



MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA

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

MEMBERS: Arnold Schlei (Chairman), Rick Seefeldt (Vice-Chairman), Jim 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.

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Mission Statement: Adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, and play.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment Period – Not to Exceed 15 Minutes
3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 1, 2019 Committee Meeting
4. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports
A. County Forest Land Acquisition Updates – CERES and Romatowski Properties
B. Wausau 24 and NICA High School Race Participation and Revenue
C. County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021 – 2035 Survey Results
D. County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Chapter 200 Section 215.2.3 Other Funds
E. Wisconsin Forest Products Week
F. National Forest Products Week
5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:
A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
1. Review Timber Bids and Award Contracts
2. County Forest Land Acquisition – Committee Discussion on Priorities for Blocking
B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration – None
6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee - None
7. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Dec. 3, 2019, 12:30pm, Rm. 3, 212 River Dr., Wausau, WI 54403
A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
B. Future Agenda Items: 2020 County Forest Work Plan, 2020 County Forest Wildlife Work Plan, Resolution: Application for County Forest Acreage Share Payment, 2020 Forestry/Recreation Committee Tentative Meeting Schedule
8. Adjournment

SIGNED /s/ Thomas 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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Daily Herald City Pages Marshfield News
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FAXED BY: Jodi Luebbe
FAX DATE/TIME: October 29, 2019 10:30 a.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:
By:
Date:
Time: a.m/p.m.

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

Also present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director, Chad Keranen-DNR Liaison, John Beatty, Mike Lane, Gary Zimbric

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 – Mike Lane, 921 Landfried Ave., Mosinee, Wisconsin responded to public comments from the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. He disagreed with closing the area immediate to the chalet to hunting to accommodate greater trail usage. Lane felt that trail usage has expanded to the point where the need to limit races and events has occurred, so that residents are not being denied access to recreate without paying an entry fee. He felt designed special use areas are elitism and should never be considered in a multiple use County forest unit which is owned by all county taxpayers. He said trails may be skied as soon as the snow conditions allow and skiers are not prevented by rules, usage is limited by the weather. Closing areas to hunters will create more wildlife refuge areas. Forest regeneration is a problem in certain areas. The muzzle loader and the four-day antlerless seasons are very important tools in deer management. Increasingly through Learn to Hunt programs offered by the DNR, non-hunters become new hunters primarily to provide healthy low fat non processed food sources. This new movement to get back to nature through hands on harvest will also promote tourism and growth and healthier lifestyles. While public lands are open to hunting and gathering are available they are not plentiful. Further restricting areas reducing opportunities which has been identified as a limiting factor in hunter retention and recruitment. Encouraging back to the land activities such as hunting will create a greater appreciation for our public forests, ecosystems and animal populations. He felt special use areas and limiting uses will cause more friction and animosity between the user groups. While this proposal may seem insignificant due to size, it may impact many acres beyond the chalet area and he believes this is only the first step in further closures. He felt the proposal to close a section of property would spur other groups to want their areas closed off. He is also concerned the next thing then would be for new sports to come in and want their own areas. He felt something like this can spur more unrest between the user groups.

Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Bove / Seefeldt to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. County Forest Tour – October 10, 2019 – Lovlien said the tour is set and he is hoping for better weather conditions. Forestry units to be toured include the Wisconsin River, Nine Mile and the Burma Forest Units.

B. Update on the 2020 Forestry Division Budget – Polley said that the Departments budget overall is just slightly over a 2.31 percent increase. The budget specific to forestry is at a zero percent increase. She noted some project funds were shifted to help pay for some of the land purchases that may occur in 2020. If the purchases do not take place the money can be moved back into those project areas or may be put into a segregated land account to help build up those funds. Lovlien said the County Board made a policy decision that land acquisition was important and the Department is starting to draw down the funds it has to match the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grants. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is in place for the next two years but after that it would have to be renewed by the State. They would like to utilize the 50% grant match for the next two years to acquire additional lands. Questions were answered.

C. 2019 Final Timber Bid Summary – Chad Keranen reported that four total bids were received on six sales. One sale sold at the Leathercamp Forest Unit and one sale at Mission Lake County Park. One bid was received on another sale and was rejected because it was below the advertised and appraised value. Loggers are backlogged because of the work from summer storms and also because most are frozen ground sales and loggers are two to three winters out as it is. Markets are down because there is so much wood out there right now. The four sales that did not sell will be opened on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The value of the sales sold was \$52,412.10. Questions were answered.

D. Ragnar Trail Relay Race Summary – Lovlien reported that the race had about 2900 participants. The County will receive approximately \$20,000 in total revenues from the race. It's a race that has very little impact on the resource. The organizers are looking at applying for a new three-year contract with the County going into the future.

