

OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA  
of a Meeting of the County Forest  
Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee of the  
Marathon County Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF MARATHON  
Wausau, WI 54403

A meeting of the County Forest Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee will be held at 212 River Drive, **Rm. #5**, Wausau, WI, 54403, at **6:00pm** on **March 6, 2024**.

Members: Mike Lane (chair), Marcell Wieloch (vice-chair), John Burke, Aaron Ruff, Gary Weiland, Susan Haug, Dale Heil, Paul Klocko, Greg Klos, Carmen Engelman, Taylor Dorsey

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number: Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 2489 850 1277. Please Note: If you are prompted to provide an "Attendee Identification Number" enter the # sign. No other number is required to participate in the telephone conference. When you enter the telephone conference, PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!

A G E N D A

- I. Minutes
  - A. Approve Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Meeting
  
- II. New Business
  - A. 2023 County Forest Division Annual Report
  - B. 2023 Year in Review and 2024 Parks, Recreation and Forestry Work Plan
  - C. Forestry Division Expense/Revenue Reports
  - D. 2024 Spring Timber Sales Being Advertised for Purchase
  - E. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Law Enforcement Annual Report
  - F. Governor Evers Announces Approval of Largest Conservation Effort in State History
  - G. Member Items
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. WCFA Special License Plate Project and Media Plus Marketing Campaign
  - B. Winter Recreational Program Update
  - C. County Deer Advisory Council Meeting to Set Antlerless Quotas
  
- IV. 2024 Remaining Meeting Dates – June 5, September 18, and December 18, 2024
  
- V. Adjourn

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail [countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us](mailto:countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us) one business day before the meeting.

ATTN: News Department  
Daily Herald and other news media

THIS NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE

Emailed/Faxed by:	Jodi Luebbe	Date:	
Date:	February 28, 2024	Time:	
Time:	9:30 a.m.	By:	

Members present: John Burke, Taylor Dorsey-(via webex), Carmen Engleman, Susan Haug, Dale Heil, Paul Klocko-(via webex), Greg Klos, Mike Lane, Gary Weiland, Marcell Wieloch

Members excused: Aaron Ruff

Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Rec, and Forestry Dept. staff present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director

Others Present: Rick Seefeldt, Marathon County

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Lane.

## **I. Minutes**

**Motion** by Wieloch to approve the September 20, 2023 minutes. Motion **carried** unanimously 10-0.

## **II. New Business**

### A. 2024 County Forest and Wildlife Work Plans

Lovlien reported on upcoming wildlife work which includes flowage maintenance, dike maintenance, cattail management at the Bern Flowage, wild rice seeding, alder and invasive species management, and forest opening maintenance. He discussed the Nickel-An-Acre budget. Other county forest upcoming work includes timber management, road and trail maintenance, conservation aids projects, administration, GIS work and professional development. Questions were answered.

### B. 2021 – 2035 County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Amendments

Lovlien said most of the changes to the plan were minor. He discussed each amendment to the plan and the reason for the change.

### C. 2023 Fall Timber Sale Results

Lovlien explained that the four bids received at the first opening were below the advertised value so the sales could not be sold. At the second bid opening the bids fell between the advertised and appraised value so then were sold. The same contractor received all three of the sales because the other bidder didn't submit a ten percent bid bond which was rejected per bidding regulations. With the poor markets, Lovlien was happy the sales were sold and that the forests can keep being managed.

### D. 2024 Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Budget Update

Polley reported overall there was a budget decrease of .6 percent from 2023 in the Department's budget. She gave detail on expenses and revenues. Lovlien said forestry division expenses and revenues stayed pretty much the same from 2023 to 2024. The Department made their evenflow number this last year and the extra funds will go into the general fund. In the future, County administration will look at that surplus revenue and possibly set it aside for department capital improvements.

### E. Wisconsin County Forests Association Special License Plates

Lovlien explained WCFA is working on an initiative to put forth a proposal to have a special license plate. It will help promote and advocate for sustainable forest management in the State. If funds are raised they will be used for WCFA operations, grants, projects, scholarships, education, research and more. Five hundred signatures are needed to move the proposal forward with the Department of Transportation. A contest will be held for artists to design the plate and winner will receive \$1000.00.

### F. Wisconsin County Forests Association Resolutions

Lovlien discussed the resolutions that the Legislative/Certification Committee and WCFA Board of Directors have endorsed which include support of 1) restoration of Division of Forestry budget cuts, 2) exceptions to DNR County Forest Administration Grant standards, 3) concerns with the State Snowmobile Recreation Council actions and 4) support to serve on councils/committees.

### G. Misconduct of the Governors Snowmobile Recreation Council

WCFA sent a letter to Governor Evers and the Secretary-Designee of the Department of Natural Resources noting in detail numerous issues that are causing concern. In particular, potential conflict of interest among Council members and possible failure to comply with statute, code and Council guidelines.

H. Winter Recreational Program Update

Lovlien said staff is waiting for snow and cold both on the forestry and recreation side. Hopefully it comes after Christmas. Polley noted that better snowshoe signage has been installed at Nine Mile.

I. Member Items

Haug mentioned that this Saturday the Wausau Bird Club will be doing the annual Christmas bird count. Burke said the ski club had a fundraising campaign primarily for youth program equipment.

III. Old Business

A. Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan

Various bat species because of white nose syndrome disease became listed as federally endangered in March 2023 and WCFA has been working with DNR on how to continue to manage (harvest) the forests. Signing on to the Lake States Bat Conservation Plan is not a requirement but is an easy way to receive incidental take coverage and be sure Marathon County forests and parks are in compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act with respect to federally listed bat species. Staff have been working with the DNR on the landowner agreement which includes a recommendation to the Environmental Resources Committee to sign on to the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan.

B. 2023 Gun Deer Harvest and Activity on Marathon County Forest

Lovlien said there was a good amount of activity in Ringle and Leathercamp opening morning but after that it slowed down. Lane did not hear much activity in Nine Mile. Across the State the gun harvest was down 17% from last year. Discussion followed.

C. 2023 Ragnar Trail Wisconsin Update

Lovlien said the race is well organized and registration for the event was closed because it was considered full. Polley discussed the race itself.

D. Update on Big Eau Pleine Archery Hunt and Any Impacts on Bike or Equestrian Users

Lovlien reported that the bikers have not had any issues with archery hunters. Engleman also reported that equestrian users have not reported any problems. Lovlien said staff has only received information that three bucks and two does were harvested. After the archery season staff will and take this item back to Park Commission who will determine if another hunt will be held next year.

IV. 2024 Meeting Dates – March 6, June 5, September 18, and December 18, 2024.

V. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Burke. Motion **carried** unanimously 10-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Thomas Lovlien - Secretary

## **Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department** **2023 County Forest Division Annual Report**

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

### **Program Highlights:**

- Net timber sale revenue to Marathon County of \$347,034.48.
- Total net revenue for the Forestry Division program was \$443,142.00 and expenses were \$333,679.00. Returned \$109,463.00 to the general fund.
- Assisted in completing a land swap bordering Dells of the Eau Claire Park to extinguish a possible private party adverse possession claim.
- Practiced sustainable forestry on 648 acres on the Marathon County Forest. This is based on closed out sales with DNR in 2023.
- Completed amendments to the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021-2035 which were approved by the County Board and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- Completed a third-party Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) Certification field audit that showed County Forest management meets all standards.
- Received 664.5 hours of WDNR technical and field assistance in completing work on the Marathon County Forest.
- Continued participation as a member of the Wisconsin County Forests Association Forest Legislative/Certification and other Committees.
- Implemented the 15-year County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021-2035 adopted by the County Board and Department of Natural Resources.
- Revisions to Chapter 16 - County Forest Ordinance were drafted and approved by the County Board.
- Continued participation in the County Forest Administrator grant program that funds one-half the salary and fringe benefits of the Forest Administrator position.
- Resurfaced .25 miles of roads in Nine Mile Forest Unit adding 750 yards of granite.
- Established a permanent winter fat tire bike season a Nine Mile County Forest.
- Regulated uses at Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area to allow all user groups to have safe and quality recreation experiences.



**Land Holdings:**

Acres in 2023:

County Forest - Regular County Forest Law	30,082.53
County Forest - Special County Forest Law	<u>631.77</u>
Total County Forest	30,714.30

**Other Land Holdings:**

Parking & road access	8.59
McMillan Marsh Lease (DNR)	1,661.40
Under water, island & wetlands	192.74
Railroad ROW/Snowmobile Trail	<u>85.04</u>
Total Other Lands	2,027.77

**Total Lands Managed: 32,662.07 Acres**

**Timber Management, Cultural Projects, and Reforestation:**

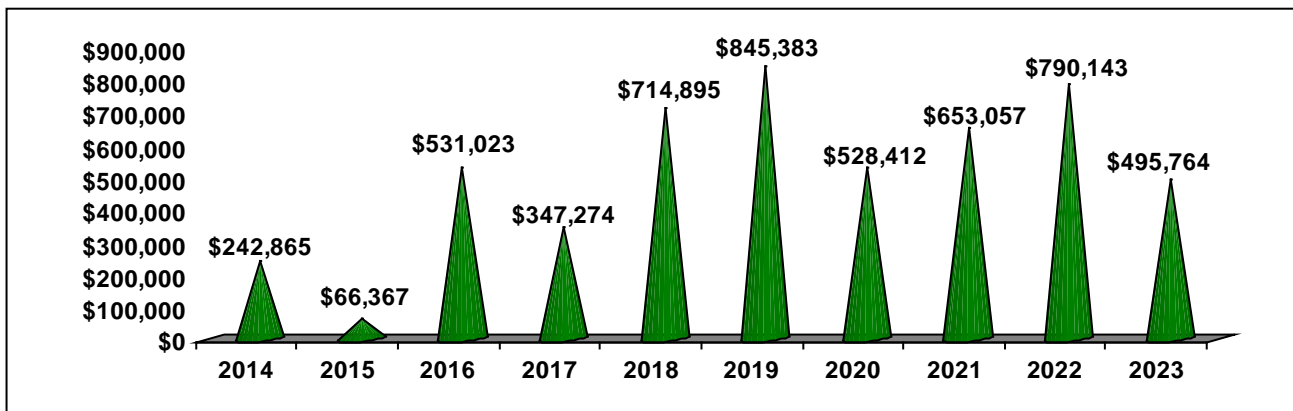
**Timber Sales:**

Timber sales generated 9155 cords of pulpwood and 754,000 board feet of logs worth \$495,763.54 (unaudited) in 2023. The following is a listing of the gross value of timber cut from the forest over the past 10 years:

2014	\$242,865.33	2019	\$845,383.37
2015	\$66,366.74	2020	\$528,411.64
2016	\$531,022.66	2021	\$653,057.25
2017	\$347,274.04	2022	\$790,142.87
2018	\$714,895.21	2023	\$495,763.54

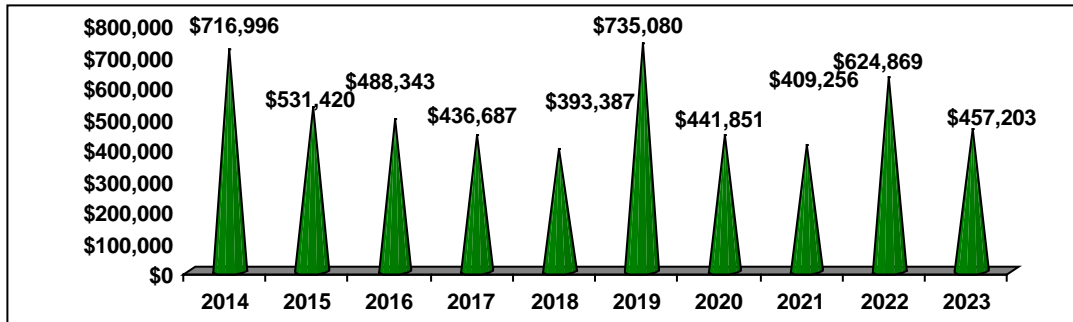
**Marathon County Forest**

Timber Sales Annual Gross Revenue – Cut and Hauled



**Other Timber Sale Data:**

New sales – 7 were established on 587 acres with 16,388 cords appraised at \$358,191.00.

