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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: February 11, 2019

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 February 11, 2019.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Thursday, February 28, 2019**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

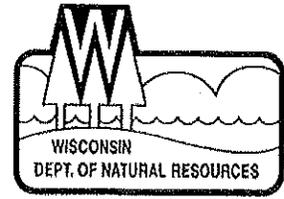
Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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February 8, 2019

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to the Friends of North Pikes Creek. The proposed grant of \$41,840.00 will fund land acquisition in Town of Russell, Bayfield County. The proposed grant represents 50% of the estimated total project costs.

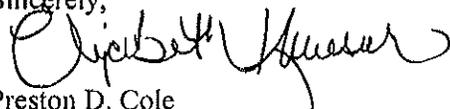
This acquisition will incorporate 120 acres of forested wetland on the headwaters of North Pikes Creek watershed into a larger protected corridor along this Class I trout stream. The property is adjacent to 280 acres of Stewardship-purchased conservation land extending downstream and south of the subject parcels of this grant.

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,



 Preston D. Cole
Secretary

C: Doug Haag, Administrator, Internal Services Division
Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands
Pamela Foster Felt, Stewardship Grant Manager
Jillian Steffes, CFA Specialist, Rhinelander

DATE: February 8, 2019

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Preston D. Cole, Secretary

SUBJECT: Request for approval of a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant for land acquisition located north of State Hwy. 64

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant of to \$41,840.00 in for the acquisition of 120 acres. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Friends of the North Pikes Creek Wetlands
Grant sub-program: Stream bank protection
Location: North Pikes Creek Wetlands Conservation Area is located in the Town of Russell, Bayfield County

Project Description: This project is composed of three adjacent 40-acre parcels of forested wetland at headwaters of North Pikes Creek, which drains portions of the Bayfield peninsula into Lake Superior. North Pikes Creek is designated an Outstanding Resource Water and a Class I trout stream. These parcels host stands of swamp hardwood, aspen, swamp conifers as well as ephemeral ponds and springs.

The Friends of North Pikes Creek intends to construct boardwalk access to the headwaters to accommodate access and support educational programming on the property. Project maps are attached as Appendix A.

Key benefits: These parcels are adjacent to 280 acres of Knowles-Nelson Stewardship land along the North Pikes Creek Corridor and expand publicly accessible conservation lands and secure protection of the headwaters of this important stream.

These headwaters parcels, lying along the migratory corridor to the Apostle Islands Important Bird Area, provide breeding habitat for multiple priority bird species.

Consistency with planning: conservation of these 120 acres will advance objectives of several conservation and recreational plans:

- The parcels lie within a Coastal Headland and Estuary Conservation Opportunity Area designated “globally significant” by DNR’s State Wildlife Action Plan.
- This grant will allow for lasting conservation of a property known to host endangered and threatened species: Northern Long-eared Bat, Eastern Pipistrelle, and Little Brown Bat.
- This acquisition will implement objectives of The Town of Russell’s Land Use Plan to “clearly designate and protect wetlands,” for the North Pikes Creek headwaters, the largest wetland in the township.

The Department received letters of support from The Town of Russell, Bayfield County Forestry, the School District of Bayfield, Chequamegon Audubon Society, Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, and Wisconsin Wetlands Association.

Public Uses: The property will be open to the public for low-impact recreational activities including hunting, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, 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 the Friends of North Pikes Creek Wetlands according to a Land Management Plan approved by the Department.

II. PROJECT FINANCES

A. Appraisal: The land value used for grant calculation was determined through DNR-reviewed and accepted appraisals.

B: Grant calculation:

Land value	\$74,000.00
Eligible related transaction costs	<u>\$9,680.00</u>
Total eligible project costs	\$83,680.00

Proposed Stewardship grant amount (50%) **\$41,840.00**

III. RECOMMENDED:

Terry Bay
Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

2/6/19
Date

Doug Haag
Doug Haag, Administrator, Internal Services Division

2-7-19
Date

**North Pike's Creek Headwaters-
Friends of North Pikes Creek**

Proposed
Stewardship
Grant

T51N R04W Sec 27 & 34
Town of Russell
Bayfield County

- Subject
- Land funded by Stewardship Grants
- County Forest Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
- Current DNR
- Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands Closed to Public Access
- Tribal Lands

