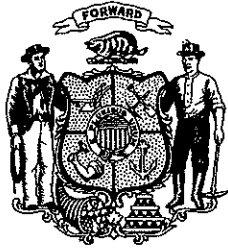


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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein
Representative Mark Born

Date: February 3, 2022

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 3, 2022.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Tuesday, February 22, 2022**, 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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Preston D. Cole, Secretary
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The Honorable Mark Born, Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

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 \$204,050.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to Pheasants Forever for land acquisition. The proposed grant will fund land purchased north of state highway 64.

The acquisition is in the town of Bloomer, Chippewa County. The project will add 182.5 acres of conserved habitat, riparian corridor and public access along McCann Creek, designated a Class I Trout Stream.

There are no proposed 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.

for Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Sarah Barry
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Preston D. Cole
Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 20, 2022

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 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 \$204,050.00 to Pheasants Forever for acquisition of 182.5 acres along McCann Creek in Chippewa County. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Pheasants Forever

Stewardship grant sub-program: Streambank Protection

Location: The subject property is in the Town of Bloomer, Chippewa County. Project maps are attached as Appendix A.

Project description: The property is two vacant parcels, totaling 182.5-acres including more than 2,100 feet of McCann Creek, a class 1 trout stream. The property is a combination of former farmland, wooded upland and open and forested wetland habitat. Just over 82 acres of the property have been planted to native mesic prairie. An additional 66 acres are enrolled in the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) which provided cost-share for wetland restoration but does not ensure public access. A narrow DNR-held fishing access easement follows the creek corridor through the eastern portion of the subject property.

Key benefits:

Water quality - this acquisition will enhance protection of McCann Creek, designated an Outstanding Water Resource by maintaining the native prairie on upland areas to help control runoff and enhance water quality.

Public recreation - the acquisition of this property will open additional land for public, nature-based outdoor recreation in a region with rapidly expanding residential development. It will expand public access from pedestrian fishing access only along 66 feet along the creek to access for wildlife-based recreation on all 182.5 acres, complement existing public lands in the McCann Creek Fishery Area and improve access to the creek and adjacent DNR land from 227th Ave.

Partners and matching funds:

- National Wild Turkey Federation has pledged \$6,000 to cover acquisition costs.
- Chippewa County has committed \$50,000.
- Pheasants Forever has also applied for a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant; the outcome will be announced in April.

Pheasants Forever will cover any outstanding match requirements with their own funds. Their purchase is scheduled in mid-February this year (2022).

Public uses: The property will be open to the public for nature-based recreational activities (NBOA) including hunting, trapping, fishing, hiking, cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing. There are no NBOA prohibitions proposed by Pheasants Forever.

Property management: The property will be managed according to a land management plan approved by the Department as consistent with the purposes of the Stream Bank Protection program.

II. PROJECT FINANCES

A. Appraisal

The fair market value used for grant calculation was determined by review of two, third party appraisals, pursuant to S. 23.0917(7)(e)1, Stats.,

Appraisal 1 valued the property at \$402,000.00

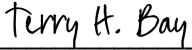
Appraisal 2 valued the property at \$456,000.00

The Department has used the lower of the two to calculate a grant award.

B: Grant Calculation:


Subject land value	\$402,000.00
Eligible related transaction costs	<u>\$6,100.00</u>
Total eligible project costs	\$408,100.00
Stewardship grant amount 50%	\$204,050.00

III. RECOMMENDED:

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 Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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

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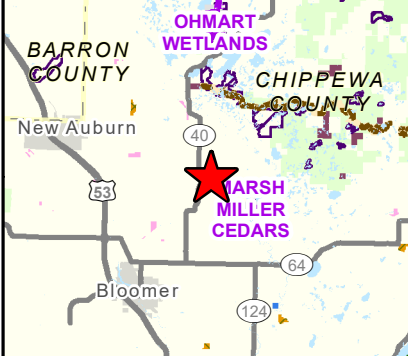
APPENDIX A Pheasants Forever McCann Creek Acquisition