**Marathon County Forest****Timber Sales Annual Sold Value**

1. Sold sales – 7 of 7 advertised were sold in 2023 for a value of \$457,203.20.
2. Uncompleted timber contracts – 24 on 1,872 acres with 37,920 cord equivalents worth \$1,174,913.48.
3. Cut volume reports filed with DNR (form 2460):
  - Final reports – 9 sales worth \$695,053.85.
  - Partial reports - 2 sales worth \$51,798.56.
4. Severance paid to DNR on interest free loans \$149,370.48.
5. Severance Tax Escrow for Town payments (10% of gross receipts) \$49,576.25.
6. Firewood permits – 7 permits were issued worth \$210.00.
7. New sale establishment – evaluated 587 acres for potential sale (established 587 acres).
8. Forest reconnaissance – updated 1766 forested acres, 28 non-forested acres.
9. Administered 13 different timber sales throughout the year on County Forest lands.
10. Administered a 69-acre timber sale at Big Eau Pleine County Park.

**Cultural Projects:**

1. Classified forest habitat types on 41 acres for inclusion in our GIS database.
2. Monitored for additional oak wilt areas in Nine Mile and Kronenwetter Forest Units.
3. One new pocket of oak trees was identified in Nine Mile infected with the oak wilt fungus. Treatment and removal of the affected trees will be completed in 2024 as well as monitoring for new pockets.
4. Scarified 35 acres of the forest floor to prepare the site for oak acorn seedling germination at Kronenwetter Forest Unit using DNR heavy equipment.
5. Treated multiple small areas of invasive species on County Forest lands.
6. Completed deer browse surveys at Big Eau Pleine County Park and County Forest lands. This will continue in 2024 and beyond.
7. Completed deer browse surveys on 101 acres of the Marathon County Forest.
8. Forest management inventories were completed on Trappe River Dells and Brokaw County Parks.
9. Treated garlic mustard at Big Eau Pleine Park and Burma Road Forest Unit and developed a GIS map for future treatments.

**Reforestation:**

1. No reforestation took place in 2023 as all plantations were fully stocked and growing well.

**Road, Trail, and Facility Construction and Maintenance:**

1. APHIS trapped 17 beaver and removed 11 total dams at problem locations in the county forest. Two dams were blown using dynamite.
2. Replaced 2 culverts at LeatherCamp and Nine Mile Forest Units and added granite at problem locations.
3. Brushed approximately 2 miles of roads and trails in the Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit.
4. Placed 50 yards of granite on forest roads in the Nine Mile Forest Unit.
5. Completed repairs to dikes and water control structures from muskrat and beaver damage.
6. Reconstructed several segments of Nine Mile ski trails to improve drainage and level the surface including repairs to several sections due to heavy use and erosion.
7. Performed normal maintenance on 190 miles of forest roads and trails.
8. Graded and placed material on several sections of the Burma Road ATV trails to prevent erosion.
9. Inspected County Forest boundaries to control encroaching land uses.
10. Repaired gates on roads and trails that access the County Forest.
11. Repaired deer exclusion fences at Big Eau Pleine Park. These were installed to collect data on deer browsing.

**Administration:**

1. Continued the utilization of the DNR forestry reconnaissance program (WisFIRS).
2. Evaluated one parcel for potential acquisition as an addition to County Forest land.
3. Collaborated with the Central Wisconsin Off-Road Cycling Coalition on winter fat tire biking and developed a yearly agreement outlining the responsibilities of the County and CWOCC regarding maintenance.
4. Forestry/Recreation Committee agreed to a permanent winter fat biking season at Nine Mile for the 2023-2024 season.
5. Developed policy and implemented principals of Forest Certification - Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) on the Marathon County Forest.
6. Participated in several Wisconsin County Forests Association committee meetings to prioritize the funding received from the 2023-2025 biennial State Budget.
7. Continued research on carbon credit markets and how enrolling may net additional revenue for Marathon County. Research will continue in 2024.
8. Implemented the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021-2035.
9. Located and assisted in the purchase of approximately 204 cords of firewood for campers for use at the County Park campgrounds.
10. Our Recreational Deputies along with assistance from the County Forester confiscated a total of fifteen illegal tree stands and two boats. They investigated complaints of vehicle, vandalism, illegal dumping, and criminal activities issuing 11 ordinance violations and numerous warnings. At Nine Mile Forest Unit, Deputies conducted patrols checking for cross country ski and mountain bike passes also issuing multiple warnings. Completed an additional 137 regular patrols at the forest units.
11. Issued five ATV/UTV disabled person access permits to people with disabilities for County Forest access.
12. Revisions were drafted to Chapter 16 of the County Forest Ordinance and were adopted by County Board in December 2023.
13. Held quarterly meetings with the Forest Citizen's Advisory Subcommittee to discuss forestry and recreation issues.

**Wildlife and Fisheries Management:**

In cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:

1. Maintained 17 flowages. Drawdowns of several flowages will occur in 2024 to create better habitat and provide food for waterfowl.
2. Mowed forest openings, Nine Mile and Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit flowage dikes and the Bitzke Bird Walk trail.
3. Mowed most forest unit trails suitable for mowing.
4. Two forest openings in the forest units were mowed. Mowing will continue on openings in 2024 at the same time as the forest trails.
5. Poor winter conditions prevented shearing of tag alder in the Leather Camp Forest Unit to create habitat for grouse, woodcock, and other early successional species. Due to a change in DNR priorities no shearing will occur in 2024.
6. Seeded .75 miles of trails with a wildlife mixture in Kronenwetter Forest Unit.
7. Removed cattails in front of the water control structure at Bern Forest Unit utilizing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding. Removal of additional cattail masses will continue in 2024 and beyond.
8. Seeded 80 lbs. of wild rice in flowages at the Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit.
9. Testified in favor of additional antlerless tags to the County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) to reduce the deer population in areas of County Forests with tree regeneration problems.
10. Hired an engineer to complete a required DNR 10-Year inspection on the Bern Dam. Awaiting DNR report on any necessary maintenance.

**Recreation:****Nine Mile County Forest Cross Country Ski Trails:**

The ski season opened on December 21, 2022, and stayed open until the chalet closed for the season on March 27, 2023. The Wausau Nordic Ski Club offered free adult ski lessons on Tuesday evenings in January. The County assisted by allowing free ski rental and ski passes for those taking lessons. This partnership was developed to help promote the ski area and increase the interest in cross country skiing.

The Snekkevik ski race, Badger State Games and the Stomp the Swamp Snowshoe race were not held in 2023. Special Olympics had 100 participants and \$845.62 in revenue. IronBull winter triathlon event had 24 participants and \$287.00 in revenue. A total of 2754 daily and 398 annual ski passes were sold totaling \$58,473.89. Additionally, 886 daily and 19 annual snowshoe passes were sold with revenues totaling \$5,395.50.

**Ski Trail, Snowshoe and Bike Trail Maintenance at Nine Mile Forest Unit:**

1. Brushing of all trails is ongoing, and the efforts of the volunteers are greatly appreciated.
2. Volunteers from the Nordic Ski Club sponsored workdays in October. They performed tasks such as rock picking, lifting trees and brushing trails.
3. Trail signs were inspected, damaged trail signs replaced, and some new signage added. This work will continue in 2023 as the signage is evaluated and updated.
4. An Eagle Scout project was completed including new snowshoe signs installed to help users follow and stay on the trail.
5. Additional winter fat tire biking signs were installed to help users follow the trail.

**Mountain Biking at Nine Mile Forest Unit:**

The 2023 summer mountain bike season opened at noon on May 11. The bike trails closed as scheduled on October 15. There were four Mountain Bike events held at Nine Mile in 2023: The Wisconsin Endurance Mountain Bike Series, Wausau 24, Shorewood weekend and the IronBull Granite Grinder with \$11,508.49 in revenue. The NICA High school bike race was not held in 2023.

A total of 913 daily passes and 491 annual passes were sold in 2023. Total receipts associated with summer/fall mountain biking in 2023 totaled \$18,390.88. A trial winter fat bike season opened in December. A total of 130 daily and 123 annual passes were sold totaling \$2,369.92 in revenue. Central Wisconsin Off-Road Cycling Coalition continues to be a great partner in maintaining the trail system. Volunteers donate many hours of their time to maintain the single-track trails.

**Other Recreation:**

1. Four cross country running races were held at Nine Mile in 2023 with \$1,680.00 in revenue.
2. The Ragnar Relay Series running race was again a popular venue at Nine Mile with 270 standard and 17 ultra-teams totaling 1,748 participants and \$24,087.58 in revenue.
3. Issued forty-eight undesignated camping permits for county forests in 2023 resulting in \$795.00 in revenue.
4. Women's Bike clinic held with \$306.16 in revenue.
5. Iron Bull's winter Adventure Challenge was held at Nine Mile with \$152.61 in revenue.
6. The number of people using all County Forest Units continues to increase. Activities such as hiking, dog walking, berry picking, and horseback riding are growing.

**Recreational GIS Mapping:**

1. Created numerous park locator maps for the Bat HCP incidental take application.
2. Created a New Brokaw County Park map that identifies the new acquisition.
3. Created a Big Eau Pleine timber sale map for the Park Commission.
4. Created a new Sunnysvale Park and Corbin Shooting Range maps.
5. Created several Nine Mile Forest Recreational trail maps.
6. Created five Forest Regeneration monitoring stand locator maps for Wisconsin DNR.

**Snowmobile Trails:**

1. Trails were open 55 days during the 2022-23 season. Looking back 30 years, the seasonal average has been just under 45 days.
2. Seven local snowmobile clubs contract with Marathon County to groom, sign, brush and perform other work related to maintaining the trail system on County Forest property.
3. Clubs are responsible for signing the trails to DNR specifications as well as meeting any requirements set forth by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and WCFA standards.
4. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department annually update the snowmobile trail map for the Snowmobile Council to print. This year a new map was printed for the 2022-2023 season. In the future, a new map will be printed each year, if circumstances allow.
5. Printed trail maps are made available at numerous locations throughout Marathon County.
6. Marathon County snowmobile clubs continue to receive financial assistance for trail maintenance from the Snowmobile and ATV Aids Programs through grants administered by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department and disbursed by the DNR.
7. The snow and trail conditions hotline will continue to be used in the 2023-2024 season and moving forward. A recording is now available as an option on the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department phone tree. This was due to numerous requests by the public and local businesses. The message will be updated by the Motorized Recreation Coordinator to keep the public up to date on conditions and any trail closures. This recording provides an overview of the trail conditions, a more extensive trail report is found on the Marathon County website.
8. Current trail conditions are also updated by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on the Marathon County website, on Facebook and the Travel Wisconsin website.
9. The Snowmobile Automated Reporting System (SNARS) became mandatory for all snowmobile clubs statewide with the 2017-2018 season. SNARS is a computer program that was developed to improve the accurate and timely reporting of County trail maintenance expenses and other data to the DNR.

10. The Global Positioning System (GPS) requirement in all groomers became mandatory by the 2021-22 season. This was a requirement by DNR and the Governor's Snowmobile Council. This year all 28 of the clubs in Marathon County are online with the GPS units. The system is being implemented for greater accuracy of trail mileage and to track trail grooming.

### **Burma Forest ATV/UTV Trails:**

1. Summer trails were maintained using \$16,533.62 of State ATV/UTV trail maintenance funds. The club continued to maintain trails at a high standard during the past season.
2. The Mid-Wisconsin Trailblazers ATV Club, through a contract with Marathon County, is responsible for the routine maintenance of 11 miles of summer ATV/UTV trails.

### **Public Outreach/Professional Development:**

1. Forest Administrator served as a member of the Wisconsin County Forests Association Legislative/Certification, Personnel, DNR Budget, Dues and Bylaws and Roads Committees.
2. Attended several in-person and virtual Marathon County, Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin County Forests Association and Forest Certification training sessions.
3. Attended the Climate Change Conference and Best Management for Water Quality training required to maintain forest certification.
4. Analyzed plant samples for insect and disease problems.
5. Interviewed by media on forestry related issues.
6. Created interpretive displays to educate the public about the benefits of sustainable forest management.
7. Presented to about 70 Mid-West United States and Ontario, Canada regional forest health specialists at Nine Mile Forest Unit about deer browse, silviculture and oak wilt treatments.
8. County Forester made a presentation to the Athens school district Maple Grove Charter 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.
9. Completed a timber sale assessment on a City of Wausau Department of Public Works pine plantation.