E. Article – How Long Will the Paper Industry Stay Healthy – Lovlien said this was an article on the paper industry and how it is adapting. In Wisconsin it is an 18 billion dollar industry and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest manufacturing sector employing about 30,000 workers. The direct output in Marathon County's economy alone was one billion with almost 1,760 jobs working for 10 businesses. Local mills have changed their packaging to meet demand with some challenges including trade, shortage of truck drivers and young workers.

Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Timber Sale Closeout – Bell Timber Inc. Contract #663-17 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 1440 tons and 1253.72 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$32,272.84. Lovlien's recommendation is to close Bell Timber Inc. contract #663-17 and return their cash bond. **Motion** / second by Schlei / Bove to close Bell Timber Inc. contract #663-17 and return their cash bond. **Motion carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

2. Consider Alternate County Conservation Aids Project at Shooting Range Park – Lovlien said Committee had previously discussed a road project which would cost more than the grant and will instead look at a potential CIP project for that. They then discussed a second project for a retaining wall project. Staff discussed it a little more and feel that project can wait a year or two and a more pressing is a development project at the gun range which would be to construct twenty-two concrete shooting tables for users to site in their rifles. Currently, there are wood shooting benches with logs to sit on. This would be a project for poured in place concrete tables and possibly nicer seating. Lovlien said they have been used in other places and are well received. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Schlei to approve the concrete tables as the project. **Motion carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

3. Review Timber Bids and Award Contracts – Lovlien reported that one bid was received on tract 6-19 that was well below the advertised and appraised value so it was rejected. The only bid received on tract 7-19 was from Verso Corporation and it was over the appraised value so his recommendation is to enter into contract with Verso Corporation for tract 7-19. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to enter into contract with Verso Corporation for tract 7-19. **Motion carried** by voice vote, no dissent. Tract 11-19 was a Mission Lake County Park Sale. United Wood Products was the high bidder on that sale so his recommendation to the Park Director will be to enter into a contract and she will inform the Park Commission.

5. Consider Request by National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) to Allow Charging for Parking at Nine Mile Forest – Lovlien said the organizers of this high school race are requesting if it would be permissible to charge for parking in the Nine Mile Forest Unit lot during their races. Their request is based on potentially fundraising for their program. Lovlien said similar requests to allow charging have come up in the past and he would like Committee to decide whether to allow/not allow all groups the ability to charge for parking. That policy then would be put into the fifteen year plan. He said neither the current fifteen year plan nor County Forest law addresses charging for parking so it would be up to each County to decide. However, if they charge for parking, there's a caveat that says they may want to look into recreational immunity laws based on either profit or non-profit status of the group holding the event. County forest ordinance that deals with parking is silent on this. County Forest law says they must be open to hiking, hunting, trapping, off trail cross country skiing, and fishing and cannot charge for these activities. There's a 2009 legal opinion from the DNR on the recreational immunity law that deals with charging spectators for events. That law says if the owner charges spectators to watch an event on County forest the recreational immunity law no longer comes into play so the County would take on all the liability if someone would get hurt. Lovlien said the entire Nine Mile Forest Unit is never closed to all people at all times. At times, portions of it are closed for events. Lovlien presented a situation where if a group was charging for parking and a member of the general public wanted to hike nearby and pulled into that parking lot they would have to pay. How could they determine who is a spectator or part of the event and who isn't? Why should a general user have to park down the road and not be able to park near the area he wants to use? Lovlien said this may not apply to County park property if there is an event that closes down an entire park that may be an area where they may want to charge for parking if the recreational immunity law protects the County. **Motion** / second by Bove / Schlei to deny the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) to Allow Charging for Parking at Nine Mile Forest Unit. **Motion carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

4. Consider Proposed Changes to the Nine Mile Event and Use Policy – Lovlien said the revised draft of the policy attempts to balance all the uses at Nine Mile noting that all the uses are important. Nine Mile has been a multi-use forest for a long time and the user groups have to make compromises. A Forest Citizen Advisory Committee was formed in 1998 to try to manage all the different uses. This revised draft policy went to the citizen group in September and was unanimously approved. Lovlien discussed the each of the regulations in the policy. He said there were no changes on most of what was proposed in 2018. One item that may be revisited in the future is the use of e-bikes. A major revision in the policy is where it spells out the application process for events and the criteria used to evaluate applications. It also spells out how many events and when the events can be held. He noted that if an event is not approved, staff would assist the organizers in trying to find a different venue if possible. He mentioned that between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15, seventy-five percent of the weekends are available to the public without any scheduled events. Between October 16<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, eighty-two percent of the weekends are open to the public. Lovlien discussed the events that have been scheduled for 2020 and whether parts of Nine Mile are closed or open to the public. His job as land manager is to look at County Forest Law and make sure user conflicts are minimized. He would like Committee to consider this revision and to include it in the next fifteen year plan so that the policy can be given to event organizers. He suggested adding the denial of charging for parking or spectators at events into the County forest use and event regulations. Discussion followed and questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Bove / Seefeldt to deny charging parking or spectator fees for events at all County Forests county wide. **Motion carried** by voice vote, no dissent. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Schlei to adopt the Nine Mile Forest Event and Use Policy including the amendment regarding not charging for parking or spectators and then to add that policy into the Forest Comprehensive 15 year land use plan.

