

COUNTY FOREST REPORT 2010

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 2010.

- II. Parks & Recreation.
 1. Our parks and boat landings were supervised and maintained by the Forestry Dept. Staff.
 - A. A Log shelter pavilion was built at Community Park.

 - B. Boat Landing Repairs were completed on Clear Lake and Potato Lake Boat Landings in 2010 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. Clear Lake Boat Landing
 - a. Addition to the concrete boat ramp
 - b. Gravel to the ramp

2. Potato Lake Boat Landing
 - a. Addition to the concrete boat ramp
 - b. Gravel to the ramp

FUNDING SOURCES

Recreational Boating Funds (RBF Grant)	<u>\$ 5,413.61</u>
Rusk County	<u>\$ 4,280.07</u>
WRA & Land & Water Conservation Dept. In-kind	<u>\$ 1,133.54</u>
	<u>\$10,827.21</u>

EXPENSES

\$ 10,827.21

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

3. Campground Revenue

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Non-Designated Camping Permits	\$ 511.72	\$ 659.72	\$ 517.54	\$ 511.85
Remote Sites	\$ 487.20	\$ 488.15	\$ 756.40	\$ 588.63
Audie Lake Campground	\$10,684.36	\$12,865.88	\$12,482.64	\$12,818.97
Josie Creek Park	\$ 8,260.66	\$10,158.01	\$10,700.28	\$11,725.12
Murphy Dam Campground	\$ 5,048.41	\$ 4,415.81	\$ 4,832.40	\$ 5,159.24
Perch Lake Campground	\$ 2,361.41	\$ 1,627.81	\$ 1,657.82	\$ 1,747.87
TOTAL REVENUES	\$27,353.49	\$30,215.38	\$30,947.08	\$32,551.68

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

YEAR	2007	2008	2009	2010
# OF PERMITS ISSUED	Regular 4 Deer Season 32	Regular 13 Deer Season 31	Regular 7 Deer Season 29	Regular 6 Deer Season 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. 329.2 miles of Rusk County Snowmobile Trails were maintained by Rusk County Snowmobile Clubs in the **2009-2010** 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	21,250.00
Sheldon Rough Riders	27.2	6,800.00
Weyerhaeuser	<u>63.8</u>	<u>15,950.00</u>
	329.2 Miles	\$ 82,300.00
 <u>LEVIED MONIES</u>		
Salary/Benefits		\$ 1,790.94
Liability Insurance		\$ 455.00

Reimbursed by State/ (Spent for 2009-2010) \$ 82,300.00

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROVED BY STATE FOR 2009-2010 SNOWMOBILE SEASON.

\$74,584.25 – State prorate funding 66.0439% = \$ 39,294.74 total payout for supplemental.

Bruce Blue Hills Trailblazers	\$ 6,084.57
*Flambeau Trl Tenders (Pd through Bruce Club)	\$ 509.53
*Neighborly Sno-Goers (Pd through Bruce Club)	\$ 2,192.66
Hawkins Sno Hawks	\$10,307.77
Ladysmith Driftbusters	\$16,907.90
Weyerhaeuser Snowmobile Club	\$ 7,258.19
Sheldon Rough Riders	\$ 4,514.43
Rusk County Salary	\$ 1,182.81
Rusk County Liability Insurance	<u>\$ 300.50</u>
	\$ 49,258.36

III. Timber Sales

1. 25 timber sales were established in 2010 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	\$696,810.60	2,337	1,441.0	19,495	2,120	25	1,780	625
ASPEN	8	\$111,674.60	354	0	2,480	3,845	20	95	850
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$8,195.00	5	32	65	0	0	10	0
TOTALS	25	\$816,680.20	2,696	1,473.0	22,040	5,965	45	1,885	1,475

Total = 31,410 Cords Established

2. 26 timber sales were sold in 2010 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	25	\$1,182,843.27	2,502	1,666.0	20,595	2,120	25	1,830	625
ASPEN	8	\$178,761.98	354	0	2,480	3,845	20	95	850
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$8,195.00	5	32	65	0	0	10	0
TOTALS	26	\$1,369,800.25	2861	1,698.0	23,140	5,965	45	1,935	1,475

