

COUNTY FOREST REPORT

2007

TO: THE HONORABLE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- I. This is to convey to you a report of the operations and accomplishments of the Rusk County Forestry Department for the calendar year of 2007.

- II. Parks & Recreation.
 1. Our parks and boat landings were supervised and maintained by the Forestry Dept. Staff.

 2. Audie Lake Aerator/Lea Lake Aerator
 - The aerator systems were maintained by Forestry Dept. Staff.

3. Campground Revenue

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Non-Designated Camping Permits	\$ 445.07	\$ 218.01	\$ 326.07	\$ 511.72
Remote Sites	\$ 577.25	\$ 447.39	\$ 384.83	\$ 487.20
Audie Lake Campground	\$11,174.50	\$ 9,959.23	\$11,681.44	\$10,684.36
Perch Lake Campground	\$ 1,427.49	\$ 2,310.95	\$ 2,458.36	\$ 2,361.41
Murphy Dam Campground	\$ 2,142.18	\$ 3,286.25	\$ 4,072.99	\$ 5,048.41
Josie Creek Park	\$ 9,161.73	\$10,145.27	\$10,381.52	\$ 8,260.66
TOTAL REVENUES	\$24,928.22	\$26,367.10	\$29,305.21	\$27,353.49

4. Non-Designated Camping Permits Issued: (Regular Camping Season and Gun-Deer Season)

YEAR	2004	2005	2006	2007
# OF PERMITS ISSUED	Regular 10 Deer Ssn. 36	Regular 4 Deer Ssn. 21	Regular 6 Deer Ssn. 28	Regular 4 Deer Ssn. 32

5. The cross-country trail system in the Blue Hills was again maintained by the Rusk County Trails Association, mowing was done by the Forestry Department

6. State Funded Rusk County Snowmobile Trails. 328.35 miles of Rusk County Snowmobile Trails were maintained by Rusk County Snowmobile Clubs in the **2006-2007** Season. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>SNO-CLUB NAME</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Maintenance Cost</u>
Bruce Trailblazers	98.2	\$ 24,550.00
Weyerhaeuser	63.8	15,950.00
Hawkins Sno-Hawks	55.0	13,750.00
Ladysmith Drifbusters	84.15	21,038.00
Sheldon Rough Riders	<u>27.2</u>	<u>6,800.00</u>
	328.35 Miles	\$ 82,088.00

LEVIED MONIES

Salary/Benefits	\$ 1,615.80
Liability Insurance	\$ 430.00

Reimbursed by State/ (Spent for 2006-2007) \$ 82,088.00

NO SUPPLEMENTAL RECEIVED FOR 2006-2007 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

Trail # 131 Re-route	Grant # S-3428 paid in full by state -	\$ 2,250.00
Quade Bridge Re-hab	Grant # S-3400 paid in full by state -	\$ 14,133.71
Soft Maple Bridge Re-hab	Grant # S-3399 paid in full by state -	\$ 20,440.00
Twin Ck Bridge Re-hab	Grant # S-3398 paid in full by state -	\$ 2,030.00
Skinner Ck Bridge	Grant # S-3436 paid in full by state -	\$ 51,697.26

7. The ATV Trail Development Project/Restroom/Well was completed in 2007. The project was funded 100% by the State ATV Grant.

Total Grant Amount \$ 22,484.00. Total Spent on Project \$ 22,484.00.

8. Bucks Lake Dam was reconstructed. Work was done by the Rusk County Highway Dept.
2007 Total Cost = \$ 206,248.23

III. Timber Sales

1. 23 timber sales were established in 2007 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	23	\$ 877,087.60	2301	1,474	25,345	2,473	00	1,800	400
ASPEN	2	\$ 15,484.00	53	00	455	277	00	25	00
Red Pine	0	\$ 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
SALVAGE	0	\$ 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
TOTALS	23	\$ 892,571.60	2,354	1,474	25,800	2,750	00	1,825	400

Total = 30,775 Cords Established

2. 24 timber sales were sold in 2007 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	24	\$ 1,168,979.75	2516	1,625	27,545	2,873	40	2,075	400
ASPEN	2	\$ 17,354.75	53	00	455	277	00	25	00
Red Pine	0	\$ 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
SALVAGE	0	\$ 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
TOTALS	24	\$ 1,186,334.50	2569	1,625	28,000	3,150	40	2,100	400

Total = 33,690 Cords Sold

3. 40 Timber Sales Contracts were closed out in 2007 consisting of the following totals:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	37	\$ 2,059,190.36	4024	2,946	38,352	11,648	00	1,848	1,624
ASPEN	2	\$ 34,450.44	72	.006	451	656	00	53	29
Red Pine	1	\$ 296.90	1	.001	7	00	00	00	00
SALVAGE	0	\$ 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
TOTALS	40	\$2,093,937.70	4097	2,953	38,810	12,304	00	1,901	1,653

