



MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 12:30pm
Meeting Location: Conference Room #3, 212 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

MEMBERS: Arnold Schlei (Chairman), Rick Seefeldt (Vice-Chairman), James Bove

Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.

Forestry/Recreation Committee Mission Statement: The Forestry/Recreation Committee shall have the responsibility to manage and protect the County Forest on a sustainable basis for ecological, economic, educational, recreational, and research needs of present and future generations.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment Period – Not to Exceed 15 Minutes
3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 5, 2019 Committee Meeting
4. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports
A. 2009 – 2018 Forestry Division Expense/Revenue Report
B. Update on the 2018-2019 Winter Timber Sale Harvests and Possible Extension Requests
C. Wisconsin County Forests Summer Tour – Jackson/Monroe Counties June 20-21, 2019
D. Wisconsin County Forests Association Executive Director Retirement
E. 2019 – 2021 Governors State Budget Proposals Affecting Forestry Programs
5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:
A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
1. Timber Sale Closeout - Kleinschmidt Logging LLC Contract #648-16
B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration
1. 2018 County Forest Division Annual Report
6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee - None
7. Announcements
A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm 3
B. Future Agenda Items – Review and Consider Approving the 2019 Spring Timber Package, Chapter 16 Ordinance Amendments
8. Adjourn

SIGNED /s/ Thomas G. Lovlien
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE

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 INFOMARATHON@MAIL.CO.MARATHON.WI.US ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

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FAXED TO: Daily Herald City Pages Marshfield News
Mid-west Radio Group – 848-3158
FAXED BY: Jodi Luebbe
FAX DATE/TIME: February 26, 2019 2:45pm
By:
Date:
Time: a.m/p.m.

Members present: Arnold Schlei (c), Rick Seefeldt, James Bove

Also present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director, Chad Keranen-DNR Liaison, John Beatty, Brian Kowalski-City Pages

Call meeting to order – Meeting called to order by Chairman Schlei at 12:30pm, Rm 3, 212 River Dr., Wausau.

Public Comment Period – Not to Exceed 15 Minutes – none brought forward

Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Bove / Seefeldt to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. 2018 County Forest Law Enforcement Report – Lovlien reported that twelve tree stands were seized and five citations were written for various violations. Lovlien said the tree stand policy may be revisited in the future.

B. High School Mountain Bike Participation and Revenue – Lovlien reported there were 541 participants and the revenue was \$3,319.00 from the Mountain Bike Race that was held last October.

C. Parks, Recreation and Forestry Mission Statement – Polley reported that staff is currently working on updating its mission statement so that it incorporates all of the core services it provides and aligns with the County and City.

D. Value of Public Land Timber Sales in Wisconsin – In 2018 Marathon County closed out ten timber sales worth about \$667,000. The value of the 29 counties combined produced over 46 million dollars in stumpage revenues. Lovlien noted that some counties can reduce the levy by the amount of timber revenue that comes in through their timber sale program. The counties are the largest public land holder and many industries rely on them for wood. The lands are sustainably managed and are third party certified. The goal is to have a strong timber program along with a great recreation program.

E. Winter Recreation Program Update – So far this year has lacked snow, had some extremely cold weather, and rain. The ski trails opened January 24<sup>th</sup>. Snowmobile trails opened for three days and are currently closed. The tubing hill and one outdoor rink are open. Snow is forecasted which will help all of the outdoor recreation activities.

Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Timber Sale Closeouts

a. Kleinschmidt Logging – Contract #645-16 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 945 and 1078.34 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$30,710.42. More oak sawlogs were partly due to an oak wilt pocket where about 40 trees were cut in Nine Mile and added to the sale. Lovlien's recommendation is to close out Kleinschmidt Logging contract #645-16 and return their Letter of Credit. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Seefeldt to close out Kleinschmidt Logging contract #645-16 and return their Letter of Credit. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

b. Schreiber Logging Inc. – Contract #657-16 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 590 and 743.28 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$7,745.04. Lovlien's recommendation is to close out Schreiber Logging Inc. Contract #657-16 and return their cash bond. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to close out Schreiber Logging Inc. Contract #657-16 and return their cash bond. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Consider Appointment to the Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Representing Equestrian Interests – No applications for an equestrian representative were received despite two press releases. Lovlien reached out to Susan Stomieroski who had interest in the horse trails. Stomieroski attended the last Subcommittee meeting and submitted an application. Lovlien believes she would be a good member and asked Committee to appoint her to the Subcommittee for the remainder of the term representing equestrian interests. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Seefeldt to appoint Susan Stomieroski to the County Forest Citizens’ Advisory Subcommittee as the representative for equestrian interests. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration - None

Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee – None

Announcements

- A. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – Tentatively Tues., March 5, 2019 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm. 3
- B. Future Agenda Items – 2018 County Forest Division Annual Report, Review and Consider Approving the 2019 Spring Timbersale Package, Forestry Division Expense Revenue Report

Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Schlei to adjourn at 1:15 pm. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

## 2009-2018 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
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
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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,328,156</b>	<b>\$3,029,710</b>	<b>5952</b>	<b>\$2,258,000</b>	<b>\$2,757,427</b>	<b>\$617,174</b>	<b>\$3,374,601</b>	<b>\$3,440,591</b>	<b>(\$65,990)</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, bond recovery and misc. revenues

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



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February 14, 2019

Norman Bickford, President  
Wisconsin County Forests Association  
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Webster, WI 54893

Dear Norm,

I am writing to formally notify you of my intent to retire from my current position as Executive Director of Wisconsin County Forests Association (WCFA). During initial conversations with you on this topic I indicated a desired retirement date of August 31, 2019. If WCFA is willing to allow me to stay in my current position until December 31, 2019, and you feel it would be of benefit to the organization, I am willing to do so.

WCFA is a phenomenal organization and I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 11.5 years serving as your executive director. The organization's leadership and members have been extremely supportive of my work and I sincerely appreciate all of the support. I believe the organization has grown tremendously in many ways over the past decade and that is due to the efforts of everyone involved in the organization.

If WCFA is able to fill the position with a qualified candidate prior to December 31, 2019 I will willingly step aside or gladly assist in any transition at your request. I could not have asked for a more fulfilling end of career position than serving as Executive Director of WCFA.

If you feel it would be beneficial, I look forward to assisting as WCFA moves forward with decisions regarding how the organization should be staffed as you prepare for the next chapter.

Thank you for everything you have done for me.

Sincerely,

Jane F. Severt, Executive Director  
Wisconsin County Forests Association.

Cc WCFA Personnel Committee  
Gary Zimmer, WCFA Assistant Executive Director  
Doug Brown, WDNR County Forest Specialist

# CLOSE OUT TIMBER SALES

Closeout March 5, 2019

Sale 648-16

KLEINSCHMIDT LOGGING

	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Cut</b>	
Aspen Pulp	230 Tons	238.85 Tons	Aspen Pulp
Mixed Hardwood Pulp	1060 Tons	1091.08 Tons	Mixed Hardwood Pulp
Oak Pulp	275 Tons	379.94 Tons	Oak Pulp
Mixed Hardwood Tops <	350 Tons		
	<b>1915 Tons</b>	<b>1709.87 Total Tons Cut</b>	
Red Maple Sawlogs	14 MBF	15.36 MBF	Red Maple Sawlogs
Red Oak Sawlogs	8 MBF	12.58 MBF	Red Oak Sawlogs
	<b>22 MBF</b>	<b>27.94 Total MBF Cut</b>	

