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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.

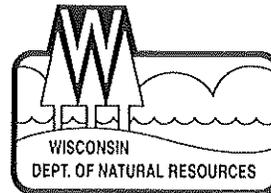
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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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 of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of \$12,655 to West Wisconsin Land Trust for acquisition of property north of State Highway 64. The proposed grant award represents 50% of the estimated total project costs. The Department is seeking Committee approval to award grant funds authorized for FY 2017 for this project.

This seven-acre parcel is located in the Town of Oakland, Burnett County. The proposed project will protect seven acres of upland wildlife habitat and will improve public recreational access to adjacent conservation lands and to the western shore of Love Lake. The property sits adjacent to 120 acres of land owned by West Wisconsin Land Trust and will be open to the public for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-county skiing, and wildlife viewing.

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
Pamela Foster Felt, Stewardship Grant Manager

DATE: June 19, 2017

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Cathy Stepp, Secretary

SUBJECT: Request for approval of a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant for land acquisition north of State Hwy. 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 of \$12,655.00 to West Wisconsin Land Trust for the acquisition of seven acres. 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.

I. PROJECT DETAILS

Project sponsor: West Wisconsin Land Trust
Grant sub-program: Habitat Areas

Location: The property, known as the Love Lake – Schechter tract, is located in the Town of Oakland, Burnett County. The property is contiguous to ~120 acres owned by West Wisconsin Land Trust. Access to the property is a driveway off of Hayden Lake Road.

Project maps are attached as Appendix A.

Project description: This long, narrow, upland parcel connects a public road to a western bay of Love Lake. The parcel offers access to the lake and the adjacent conservation lands via an upland trail. The western edge of the parcel includes approximately 700 feet of shoreline.

Key benefits: The Land Trust's primary goal in acquiring this property is to allow improved public access to the lake and the existing preserve that is currently difficult due to several emergent wetlands and a bog in the Love Lake system.

This acquisition will also allow improved access for selective timber management on this and adjacent Land Trust parcels.

Consistency with planning: This acquisition will advance objectives of the Love Lake Plan, a partnership among West Wisconsin Land Trust, the Nature Conservancy and the Love Lake Association to protect the shoreline of Love Lake.

Public Uses: The property will be open to the public for low-impact recreational activities including hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing. The Department's analysis of the permitted nature-based outdoor activities is attached as Appendix B.

Property Management: The property will be managed by West Wisconsin Land Trust according to a management plan approved by the Department.

II. PROJECT FINANCES

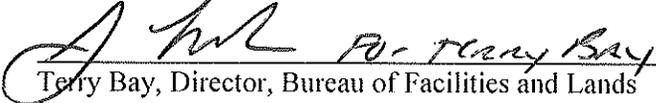
A. Appraisal: The land value used for grant calculation was determined through DNR-reviewed appraisal that valued the property at \$22,000.

B: Grant calculation:

Land value	\$22,000.00
Eligible related transaction costs	<u>\$3,310.00</u>
Total eligible project costs	\$25,310.00

Proposed Stewardship grant amount (50%)	\$12,655.00
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III. RECOMMENDED



Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

6/19/17
Date



Doug Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

6/19/17
Date

West Wisconsin Land Trust - Love Lake Tract

T40N R16W
Secs 2, 3, 10, and 11
Town of Oakland
Burnett County

- Subject**
- Easement**
- WWLT Property**

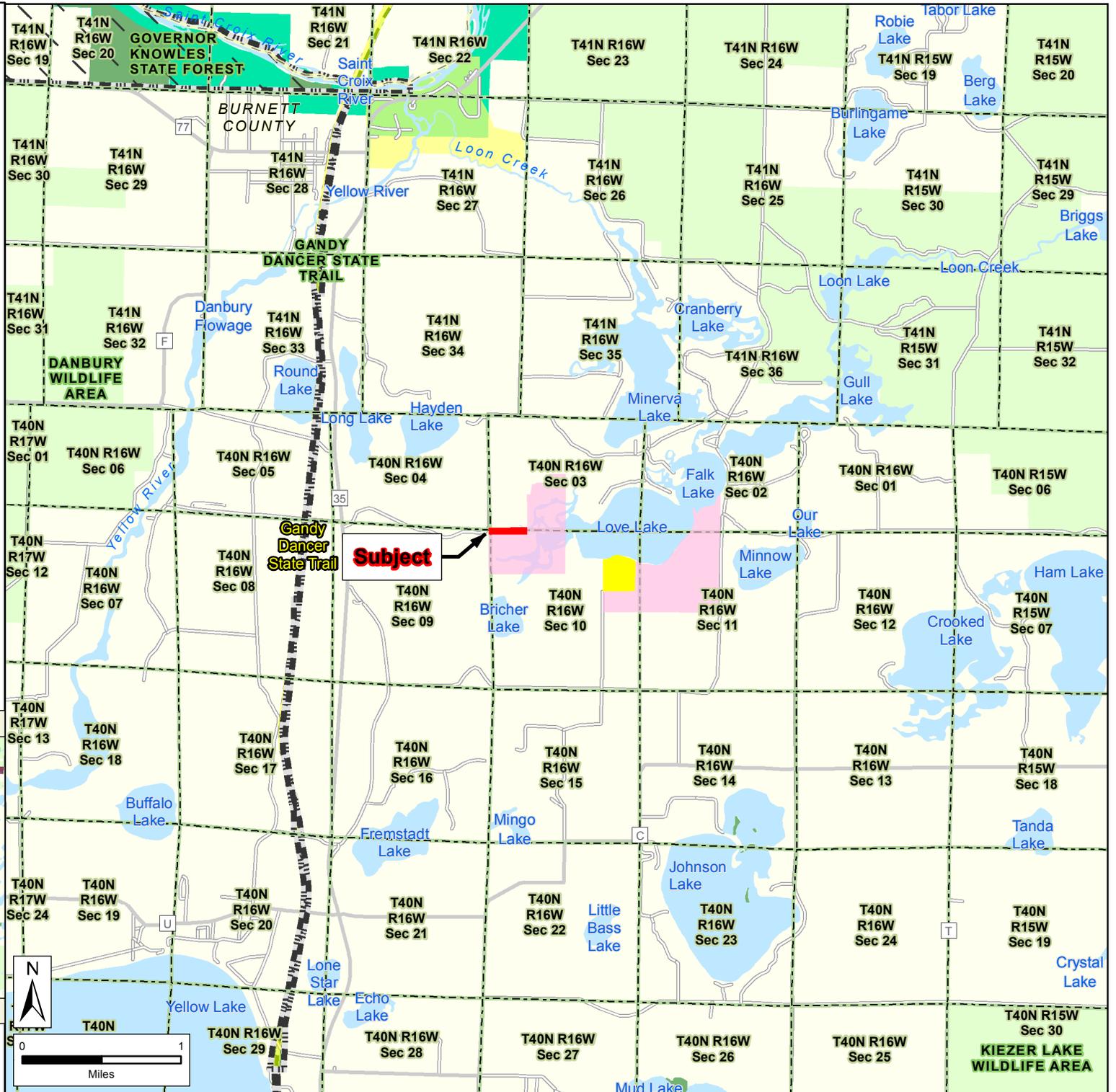
- Project Boundary Not Subject to Act 20 JFC Review
- DNR Fee Title
- County Forest Lands
- National Park Service
- Tribal Land
- State Trail Network Project Boundary (approx. location)
- State Recreation Trail
- Section Boundary

Regional View



Location of Property

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities of Lands
Map Created: Jun 19, 2017 jst

