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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: June 22, 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 June 22, 2017.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Wednesday, July 12, 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

AD:JN:jm

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June 19, 2017

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)(a) and (dr), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed grant of \$664,275.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to Langlade County Forest for Camp Lyle Acquisition. The Department is seeking Committee approval to award County Forest grant funds authorized for FY 2017 for this project.

The Camp Lyle project will acquire 522 acres to be incorporated into the County Forest and Stewardship Programs. The project will ensure future forest management, provide public recreation opportunities, and safeguard wildlife habitat. The project will ensure public access to and permanently protect two lakes and secure a State-Funded snowmobile trail traversing property. Additionally, the project will result in improved blocking of county forest land and provide public access to DNR lands along the Wolf River. This project will also provide needed additional public camping opportunities by repurposing abandoned Boy Scout Camp facilities on the property.

The entire property 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

DATE: June 19, 2017

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Cathy Stepp, Secretary

SUBJECT: Request for approval of FY2017 Stewardship grant award exceeding \$250,000 for acquisition 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 grant in the amount of \$664,275.00 to Langlade County for the acquisition of a 522-acre parcel known as the Camp Lyle property. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats. If approved, the Department will obligate funds from fiscal year 2017.

PROJECT DETAILS:

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

Location: The 522-acre parcel is located in the Town of Elcho, Langlade County adjacent to over 1,000 acres of County Forest land.

Project Description: The Camp Lyle property, a former Boy Scout camp, is adjacent to both County Forest and DNR lands. By acquiring this property, Langlade County will protect and ensure future management of productive forest land. The property's timber includes approximately 270 acres of aspen, 45 acres of northern hardwoods, a 10 acre red pine plantation and 60 acres of swamp conifer. The remainder of the property contains two lakes (Anninan-39 acres and Perch-10 acres) and approximately 12 acres of bog and 7 acres of grassland and former camp buildings.

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

All 522 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 – County acquisition of this property will:

- Provide Langlade County Forest improved production of forest products through efficient management of contiguous blocks of productive timberlands.
- Increase county and town revenue by converting a tax-exempt parcel to productive County Forest land.
- Provide Langlade County the opportunity to develop, with minimal investment, a campground utilizing the old Boy Scout Camp. Public input identified a demand for additional camping opportunities in the northern portion of the county during the 2016 Langlade County Outdoor Recreation Plan update.
- Ensure public ownership of and continued access to of a State-funded snowmobile trail and improved access to DNR lands and Wolf River frontage.

- Protect water quality of two lakes, helping promote continued reproduction of sport fish populations.
- Provide significant acres and two undeveloped lakes for public nature-based outdoor recreation.

Public Uses: The Camp Lyle project properties will be open to the public year-round for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding, future designated camping and wildlife viewing. This parcel offers excellent recreational opportunities especially to populations in Antigo, Summit Lake, and Elcho.

The public will be able to access the parcels from existing town roads. 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 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. 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.

PROJECT FINANCES:

A. Appraisals:

As required by s.23.0917(7)(e)1., Wis. Stats., DNR used two appraisals to determine fair market value of the Camp Lyle parcel; the proposed grant award is based on the lower of the two.

Appraisal 1	\$1,325,000.00
Appraisal 2	\$1,528,000.00

B. Grant Calculation

DNR approved land value	\$1,325,000.00
Grant-eligible associated costs	\$3,550.00
Total <i>grant eligible</i> project costs	\$ 1,328,550.00
DNR Stewardship grant funding (50% of eligible costs)	\$ 664,275.00

I. RECOMMENDED:

 <hr/> Terry Bay, Director Bureau of Facilities and Lands	6/12/17 <hr/> Date
 <hr/> Doug Haag, Administrator Division of Internal Services	6-13-17 <hr/> Date

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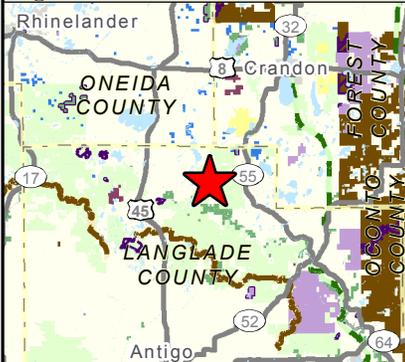
**Langlade Co. Forest -
Camp Lyle Acq.**

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*Preliminary
Stewardship
Grant*
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T34N R11E Sec 24
Town of Elcho
Langlade County

- Subject
- County Forest Lands
- DNR Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands
Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands
Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands
Closed to Public Access
- State Natural Area
- Board of Commissioners
of Public Lands

