and contribute to the important local wood products-based economy.

Public Uses: The Grogan project properties will be open to the public year-round for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding, primitive camping, and wildlife viewing. These parcels offer excellent recreational opportunities especially for populations in Antigo, Summit Lake, and Pelican Lake.

The public will be able to access the parcels from existing town road. The Department's analysis of the permitted nature-based outdoor activities is attached in Appendix B.

Property Management: All 155.33 acres will be enrolled into the County Forest Program and managed pursuant to 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. Management will occur according to the *Langlade County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan*, as approved by the Department.

Timetable: Pending grant approval Langlade County intends to close on this property in the 2017 calendar year.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

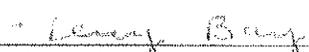
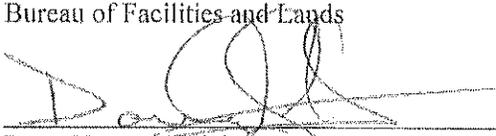
A. Appraisal:

As required by s.23.0917(7)(e)1., Wis. Stats., the appraisal used to determine the fair market value of the Grogan acquisition parcel (155.33 acres) was reviewed by the DNR. The DNR-approved value of the land to be acquired is \$147,564.00 (\$950/ac.).

B. Grant Calculation

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| DNR approved land value | \$147,564.00 |
| Grant-eligible associated costs | \$ 3,278.00 |
| Total grant eligible project costs | \$ 150,842.00 |
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| DNR Stewardship grant funding (50% of eligible costs) | \$ 75,421.00 |
| County funds applied to project expenses | \$ 75,421.00 |

III. RECOMMENDED:

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|  _____ Terry Bay, Director Bureau of Facilities and Lands | <u>4/24/17</u> Date |
|  _____ Doug Haag, Administrator Division of Internal Services | <u>4-26-17</u> Date |

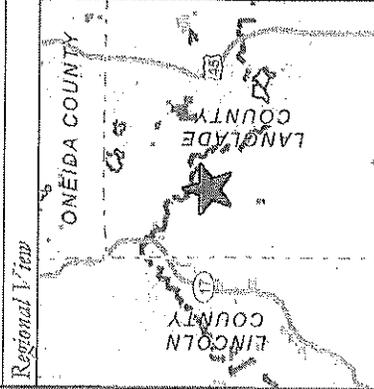
Attachments: Appendix A – Project area maps Appendix B – Public use Staff Analysis

