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Dear Senators and Representatives:

Pursuant to s. 23.0913, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to submit to the Joint Committee on Finance and to the Chief Clerk of each house of the Legislature a report regarding the total number of acres of land the department plans to acquire for any purpose specified in s. 23.09(2)(d).

The department estimates that the total number of acres planned to be acquired over the next biennium will be approximately 4,800 acres in fee and 58,000 acres in easement.

In addition, the department is not including in this letter information per 23.15(5m). As required by 2021 Act 27 (2021 SB 64 as amended by SA1), the department will submit this information in a subsequent letter on or before December  $30^{\text{th}}$ .

Sincerely,

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Preston D. Cole Secretary