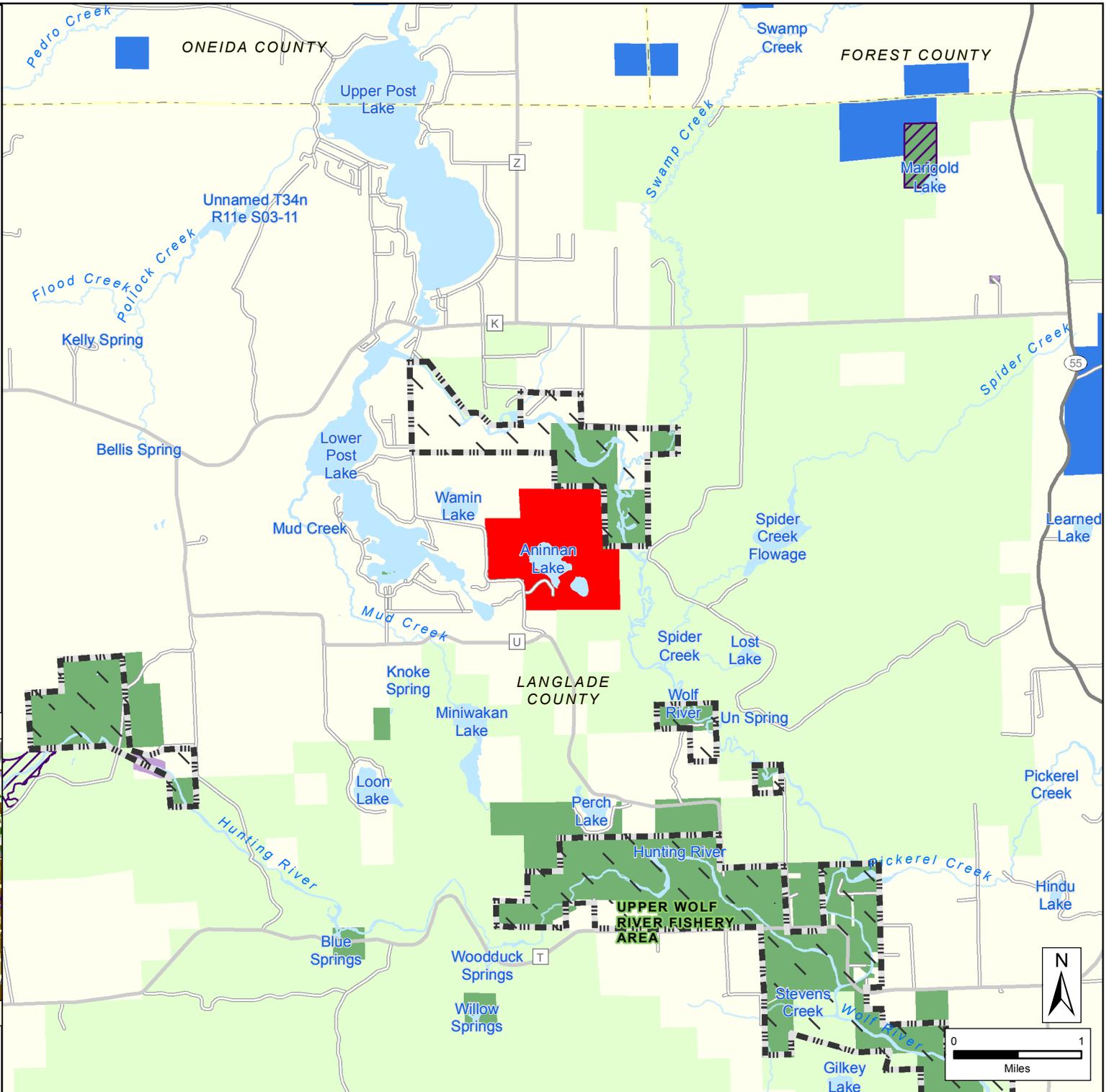
Regional View



★ Location of Property



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OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities of Lands
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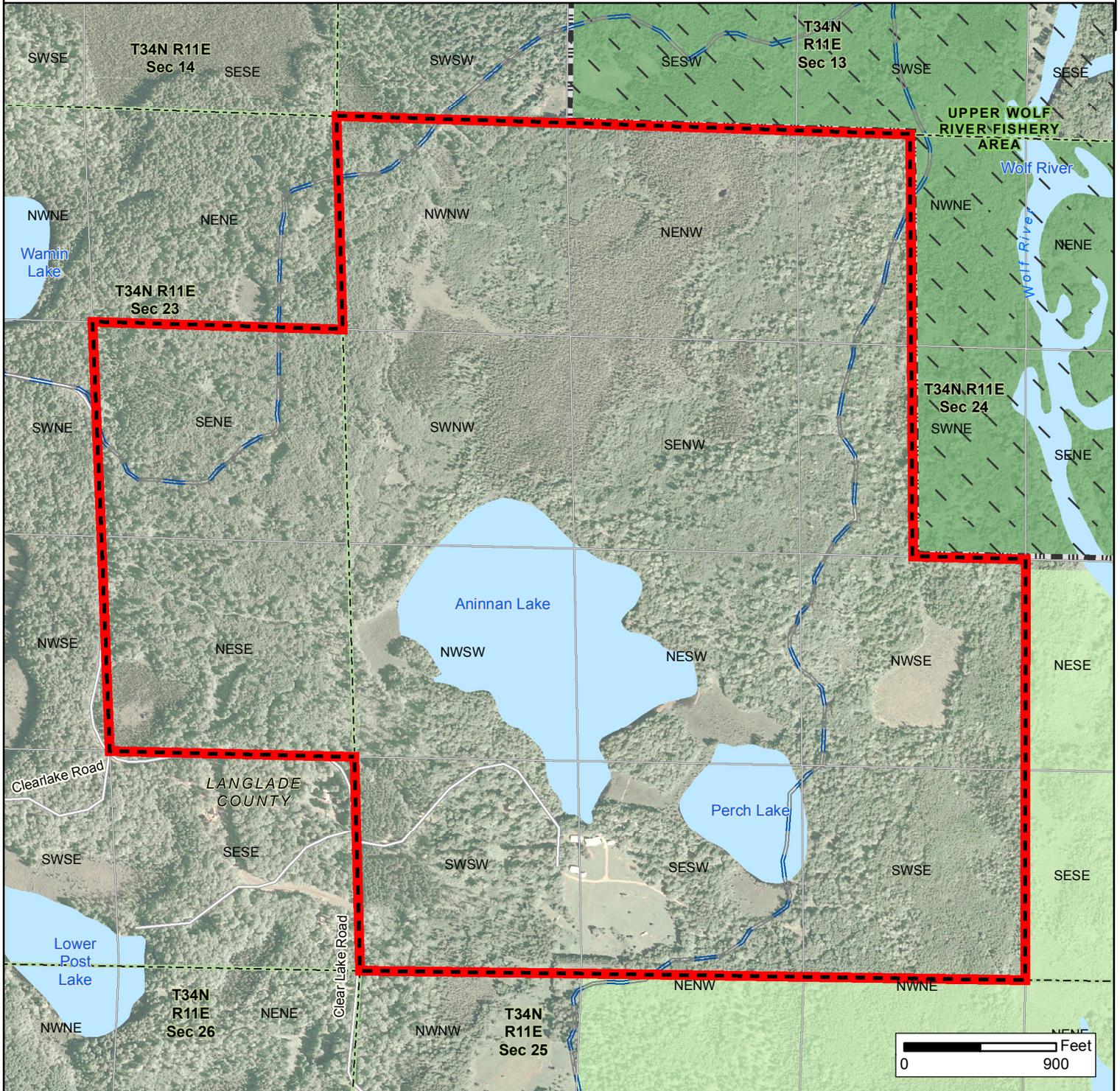


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Langlade Co. Forest - Camp Lyle Acq.

Sponsor: Langlade Co. Forest
 Approximate Total Acreage: 522

T34N R11E Sec 24 Town of Elcho
 County: Langlade



Proposed Stewardship Grant

 **Subject**

-  Snowmobile Trail
-  County Forest Lands
-  DNR Project Boundary
-  DNR Fee Title Lands
-  PLSS Section Lines
-  QQ Section Boundary



Jun 09, 2017 jpk

Real Estate Section
 Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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TRAPPING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open for trapping.

- No prohibitions being proposed**
- No water on site**
- If a prohibition is proposed:**
- Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.**
- Size/shape of parcel
- The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary
- Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy and per s. NR 13.(1)(b)(12), the following traps are prohibited: conibear body gripping traps (with jaws wider than 60 sq. inches) and cable restraints.
- Ordinance exists that prohibits trapping or some type of trapping.
- 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 Species	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations
Water	Per State Regulations	Per State Regulations

FISHING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open for fishing.

- No prohibitions being proposed**
- No water on site**
- If a prohibition is proposed:**
- Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.**
- Ordinance exists – _____.
- 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

Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	Yes	Per State Regulations
Boat	Yes	Per State Regulations

HIKING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Property will be open for hiking. **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. **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