

## COUNTY FOREST REPORT 2008

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 2008.
  
- II. Parks & Recreation.
  1. Our parks and boat landings were supervised and maintained by the Forestry Dept. Staff.
    - A. The Park Facilities on the Dairyland Flowage were improved in 2008 with cooperation from the following:
      - Wildlife Restoration Association
      - Dairyland Power Cooperative
      - Rusk County Land & Water Conservation Dept.
      - Rusk County Highway Dept.
      - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
      - Rusk County

Improvements include the following:

1. NORTH SHORE BOAT LANDING
  - Addition to Concrete Boat Ramp – Donated by WRA
  - Black Topping
  - New Parking Lot
  
2. COMMUNITY PARK
  - Additional Concrete Boat Ramps – Donated by WRA
  - Black Topping
  - New Bathroom Facilities
  - New Parking Lot – Donated by WRA
  - New Dock – Donated by WRA
  
3. JOSIE CREEK PARK
  - Additional Concrete Boat Ramps – Donated by WRA
  - New Dock
  - Black Topping
  - New Bathroom Facilities

### FUNDING SOURCES

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Dairyland Power	\$ 40,000.00
WRA	\$ 25,000.00
RBF Grant	\$ 38,237.50
Park Aids	\$ 59,605.00
2008 Stumpage Revenue	\$ 11,901.50
Power Line Funds	\$ 98,722.00
County Park Development Funds	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
	\$ 283,466.00

### EXPENSES

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
North Shore Boat Landing	\$ 51,072.00
Community Park	\$ 99,519.83
Josie Creek Park	<u>\$114,744.00</u>
	\$265,335.83

B. Boat Landing Repairs were completed on Amacoy and Island Lake Boat Landings in 2008 in cooperation with the following:

- Wildlife Restoration Association
- Rusk County Land & Water Conservation Dept.
- Rusk County Highway Dept.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Improvements included the following:

1. Amacoy Boat Landing
  - a. Addition to the Concrete Boat Ramp
  - b. Gravel Parking Lot and Road
2. Island Lake Boat Landing
  - a. Addition to the Concrete Boat Ramp
  - b. Gravel to the Ramp

**FUNDING SOURCES**

Recreational Boating Funds (RBF Grant)  
Rusk County

**AMOUNT**

\$ 9,948.95  
\$ 6,804.02  
\$ 16,752.97

**EXPENSES**

WRA & Land and Water Conserv. Dept. In-Kind

\$ 16,752.97  
\$ 5,009.02

2. Audie Lake Aerator/Lea Lake Aerator

- The aerator systems were maintained by Forestry Dept. Staff.

3. Campground Revenue

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Non-Designated Camping Permits	\$ 218.01	\$ 326.07	\$ 511.72	\$ 659.72
Remote Sites	\$ 447.39	\$ 384.83	\$ 487.20	\$ 488.15
Audie Lake Campground	\$ 9,959.23	\$11,681.44	\$10,684.36	\$12,865.88
Perch Lake Campground	\$ 2,310.95	\$ 2,458.36	\$ 2,361.41	\$ 1,627.81
Murphy Dam Campground	\$ 3,286.25	\$ 4,072.99	\$ 5,048.41	\$ 4,415.81
Josie Creek Park	\$10,145.27	\$10,381.52	\$ 8,260.66	\$10,158.01
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$26,367.10</b>	<b>\$29,305.21</b>	<b>\$27,353.49</b>	<b>\$30,215.38</b>

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

YEAR	2005	2006	2007	2008
# OF PERMITS ISSUED	<b>Regular 4</b> <b>Deer Season 21</b>	<b>Regular 6</b> <b>Deer Season 28</b>	<b>Regular 4</b> <b>Deer Season 32</b>	<b>Regular 13</b> <b>Deer Season 31</b>