Total Revenue for Sale: **\$40,412.66**

Balance: \$4,338.16

Bond Amount: \$9,143.28

Bond Type: Letter of Credit

Recommendation: **Close out contract and return Letter of Credit**

# **Wausau and Marathon County Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department**

## **2018 County Forest Division Annual Report**

January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

### **Program Highlights:**

- Net timber sale revenue to Marathon County of \$500,426.65
- Total net revenue for the Forestry Division program was \$558,494.65 and expenses were \$359,452.21. Returned \$199,042.44 to the general fund.
- Purchased 40 acres of land in the Harrison-Hewitt Forest Unit to add to the County Forest.
- Practiced sustainable forestry on 774 acres on the Marathon County Forest. This is based on closed out sales with DNR in 2018.
- Treated pockets of invasive species at several locations on County Forest land.
- Continued participation as a member of the Wisconsin County Forests Association Forest Legislative/Certification Committee.
- Mowed 50 miles of hunter walking trails and associated wildlife openings.
- Continued participation in the County Forest Administrator grant program that funds one-half the salary and fringe benefits of the Forest Administrator position.
- Continued participation in third party forest certification under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standard.
- Resurfaced 2.75 miles of roads and trails in Nine Mile and Kronenwetter Forest Units adding 3400 yards of granite.
- The first ever High School Mountain Bike Race was held at Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area with 541 participants resulting in \$3,319.00 in revenue. The same race will be held in 2019.
- Regulated uses at Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area to allow all user groups to have safe and quality recreation experiences.
- Two regular Mountain Bike Races were held at Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area with 636 participants resulting in \$6022.20 in revenue for Marathon County.
- Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area hosted the second annual Ragnar Trail relay running race with 2700 participants resulting in \$23,364.57 in revenue.
- Updated the Marathon County Snowmobile map for the Snowmobile Council.
- Utilized volunteers to complete work on both the ski and mountain bike trails.

**Land Holdings:**

Acreage in 2018:

County Forest - Regular County Forest Law	29,642.69
County Forest - Special County Forest Law	<u>552.10</u>
Total County Forest	30,194.79

**Other Land Holdings:**

Parking & road access	8.59
Farm Lease	80.00
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: 32,222.56 Acres**

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

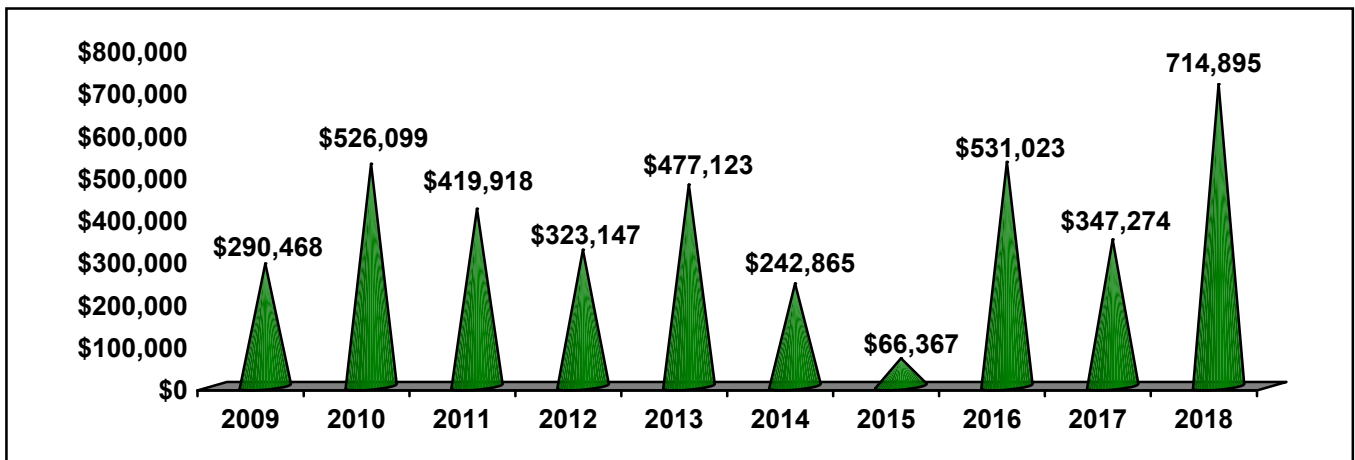
**Timber Sales:**

Timber sales generated 15,888 cords of pulpwood and 489,000 board feet of logs worth \$714,895.21(unaudited) in 2018. The following is a listing of the gross value of timber cut from the forest over the past 10 years:

