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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: May 30, 2018

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 30, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Monday, June 18, 2018**, 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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May 14, 2018

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MAY 30 2018
J. Fincall

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 \$27,750.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to Burnett County for "Dogtown 45" acquisition.

The grant will help acquire 45 acres to be incorporated into the County Forest and Stewardship Programs. The project will ensure continued future forest management, provide public recreation opportunities, and safeguard wildlife habitat. The property's timber includes 41 acres of young pine and 4 acres of young oak.

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,


Daniel L. Meyer
Secretary

C: Doug Haag, Administrator, Internal Services Division
Doug Brown, County Forest & Public Lands Specialist, Bureau of Forestry Field Operations

DATE: May 14, 2018

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Daniel Meyer, Secretary

SUBJECT: Request for approval of a Stewardship grant award for land 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 \$27,750 to Burnett County for acquisition of a 45-acre property known as the "Dogtown 45."

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Burnett County

Grant sub-program: County Forest Acquisition

Location: The land is in the Town of Webb Lake, accessible via Dogtown Road.

Project Description: This 45-acre property is relatively flat with no improvements. The property's timber includes 41 acres of young pine forest and 4 acres of young oak.

This acquisition had been identified among Burnett County's properties as a long-term investment for timber production, recreation and watershed protection. This acquisition is surrounded by existing county forest, and a forest road bisects the tract that allows access to an additional 1,000+ acres of County Forest and the headwaters of Dogtown Creek, a Class 1 trout stream.

All 45 acres will be incorporated into the Stewardship and County Forest programs and managed according to the County's Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Project area maps are attached as Appendix A.

Project benefits: County acquisition of this property will:

- Provide Burnett County additional productive forest land.
- Create a single larger block of county forest land and keep a full section of productive timber land in contiguous public ownership.

Public Uses: The Dogtown 45 project property will be open to the public year-round for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding. County ownership will provide unlimited off-trail or cross-country hiking opportunities throughout the property as well as motorized access to the adjacent County Forest. The property is within six miles of Webb Lake, a recreation-tourism area in Burnett County, and 28 miles to Siren WI, the county seat.

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 *Burnett County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan*, as approved by the Department.

PROJECT FINANCES:

A. Appraisals:

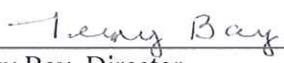
As required by s.23.0917(7)(e)1., Wis. Stats., land value was determined by a DNR-reviewed and accepted appraisal which valued the property at \$52,500.00

B. Grant Calculation

Land value	\$ 52,500.00
Grant-eligible associated costs	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Total grant eligible project costs	\$ 55,500.00

DNR Stewardship grant funding (50%) **\$ 27,750.00**

I. RECOMMENDED:

 _____ Terry Bay, Director Bureau of Facilities and Lands	<u>5/11/18</u> _____ Date
 _____ Doug Haag, Administrator Division of Internal Services	<u>5-21-18</u> _____ Date

Attachments:

- Appendix A – project area maps
- Appendix B – Public use staff analysis

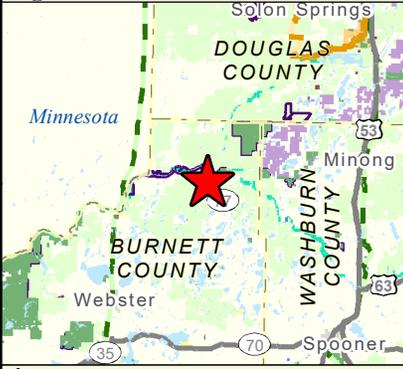
APPENDIX A
**Burnett County
 Forest-"Dogtown 45"
 Tract**

*proposed
 Stewardship
 Grant*

T41N R14W Sec 06
 Town of Webb Lake
 Burnett County

-  Subject
-  County Forest Lands
-  PLSS Section Lines
-  Current DNR Project Boundary
-  DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
-  DNR Lease Lands
-  State Natural Area
-  Board of Commissioners of Public Lands
-  Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants
-  National Park Service

Regional View



 Location of Property



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
 OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 Bureau of Facilities of Lands
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Burnett County Forest-"Dogtown 45" Tract

Sponsor: Burnett County
Approximate Total Acreage: 42.77

T41N R14W Sec 06 Town of Webb Lake
County: Burnett



**Proposed
Stewardship Grant**

 **Subject**

-  County Forest Lands
-  PLSS Section Lines
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*Real Estate Section
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Real Estate Section
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Water	Per state regulations	Per state regulations

FISHING

DNR Staff Narrative: NA – property has no water.

X No prohibitions being proposed

X No water on site

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Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.

- Ordinance exists – _____.
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Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	NA	NA
Boat	NA	NA