### **Budget Summaries** (available upon request)

#### **Forest Resources:**

County Forest Program  
 County Forest Administrator  
 County Forest Road Aids  
 County Conservation Aids  
 FEMA Cattail Removal  
 Sustainable Forestry  
 Segregated Land  
 Wildlife Habitat  
 Forestry State Aid  
 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship

#### **Debt Redemption:**

General Debt - Aid to County Forest

#### **Recreation:**

Burma Trail ATV 22-23  
 Cross-Country Ski Trails  
 General Fund - Snowmobile Coordinator  
 Snowmobile Grant 22-23



# Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry



## 2023 Year in Review

2023 was a very busy year for the department. Parks and programs were enhanced to continue to provide our citizens with amenities and activities to explore within 37

City Parks, 17 County Parks and 10 County Forest Units that make up 3,401 acres of parkland and 30,714 acres of County Forest.

**-Our department has 44 FTE and 150+ seasonals.**

**-General operating budget of \$7,127,498 in expenditures and \$2,731,021 in revenues** (city and county combined)

**- 23,627 BOULEVARD TREES, INVENTORIED 2,908 PARK TREES**

**- PLANTED 524 TREES, REMOVED 519 NON-ASH & 384 ASH TREES, TREATED 1037 ASH (1/3 OF CITY)**

**- 579 SHELTER RENTAL DAYS AND 213 EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**- MOWED 308.5 ACRES AND 81,920 FT OF TRAILS**

**- 2280 TOTAL SEASON PASSES SOLD (DISC GOLF, BIKING, BOAT LAUNCH, SKI, RANGE, ETC)**

**- COMPLETED 69-ACRE TIMBER SALE AT BIG EAU PLEINE PARK FOR A NET REVENUE OF \$72,830.62**

**- COMPLETED MULTI-YEAR FOREST INVENTORY OF ALL COUNTY PARKS OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS**

**- SECURED SPONSORSHIP FROM AQUA FINANCE TO HELP FUND OUR FIRST 400 BLOCK MOVIE IN THE PARK SERIES WHERE WE HOSTED 5 NIGHTS OF FREE MOVIES FOR THE PUBLIC ON A GIANT LED SCREEN**

**- CREATED A JR. TENNIS LEAGUE TO KEEP MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS ENGAGED**

**- PARTNERED WITH MCPL TO HOST 3 CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCES AT OAK ISLAND PARK AND 6 STORY TIMES THROUGHOUT OUR PARK SYSTEM**

**- INCREASED SWIM LESSON REVENUE FOR A 3RD YEAR IN A ROW BY \$1,400 OVER 2022 REVENUES**

**- OFFERED 200 SWIM LESSON CLASSES FOR 673 STUDENTS ENROLLED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.**

**- HOSTED MOVING WITH THE MAYOR EVENTS KITE FLYING, MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOEING, AND SUNSET HIKE**

**- SERVED APPROX. 10,000 PATRONS AT SYLVAN TUBING HILL TOTALING CLOSE TO \$114,000 IN REVENUE**

**- SUCCESSFULLY PARTNERED WITH THE FAIR TO PROVIDE FAIR OPERATIONS**

**- CREATED A NEW DIGITAL RECREATION GUIDE REPLACING THE USE OF CITY PAGES TO DO THE GUIDES.**

**- HOSTED OUR FIRST BUS TRIP TO THE PACKER FAMILY NIGHT**

**- HOSTED OVER 3000 PARTICIPANTS AT CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL IN NEW LOCATION AT MPB BUILDINGS**

**- PARTNERED WITH PEYTON'S PROMISE TO HOST A "CHANGE FOR GOOD" DRIVE RAISED \$1,000 WHICH WAS MATCHED BY PEOPLES BANK FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,000 FOR PEYTON'S PROMISE**

**- SECURED \$3,000 OF SPONSORSHIPS TO THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL ALLOWING US TO ADD FEATURES**

### NEW WATERMAIN & LATERALS AT MARATHON PARK



**Completed on time and  
under budget**

### TIMBER SALES

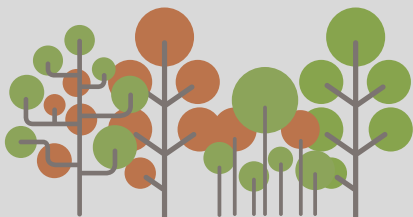


7 sales sold totaling 587 acres with  
16,388 cords

**\$495,764.00**

Gross revenue

\$347,034 Net Revenue to County





# 2023 Year in Review - Projects

## CITY PARK PROJECTS

- 16 FRUIT TREES PLANTED IN 10TH STREET PARK WITH EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERS
- TRANSPLANTED 14 FRUIT TREES TO 3-M PARK AND 5 PLUM TREES TO PLEASANT VIEW PARK
- INSTALLED LINCOLN TOT LOT PLAYGROUND FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
- 2 ROUNDS OF GOAT VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AT BARKER STEWART ISLAND
- ATHLETIC PARK VIDEO SCOREBOARD INSTALLATION
- SERVED APPROXIMATELY 40,000 PATRONS AT POOLS, SOLD 886 ANNUAL SWIM PASSES
- CONTINUE TO ADD NEW ADOPT-A-PARK MEMBERS TOTALING 8 ADOPTEES.
- HELD ONE POP-UP SPLASH PAD WITH THE WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT
- MASONRY WORK COMPLETED AT STEWART PARK ON THE WALLS AND STEPS
- REPLACED FOUL NET BEHIND HOME PLATE AT ATHLETIC PARK
- NEW KIOSK AT SCHOFIELD PARK BOAT LAUNCH INSTALLED. PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH WSD.
- BARKER-STEWART ISLAND BRIDGE DECKING REPLACED
- DEMOLITION OF RESTROOM AND THE START OF INSTALLATION OF RESTROOM AT OAK ISLAND
- ATHLETIC PARK BULLPEN PLUMBING TIED INTO MAIN SUPPLY
- OUTFIELD FENCE REPLACEMENT AT BOILEAU FIELD
- ADA COMPLIANT PATHS INSTALLED AT RIVERSIDE AND TENTH STREET PARK
- KAYAK INFORMATION SIGNS INSTALLED AT GILBERT, SCHOLFIELD, RIVERLIFE, OAK ISLAND & MEMORIAL
- PLEASANT VIEW SHELTER HAS A NEW STEEL ROOF

## COUNTY PARK/FOREST PROJECTS

- COMMUNITY ARBOR DAY EVENT AT MARATHON PARK – TRANSPLANTED HUNDREDS OF PINE TREES
- NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN MISSION LAKE PARK, CHEROKEE PARK AND BLUEGILL BAY PARK
- ASH TREES REMOVED FROM BLUE GILL BAY PARK – 5 NEW TREES PLANTED
- 21 HAZARD TREES REMOVED FROM WEST CAMPGROUND EAU PLEINE PARK
- PLANNED AND ORDERED PLAYGROUNDS FOR AMCO AND MARATHON PARK CAMPGROUND
- BROUGHT IN \$3,500 IN NEW REVENUE FROM OFFERING SWIM LESSONS DURING THE WINTER AT NCHC
- INCREASED REVENUE BY \$6,200 IN WATER EXERCISE BY OFFERING IT YEAR-ROUND AT NCHC
- ADDED ADULT PICKLEBALL LADDER LEAGUE, CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP, YOUTH CHESS CLASSES, AND YOUTH BRICK BUILDERS WORKSHOP TO OUR RECREATION PROGRAM OFFERINGS
- CREATED A NEW VALENTINE'S SKI DATE NIGHT EVENT AT NINE MILE COUNTY FOREST. (DID GET RAINED OUT BUT HAD GOOD PARTICIPATION IN REGISTRATION.)
- INSTALLED NEW BATTING CAGES AT SUNNYVALE SOFTBALL COMPLEX
- DC EVEREST RESTROOM DEMO AND INSTALLATION OF NEW RESTROOM (NOT FINISHED)
- NINE MILE GARAGE RENOVATION
- BEP SOUTH UNIT PARKING LOT RESURFACING
- ADA COMPLIANT PATH INSTALLED AT BLUEGILL BAY PLAYGROUND
- ADA KAYAK LAUNCH INSTALLED AT DC EVEREST PARK
- SOUTH BOAT LAUNCH AT DC EVEREST UPDATED TO COMPLY WITH ADA CODE
- 1 DOCK AT BLUEGILL REBUILT AND ADA COMPLIANT
- CULVERTS REPLACED AND BEACH ROAD/PARKING LOT REPAVED AT DELLS
- ELK TARGET SHELTER INSTALLED AT SHOOTING RANGE
- KAYAK INFORMATION SIGNS INSTALLED AT WISCONSIN RIVER FOREST UNIT, BLUEGILL AND DC EVEREST
- EASTGATE HALL BOILER UPGRADE
- IMPLEMENTED A PERMANENT FAT TIRE BIKE SEASON AT NINE MILE
- COMPLETED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN
- COMPLETED A LAND SWAP AT DELLS OF EAU CLAIRE TO CLARIFY LAND OWNERSHIP
- ESTABLISHED A TRIAL ARCHERY DEER HUNT AT BIG EAU PLEINE PARK

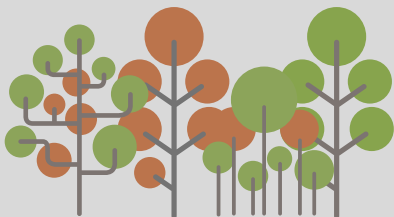
## CAMPING

Camping had another busy season

Gross Revenue \$271,446.40

1.5% 

Increase in revenue over 2022  
Gross Revenue







# Wausau & Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry

## 2024 Work Plan



### County CIP Projects

- Eastgate Hall Renovation
- Dump Station Installation at Dell of Eau Claire
- Nine Mile Septic System Replacement
- Amco & Marathon Park Campground Playground

#### County Small Projects

- Blue Gill Bay dock replacement
- DCE Park Restroom Completion
- DEC manger cabin update
- DEC group campground well
- Extend cart path at Peoples Sports Complex

#### Riverlife/400 Block

- Concession Fence Replacement
- Leaper Jet Repair/Replacement
- Fountain Push Button
- NE Park Sign

Plan department consolidation - Pardee St Review



Ice Arena Feasibility Study



### Forestry Work Plan

- Administer 24 timber sales on 1874 acres
- Plant 60,000 red pine trees on 60 acres
- Establish and advertise 600-625 acres of timber for sale
- Establish another timber sale at Big Eau Pleine Park

### Other Projects

- Install new drinking fountains
- New well at Dell of Eau Claire
- Barker Stewart Island Vegetation
- Lincoln Tot Lot Fall Zone
- BEP Boat Launch Repair
- MP Stand Pipe Boxes



Treat & remove ash trees  
plant 400 + trees

Expand Recreation Programs & Events  
Open Gyms Tot Time  
Partnership with Children's Imaginarium

Install AED  
Save Stations/  
Train all FT Staff in CPR



### City Small Projects

- Memorial & Schulenberg Slide Restoration
- Stewart Park wall cap & tuckpointing
- Athletic Park Cap Repair
- Athletic Park Ascension Deck Staining
- Brockmeyer Soccer Field Improvements
- Brockmeyer Press Box Rebuild

City CIP Projects  
-Build Skatepark  
-Complete Oak Island Restroom  
-400 Block Safety Bollards



Lulu B Jacobs Park  
Reestablishment

### Plans/Grants to Complete

- County CORP Update
- Rib Falls Master Plan
- Big Rapids Dam Removal
- AED/Save Station Grant
- Athletic Park Clubhouse Review