B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration

1. Review of Proposed Policy Revisions to the Marathon County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan Chapters 100 – 300 – Lovlien explained that Committee is not approving chapters specifically today because at the end of the process they will consider approving the entire plan and forward to the Environmental Resource Committee. He will bring a couple of chapters every quarter so that Committee doesn't have to review the entire plan at the end. The first three chapters have gone to the Forest Citizen Advisory Subcommittee and were approved unanimously for acceptance. Lovlien said that a lot of the language in the first three chapters is State statute, description, and administration information. Bove questioned an item under Federal Funds and Programs that Lovlien will research where language came from and get back to him by the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date & Time, Location – November 5, 2019 at 12:30pm, 212 River Dr., Rm. 3

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – none

B. Future Agenda Items – Review Timber Bids and Award Contracts, Land Acquisition Updates, Wausau 24 Race Participation and Revenue, Feasibility of buying farmland for County Forest and planting with high dollar wood such as black walnut.

Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Bove to adjourn at 2:00pm. **Motion carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

## Jodi Luebbe

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**From:** Cynthia Hassel  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 2:47 PM  
**To:** Tom Lovlien  
**Subject:** Wausau 24

Wausau 24 bike event numbers for 2019

Mountain Bike – 458 participants

Trail Run – 47 participants

505 participants @ \$9.50 = \$4,797.50

Adam paid \$5,000.00 that includes interest on above amount because payment was 3 months overdue.

Adam still needs to pay for a spider box replacement at \$561.89.

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## Jodi Luebbe

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**From:** Cynthia Hassel  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 1:51 PM  
**To:** Tom Lovlien; Joseph Tucker  
**Subject:** NICA High School bike race

212 campers @ \$10 = \$2,120.00

706 racers @ \$4 = \$2,824

Total = \$4,944.00

Name (Optional):	I represent the following organization (fill in if applicable):	Address:	City/State/Zip Code:	Phone:	E-Mail Address:	The following are the forest issues that I (or my organization) feel should be addressed in the updated forest plan. Please list:
Kirk Stark	Wisconsin River Valley Trout Unlimited	811 2nd Street	Rothschild, WI 54474	715-432-0560	kfgstark@gmail.com	<p>Logging of older woodlands to support animals of all kinds</p> <p>Logging of marsh areas in winter near or separated by streams to allow flooding water to recede so streams retain and remain at normal flow rates</p> <p>Removal of fallen trees from streams</p> <p>Long term plan to bring back white pines to the area</p>
Marilyn K. Bhend	Town of Johnson Clerk / Marathon County ERC Committee / Wisconsin Towns Association Director	113445 County Road A	Athens. WI 54411-5008	715-581-7006	marilyn.bhend@gmail.com	<p>Plan for cutting/logging of the forest land...purchasing of forest land that is contiguous to other county forest through stewardship grants.</p> <p>Should any of the county forest land be open to trails...bike/walking/atu/utv.</p> <p>nine mile forest should be considered separately from the other forests as it used in a far different and more frequent manner</p> <p>Keeping in mind the counties commitment to healthy residents; nine mile offers opportunities that other forest do not</p> <p>more accommodation should be made for use by cyclists, skiers, runners, and other active citizens</p>
Tom Builer	builers cycle and fitness	215 south 3rd ave	ausau wi 54401	715 842 4185	builerscycle@aol.com	regulation of e bikes at nine mile and other locations. define what a e bike is or is not
Greg and Rachel Kresse		7107 Blueberry LN	Wausau, WI 54401	715-355-0821	r_kresse@yahoo.com	<p>NO clear cutting when harvesting forests</p> <p>Continued Silent Sport Activities (skiing, mountain biking) within 9 Mile Recreational Forest</p> <p>Continue restricted access by 4 wheelers/ATVs and, snowmobiles</p> <p>Replanting of harvested forests</p> <p>maintaining young forest habitat</p>
Paul Klocko	General interests, hunting	3907 Pat St	Weston	7152416940	pklocko@dwave.net	Less clear cutting to improve species diversity.
Ralph Fischer	Ice Age Trail Alliance,	730 E Bridge St	Wausau, WI 54403	920-716-3384	rusk55geor@gmail.com	<p>Watershed protection through the promotion of silent sports which create less environmental degradation.</p> <p>Reduce forest fragmentation and create wildlife corridors to reduce motor vehicle fatalities of all life.</p>
Don Nelson Fiber Procurement Manager	Domtar Rothschild Mill	200 n Grand Ave	Rothschild WI 54474	715-355-6361 / 715-966-0040	donald.nelson@domtar.com	<p>I have viewed several logging jobs in the forest and have agreed with all of the mgnt. plan prescriptions. I have cooperatively worked well w/forest staff in my previous role. Domtar would really benefit and utilize more fiber from the forest if Marathon County was certified also as FSC. I also would like to discuss a "log a load" for kids some day.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. sustainable forestry</li> <li>2. over utilization</li> <li>3. environmental degradation</li> <li>4. excessive development</li> <li>5. wildlife, water quality, soils, and resource management</li> </ol>
Mike Lane	Mosinee Sportsman's Alliance	921 Landfried Ave	Mosinee WI 54455	715-693-2749		
James B Riedel		880 River Rd.	Mosinee WI 54455			<p>We have 80 acres and it abuts Marathon County land. Our 80 is in Forest Protection and selective cutting has been done and is supervised by the D.N.R. We are satisfied with this arrangement. The County land in this area has been well managed.</p>
Daniel Brandon		177926 County Rd G	Antigo WI 54409	715-627-2772		Install useable roads for county forest access. Plant conifers for wildlife cover.
Jim Borski		2250 Linwood Dr	Stevens Point WI 54481	715-341-3307		To keep the pulping or clear cutting done where needed to keep forest young and help the wildlife.
Aaron Nelson	DC Everest Area School District	6300 Alderson Street	Weston WI 54476	715-359-4221 x1213	anelson@dce.k12.wi.us	<p>-Continue a forest plan that makes land accessible to public. Continue to provide walking, biking trails, hunting and other recreational opportunities.</p> <p>-Provide a long term management plan that provides protection for water, plants and animals.</p> <p>-Provide a long term revenue source from timber sales for management of the County forests and public park system.</p>

