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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: June 27, 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 June 27, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Tuesday, July 17, 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

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June 15, 2018

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 \$25,630.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to Washburn County for "Bjelland-Sydejko" acquisition. This is a request for approval to award fiscal year 2018 funds.

The grant will help acquire 40 acres to be incorporated into the County Forest and Stewardship Programs. The project is surrounded by existing county forest and will ensure continued future forest management, provide public recreation opportunities, notably safe parking of Hwy. 77.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel L. Meyer'.

*DL* Daniel L. Meyer  
Secretary

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

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**DATE:** June 15, 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 \$25,630.00 to Washburn County for acquisition of a 40-acre property known as the Bjelland-Sydejko tract. This is a request for approval to award fiscal year 2018 funds.

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

**PROJECT DETAILS:**

**Project Sponsor:** Washburn County

**Grant sub-program:** County Forest Acquisition

**Location:** The land is in the Town of Frog Creek, bisected by State Hwy 77. Project maps are attached as Appendix A.

**Project Description:** This 40-acre property is relatively flat to rolling terrain. The property has no structures on it and is surrounded by County Forest. It is bisected by Hwy. 77; approximately four acres are highway right-of-way.

This acquisition lies within a blocking boundary and will consolidate county ownership and eliminate a one-mile private boundary line within the surrounding unit of County Forest. The property includes Sink Creek which runs through a portion of the project.

The property's timber includes 16 acres of northern hardwoods, 8 acres of aspen, 7 acres of swamp hardwood, 4 acres of alder and 2 acres of upland grass. There is a driveway into the property which will be converted to a multi vehicle parking lot for access to the County Forest. There are currently no designated parking areas from Hwy 77, creating safety issues for forest users, particularly during the heavily used hunting season in the fall.

**Project benefits:** County acquisition of this property will:

- Fill in a block of county forest land and keep a full section of productive timber land in contiguous public ownership; eliminate a mile of private-public boundary.
- Provide recreational access to acres previously closed to the public.
- Provide a safe public parking area and access to this tract and surrounding County Forest.

**Public Uses:** The Bjelland-Sydejko 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. The

property is within 25 miles of Spooner and 16 miles of Hayward, two major recreation-tourism areas in northwest Wisconsin.

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

**PROJECT FINANCES:**

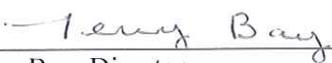
**A. Appraisals:**

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 \$ **48,500.00**

**B. Grant Calculation**

Land value	\$ 48,500.00
Grant-eligible associated costs	\$ <u>2,760.00</u>
Total grant eligible project costs	\$ 51,260.00
<b>DNR Stewardship grant funding (50%)</b>	<b>\$ 25,630.00</b>

**I. RECOMMENDED:**

 _____ Terry Bay, Director Bureau of Facilities and Lands	<u>6/14/18</u> _____ Date
 _____ Doug Haag, Administrator Division of Internal Services	<u>6-26-18</u> _____ Date

Attachments:  
Appendix A – Project maps  
Appendix B – Public use staff analysis

APPENDIX A

**Bjelland-Sydejko Tract-  
Washburn County Forest**

Proposed  
Stewardship  
Grant

T42N R11W Sec 28  
Town of Frog Creek  
Washburn County

- Subject
- County Forest Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
- Current DNR
- Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands  
Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands  
Open to Public Access
- State Recreation Trail