APPENDIX A p. 1
**Langlade County Forest -
 Grogan Tract**

*Preliminary
 Stewardship
 Grant*

T33N R09E Sec 03
 Town of Summit
 Langlade County

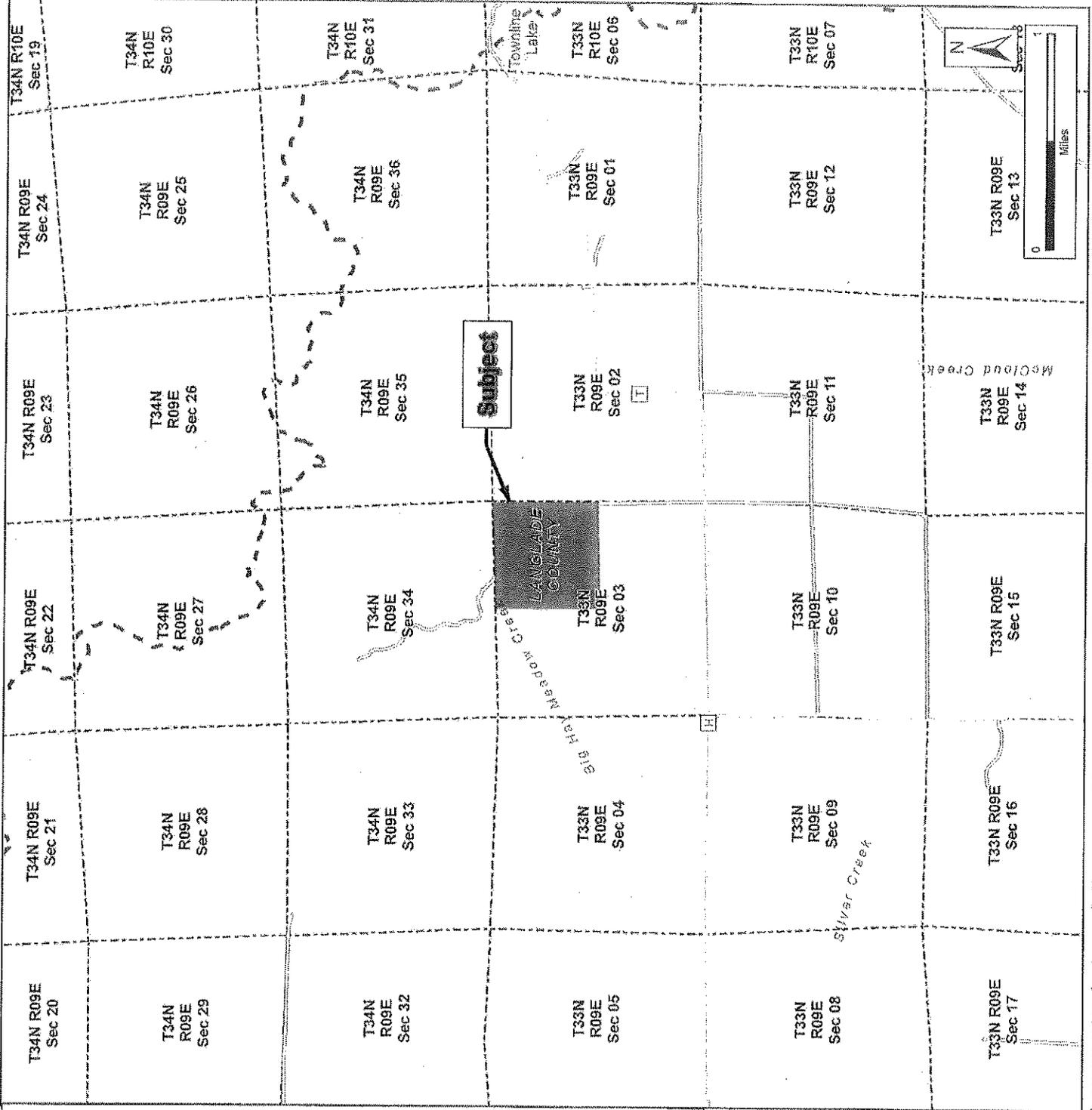
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-  County Forest Lands
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-  PLSS Section Lines