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	no organization but property connected to several acres of county land	Kronenwetter				No need to blacktop a well taken care of granite road a short distance to accommodate one family(4) total for a very short ways on private land and hunters, dog walkers for that short ways. Stop certain nationality persons from taking robins, doves, any small birds from county forest to eat (not game birds). Do not let wet-lands be filled in for township gains - sub divisions - mini malls, etc. Control hunting on county forest land - stricter poaching laws and punishment. Keep doing the good job of forest management you're doing - realize some of what I've written isn't exactly county forest but does effect those lands.
James Peterleus		3770 Teri Lane	Hartford WI 53027	414-801-0235	bpeterleus@sbcglobal.net	Allow hunters to leave tree stands up during hunting season as long as no damage is done to the tree. Maybe sell a permit limit 2 per hunter. Langlade allows stands during season and I have not heard of any complaints.
Kevin Robbins		3640 North Rd	Mosinee WI 54455	715-409-0821	krobbsin@apog.com	1. Timely harvest of mature woodlands. 2. Preservation of mature oak stands. 3. Allow ladder stand placement during hunting season without daily removal. 4. Support adjacent landowners with watershed management support - culverts, roadway placement advice/support, etc.
Thomas C. Kurth, Sr.						Sustain the forest for future generations to enjoy. Which includes managing and harvesting timber, controlling invasive plants and animals, insects. Allowing public access to the forest with expectations for the public to enjoy, hunt, hike, bird watch, etc. But also to use it responsibly. Keeping the public informed about all management plans for present and future forest use.
Roger Welbes		4113 Martin Rd.	Kronenwetter WI 54455	715-359-9214	zoomzoom@netzero.com	Living near Kronenwetter Forest unit parking lot on Martin Rd. We notice its being over used, during the hunting seasons. Look into developing the right of way at end of Schmidt place, easement in place, to lighten use of original lot. Change padlocks occasionally to prevent road hunting and illegal firewood cutting and no ATV's.
					c.leslie@uwsp.edu	Close hunting in certain area's to let deer reproduce, 5 year period! Total clear cutting should not be allowed. Leave mother tree's. Maintain trails in or through County lands.
			Wausau, WI 54401			Please make sure the forest maintains a significant deer population.
David Piehler		Crimson Road 1025 Weston Ave.	Wausau WI 54401 Wausau WI 54403-6771	715-432-7745	daveauw@piehlerfamily.com	Pine trees planted in forest are starting to die off. Plant and animal species diversity Wildlife habitat Invasive species elimination Establish a healthy forest ecosystem Manage for recreation Sustainable forestry management
Mike Heinrich		W9920 Huggins Rd.	Antigo WI 54409	715-623-6954		Keep all-terrain users off all closed trails. Use good forest practices on County land
Scott Geboy	I own land next to County	W16656716 Oak Hill Dr	Muskego WI 53150	1-414-422-4664		I have none - I think the DNR forest Dept. is doing a fine job now and in past 17 years. Thank you
Gary A Zimbric	Wausau Nordic Skiers	4011 North Lakeshore Drive	Wausau	7153554491	garyzimbric1@gmail.com	1) Snowmaking on the lighted trails at Nine Mile 2) Logging and habitat management to optimize snow conditions on the ski trails 3) Preseason trail maintenance to minimize the snowfall needed for safe ski conditions 4) Working agreements to allow XC skiing on a limited portion of the XC trail season during any late season deer hunting periods. 5) We support efforts to improve opportunities for greater access for mountain bikers, runners and hikers to Nine Mile, including special events.
Chuck Theiler						All forest should be used for their best possible potential whatever that is recreation or income. Taking into account the amount of human traffic is on that parcel of property
Carl Foster		7605 Blueberry Ln	Wausau WI 54401	715-359-4918	cwf.foster@gmail.com	Practice sustainable forestry so our forest produce a good income. Promote forest use for other recreation uses other then just the trails and parks - ex. - hunting, fishing, hiking, berry picking, etc. This would give more community support and help preserve them forever.
Larry Cihlar	Wausau School District	650 S 7th Avenue	Wausau WI 54401	715-261-0801	lcihlar@wausauschools.org	Forest insect and disease -oak wilt -EAB
Charlie Bauer	rib knights snowmobile club	7010 Woodsmoke Rd	Wausau	7155510375	charlie.bauer@charter.net	keep in mind that all user of the forest are considered hunters fishing snowmobilers atvs not just the silent sports with docs and lawyers pouring money at there interest
Chris Portman		799 Violet Way	Antigo WI 54409	715-216-0007		My concern is keeping property taxes reasonable for recreational land. I believe in being good stewards of the land but high property taxes for recreational land can be too much to handle for some. MFL was a good program to help with the cost of property taxes.