TOTAL = 54,668 Cords Closed Out

5. Timber products reported cut on 56 sales were:

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
MBF OF LOGS	3,600.71	1,626.52	1,296.10	2,133.07	1,679.04
CORDS OF MISC. HDWD PULP	20,006	22,818	22,275	27,904	26,132
CORDS OF ASPEN	12,372	5,050	5,755	11,168	9,813
CORDS OF WHITE BIRCH	00	136	233	1,517	897
CORDS OF BASSWOOD	00	00	73	1,053	2,047
CORDS OF RED PINE	15	00	105	226	00
TOTAL CORDS	32,393	28,004	28,441	41,869	38,889
NUMBER OF SALES	80	55	50	58	56

6. Timber products paid for

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Timber Products Paid for	\$ 734,172.09	\$ 847,648.22	\$ 1,865,801.49	\$ 1,532,412.02
Non Co. Forest Timber Sales Rev	\$ 18,817.24	00	00	00
Bonds Conf./Transferred for Stumpage	0	\$ 1,420.50	\$ 9,905.00	\$ 28,448.93
Bonds Conf. For Non-Performance	\$ 3,476.25	\$ 7,942.95	\$ 3,018.75	00
GROSS STUMPAGE REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 756,465.58	\$ 857,011.67	\$ 1,878,725.24	\$ 1,560,860.95
10% payment to Towns	-\$ 73,217.32	-\$ 84,906.95	-\$ 187,570.78	-\$ 156,086.22
20% payment to State	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31
TOTALS AFTER PAYMENT TO TOWNS/STATE	\$ 638,846.95	\$ 727,703.39	\$ 1,646,753.15	\$ 1,360,373.42
Wood Permits Issued	\$ 860.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 975.00
Other County Forest Revenue	\$ 12,570.54	\$ 9,939.60	\$ 504.65	\$ 10,263.00
50% Admin Salary Grant	\$ 29,305.25	\$ 30,768.14	\$ 32,616.87	\$ 33,427.91
REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 681,582.74	\$ 769,171.13	\$ 1,680,804.67	\$ 1,405,039.33
Total County Forest Expenses	- \$ 263,942.46	-\$ 278,055.28	-\$ 315,539.90	-\$ 337,009.80 *
Levy Reduction (To General Fund)	\$ 417,640.28	\$ 489,171.13	\$ 1,365,264.77	\$ 1,068,029.53

*INDICATES 2007 YEAR EXPENSES ARE AN ESTIMATE

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Timber Stumpage due Rusk County @ 12/31	\$ 22,488.23	\$ 64,193.22	\$ 37,645.03	\$ 49,403.24
Timber Sales cash bonds on hand @ 12/31	\$ 160,075.56	\$ 323,880.13	\$ 324,916.03	\$ 209,842.29
Irrevocable Letters of Credit on Hand at 12/31	\$ 323,061.44	\$ 478,579.78	\$ 596,747.36	\$ 680,090.72
Land Acquisition Fund Bal 12/31	00	00	00	00
Est. Timber Value Under Cont @ 12/31	\$1,150,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Timber Value scaled by Co Forestry Staff	\$ 607,141.70	\$ 721,302.22	\$ 1,567,534.11	\$ 1,483,272.47
50¢/Acre Loan Acct Balance Balance as of 12/31	00	00	00	00

2007 Annual Payments to Townships with County Forest Lands for 10% Severance on timber stumpage revenue.

<u>TOWNSHIP</u>	<u>TOWN ACREAGE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>2007 PAYMENT</u>
Atlanta	4,922.74	5.53	\$ 8,631.57
Big Bend	1,317.00	1.48	2,310.08
Cedar Rapids	9,999.65	11.23	17,528.48
Dewey	240.00	0.27	421.43
Hubbard	8,545.16	9.60	14,984.28
Murry	18,968.76	21.30	33,246.36
South Fork	6,715.73	7.54	11,768.90
Strickland	3,859.03	4.33	6,758.53
True	669.14	0.75	1,170.65
Wilkinson	17,731.53	19.91	31,076.77
Wilson	16,073.87	18.06	28,189.17
TOTALS	89,042.61	100.00	\$ 156,086.22

Timber Sales Under Contract:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>
- Marked Hardwood	61	6,201
- Aspen	4	490
- Red Pine	2	64
- Salvage Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	65	6,755

IV. County Forest Land Acquisition

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| 1. County Land Acquisition Account | # 100-61-57030/48306 |
| 12-31-07 Account Balance | \$ 00 |

V. Wildlife Department on County Forest.

- 40 Miles of secondary roads and 20 acres of wildlife openings were mowed.
- Game surveys were conducted by D.N.R.
- No Trail Development Occurred in 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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