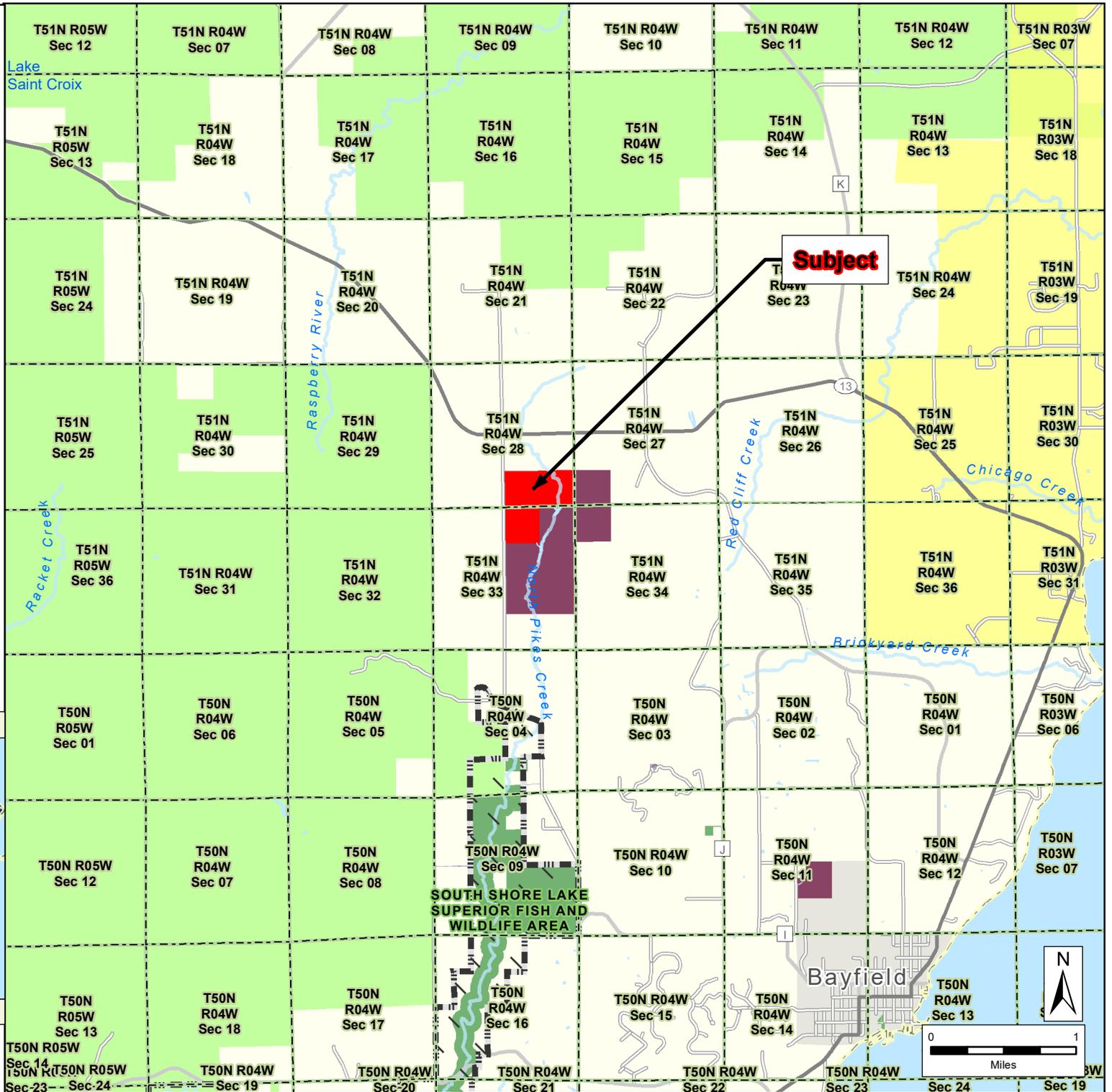
Regional View



★ Location of Property



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OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities of Lands
Map Created: Aug 28, 2018 jdc