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Coleen Kennedy		237246 Forest Lawn Rd	54403	715 297 4588	Kennedyjuers@gmail.com	<p>Please consider the importance of installing, preserving and protecting native plants, shrubs and trees to promote a healthy ecosystem to support habitat for wildlife.</p> <p>Healthy resources for animals means healthy resources for humans.</p> <p>Declining habitat is one of the primary causes of bird populations. One-third of bird species are endangered. Like canaries in the coal mine, birds everywhere serve as the bellwether to environmental degradation.</p> <p>Please pick areas as sanctuary and keep them native and undisturbed. Practice conservation in the most literal sense and conserve and protect and improve areas for our native plant, shrubs and trees.</p>
Kevin Fabel	myself	1100 Grand Avenue, #310 A	Schofield, WI 54476	715-581-3478	Kevin.Fabel@ci.wausau.wi.us	<p>Please ensure that public hunting/trapping is accommodated. Places to hunt and trap are becoming more and more limited/expensive and this resource allows people the opportunity to hunt and trap who would not be able to otherwise...Thank You.</p>
Jason Jankowski		166776 County Road Z	Wausau WI 54403	715-297-4136		<p>Please leave the park/forest alone on Rivers Edge Road. I am for managed forest but not for hiking trails, parking lot and restrooms. This will just create problems and trash this beautiful 80. There is generations of family's that bird, deer, squirrel and bear hunt this woods. Hiking trails and hunting don't mix. I personally walk with my son and dog on this land and enjoy it just the way it was INTENDED. Thank you for sending this!</p>
Lavralle (nee Lewens) Donahue / DC Everest Class of '56		4627 W. Good Hope Road	Milwaukee WI 53223	414-352-3238		<p>Limited vehicular damage  *Wetland preservation  -Wise forest harvest with sustainability and trees/ to protect oxygen as a goal  -animals/harvest - same goal (sustainability)  -public education on issues especially visuals to show users and nearby owners how the water resources flow underground! Anti-pollution</p> <p>Additional hiking trails throughout the different forest units. These trails should be for people to explore and enjoy the forest units. The trails could resemble the trails at the Big Eau Pleine Park where they can be used by multiple users but are easy for families.</p> <p>Infrastructure funding at Nine Mile to update the current facilities to accommodate the events which are already taking place.</p> <p>A balance of the use of Nine Mile and the amount of revenue it could generate.</p> <p>More patrol of the forest units.</p>
Susan Haug	Wausau Bird Club	168305 River Road	Ringle, WI 54471		sjhaug@charter.net	<p>Due to chimney swift decline the club would like snags to continue to be left standing when cutting is done in an area.</p> <p>Due to presence of Lyme Disease the group also is concerned that some of the forest trails aren't mowed early in the season during migration. This makes foot travel difficult.</p> <p>Not all members are aware of all the many different hunting seasons that take place. Safety concerns are sometimes voiced at meetings. I do share the information I receive at the subcommittee meetings. I do appreciate that.</p> <p>Monoculture planting limits the variety of insects available for the birds so birders prefer diversity.</p> <p>Group does feel that there is plenty of forest to find birds in and usually when we are out in the early morning no one is present.</p>
Debora Auner	Town of Bern	240327 Cty Rd M	Athens WI 54411-8424	715-560-0864	debauner@gmail.com	None
Deborah Seymour		213680 Hog Creek Drive	Mosinee WI 54455	715-693-4928	debseymour53@gmail.com	All comments related to Big Eau Pleine Park not County Forests
Patrick J Kluz		808 19th Street	Mosinee WI 54455	715-693-6876	PJK92984@yahoo.com	Eradication of buckthorn and any other invasive exotic species. Stopping oak wilt and other diseases that are killing native tree species.
Charles Janssen		5206 Lakeshore Dr	Wausau WI 54401	715-571-3492	whntal@gmail.com	Invasive plants that are taking over. I am in the process of dealing with them, but still being encroached from the Nine Mile Forest Unit. Buckthorn has not been treated or addressed in the Unit.
Susan Henning		4706 Tate Ct.	Wausau, WI. 54401	715-574-1099	sue.henning37@gmail.com	Please keep the snowshoe and cross country trails, as they are used by many! So happy to see a choice of 4K, 6k, 8k, and 10k for the snowshoe trails! I use the trails a lot during winter.