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. 329.2 miles of Rusk County Snowmobile Trails were maintained by Rusk County Snowmobile Clubs in the **2007-2008** 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
Hawkins Sno-Hawks	55.0	13,750.00
Ladysmith Drifbusters	85.0	21,038.00
Sheldon Rough Riders	27.2	6,800.00
Weyerhaeuser	<u>63.8</u>	<u>15,950.00</u>
	329.2 Miles	\$ 82,088.00
<u>LEVIED MONIES</u>		
Salary/Benefits		\$ 1,732.86
Liability Insurance		\$ 430.00

Reimbursed by State/ (Spent for 2007-2008) \$ 82,088.00

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROVED BY STATE FOR 2007-2008 SNOWMOBILE SEASON.  
\$73,639.46 – State prorate funding 55.6% = \$ 40,976.58 total payout for supplemental.

Bruce Blue Hills Trailblazers	\$ 6,265.59
Neighborly Sno-Goers (Pd through Bruce Club)	\$ 2,106.88
Hawkins Sno Hawks	\$ 8,703.51
Ladysmith Driftbusters	\$16,914.76
Weyerhaeuser Snowmobile Club	\$ 3,281.06
Sheldon Rough Riders	\$ 2,484.54
Rusk County Salary	\$ 980.97
Rusk County Liability Insurance	<u>\$ 239.27</u>
	<b>\$ 40,976.58</b>

Soft Maple Bridge Re-hab Grant # S-3673 paid in full by state -	\$ 21,250.00
Swift Creek Bridge Re-hab Grant # S-3674 paid in full by state -	\$ 42,700.00
McDermott Ck Bridge Re-hab Grant # S-3719 paid in full by state -	\$ 24,645.00
Trail # 31 Re-Route Grant # S-3562 paid in full by state -	\$ 5,300.00

7. The 4-Hill Flowage Dam Abandonment Project was completed in 2008 in cooperation with the following:
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
  - Rusk County

The dam was drained and the dam control structure was replaced with a culvert structure.

<u>FUNDING SOURCES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
NRCS	\$ 10,000.00
USFWS	\$ 13,522.50
Rusk County	<u>\$ 5,808.52</u>
	\$ 29,331.02

## III. Timber Sales

1. 27 timber sales were established in 2008 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	27	\$ 749,738.10	2398	1,158	19,920	5,995	15	2,100	825
ASPEN	10	\$160,192.90	383	.015	2,605	4,305	00	75	650
Red Pine	1	\$ 9,000.00	37	00	00	350	100	00	00
SALVAGE	0	\$ 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$ 918,931.00</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>22,525</b>	<b>10,650</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,175</b>	<b>1,475</b>

Total = 36,940 Cords Established

2. 28 timber sales were sold in 2008 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	28	\$ 1,080,019.41	2,427	1,179	20,370	5,995	15	2,125	825
ASPEN	10	\$ 236,162.09	383	.15	2,605	4,305	00	75	650
Red Pine	1	\$ 18,675.00	37	00	00	350	100	00	00
SALVAGE	0	\$ 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$ 1,334,856.50</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>22,975</b>	<b>10,650</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,475</b>

Total = 37,415 Cords Sold

3. 28 Timber Sales Contracts were closed out in 2008 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	26	\$1,094,995.98	2,286	1,225.4	20,772	7,556	00	2,289	552
ASPEN	5	\$ 304,746.00	241	51.78	3,493	3,249	00	343	16
Red Pine	1	\$ 17,477.00	22	00	7	17	363	00	00
SALVAGE	0	\$ 00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$ 1,417,219.58</b>	<b>2549</b>	<b>1,277.2</b>	<b>24,272</b>	<b>10,822</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>2,632</b>	<b>568</b>

TOTAL = 38,657 Cords Closed Out

4. Timber products reported cut on 47 sales were:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
MBF OF LOGS	1,626.52	1,296.10	2,133.07	1,679.04	1,591.53
CORDS OF MISC. HDWD PULP	22,818	22,275	27,904	26,132	25,836
CORDS OF ASPEN	5,050	5,755	11,168	9,813	7,434
CORDS OF WHITE BIRCH	136	233	1,517	897	306
CORDS OF BASSWOOD	00	73	1,053	2,047	3,264
CORDS OF RED PINE	00	105	226	00	373
TOTAL CORDS	28,004	28,441	41,869	38,889	37,213
NUMBER OF SALES	55	50	58	56	47