2009	\$290,467.76	2014	\$242,865.33
2010	\$526,099.29	2015	\$66,366.74
2011	\$419,917.34	2016	\$531,022.66
2012	\$323,146.07	2017	\$347,274.04
2013	\$477,122.61	2018	\$714,895.21

**Marathon County Forest**

Timber Sales Annual Gross Revenue – Cut and Hauled

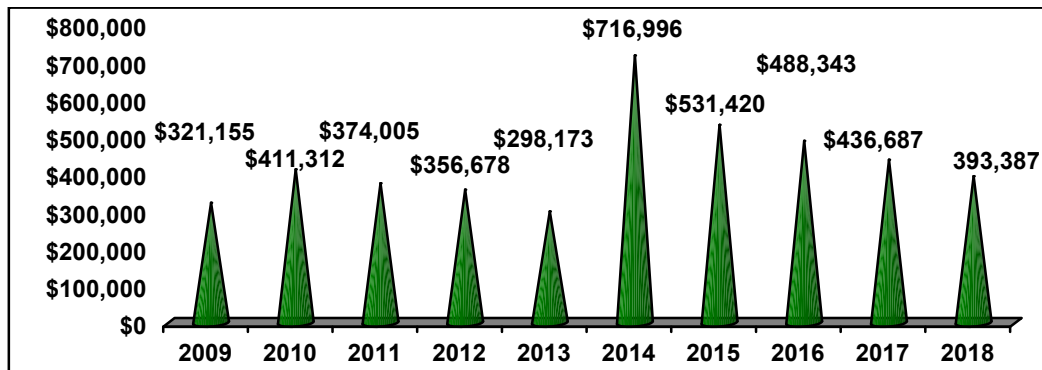




### Other Timber Sale Data:

New sales – 12 were established on 709 acres with 13,757 cords appraised at \$441,973.65.

### Marathon County Forest Timber Sales Annual Sold Value



1. Sold sales - 12 of 13 sales advertised were sold in 2018 for a value of \$393,386.90.
2. Uncompleted timber contracts – 25 with 26,443 cord equivalents worth \$1,179,992.00.
3. Cut volume reports filed with DNR (form 2460):
  - Final reports – 7 sales worth \$461,730.79.
  - Partial reports - 0 sales worth \$0.
4. Severance paid to DNR on interest free loans \$92,346.16.
5. Severance Tax Escrow for Town payments (10% of gross receipts) \$71,489.53.
6. Firewood permits – 18 permits were issued worth \$480.00.
7. New sale establishment – evaluated 861 acres for potential sale (established 709 acres).
8. Forest reconnaissance - updated 3198 acres.

### Cultural Projects:

1. Classified forest habitat types on one acre for inclusion in our GIS database.
2. Monitored for additional oak wilt areas in Nine Mile and Kronenwetter Forest Units.
3. Identified two new pockets of oak trees in Nine Mile infected with the oak wilt fungus, treatment on one of the sites was completed in July with 34 trees treated. The other site will be monitored.
4. Applied and received a \$31,200 Sustainable Forestry grant to attempt to control invasive species and unwanted shrubs on several areas of the County Forest. Treatment will begin in 2019.
5. Scarified 57 acres of the forest floor to prepare the site for oak acorn seedling germination at Nine Mile Forest Unit using DNR heavy equipment.
6. A contractor used herbicide on 14 acres to reduce ironwood, witch hazel, muscledwood and red maple at Burma and Leather Camp Forest Units to promote hardwood and oak regeneration.
7. Treated areas of tansy, thistle and spotted knapweed on several wildlife flowage dikes and forest unit trails.
8. Completed deer browse surveys at Big Eau Pleine County Park. This will continue in 2019 and beyond.
9. Completed deer browse surveys on 211 acres of the Marathon County Forest.