Secure Field Sponsors  
PSC

## 2014-2023 FORESTRY DIVISION EXPENSE/REVENUE REPORT

Year	Gross Timber Sold Amount	Net Timber Sold Amount	Acres	Timber Revenue Even-Flow Budget	Net Timber Revenue Actual <sup>1</sup>	Other Revenue <sup>2</sup>	Total Revenue	Expenses <sup>3</sup>	Program Net
2014	\$716,996	\$501,897	578	\$213,000	\$170,006	\$98,093	\$268,099	\$342,956	(\$74,857)
2015	\$531,420	\$371,994	596	\$245,000	\$46,457	\$57,908	\$104,365	\$345,387	(\$241,022)
2016	\$488,343	\$341,840	666	\$245,000	\$371,716	\$58,385	\$430,101	\$341,930	\$88,171
2017	\$436,687	\$305,681	520	\$245,000	\$243,092	\$60,606	\$303,698	\$343,106	(\$39,408)
2018	\$393,387	\$275,371	709	\$245,000	\$500,427	\$58,068	\$558,495	\$359,452	\$199,043
2019	\$735,080	\$514,556	644	\$245,000	\$591,768	\$59,779	\$651,547	\$354,742	\$296,805
2020	\$441,851	\$309,296	662	\$245,000	\$369,888	\$63,308	\$433,196	\$359,929	\$73,267
2021	\$409,256	\$286,479	633	\$245,000	\$457,140	\$77,932	\$535,072	\$344,560	\$190,512
2022	\$624,869	\$437,409	623	\$275,000	\$553,124	\$74,727	\$627,851	\$378,857	\$248,994
2023	\$457,203	\$320,042	587	\$305,000	\$347,034	\$96,107	\$443,142	\$333,679	\$109,463
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5,235,092</b>	<b>\$3,664,565</b>	<b>6218</b>	<b>\$2,508,000</b>	<b>\$3,650,652</b>	<b>\$704,913</b>	<b>\$4,355,566</b>	<b>\$3,504,598</b>	<b>\$850,968</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revenue to Marathon County after 20% payment to State for loans and 10% payment to townships

<sup>2</sup> Includes County Forest Administrator grant, firewood permits, camping fees, bond recovery and misc. revenues

<sup>3</sup> Includes all personnel and operating expenses

2004-2023 FORESTRY DIVISION EXPENSE/REVENUE REPORT

Year	Gross Timber Sold Amount	Net Timber Sold Amount	Acres	Timber Revenue Even-Flow Budget	Net Timber Revenue Actual <sup>1</sup>	Other Revenue <sup>2</sup>	Total Revenue	Expenses <sup>3</sup>	Program Net
2004	\$495,726	\$347,008	796	\$190,000	\$203,189	\$44,886	\$248,075	\$312,769	(\$64,694)
2005	\$459,350	\$321,545	605	\$190,000	\$240,115	\$47,289	\$287,404	\$296,549	(\$9,145)
2006	\$275,111	\$192,578	586	\$190,000	\$356,346	\$50,841	\$407,187	\$327,691	\$79,496
2007	\$344,274	\$240,992	707	\$213,000	\$514,204	\$54,656	\$568,860	\$345,131	\$223,729
2008	\$318,189	\$222,732	641	\$213,000	\$339,896	\$53,529	\$393,425	\$322,621	\$70,804
2009	\$321,155	\$224,809	619	\$213,000	\$203,327	\$55,849	\$259,176	\$350,989	(\$91,813)
2010	\$411,312	\$287,918	622	\$213,000	\$368,270	\$56,986	\$425,256	\$344,442	\$80,814
2011	\$374,005	\$261,804	551	\$213,000	\$293,943	\$60,870	\$354,813	\$357,721	(\$2,908)
2012	\$356,678	\$249,675	548	\$213,000	\$226,203	\$57,170	\$283,373	\$346,272	(\$62,899)
2013	\$298,173	\$208,721	543	\$213,000	\$333,986	\$53,239	\$387,225	\$308,336	\$78,889
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TOTALS	\$8,889,065	\$6,222,347	12436	\$4,569,000	\$6,730,131	\$1,240,228	\$7,970,360	\$6,817,119	\$1,153,241

<sup>1</sup> Revenue to Marathon County after 20% payment to State for loans and 10% payment to townships

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**MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE**  
**Kronenwetter Forest Unit – March 2024**

**Tract # 01-24 BALBOA**

ESTIMATED VOLUMES		
SPECIES	PULPWOOD (TONS)	LOGS (MBF)
Mixed Hardwood	1350*	4**
Red Oak	490	100
Aspen	30	
Red Maple		90
Ash		15
Biomass (optional)	600	

Location: Section 25, T.27N.-R.8 E. (Village of Kronenwetter, Marathon County, WI)

Size: 53 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: Summer chance after July 15th on Area 1 and frozen ground only on Area 2 unless conditions are abnormally dry.

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by June 30, 2026.

\* Approximately 85% Red Maple, 9% ash, 6% hard maple, < 1% all other hardwood

\*\* Approximately 83 % Sugar Maple logs, 17% basswood

**TICKET/MILL SCALE SALE**

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 – Red oak shelterwood (36 acres in 2 blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch DBH and greater except for green marked trees.

Area 2 – Red maple coppice (17 acres in 2 blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch DBH and greater except for spruce and oak (unless marked with orange). Leave all green marked trees.

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve new roads, trails, skid routes and decking areas. All roads and trails shall be returned to their original condition.

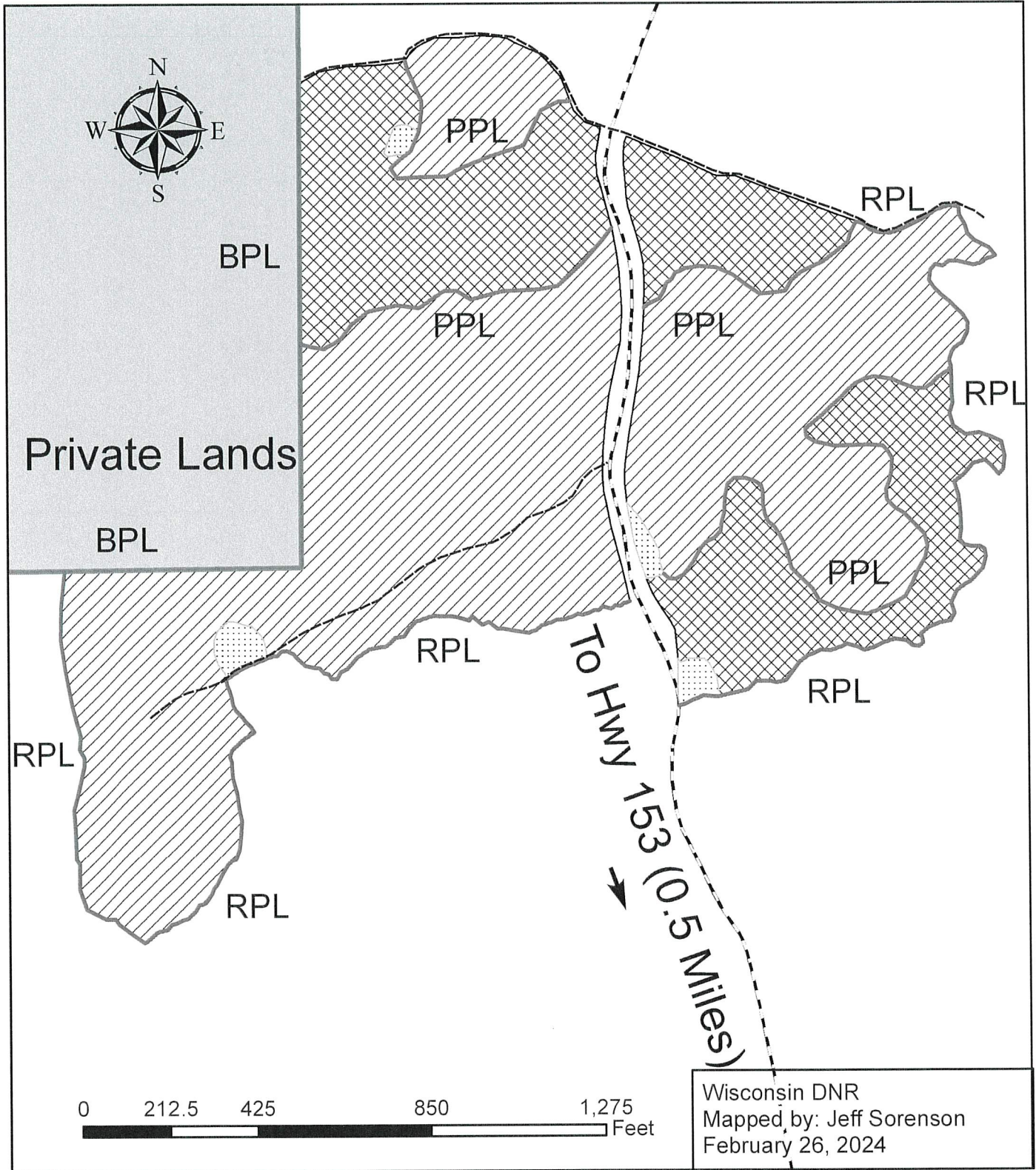
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Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound  
Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end  
Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2 inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end









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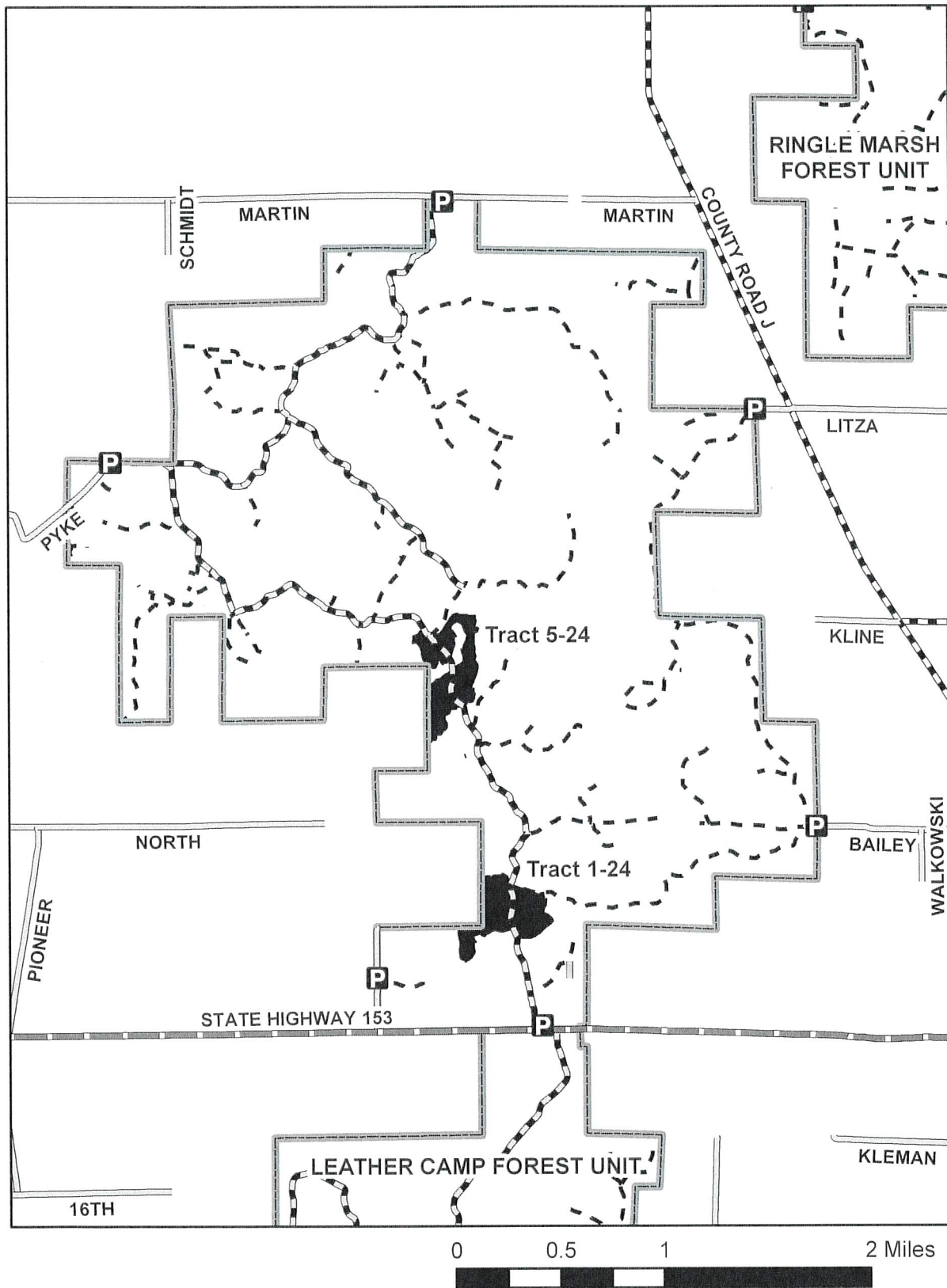
# Tract 1-24



## Legend

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|  | Oak Shelterwood    |  | PPL - Purple Paint Line |  | Private Lands |
|  | Red Maple Coppice  |  | RPL - Red Paint Line    |  | Gravel Trails |
|  | Green Tree Islands |  | BPL - Blue Paint Line   |  | Woods Trail   |

# Kronenwetter Forest Unit



**Legend**

- Forest Unit Boundary
- Gravel Trails
- Parking Lots





**MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE**  
**Burma Forest Unit – March 2024**

**Tract # 02-24 Bad Omen**

ESTIMATED VOLUMES		
SPECIES	PULPWOOD (TONS)	LOGS (MBF)
Red Pine	*2450	
Biomass (Optional)	500	

Location: Sections 17, 18, &21, T.27N.-R.6E. (Town of Mosinee)

Size: 70 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: June 1 - March 31 (if dry can start in May). Central block (see map): July 16<sup>th</sup> - March 31

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by June 30, 2027

**TICKET/MILL SCALE SALE**

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 – Red Pine Clear Cut (13 acres in 2 blocks) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater.