## 5. Timber products paid for

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Timber Products Paid for	\$ 847,648.22	\$ 1,865,801.49	\$ 1,532,412.02	\$ 1,467,488.24
Non Co. Forest Timber Sales Rev	00	00	00	00
Bonds Conf./Transferred for Stumpage	\$ 1,420.50	\$ 9,905.00	\$ 28,448.93	00
Bonds Conf. For Non-Performance	\$ 7,942.95	\$ 3,018.75	00	\$ 9,744.62
<b>GROSS STUMPAGE REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 857,011.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,878,725.24</b>	<b>\$ 1,560,860.95</b>	<b>\$ 1,477,232.86</b>
10% payment to Towns	-\$ 84,906.95	-\$ 187,570.78	-\$ 156,086.22	-\$ 146,748.91
20% payment to State	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31
<b>TOTALS AFTER PAYMENT TO TOWNS/STATE</b>	<b>\$ 727,703.39</b>	<b>\$ 1,646,753.15</b>	<b>\$ 1,360,373.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,286,082.64</b>
Wood Permits Issued	\$ 760.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,470.00
Other County Forest Revenue	\$ 9,939.60	\$ 504.65	\$ 10,263.00	\$ 8,223.00
50% Admin Salary Grant	\$ 30,768.14	\$ 32,616.87	\$ 33,427.91	\$ 34,557.31
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 769,171.13</b>	<b>\$ 1,680,804.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,405,039.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,330,232.95</b>
<b>Total County Forest Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 278,055.28</b>	<b>-\$ 315,539.90</b>	<b>-\$ 338,246.55</b>	<b>-\$ 339,657.39*</b>
<b>Levy Reduction (To General Fund)</b>	<b>\$ 489,171.13</b>	<b>\$ 1,365,264.77</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,792.78</b>	<b>\$ 990,575.56</b>

\*INDICATES 2008 YEAR EXPENSES ARE AN ESTIMATE

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Timber Stumpage due Rusk County @ 12/31	\$ 64,193.22	\$ 37,645.03	\$ 49,403.24	\$ 32,693.08
Timber Sales cash bonds on hand @ 12/31	\$ 323,880.13	\$ 324,916.03	\$ 209,842.29	\$ 167,132.10
Irrevocable Letters of Credit on Hand at 12/31	\$ 478,579.78	\$ 596,747.36	\$ 680,090.72	\$ 663,681.49
Land Acquisition Fund Bal 12/31	00	00	00	00
Est. Timber Value Under Cont @ 12/31	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00
Timber Value scaled by Co Forestry Staff	\$ 721,302.22	\$ 1,567,534.11	\$ 1,483,272.47	\$ 1,228,120.00
50¢/Acre Loan Acct Balance Balance as of 12/31	00	00	00	00

2008 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>2008 PAYMENT</u>
Atlanta	4,922.74	5.5285	\$ 8,113.01
Big Bend	1,317.00	1.4791	\$ 2,170.56
Cedar Rapids	9,999.65	11.2302	\$16,480.20
Dewey	240.00	0.2695	\$ 395.49
Hubbard	8,545.16	9.5967	\$14,083.05
Murry	18,968.76	21.303	\$31,261.92
South Fork	6,715.73	7.5422	\$11,068.10
Strickland	3,859.03	4.3339	\$ 6,359.95
True	669.14	0.7515	\$ 1,102.82
Wilkinson	17,731.53	19.9135	\$29,222.84
Wilson	16,073.87	18.0519	\$26,490.97
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>89,042.61</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$146,748.91</b>

Timber Sales Under Contract:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>
- Marked Hardwood	63	6,451
- Aspen	8	302
- Red Pine	1	42
- Salvage Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	72	6,795

#### IV. County Forest Land Acquisition

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| 1. County Land Acquisition Account | # 100-61-57030/48306 |
| 12-31-08 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 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

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