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		3101 Bellflower St	Wausau, WI 54401	715-630-6444	timbuch@me.com	<p>I visit all the county forests on a regular basis, but mainly spend time at 9-mile. Would love to find a way to make two things happen:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extend the mountain biking season at 9-mile later into the fall; even if it is still closed in the mornings for hunting. I respect the need to share between all user groups, but am always disappointed that mountain bikers such as myself miss out on one of the best times of year to ride bikes at 9 Mile.</li> <li>2. Consider opening the mountain bike trails in the winter to fat biking. This sport has become HUGELY popular, and could draw hundreds if not thousands to nine mile in the winter months if the single track were open to this. Many systems, including the Birkie trails find ways to share between skiers and fat bikers; we should be able to as well.</li> </ol>
Jeff Pepp		6341 Ashbury Drive	Wisconsin Rapids	7154515295	jeffepp@charter.net	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a member of the CWOCC off-road bike club and the CC ski club and I spend a lot of recreational time in the Nine Mile Forest.</p> <p>For as long as I have been using Nine Mile, I and my fellow bikers are deeply saddened that our access to the trails is limited by the calendar. In my opinion we should have year round access. Mountain biking has very minimal impact upon other users of the forest including hunters, skiers and hikers.</p> <p>We can all co-exist using the property year around. The trails that our club builds and maintains are used by hikers, hunters, snow-shoers alike.</p> <p>With the rise in popularity of fat-biking in recent years there is an additional reason to allow biking year round in the Nine Mile Forest. Trails crossing each other are not a significant hinderance.</p> <p>Improve and bring up to date your rental equipment at the chalet for skiers. Bring your grooming standards up to meet competing x-c ski venues in N Wisconsin.</p>
		1104 Pintail Lane	Wausau	7158437873	kmeyer1104@gmail.com	<p>Residents of Marathon County are fortunate to have the Nine Mile Forest Ski Area. Preservation and maintenance of this treasure should be included in any 15 year plan, including providing for adequate grooming equipment and trained personnel to do the grooming, as well as ongoing maintenance of the chalet. I use the trails approximately 5 times a week when there is snow.</p> <p>I would also encourage the county to consider water quality of the Wisconsin River Watershed and the Rib, Eau Claire, and Wisconsin River areas that border Marathon County lands in any 15 year plan, being proactive to maintaining these natural resources which make Wisconsin and Marathon County the special places they are, and part of the reasons we choose to live here.</p>
Rebecca Tuley		247 N 14th Ave	Wausau, WI 54401	715-223-5851	rebecca.tuley@hotmail.com	<p>If hikers/runners are not required to have a trail pass, then snowshoers should also be exempt. Also, why not develop an annual pass for those that ski and bike?</p> <p>Also, where does my bike trail fee go? Volunteers maintain the trails that everyone, including hikers and runners, utilize.</p>
Paul Martin		3337 N 13th Street	Wausau, WI 54403	715-261-6272	pmartin@uwsp.edu	<p>I mainly utilize 9-mile forest for Nordic skiing.</p> <p>I think 9-mile is a great asset and should be maintained at least at current levels.</p> <p>I think the drive out there is a little bit of a deterrent for some of the Wausau population. I would like to see perhaps a classic track set in town on the river edge trail and perhaps try to connect to Sylvan Park. It seems that if early skiing is to be pursued, perhaps snowmaking at Sylvan for a 1-2km loop would be more feasible than at 9-mile. The park lacks hunting, so December skiing would be an option, also very accessible and has a chalet too.</p> <p>A grander goal would be to work with the railroad and put in a bike/ski track along the River up to Brokaw(and perhaps eventually to Merrill) and also toward the south beyond Thomas Street.</p> <p>Please consider the opportunity to expand recreational activities in county forests. provide for more hiking, cross country skiing, and bicycles.</p>
Tracy Gorzek		2507 Juniper Ln	Wausau	WI	tgorzek@yahoo.com	<p>I would like to see a separation of the hiking/biking trails from the areas people are allowed to hunt. It is very frightening when you are out on the trails in September/October and come across hunters that are actively shooting. This has happened to me two times in the last year.</p>