### Reforestation:

1. No reforestation took place in 2018 as all plantations were fully stocked and growing well.

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

1. APHIS trapped 16 beaver and removed 22 dams at problem locations in the county forest. One dam was blown using dynamite.
2. Replaced three culverts at the Burma Forest Unit and added granite in problem locations.
3. Brushed approximately 11 miles of roads and trails in the Burma Road Forest Unit.
4. Placed 3400 yards of granite on forest trails in the Kronenwetter and Leather Camp Forest Units.
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.
7. Performed normal maintenance on 190 miles of forest roads and trails.
8. Repaired several sections of trail in Nine Mile Forest due to heavy use and erosion.
9. Graded several sections of the Burma Road ATV trails to prevent erosion.
10. Inspected County Forest boundaries to control encroaching land uses.
11. Removed blown over trees on mountain bike and ski trails in Nine Mile County Forest.
12. Repaired gates on roads and trails that access the County Forest.
13. Repaired deer exclusion fences at Big Eau Pleine Park. They were installed to collect data on deer browsing.

**Administration:**

1. Continued the utilization of the DNR forestry reconnaissance program (WisFIRS).
2. Evaluated three parcels for potential land acquisition as an addition to County Forest land.
3. Applied and received a \$31,368.00 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to help in the purchase 40 acres of land to add to the Harrison-Hewitt forest Unit.
4. Drafted and adopted an Event and Use Regulations policy for Nine Mile County Forest to minimize user conflicts and balance all the competing uses.
5. Developed policy and implemented principals of Forest Certification - Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) on the Marathon County Forest.
6. Continued participation in Priority Based Budgeting for the PRF Department.
7. Drafted amendments to the County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan to reflect forest certification, language and policy changes.
8. Located and assisted in the purchase of approximately 100 cords of firewood for campers for use at the County Park campgrounds.
9. Assisted in selecting a consultant to complete the 2019-2023 County Outdoor Recreation Plan for parks.
10. Assisted in the purchase of 3.99 acres of land to add to the Dells of the Eau Claire Park.
11. Park and forest rangers removed twelve illegal tree stands, two trail cameras and one game cart from County Forest lands.
12. The Chief Ranger issued five citations on County Forest lands. One for operating a bike without paying the established fee, two for cutting natural growth, one for using a tree stand in an unauthorized manner and one for defacing trees.
13. Issued five ATV/UTV disabled person access permits to people with disabilities for County Forest access.
14. Revisions were made to Chapter 16 of the County Forest Ordinances and are scheduled to be considered by the Forestry/Recreation Committee and County Board in 2019.
15. Held quarterly meetings with the Forest Citizen's Advisory Subcommittee to discuss forestry and recreation issues.
16. Participated in County strategic planning sessions to understand how to implement and measure outcomes.

**Wildlife and Fisheries Management:**

In cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources:

1. Maintained 17 flowages.
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. Treated 21 out of 72 forest openings in the forest units by either mowing or applying herbicides. Several other openings were field checked and didn't need treatment.
5. Sheared 12 acres of tag alder in the Leather Camp Forest Unit to create habitat for grouse, woodcock and other early successional species.
6. Seeded roads and trails with a wildlife mixture in Kronenwetter, Nine Mile and Harrison-Hewitt Forest Units.
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 2019 and beyond.
8. Seeded 100 lbs. of wild rice in flowages at Nine Mile Forest Units.
9. Completed a furbearer track survey in Kronenwetter and Leather Camp Forest Units. Wolves, coyote, fisher and bobcat tracks were observed.
10. Chemically or manually treated tansy, spotted knapweed and thistle along flowage dikes.
11. Testified in favor of additional antlerless tags to the County Deer Advisory Council(CDAC) in an attempt to reduce the deer population in areas of County Forests with tree regeneration problems.

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

The ski season opened on January 16, 2018 and the chalet closed for the season on March 21, 2018.