★ Location of Property



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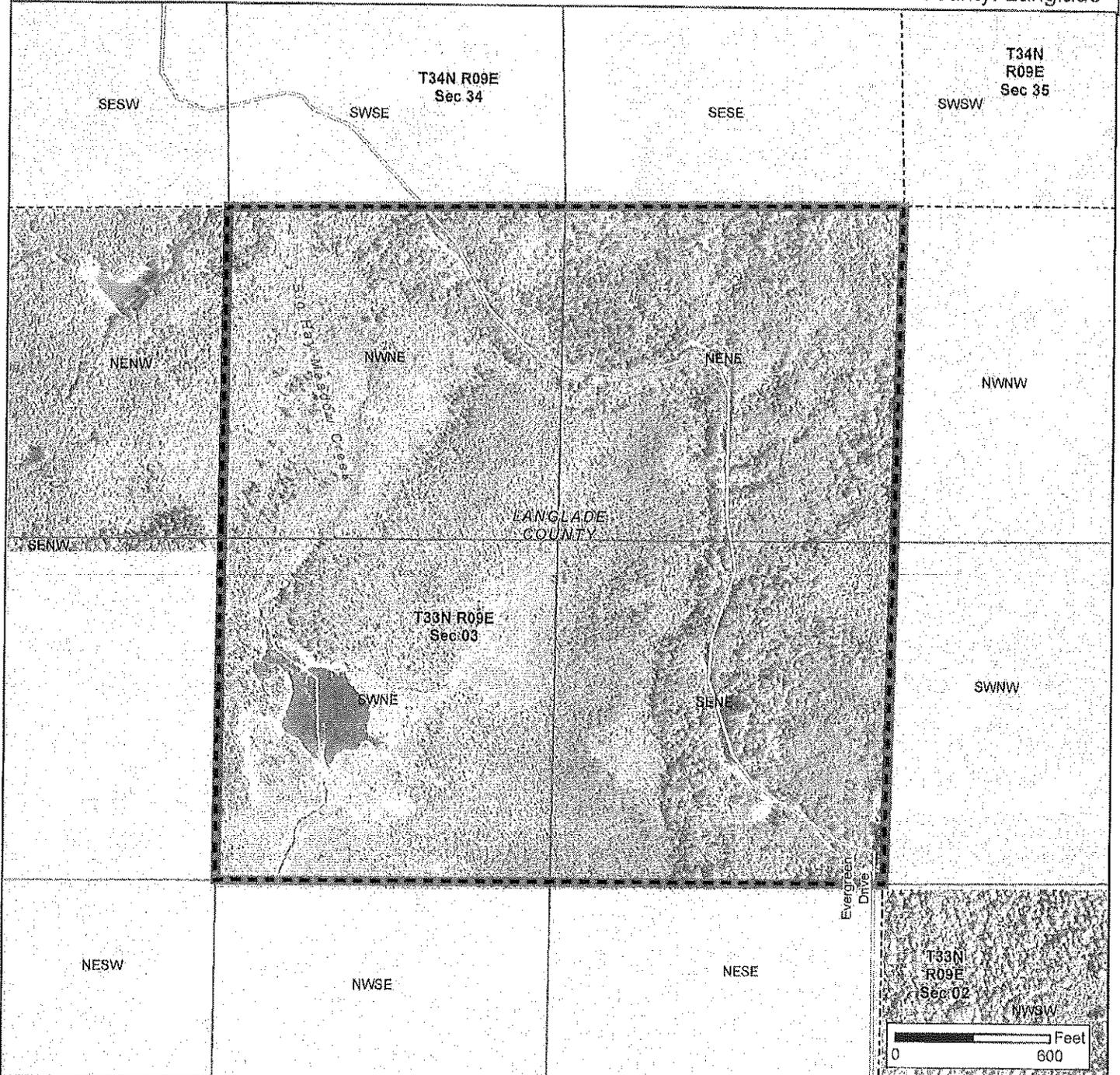


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Langlade County Forest - Grogan Tract

Sponsor: Langlade County
Approximate Total Acreage: 157.28

T33N R09E Sec 03 Town of Summit
County: Langlade

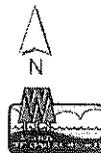


Proposed Stewardship Grant

 **Subject**

County Forest Lands

 PLSS Section Lines

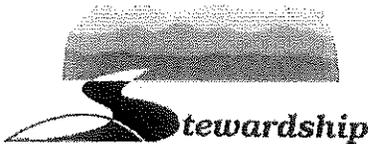


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Real Estate Section
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DNR Staff Analysis of Nature Based Outdoor Activities on Projects Purchased with Stewardship Grant Funds



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.

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| Applicant/ Sponsor: Langlade County | Year of application: 2016 |
| Project name and primary purpose (after acquisition): Grogan tract addition to Langlade County Forest. | |
| Parcel size, shape and topography: Describe the size, shape, and topography of the parcel. 155 acres of undeveloped forest land which includes ~60 acres of productive timber, a segment of state-funded ATV trail, small leak and the headwaters of Big Hay Meadow Creek. Property has varied topography and is adjacent to additional county forest property. | |
| Plan(s) or reports identifying project area as priority: Langlade County Forest Management Plan | |

Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist

| HUNTING | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--|---|
| DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to hunting | | | |
| X No prohibitions being proposed | | | |
| If a prohibition is proposed: | | | |
| Public safety factors considered, 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. | | | |
| Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, 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 |