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Rick Barnes				715 6935280	Rickbarnes@mtc.net	<p>Where possible remove oak trees within 30 feet or so of main trails to reduce oak leaves in ski tracks.</p> <p>Set aside a small area to become old growth forest for educational and aesthetic purposes.</p> <p>Budget additional dollars for repair of trails after logging operations instead of freeloading off of volunteers to repair the damage that was done.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
Dennis Fait	Hunter and Skier	2501 Starflower Lane	Wausau (Rib Mtn) WI 54401	715 241 8308	dennis.e.fait@gmail.com	<p>Optimization of ski trails. Wildlife sustainment. Forest diversity. Modest user fees for Marathon county residents. Minimization of motorized vehicle intrusion. Encourage user environmental programs. Keep it wild.</p>
Fergus E McKiernan	Wausau Nordic Skiers	2009 Eagle Valley Lane	Wausau	715-316-8003	ferguseoin@gmail.com	<p>I would like to see greater accessibility to the forest for early season skiers, including for dry land training. The impact on the land would appear to be negligible but the benefit to the skiing community could be enormous.</p> <p>While still in the conceptual stage I am hopeful that Marathon County Parks will be supportive of limited future snow making operations at Nine Mile. This is the only way our young skiers will have a chance to become internationally competitive and it would also result in a huge economic boon to the greater Wausau area.</p> <p>Thank you all for maintaining this wonderful local resource for all of us.</p>
			Wausau, WI 54403			<p>Conservation of natural resources and protection of water quality. Keep native forest healthy and peaceful for wildlife, and for people to walk and appreciate nature. Help provide links to educational resources so more can appreciate birds and native plants and the ecosystems.</p>
John McCarthy	Milwaukee Nordic Ski Club	2910 Berkshire Court	Waukesha, WI 53188	414 412 0331	johnnymac1952@gmail.com	<p>Snowmaking for cross country skiing at Nine Mile Forest -- The ski trails at Nine Mile are one of the most popular venues in the entire state. Skiers come from all over, individually and in groups, to enjoy the wonderful trails and great facilities. In recent years, a lack of snow has hampered operations, resulting in event cancellations and reduced attendance - and loss of revenue for the facility. Construction of a system for making snow for the trails would greatly enhance the ability of the facility to provide quality skiing for the entire season. Nine Mile, and the Wausau area would be an ideal venue for snowmaking, with cooler temperatures, compared to Madison and Milwaukee, where successful snowmaking operations have substantially improved the cross country skiing experience.</p>
Kelly Brandt		151195 Crimson Rd	Wausau	7152167107	brandt.kelly@marshfieldclinic.org	<p>Improving sustainability of 9 mile ski trails including the addition of snow making capabilities at the site to improve the tourism ability for the area.</p>
Will Edwards		700 Oconomowoc Pkwy	Oconomowoc, WI 53066	2623917588	700oconomowoc@gmail.com	<p>Snowmaking at Nine Mile.</p>
Paul Keber		2000 Cobblestone Court	Waukesha/WI/53188	262-547-4827	pkeber@milwpc.com	<p>I think that Nine Mile needs snowmaking.</p>
Pat Meyer		1104 Pintail Lane	Wausau WI 54401		73bqdger@gmail.com	<p>When doing logging, company who's doing the logging MUST fix the trails when done. This has not been done in the past, the ski club volunteers have had to do this work.</p> <p>I know logging must be done, but no way should the trails not be restored</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take into account habitat protection for endangered species when planning for logging operations.</li> <li>2. Continue an emphasis on silent sports such as snowshoeing and cross country skiing</li> </ol>
Brent Brye		1317 Cedar St.	Wausau, WI 54401			
David A. Kuphal		12712 County Road U	54401	17153407746	dkuphal@sbcglobal.net	<p>As urbanization of the county grows, it is increasingly important to preserve natural areas for wildlife habitat undisturbed by development and timber harvesting. These areas are an important retreat for hunters and wildlife enthusiasts with low impact trails and access. Harvesting timber dramatically upsets the evolution of the diversified wooded biome. The reason why Marathon County is such an awesome and unique place to live is the ability to have a city center experience and then literally within 20 minutes one can be "lost" in the woods. Thank you so much for all the work that has been for this cause. I would encourage the county to grow the woods, not cut the woods.</p>