T31N R9W Secs. 12 and 13
Town of Bloomer
Chippewa County

 **Subject**

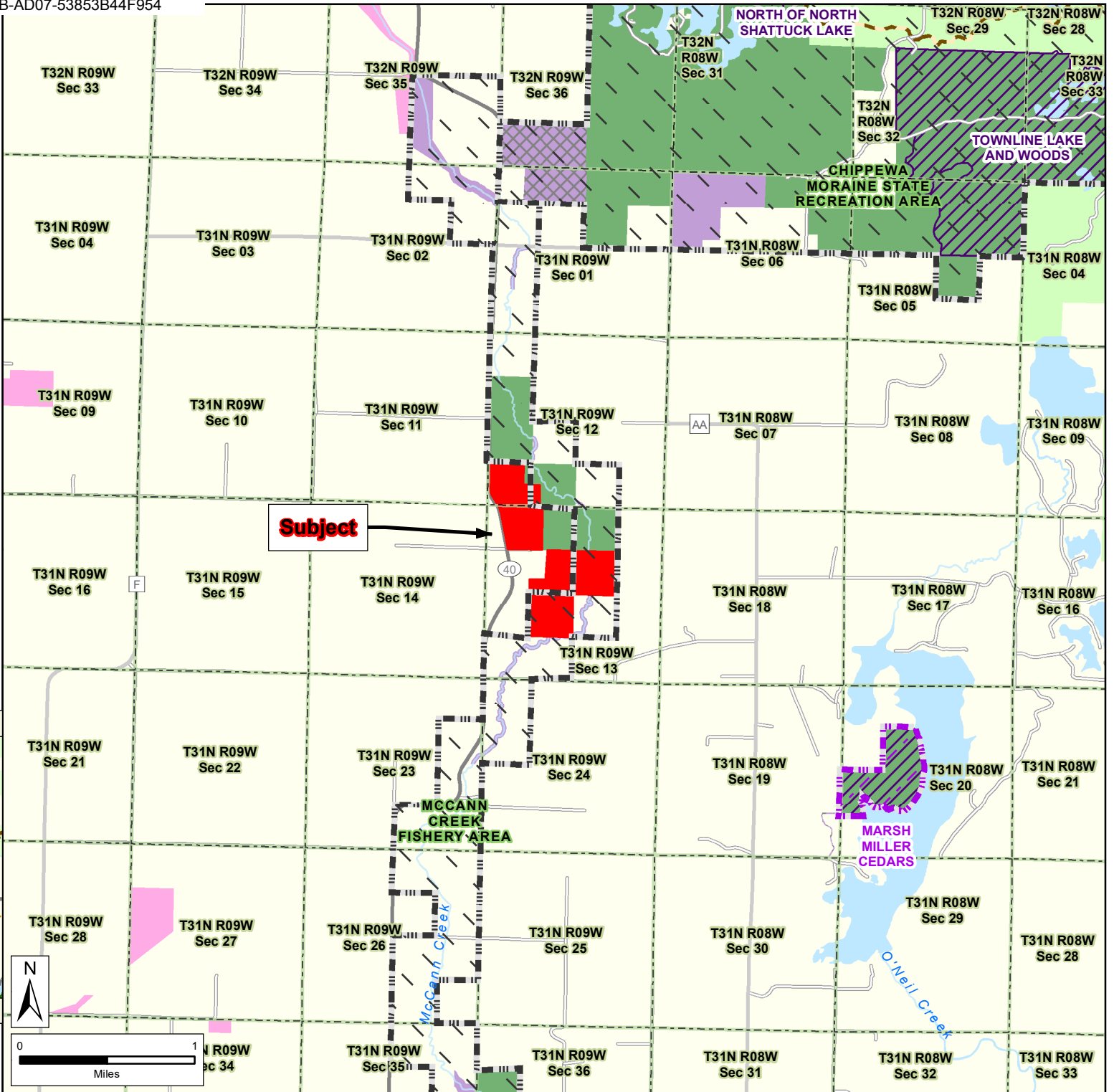
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-  State Natural Area Project Boundary
-  DNR Easement
-  DNR Easement (Closed to Public Access)
-  DNR Fee Title
-  State Natural Area
-  County Forest Lands
-  U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Regional View



 Location of Property

 WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau of Facilities of Lands
Map Created: Dec 23, 2021 jst



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Pheasants Forever McCann Creek Acquisition