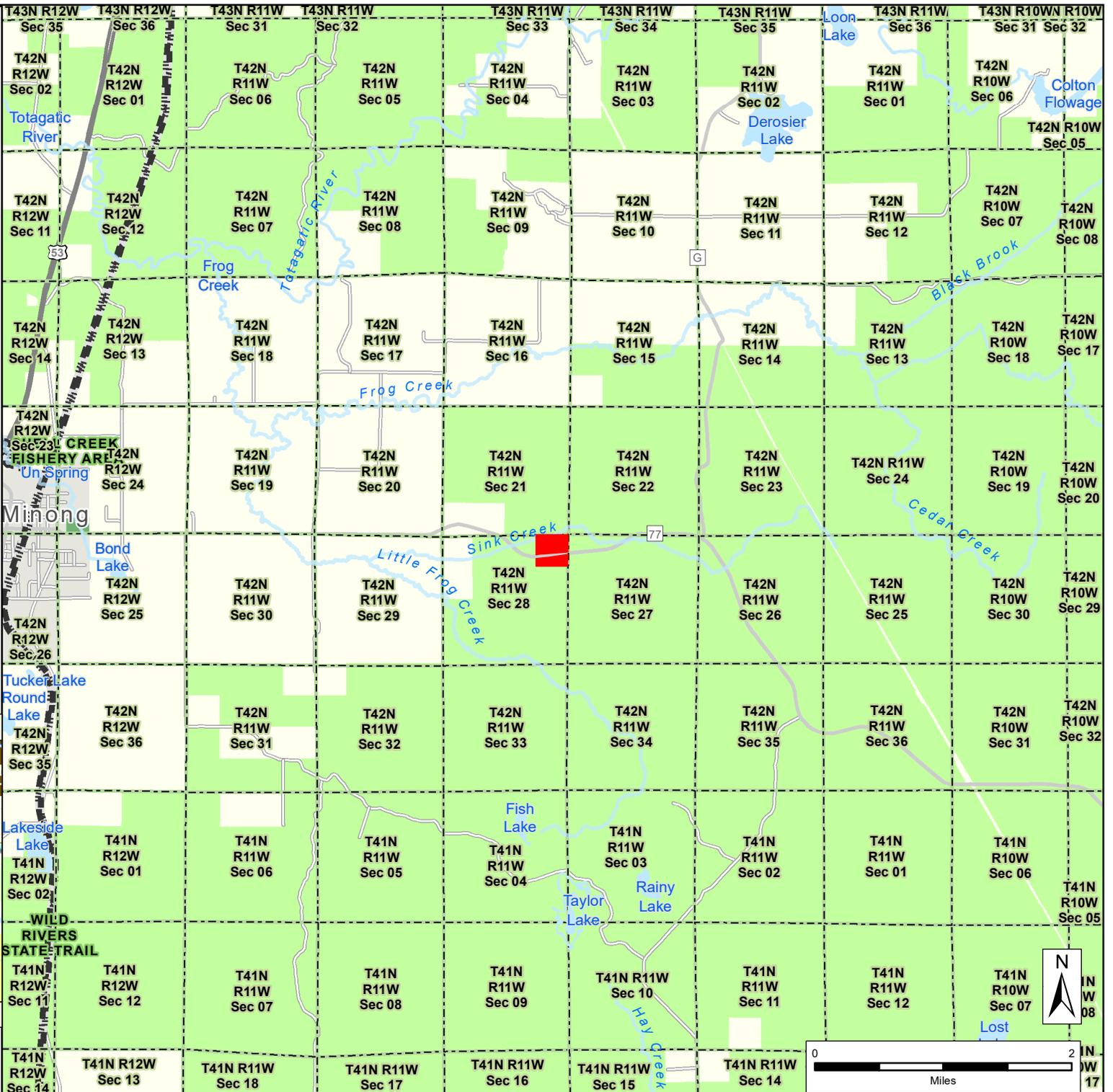
Regional View



★ Location of Property



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OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Bureau of Facilities of Lands  
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# Bjelland-Sydejko-Washburn County Forest

Sponsor: Washburn County Forest  
Approximate Total Acreage: 35.48

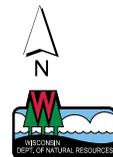
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County: Washburn