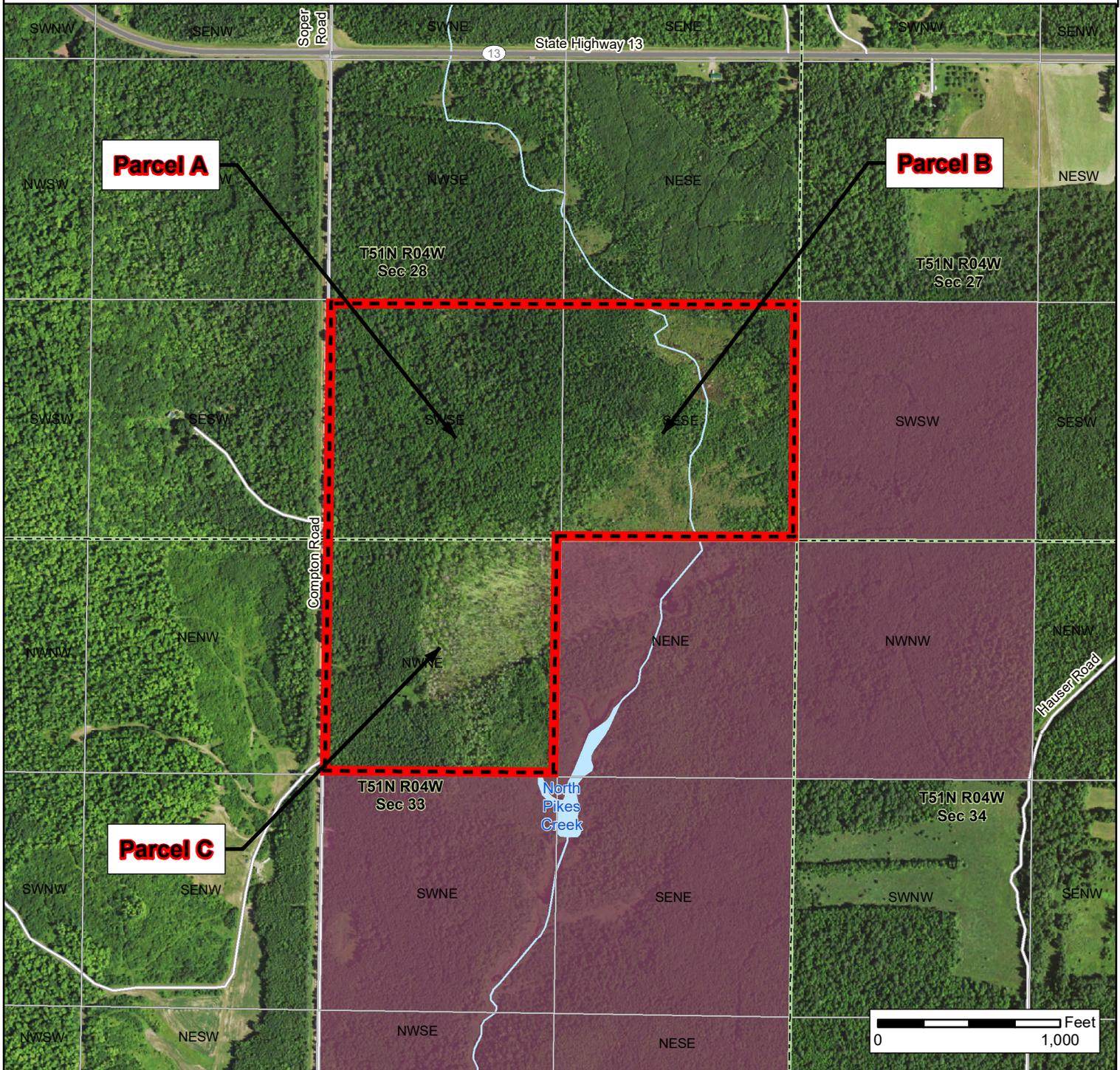


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North Pike's Creek Headwaters- Friends of North Pikes Creek

Sponsor: Friends of North Pikes Creek
 Approximate Total Acreage: 120

T51N R04W Sec 27 & 34 Town of Russell
 County: Bayfield



Proposed Stewardship Grant

Subject

- Stewardship Grant Public Lands
- Section Labels
- QQ Section Boundary
- State Hwys
- Local Roads