Area 2 – Red Pine Thinning (57 acres in 5 blocks) – Cut all orange marked trees.

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve new roads, trails, skid routes and decking areas. All roads and trails shall be returned to their original condition. June 1 – Sept. 1 all pine must be hauled within 3 weeks of cutting.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16’ 8” maximum forest product length, except for utility poles. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Maximum stump height shall not exceed the stump diameter, except for stumps less than 10,” which shall not exceed 10.” Do not cut snags unless they pose a safety risk to harvesting operations. If the snowmobile trail is "open," the department will work with the contractor to try and leave snow on the trail. Heterobasidion treatment required for all conifer by the end of each workday, from April 1-November 30 and may be required from December 1-March 30 if abnormally warm for an extended period to be determined by Marathon County Forest representative. If using Cellu-Treat, 100% of stump cross-section must be treated (NO EXCEPTIONS). If using Rot-Stop, at least 85% of stump cross-section must be treated. Western-most block of pine thinning contains dense honeysuckle. All equipment shall be cleaned off prior to leaving this area each time.

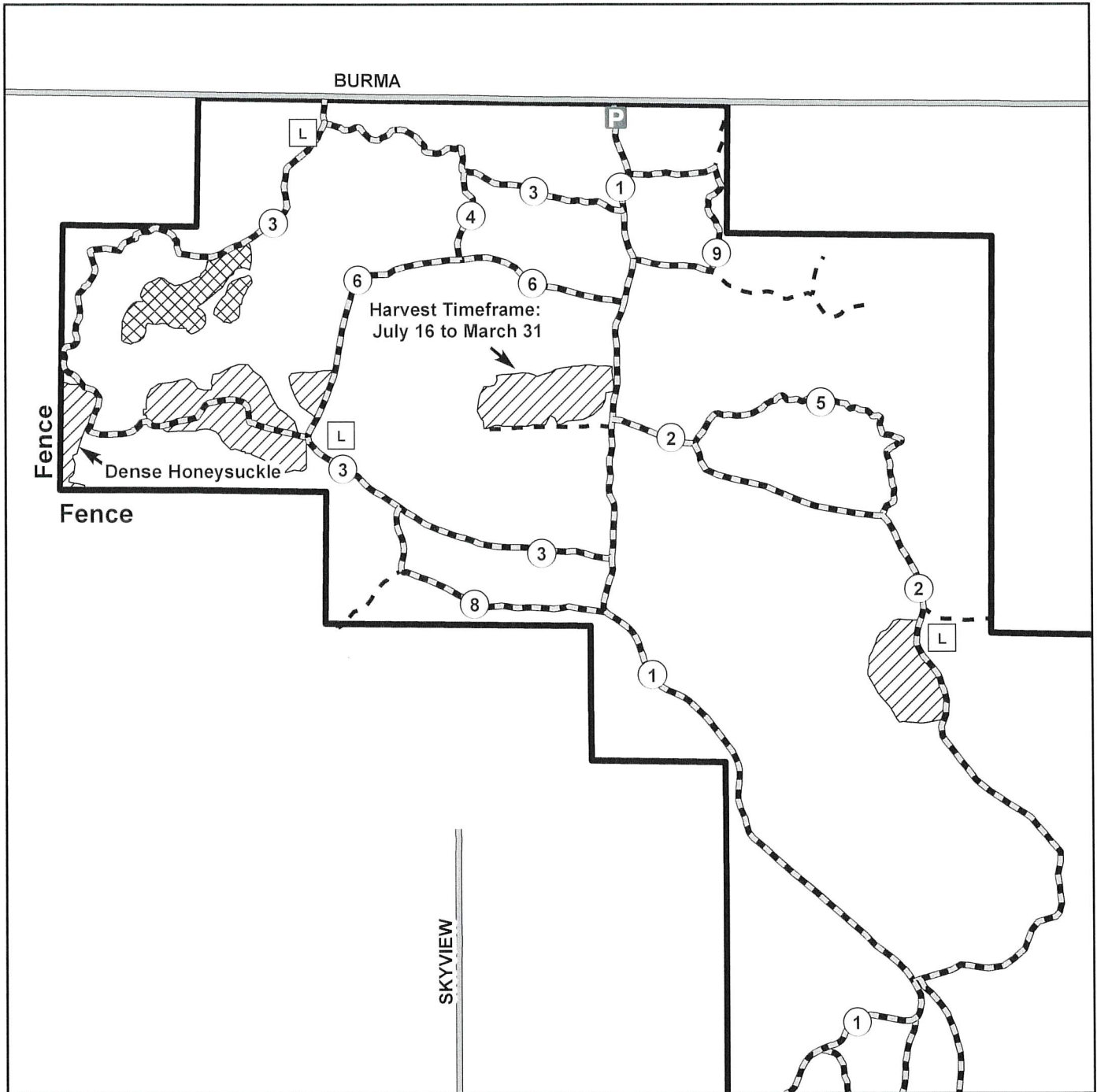
East block of Area 3 – trees harvested along northern and southern boundaries shall be felled into the harvest areas to prevent damage to adjacent oak trees.

Utilization: Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4-inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end


Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2-inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

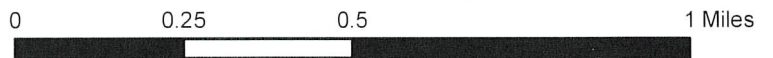
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# Tract 2-24



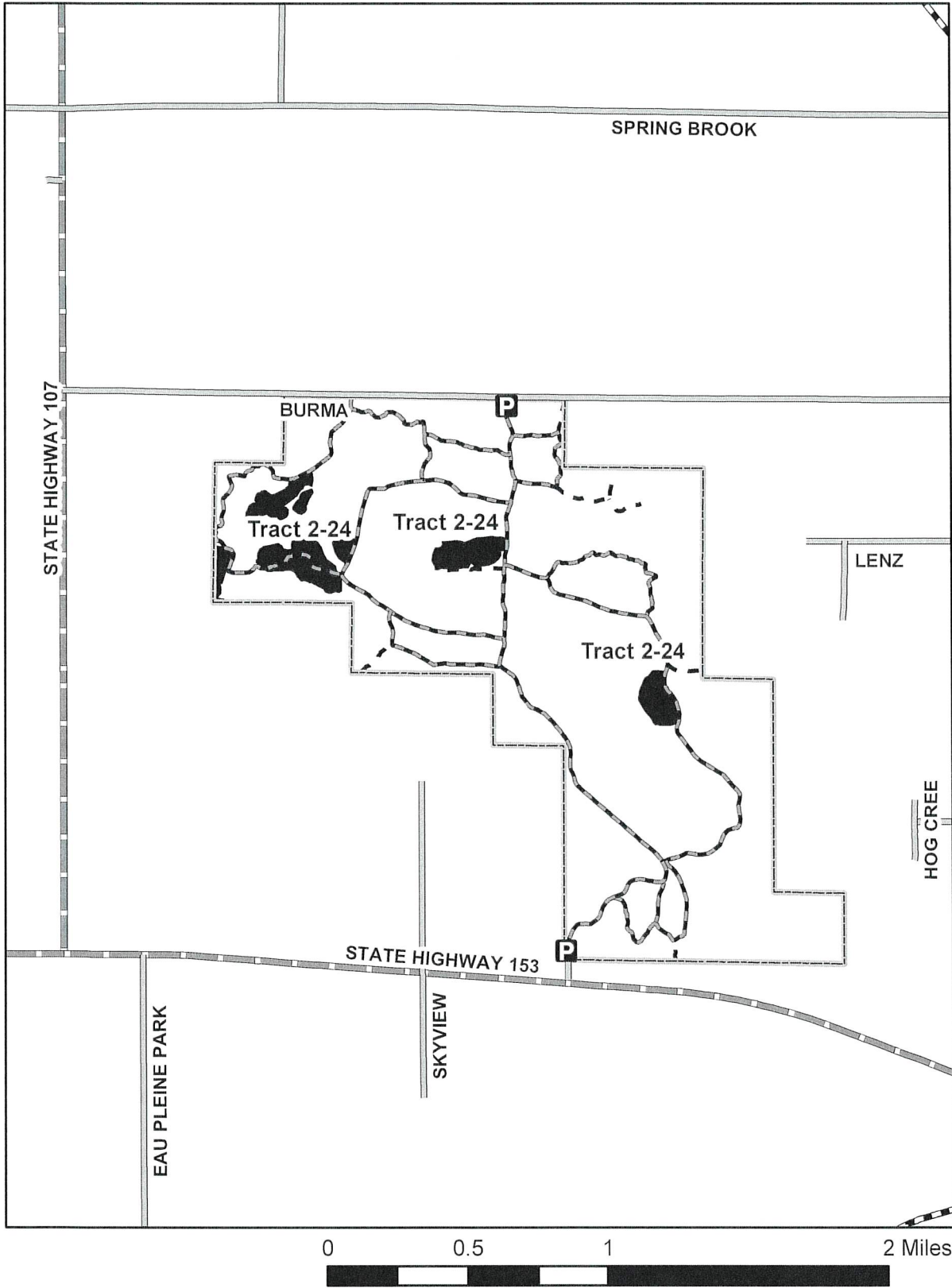
## Legend

-  Area 1: Red Pine Clear Cut
-  Area 2: Red Pine Thinning
-  ③ ATV/Snowmobile Trails
-  - - - Grass road
-  Parking Lots
-  Landing Sites








# Burma Forest Unit



**Legend**

 Gravel Trails	 Parking Lots
 Forest Unit Boundary	



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE  
 Nine Mile Forest Unit – March 2024

**Tract # 03-24 Full Circle**

ESTIMATED VOLUMES		
SPECIES	PULPWOOD (TONS)	LOGS (MBF)
Red Pine	*800	-
Biomass (Optional)	NOT OFFERED	

Location: Sections 19 & 30, T.28N.-R.7E. (Town of Rib Mountain)

Size: 41 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: June 1-March 31 (if dry can start in May)

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by June 30, 2026

\*Includes less than 10 tons all other conifer (mainly spruce)

**TICKET/MILL SCALE SALE**

Cutting Regulations:

Red Pine Thinning (31 acres 1<sup>st</sup> thinning, 10 acres 3<sup>rd</sup> thinning) – Cut all orange marked trees.

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve new roads, trails, skid routes and decking areas. All roads and trails shall be returned to their original condition. June 1-Aug. 31 all pine must be hauled within 2 weeks of cutting.