The Wausau Nordic Ski Club offered free adult ski lessons on Tuesday evenings in January. The County assisted by allowing free ski rental and free 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 was cancelled due to the lack of snow. Special Olympics was held and had 300 participants. Badger State Games had 400 participants. Stomp the Swamp Snowshoe race was again held in February with 68 participants. Total annual receipts associated with skiing and snowshoe activity was \$66,820.55.

**Ski 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 work days in October. They performed tasks such as rock picking, lifting trees and brushing trails.
3. Trail signs were inspected and damaged trail signs replaced, some new signage added, this work will continue in 2019 as the signage is evaluated and updated.
4. Numerous heavy rain events caused moderate to severe erosion on ski trails that was repaired by County operations staff in 2018.

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

The 2018 mountain bike season opened at noon on May 15 because the April snowstorms caused wet conditions. The bike trails closed as scheduled on October 15.

There were three Mountain Bike events held at Nine Mile in 2018; The Wisconsin Endurance Mountain Bike Series, NICA High School Race and the Wausau 24. A total of 1310 daily passes and 586 annual passes were sold in 2018. Total receipts associated with mountain biking in 2018 totaled \$31,247.06.

Central Wisconsin Off-Road Cycling Coalition, (CWOCC) continues to be a great partner in maintaining the trail system. The volunteers donate many hours of their time to maintain the single track trails.

**Other Recreation:**

1. Five cross country running races were held at Nine Mile in 2018.
2. Six ATV safety classes were held in the north parking lot at Nine Mile Forest Unit in 2018.
3. Issued thirteen undesignated camping permits for county forests in 2018.
4. Second annual Ragnar trail running relay race was held at Nine Mile with over 2700 participants.
5. 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 and the demand for more trails is increasing.

**Recreational GIS Mapping:**

1. Completed changes for the 2018-19 snowmobile map for Marathon County.
2. Completed new maps for the 6/10/20 kilometer ski trails at Nine Mile Forest.
3. Completed revisions to the Sylvan Park ski trail map.

**Snowmobile Trails:**

1. Trails were open 36 days during the 2017-18 season. Looking back 27 years, the seasonal average has been 45 days.
2. Six 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.
4. The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department annually update the snowmobile trail map for the Snowmobile Council to print.
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 Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention and Visitors Bureau maintain the snow and trail conditions hotline which is updated by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department as snow conditions change.
8. Current trail conditions are also updated by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on the Marathon County 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.

**Burma Forest ATV/UTV Trails:**

1. Summer trails were maintained using \$5,132.00 of State ATV/UTV trail maintenance funds.
2. The Mid-Wisconsin Trailblazers ATV Club, through a contract with Marathon County, was responsible for the routine maintenance of 11 miles of summer ATV/UTV trails.
3. Volunteers from the Mid-Wisconsin Trailblazers ATV Club continued their trail patrol to encourage safe and ethical riding. Patrol members talked to other riders about the importance of staying on the trail.

**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 Society of American Foresters, Wisconsin County Forests Association and Forest Certification training sessions.
3. A forestry grad participated in a forest management job shadow with the County Forester.
4. County Forester gave a presentation on forest management to members of the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association at Nine Mile Forest.
5. County Forester gave a presentation to 125 K-8 grade students on tree identification at DC Everest middle school.
6. County Forester attended Best Management Practices for Water Quality training.
7. County Forester attended Forest Metrix training using I-Pads for use in field data collection.
8. County Forester attended First Aid/CPR training.
9. Forest Administrator continued the duties of the PRF Department Culture Champion until June 1 and mentored the new culture champion ease into this role.
10. Analyzed plant samples for insect and disease problems.
11. Interviewed by media on forestry related issues.
12. Created interpretive displays to educate the public about the benefits of sustainable forest management.
13. Continued participation in a research project on how seasonal timber harvesting restrictions affects sustainable forest management in Wisconsin.
14. Attended leadership development meetings for Marathon County managers.

**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 18-19  
 Cross-Country Ski Trails  
 General Fund - Snowmobile Coordinator  
 Snowmobile Grant 18-19