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	Town of Guenther	203799 Knapp Rd	Mosinee WI 54455		togclerk@mtc.net	Increase stumpage fee to towns that hold many acres within towns - to offset loss tax revenue. Town of Guenther, Town of Harrison, Village of Kronenwetter. Post where Marathon County boundaries meet private lands - so no trespassing on private lands Minimize/avoid cutting trees near the 9-Mile cross country ski trails.
Jason Myers	CWOCC Member & Wausau West HS Cross Country Running Coach	770 N 32nd Ave	Wausau, WI 54401	715-432-7905	jasonmyers314@gmail.com	Personally, I believe CWOCC has done a very nice job of communicating and working along side the county to plan and maintain mountain bike trails at 9-Mile. Ideally, CWOCC would continue to work along side the county in planning and developing several more miles of trail at this facility. The mountain bike trails are minimally invasive and serve as a lure for visitors from all around the region. Finally, with numerous high schools in the area hosting XC running events at 9-Mile, it may be time for us to find an alternative location near Wausau to create a permanent running course. This course could be utilized in the fall by various schools around the county to host meets. I'm sure a solid 5K course could also be utilized by various other groups for 5K events throughout the year.
Maggie Steder		133436 County Road C	Mosinee WI 54455	7153872174	mmsteder@gmail.com	Conservation
John Johnkoski		924 Grant Street	54403	7155814074	j.johnkoski@me.com	I would like to see more attention to Nine Mile for the use of cross-country skiing. It is a wonderful resource and the staff is very accommodating. The grooming is good, but could be better, especially in poor snow conditions. I am not an expert skier by any means, but I have many friends who are much more knowledgeable regarding grooming and I am sympathetic to their concerns. I also see an opportunity for concessions much like they have at Winter Park and I think with the demographics of Wausau, I think this might be way to increase revenue and raise the bar in terms of how Nine Mile compares to other ski areas. Finally, I would be very in favor of snow making and I know it has been discussed. Thanks for your consideration!



# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin has 17 million acres of forested land, both public and private, and forestry's economic impact reaches every corner of the state and is the number one employer in ten counties; and

*WHEREAS*; the forest products sector contributes to the overall economic prosperity of Wisconsin generating \$24.1 billion in goods and services annually and employing over 60,000 citizens; and

*WHEREAS*; primary and secondary forest products businesses help shape our state's economy with forest products related jobs making up to 14 percent of all manufacturing jobs in the state; and

*WHEREAS*; active forest management provides a renewable resource to meet the global demand for a wide range of forest products and keeps Wisconsin as number one in the nation for papermaking, a position it has held for over 60 years; and

*WHEREAS*; more than 1,200 companies in Wisconsin's forest products industry (with another 280 in the logging and forestry support sectors) produce a wide variety of products we use daily ranging from paper to doors, windows and flooring; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin's forests, and the renewable resources they provide, are an important part of the state's history, economy and culture;

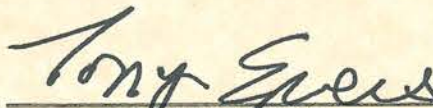
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 20 – 26, 2019, as

### WISCONSIN FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK


throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State



PROCLAMATIONS

# Presidential Proclamation on National Forest Products Week, 2019

— LAND & AGRICULTURE | Issued on: October 18, 2019



Our Nation’s forests and woodlands provide millions of Americans with an abundance of job opportunities, goods, and recreational activities. During National Forest Products Week, we pay tribute to the forest products industry for the important contributions it makes to our society and economy, and we recommit to keeping our wooded landscapes vibrant and strong.

Ninety-six percent of the industrial wood used in the United States comes directly from domestic supplies, making the forest products sector a truly American industry. The millions of acres of forests across our country supply the resources for paper and packaging materials, lumber for our homes, renewable energy materials, and countless other products. In addition to the tremendous impact the forest products industry has on our economy, businesses in this sector are at the



forefront of conservation efforts, practicing responsible resource management and maintaining a strong commitment to preserving our abundant forests.

My Administration is working to protect our Nation's forests so that the forest products industry can continue to manufacture goods for domestic and global markets. Last year, I signed an Executive Order aimed at increasing responsible forest management and coordinating Federal, State, tribal, and local assets to prevent and combat the wildfires that have sadly devastated parts of our Nation's woodlands. I also signed the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, which will help preserve the health of our forests and increase economic opportunities for the entire forest products sector. This bipartisan legislation promotes active management of natural resources, including our forests, and maintains strong rural development and research initiatives that benefit communities where the forest products industry drives local economies. It also promotes using America's forest materials, like cross-laminated timber — a strong, resilient product — as an innovative approach to constructing tall wooden buildings.

This week, we recognize the importance of the raw materials our forested lands supply for the production of goods throughout our country and around the world. We also pledge to support the proper management of our forests and woodlands so that they can continue to help power our economy and provide recreational opportunities for Americans for generations to come.

Recognizing the economic value of the products yielded in our Nation's forests, the Congress, by Public Law 86–753 (36 U.S.C. 123), as amended, has designated the week beginning on the third Sunday in October of each year as “National Forest Products Week” and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 20 through October 26, 2019, as National Forest Products Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities and to reaffirm our commitment to our Nation's forests.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.

DONALD J. TRUMP