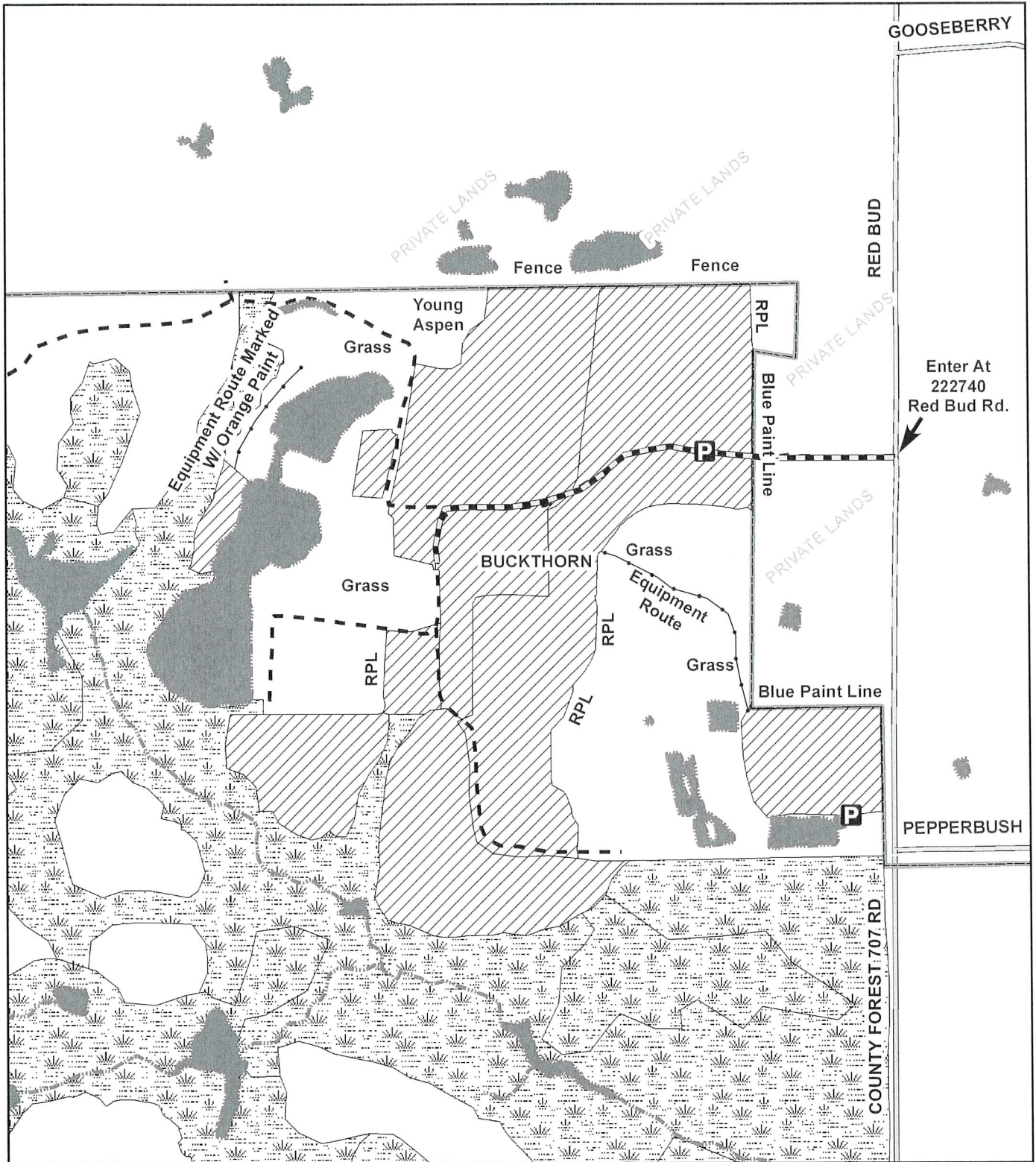
Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16’ 8” maximum forest product length, except for utility poles. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Maximum stump height shall not exceed the stump diameter, except for stumps less than 10,” which shall not exceed 10.” Do not cut snags unless they pose a safety risk to harvesting operations. Heterobasidion treatment required for all conifer by the end of each workday from April 1-November 30 and may be required from December 1-March 30 if abnormally warm for an extended period of time to be determined by Marathon County Forest representative. If using Cellu-Treat, 100% of stump cross-section must be treated (NO EXCEPTIONS). If using Rot-Stop, at least 85% of stump cross-section must be treated. County forester will flag 15-foot equipment restriction zone for ponds/lakes. Buckthorn area (see prospectus map) will be flagged, and all equipment shall be cleaned off prior to leaving this area each time.

Utilization: Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4-inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2-inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end








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# Tract 03-24



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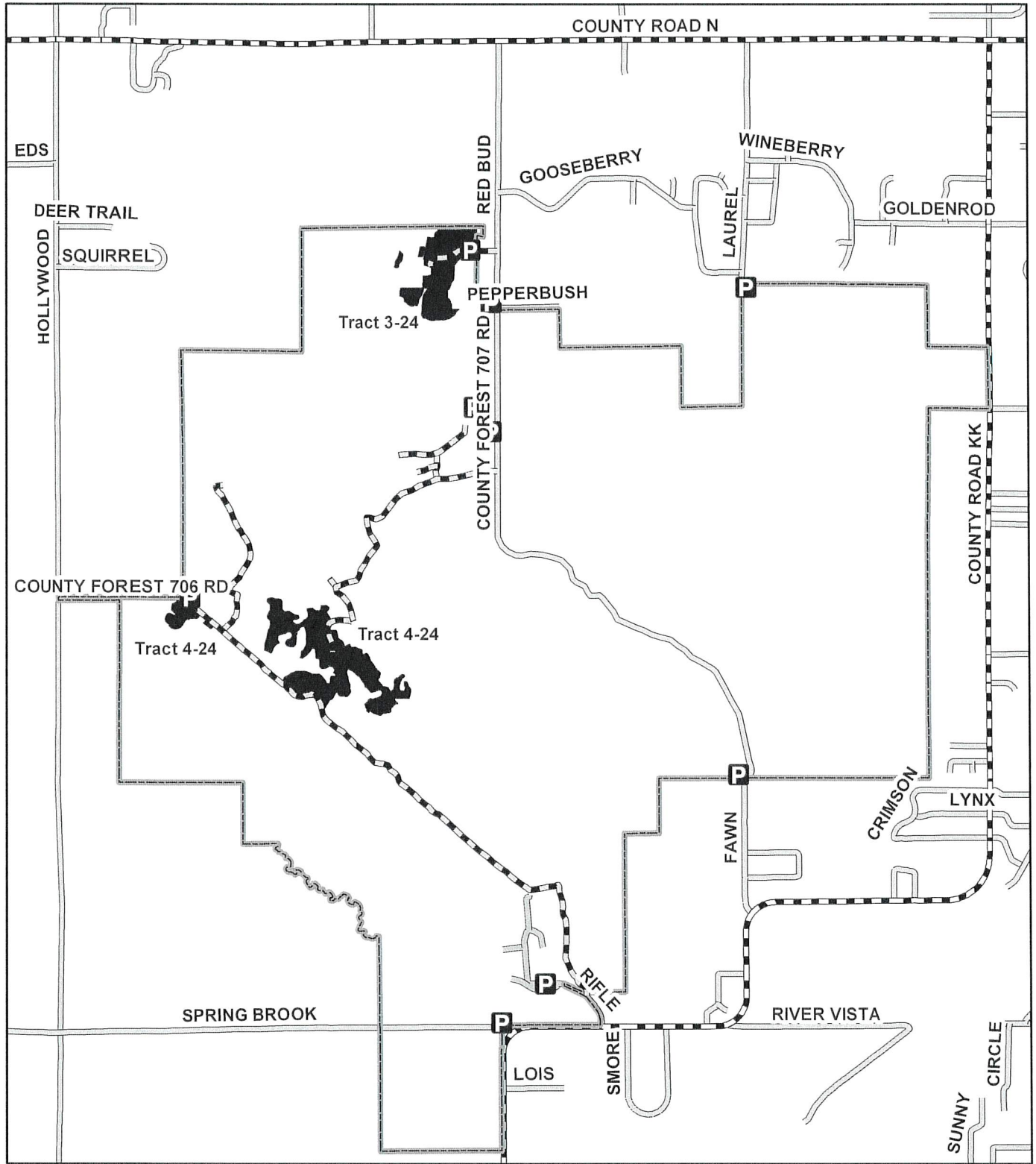
## Legend

-  Red Pine Thinning
-  Lakes
-  Streams
-  Gravel Trails
-  Trails
-  Parking Lots
-  RPL Red Paint Line








# Nine Mile Forest Unit



**Legend**

-  Forest Unit Boundary
-  Parking Lots
-  Gravel Trails



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE  
 Nine Mile Forest Unit – March 2024

**Tract # 04-24 TWICE AS LONG**

ESTIMATED VOLUMES		
SPECIES	PULPWOOD (TONS)	LOGS (MBF)
Red Oak	1100	75.0
Red Maple	-	20.0
Hard Maple	-	20.0
Ash	-	*7.0
Basswood	80	4.0
Mixed Hardwood	**850	-
Aspen	550	-
Tops/Biomass	<b>Not Offered</b>	-

Location: Section 31, T.28N.-R.7E. (Town of Rib Mt.)  
 Section 36, T.28N.-R.6E. (Town of Marathon)

Size: 68 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: August 11 – October 31  
 (Area 3 may be harvested from November 1 – March 15  
 with ingress/egress restrictions)

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by June  
 30, 2026.

**TICKET/MILL SCALE SALE**

\*Includes less than 1.0 MBF all other hardwood logs

\*\*Approximately 55% Hard Maple, 24% Red Maple, 16% Ash, & 5% all other hardwood

Cutting Regulations:

Area 1 – Oak Shelterwood (36 acres in 6 blocks) – Cut all trees one inch and greater unless marked with green paint or within green paint lines.

Area 2 – Hardwood Thinning (25 acres in 4 blocks) – Cut all orange marked trees.

Area 3 – Aspen Coppice (7 acres in 2 blocks) – Cut all trees one inch and greater except oak & conifer (unless marked with orange paint), green marked trees, and trees within green paint lines.

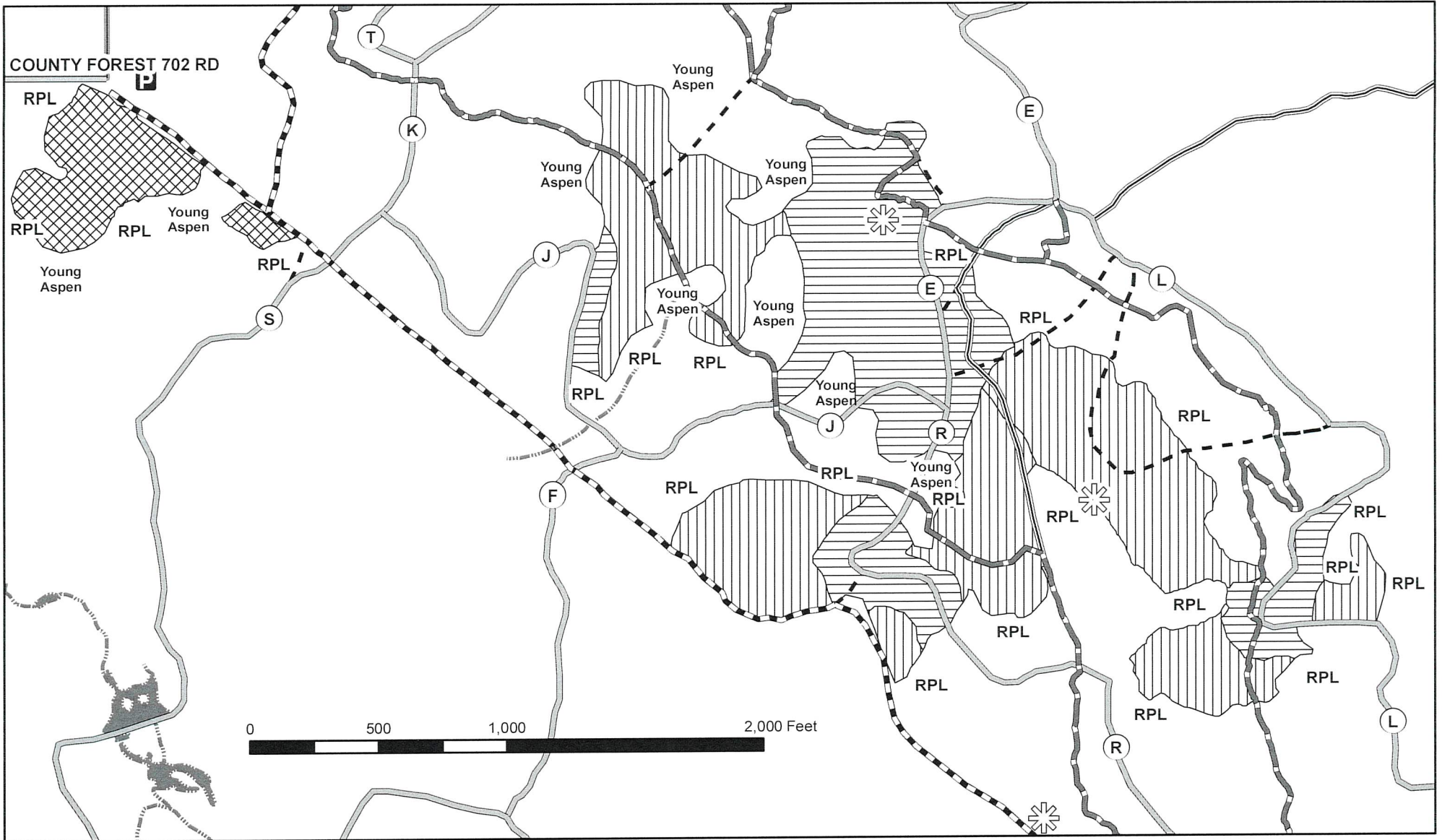
Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve new roads, trails, skid routes and decking areas. Use of and crossing of cross-country ski trails shall not be permitted after October 31. All roads and trails shall be returned to their original condition by October 31 of each year.