Jan 31, 2019 jdc

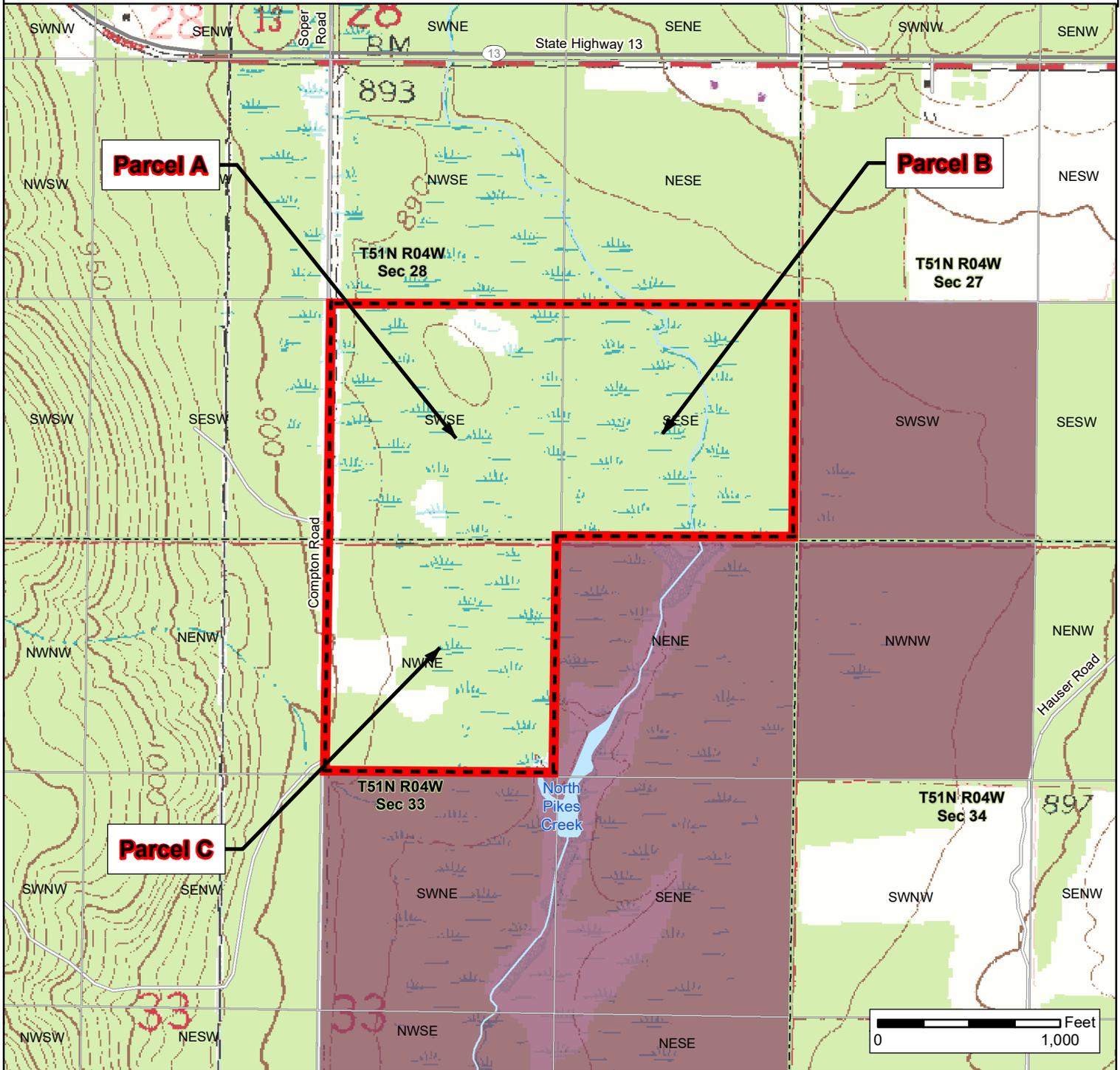
Real Estate Section
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TRAPPING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to trapping; NCO intends to monitor and manage beaver population numbers via a beaver trapping permit and requesting reporting from trappers. The adjacent Stewardship property has been similarly managed in an effort to monitor beaver population, therefore wetland function, though no trapper has requested a permit for beaver in recent years.

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 & local permit for beaver trapping.

FISHING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to 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.
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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 Regulations
Boat	All	Per State Regulations

HIKING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Property will be open to hiking**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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- 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	All year
Off-Trail	Yes	All year

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**DNR Staff Narrative:** Property will be 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.
- 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	when possible per snow cover
On-Trail (un-groomed)	Yes	when possible per snow cover
On-Trail (groomed)	No groomed trails on property	when possible per snow cover