**Proposed  
Stewardship Grant**

 **Subject**

-  County Forest Lands
-  PLSS Section Lines
-  County Hwys
-  Local Roads



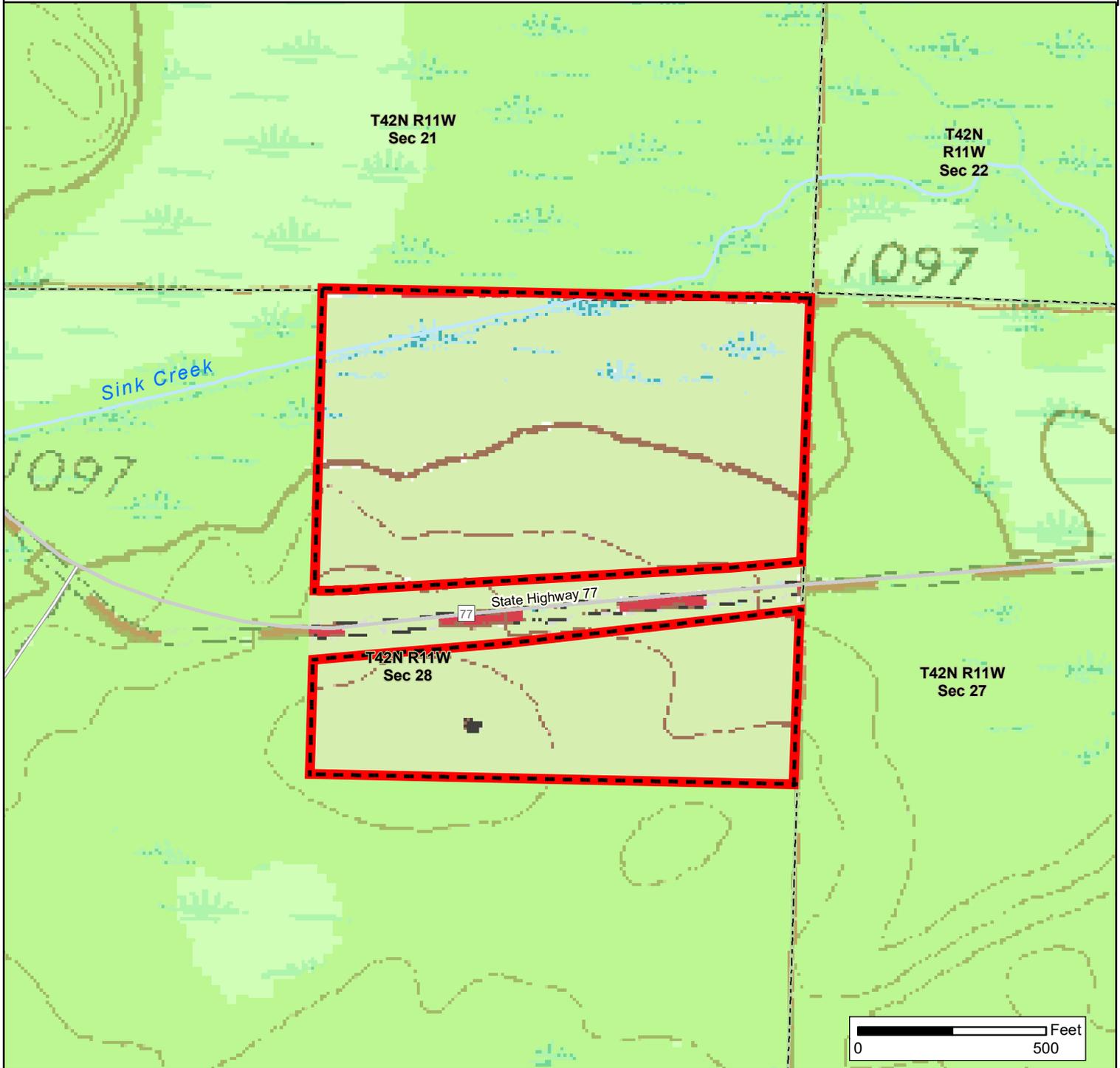
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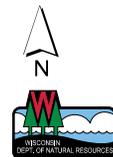
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**TRAPPING**

**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:** Property will be open to fishing

**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.
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Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Boat	NA	NA