Slash/Wildlife/Other: 16’8” maximum forest product length. All tops shall be lopped and scattered to lie within 24 inches of the ground. Maximum stump height shall not exceed the stump diameter, except for stumps less than 10,” which shall not exceed 10.” Do not cut snags unless they pose a safety risk to harvesting operations or are within 100’ trails. Do not cut wildlife trees marked with an orange “W.” Recreational events on weekdays and weekends may suspend harvesting and hauling operations for short periods. Contact county forester for dates of events.










Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound  
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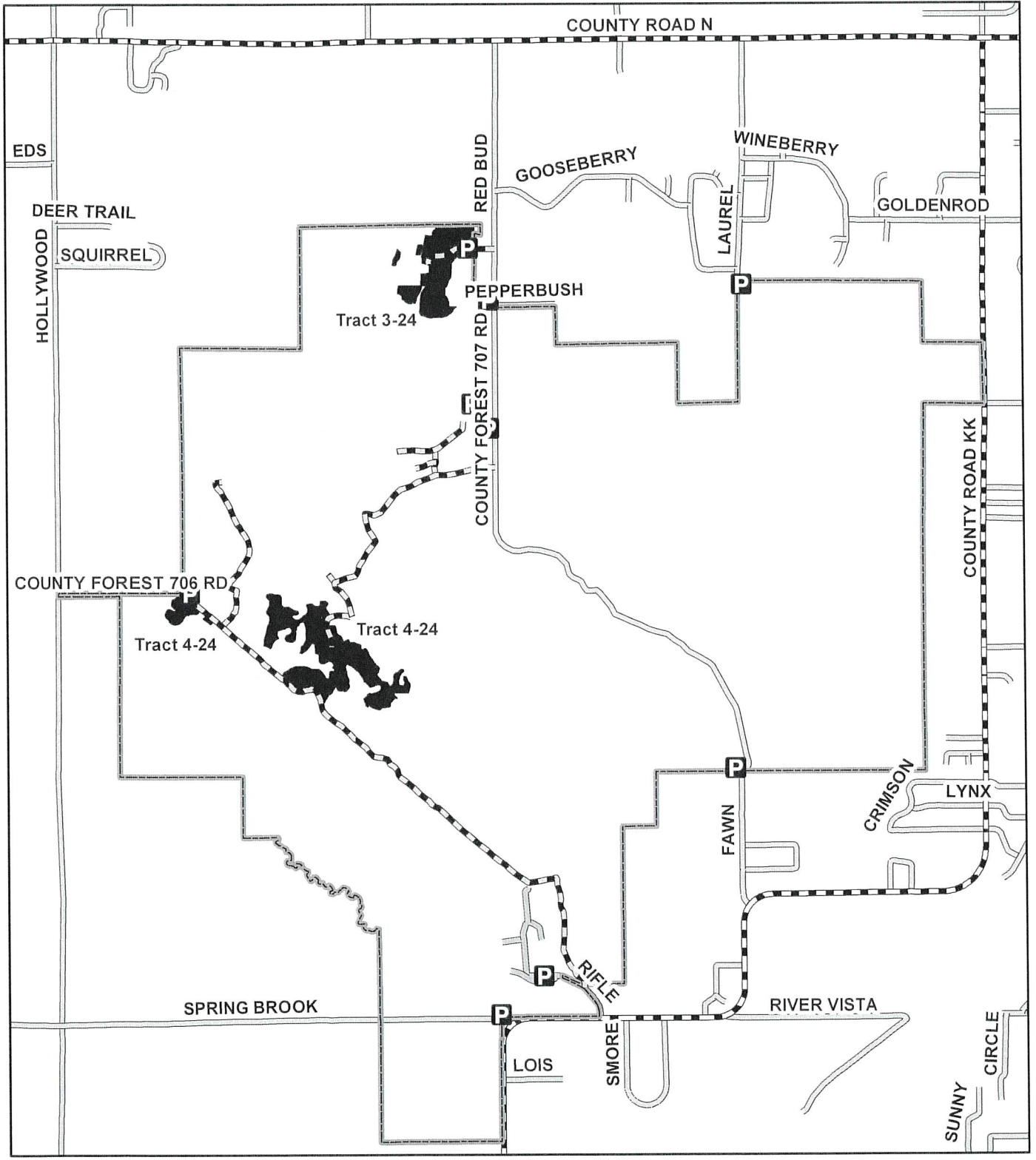
## Legend

 Area 1: Oak Shelterwood	 Horse Trails	 Snowshoe Trails	<b>RPL</b> Red Paint Line
 Area 2: Hardwood Thinning	 Single Track Trails	 Other Trails	 Oak Wilt Salvage
 Area 3: Aspen Coppice	 XC Ski Trails	 Parking Lots	








# Nine Mile Forest Unit



**Legend**

-  Forest Unit Boundary
-  Parking Lots
-  Gravel Trails



MARATHON COUNTY TIMBER SALE  
Kronenwetter Forest Unit – March 2024

**Tract # 05-24 Hidden Waters**

ESTIMATED VOLUMES		
SPECIES	PULPWOOD (TONS)	LOGS (MBF)
Aspen	2350	
Mixed Hardwood	*210	**1.0
Red Oak	55	7.0
Biomass (Optional)	650	

Location: Section 24, T.27N.-R.8E. (Village of Kronenwetter)

Size: 53 Acres

Seasonal Time Frame: Frozen Ground  
(Consideration will be given from July 16 until frozen ground if abnormally dry)

Contract Length: Contract must be completed by June 30, 2027.

\*Approximately 79% Red Maple, 12% Ash, 9% All

Other Hardwood

\*\*Includes All Other Hardwood

**TICKET/MILL SCALE SALE**

**Cutting Regulations:**

Aspen Coppice (53 acres in 1 block) – Cut all trees 1 inch and greater except oak (unless marked with orange paint) and conifer.

Roads/Trails/Decking Areas: Forestry Division must approve new roads, trails, skid routes and decking areas. All roads and trails shall be returned to their original condition.

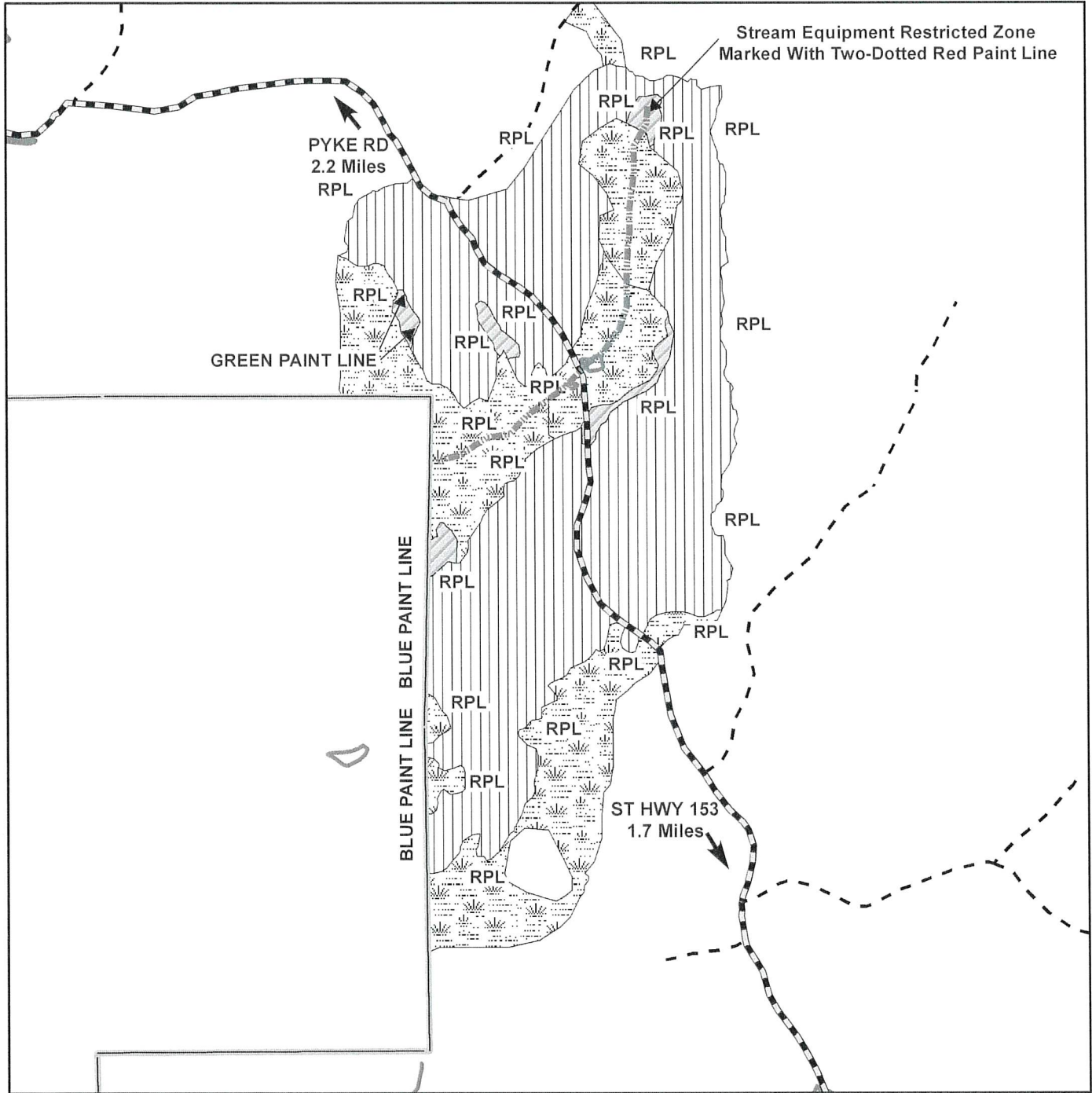
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

Utilization: Sawlogs - 10 inch or larger diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end, at least 50% sound  
Pulpwood - One or more sticks to a 4-inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end  
Tops/Biomass - Minimum utilization to a 2-inch diameter inside bark (DIB) on the small end

The bidder must sign and return our contract and a performance bond of at least 25% of the contract value within 15 days of being awarded the bid or the bidder will forfeit the bid bond in its entirety.