Proposed Stewardship Grant

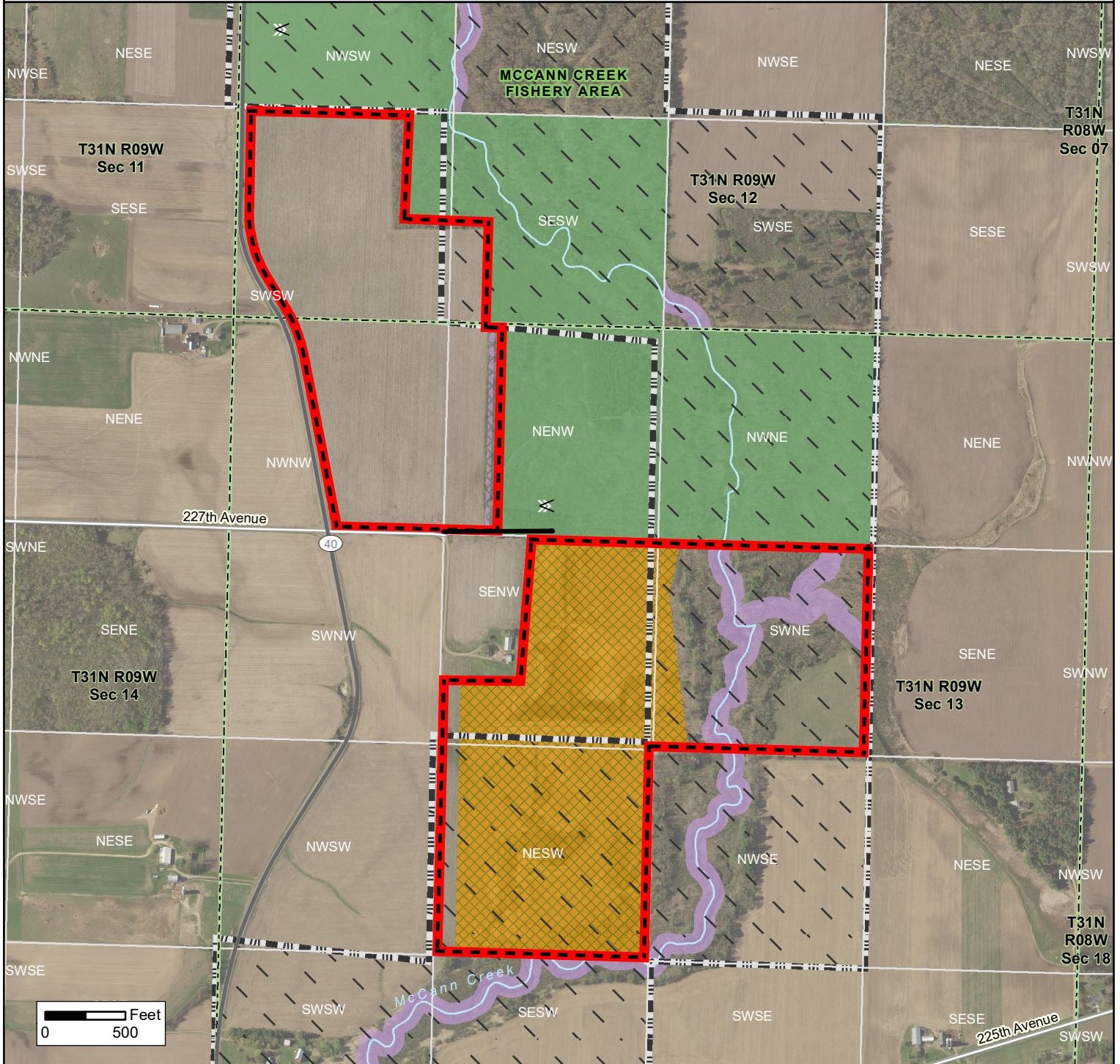
Sponsor:

Approximate Total Acreage: 182.5

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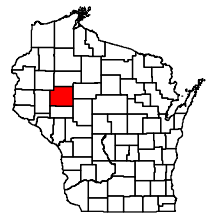
Town of Bloomer

County: Chippewa



Subject

- DNR Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title
- DNR Easement
- DNR Easement (Closed to Public Access)
- NRCS - WRP (Wetland Reserve Program restoration)
- Section Boundary
- QQ Section Boundary
- DNR Road
- Parking Area



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Real Estate Section
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Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program



APPENDIX B
**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:
 PHEASANTS FOREVER

Year of application:
 2021

Project name and primary purpose (after acquisition):

McCann Creek acquisition – land acquisition for public nature based recreation, habitat and water quality protection.

Parcel size, shape and topography:

182.5-acre tract with 2,100+ feet of stream thread along McCann Creek, a class 1 trout stream. Combination of former farmland, upland woodland, and open and forested wetland habitat. About 82 acres of the and has been planted to native mesic prairie.

Plan(s) or reports identifying project area as priority: McCann Creek management objectives – WI DNR

Proposed NBOA – Applicant Narrative and Checklist

HUNTING			
DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to hunting			
X No prohibition 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 community 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	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Small Game	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Turkey	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Large Game	Per state regulations	Per state regulations	Per state regulations

TRAPPING**DNR Staff Narrative:****PROPERTY WILL BE OPEN TO TRAPPING****X No prohibitions 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 community 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 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 community factors considered, check all that apply.

- Federal listed endangered species State listed endangered species
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Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Boat	NA	NA

HIKING**DNR Staff Narrative:****PROPERTY WILL BE OPEN TO HIKING****X No prohibitions 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.
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Location	Allowable Activities	List Dates (opening and closing)
On-Trail	YES – limited trail development anticipated	YEAR ROUND
Off-Trail	YES	YEAR ROUND

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**DNR Staff Narrative:****PROPERTY WILL BE OPEN TO CROSS COUNTRY SKIING****X No prohibitions 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 community 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	SNOW COVER
On-Trail (un-groomed)	YES	SNOW COVER
On-Trail (groomed)	NA	NA