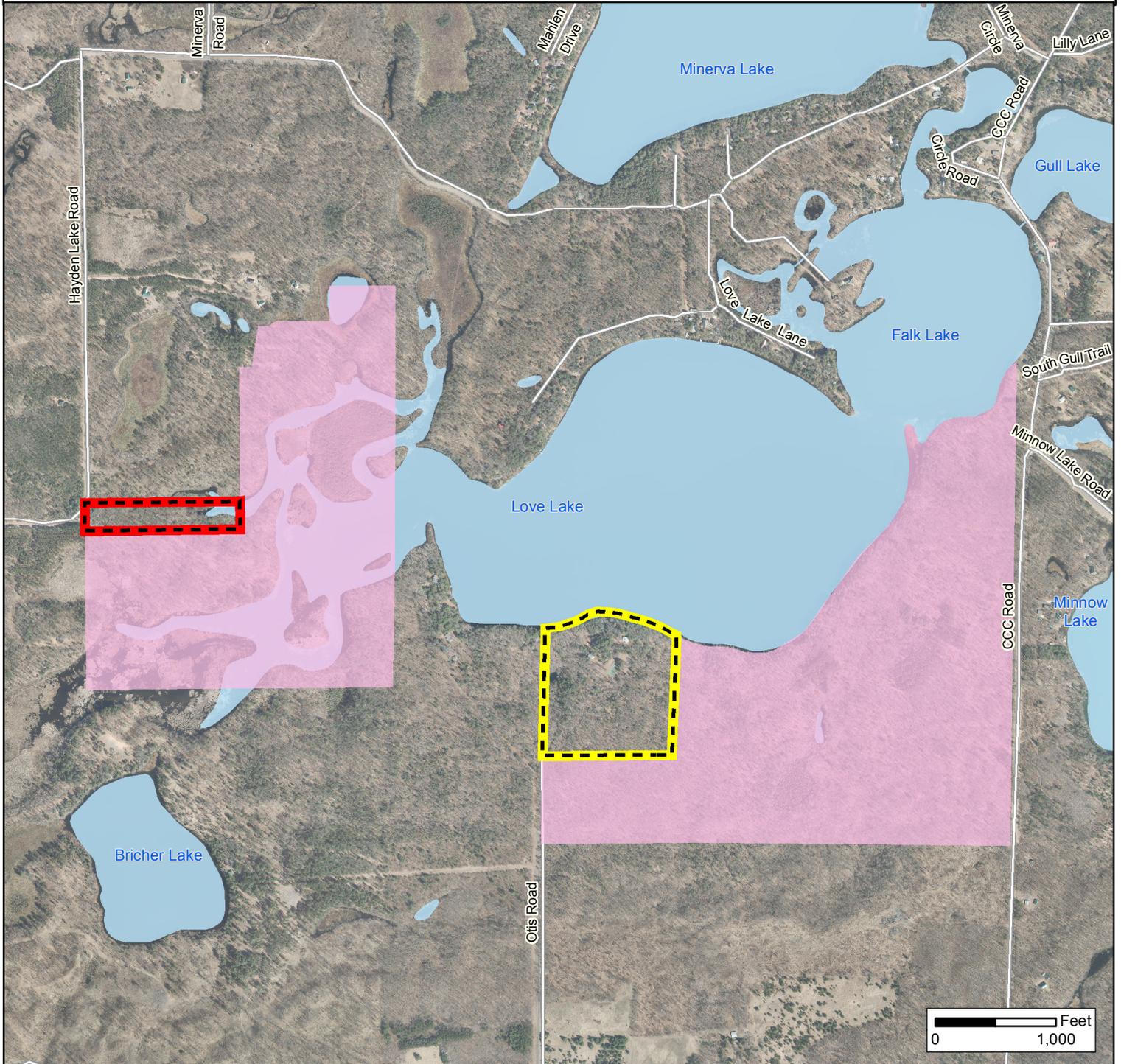


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West Wisconsin Land Trust - Love Lake Tract

Sponsor: WWLT
Approximate Acreage (Subject): 7.08

T40N R16W Secs 2, 3, 10, and 11, Town of Oakland
County: Burnett



Proposed Stewardship Grant

 **Subject**

 NCO-Held Conservation Easement (27.8 Acres)

 WWLT Property (306.07 Acres)



Jun 16, 2017 jpk

Real Estate Section
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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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.

Applicant/ Sponsor:

West Wisconsin Land Trust, Inc.

Year of application:

2016

Project name and primary purpose (after acquisition):

Love Lake – Schecter tract. The primary purpose of the property is to provide conservation land for public hunting, trapping, fishing and wildlife viewing activities.

Parcel size, shape and topography: The parcel is 7 acres, rectangular with gentle rolling topography towards the lake with approximately 700 feet of shoreline. The property will improve access to 120 acres of land that WWLT currently owns along Love Lake.

Plan(s) or reports identifying project area as priority:

Northwest Sand Ecological landscape.

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	All	All	Per State Regulations
Small Game	All	All	Per State Regulations
Turkey	All	All	Per State Regulations
Large Game	All	All	Per State Regulations

TRAPPING**DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to trapping****X 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	All	Per State Regulations
Water	All	Per State Regulations

FISHING**DNR Staff Narrative: No fishable water on the property****X 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	All	Per State Regulation
Boat	No developed boat access	Per State Regulation

HIKING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Hiking will be allowed on the property**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.
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Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply..

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Location	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
On-Trail	Yes	All year long
Off-Trail	Yes	All year long

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Property is open to 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.
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Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply.

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Type of Trail	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
Off-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	All year long
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	All year long
On-Trail (groomed)	No groomed trails on property	All year long