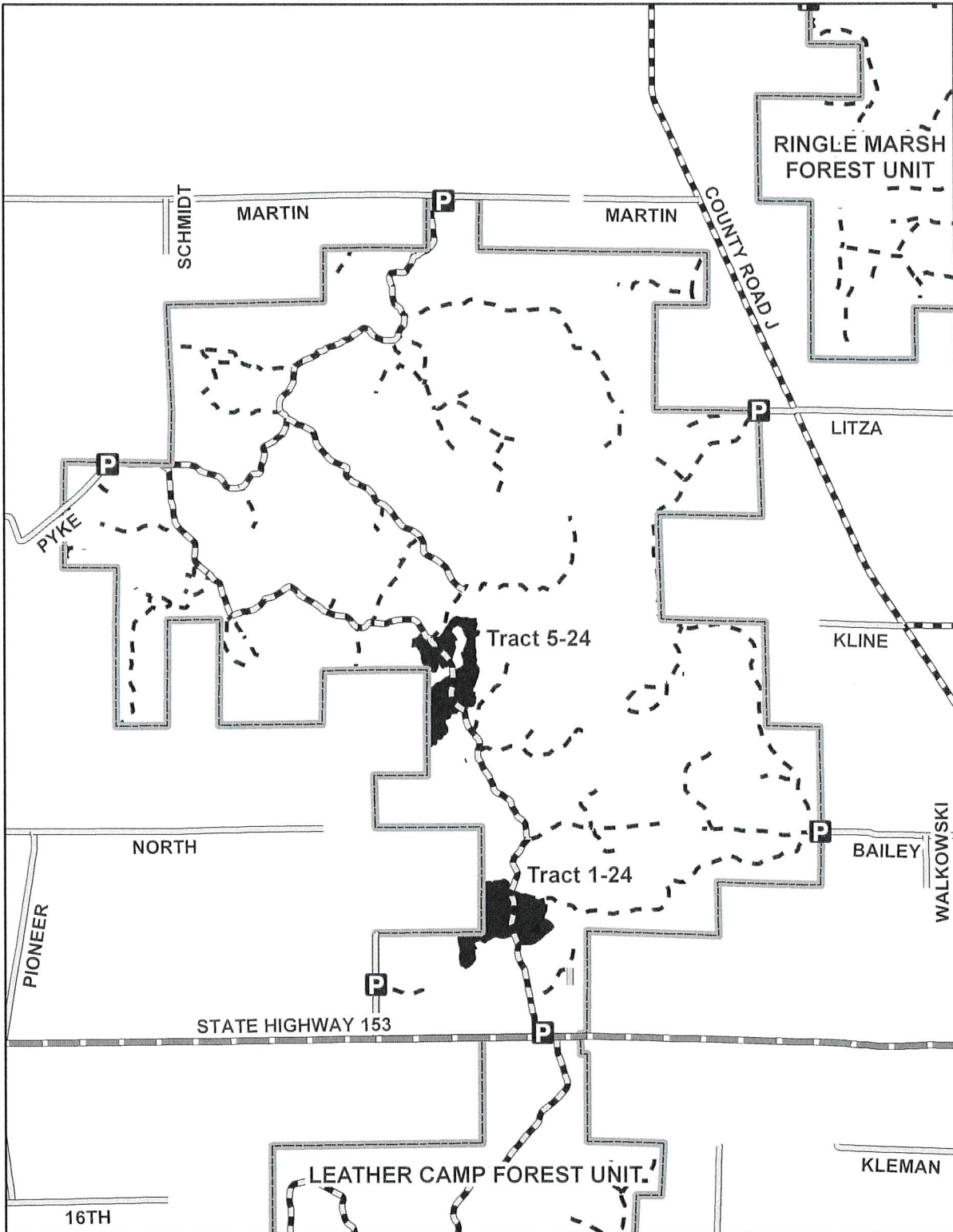
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Legend		
	Aspen Coppice	 Forest Unit Boundary
	Green Tree Islands	 Gravel Trails
	Wetlands	 Grass Trails
		<b>RPL</b> Red Paint Line



# Kronenwetter Forest Unit



**Legend**

-  Forest Unit Boundary
-  Gravel Trails
-  Parking Lots



# Parks, Recreation & Forestry Law Enforcement Annual Report (01/01/2023-12/22/2023)

## Parks:

**Patrols:** Times where Mike, Tyler or Brian entered a park without being called there for a specific complaint. This does not include other sheriff's deputies checking out at the parks during their shifts. Numbers are from the Sheriff's CAD System. They indicate the number of times we check out at a specific park for a Patrol.

Patrol can vary widely from driving through the parking lots and checking passes, to foot patrols through the park. They can be 15 minutes or hours in length.

These are also only the times we actually physically checked out at a park, there are also times we are at various parks and do not check out. The times we do not check out are usually very quick patrols where there it is discovered there are very few people at the park. (Only 0-2 vehicle's in lot, etc.)

**Criminal Complaints:** Times where Mike, Tyler or Brian entered a park after being called by either the parks department or a witness for a specific complaint or issue. This does not include other sheriff's deputies being dispatched to parks when Mike, Tyler or Brian are unavailable.

Complaints can vary on types of complaints. Majority of complaints are for camping registration violations, noise complaints, and littering complaints. Others include, complaints of entering prohibited areas, pay tube break-ins, domestic animal violations, and wild animal complaints.

### Patrols

Marathon Park:	37
DC Everest:	36
Bluegill:	51
Big Eau Pleine:	62
Dells of Eau Claire:	26
Sunnyvale:	70
Rib Falls:	9
Mission Lake:	19
Ashley:	0
Big Rapids:	6
Cherokee:	2
Amco:	3
Brokaw:	8
Gilbert:	2
Memorial:	0
Oak Island:	0
Schofield:	1
<i>Total:</i>	<i>332</i>

### Criminal Complaints

Marathon Park:	7
DC Everest:	8
Bluegill:	8
Big Eau Pleine:	12
Dells of Eau Claire:	5
Sunnyvale:	3
Rib Falls:	2
Mission Lake:	1
Ashley:	0
Big Rapids:	0
Cherokee:	1
Amco:	0
Brokaw:	0
<i>Total:</i>	<i>47</i>

**Citations and Warnings:** Number of times a person was issued a citation or written warning for a Parks ordinance violations. This does not include verbal warnings which makes up the vast majority of enforcement means and are not able to be tallied. This does not include State Criminal Charges, or State Citations. This also does not include Violation Notices issued.

<b>Citations</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>
Deface, Remove, Destroy: 0	Littering, Dumping, Refuse: 1
Fail to Pay Fee: 24	Enter Prohibited Area: 0
Vehicle Violations: 3	Animal Violations: 0
Littering, Dumping, Refuse: 4	Vehicle Violations: 3
Animal Violations: 0	Soliciting: 0
Camping Violations: 1	<i>Total: 4</i>
Obstructing Officer: 0	
Permit Violations: 0	
<i>Total: 32</i>	

**Criminal Charges and Arrests:** Number of times a person had criminal charges brought against them or was arrested for a criminal offense by Mike, Tyler or Brian for a violation at a park or during a recreational motor vehicle patrol. This does not include other arrests made by deputies at a park, if any occurred. This also does not include arrests made by Mike, Tyler or Brian for non-park related complaints.

<b>Criminal Charges</b>	
Warrant Arrests:	0
OWI Related Arrests:	0
Check Fraud:	0
Lewd Behavior:	0
Criminal Damage to Property:	0
<i>Total:</i>	<i>0</i>

## Forestry:

**Patrols and Complaints:** Times Mike, Tyler or Brian were at a Forest Unit for either a complaint called in by Forestry Staff or citizen, or a general patrol.

<b>Patrols and Complaints</b>	<b>Patrols</b>	<b>Tree Stand/Trail Camera Enforcement</b>
Vehicle Violations: 2	Nine Mile: 94	Monitoring: 6
XC Ski Patrols: 12	Burma: 12	Tree Stands/Camera Confiscated: 15
Vandalism: 1	Ringle: 8	Boat Confiscated: 2
Misc. Criminal: 5	Kronenwetter: 3	No Stand Located: 3
Illegal Dumping: 4	Leathercamp: 5	Citations: 4
Lost Hiker/Hunter: 0	Wisconsin River: 2	<i>Total: 30</i>
	Harrison Hewitt: 10	
	Bern Wetland: 3	
<i>Total: 24</i>	<i>Total: 137</i>	

**Citations:** Times Mike, Tyler or Brian issued a citation for violations of Forestry Ordinance. This does not include violations notices issued.

<b>Citations</b>
Vehicle Violations: 2
Abandoned Vehicle: 0
Misc: 5
<i>Total: 7</i>

## Recreation Motor Vehicle Patrols:

Hours, Citations, and Warnings Submitted to DNR for recreational motor vehicle patrols. Snowmobile data is from 2022-2023 snowmobile season. Boat Data is taken from the 2023 season. ATV data is for patrols from May 2023-December 2023, due to DNR considering any patrols prior to May as 2022 data and December logs are not completed yet. These hours at the total hours from all deputies working the grants.

<b>Type</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>Warnings</b>
Snowmobile:	276.5	16	24
Boat:	223	5	22
ATV:	548	24	46
<i>Total:</i>	<i>1047.5</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>92</i>

Report numbers are based off of Brian for the whole year. Mike is from January 1 to June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tyler is June 23<sup>rd</sup> until the end of the year.

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## Gov. Evers Announces Approval of Largest Forest Conservation Effort in State History

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers tonight, during his 2024 State of the State address, announced the approval of an additional conservation easement covering 54,898 acres of the Pelican River Forest to complete one of the largest conservation projects in Wisconsin history. Altogether, over 67,000 acres of the Pelican River Forest will be protected, ensuring the forest will remain open to the public in perpetuity for outdoor recreation activities such as fishing, hunting, skiing, trapping, and hiking.

Relevant excerpts from Gov. Evers' 2024 State of the State address are available below:

*“Conserving and protecting our natural resources and land continues to be a top priority for my administration. I’m also excited to announce tonight I’m approving the largest forest conservation effort in state history. In partnership with the Biden Administration and the Conservation Fund, we’ve approved the conservation easement for the Pelican River Forest’s remaining acres to protect the forest for generations of future Wisconsinites to use and enjoy. This is a big deal, folks.”*

Following this announcement, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is moving forward with the acquisition of the easement with the Conservation Fund, which is expected to be completed by the end of the week.





“This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to protect nearly 70,000 acres of forestland provides greater access to nature, strengthens local economies, and enhances climate resiliency,” said Clint Miller, central Midwest regional director at The Conservation Fund. “The Conservation Fund and its partners are very grateful to the Richard King Mellon Foundation for their bridge financing loan and for the individual, foundation, and corporate support that helped provide a match for federal Forest Legacy Program funds—including a \$600,000 lead grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through Walmart’s Acres for America Program. Because so many worked so tirelessly to get this project done, Pelican River Forest will stand tall for generations to come.”

In addition, the Pelican River Forest conservation project has broad support from local governments, Native Nations, outdoor advocacy groups, local businesses, and thousands of individual Wisconsinites. The approved acreage under this conservation easement has been modified to address concerns from one local town in the Pelican River Forest footprint to accommodate future economic development growth and align with their comprehensive land use plan. All other townships within the footprint of the easement have language in their land use plans in support of industrial forest and recreational opportunities as an important component of their long-term vision.

The conservation easement will be funded by a grant from the U.S. Forestry Service Forest Legacy Program (FLP). In April 2023, Republicans on the Joint Committee on Finance voted to prevent the use of Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program funding to complete the conservation easement after months of inaction and obstruction. In response to this and other instances of abuses of power by Republicans, in October, Gov. Evers and Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul [filed a lawsuit](#) against Republicans in the Wisconsin State Legislature for obstructing basic government functions, including the blocking of conservation projects through the Stewardship Program. Despite attempts from Republicans to block this project, the Evers Administration has continued to work cooperatively with [The Conservation Fund](#) to complete the conservation easement and protect these valuable lands.

Strategic conservation of the state’s valuable natural resources is expected to have positive benefits on the local and regional economy, including minimal to no impact on property tax revenues and maintaining high timber harvest and tourism revenues. Conserving the Pelican River Forest also makes significant progress towards Gov. Evers’ [Trillion Trees Pledge](#), which includes conserving 125,000 acres of forestland by 2030. According to the DNR, the Pelican River Forest conservation easements will achieve 55 percent of the governor’s goal. In addition, the Pelican River Forest conservation easement will:

- Protect 58 miles of rivers and streams and 22,334 acres of wetlands;
- Protect more than seven miles of Class I and II designated cold-water trout streams;
- Ensure the land remains forested and is sustainably managed as a working forest;
  - The property is third-party certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, adhering to strict social and environmental standards.
- Store approximately 19 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO<sub>2e</sub>);

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- Annually, it is estimated the property will sequester 125,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e over the first five years of management. Permanently secure public access and open 56 miles of roads designated for motorized vehicle use
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- Connect important snowmobile/ATV/UTV trail routes to Oneida County's 1,100-mile trail network; and
- Protect the headwaters of the Wolf River, which supplies clean drinking water to over 40,000 people who live downstream in cities and towns like Wausau, Merrill, Keshena, and New London.

An online version of this release is available [here](#).

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