Total = 32,560 Cords Sold

3. 27 Timber Sales Contracts were closed out in 2010 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	\$1,225,960.50	2396	1,618.1	21,798	5,584	110	2,852	1,043
ASPEN	6	\$110,702.45	182	5.62	1,179	2,327	0	0	293
Red Pine	1	\$22,412.90	37	0	195	416	229	0	0
SALVAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	27	\$1,359,075.85	2615	1,623.7	23,172	8,327	339	2,852	1,336

TOTAL = 36,026 Cords Closed Out

4. Timber products reported cut on 58 sales were:

	2007	2008	2009	2010
MBF OF LOGS	1,679.04	1,591.53	1,061.53	1,790.45
CORDS OF MISC. HDWD PULP	26,132	25,836	17,601	27,145
CORDS OF ASPEN	9,813	7,434	5,339	10,840
CORDS OF WHITE BIRCH	897	306	729	2,045
CORDS OF BASSWOOD	2,047	3,264	2,075	3,579
CORDS OF RED PINE	00	373	744	507
TOTAL CORDS	38,889	37,213	26,488	44,116
NUMBER OF SALES	56	47	41	58

5. Timber products paid for

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Timber Products Paid for	\$ 1,532,412.02	\$ 1,467,488.24	\$ 965,483.60	\$1,509,176.78
Non Co. Forest Timber Sales Rev	00	00	00	00
Bonds Conf./Transferred for Stumpage	\$ 28,448.93	00	\$ 200.00	00
Bonds Conf. For Non-Performance	00	\$ 9,744.62	\$ 37,787.50	00
GROSS STUMPAGE REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 1,560,860.95	\$ 1,477,232.86	\$ 1,003,471.10	\$1,509,176.78
10% payment to Towns	-\$ 156,086.22	-\$ 146,748.91	-\$ 96,554.37	-\$ 150,917.75
20% payment to State	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31
TOTALS AFTER PAYMENT TO TOWNS/STATE	\$ 1,360,373.42	\$ 1,286,082.64	\$ 862,515.42	\$1,313,857.72
Wood Permits Issued	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 1,140.00
Other County Forest Revenue	\$ 10,263.00	\$ 8,223.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 8,750.00
50% Admin Salary Grant	\$ 33,427.91	\$ 34,557.31	\$ 36,879.83	\$ 37,849.14
REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 1,405,039.33	\$ 1,330,232.95	\$ 901,465.25	\$1,361,596.86
Total County Forest Expenses	-\$ 338,246.55	-\$ 348,611.94	-\$ 349,101.43	-\$369,251.45*
Levy Reduction (To General Fund)	\$ 1,066,792.78	\$ 981,621.01	\$ 552,426.32	\$ 992,345.41

*INDICATES 2010 YEAR EXPENSES ARE AN ESTIMATE

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Timber Stumpage due Rusk County @ 12/31	\$ 49,403.24	\$ 32,693.08	\$ 28,653.12	\$ 109,770.57
Timber Sales cash bonds on hand @ 12/31	\$ 209,842.29	\$ 167,132.10	\$ 175,197.48	\$ 186,529.25
Irrevocable Letters of Credit on Hand at 12/31	\$ 680,090.72	\$ 663,681.49	\$ 772,884.12	\$737,320.82
Land Acquisition Fund Bal 12/31	00	00	00	00
Est. Timber Value Under Cont @ 12/31	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$1,800,000.00
Timber Value scaled by Co Forestry Staff	\$ 1,483,272.47	\$ 1,228,120.00	\$ 963,454.62	\$1,441,300.83
50¢/Acre Loan Acct Balance Balance as of 12/31	00	00	00	00

2010 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>2010 PAYMENT</u>
Atlanta	4,922.74	5.5285	\$ 8,343.49
Big Bend	1,317.00	1.4791	\$ 2,232.22
Cedar Rapids	9,999.65	11.2302	\$ 16,948.37
Dewey	240.00	0.2695	\$ 406.72
Hubbard	8,545.16	9.5967	\$ 14,483.12
Murry	18,968.76	21.3030	\$ 32,150.01
South Fork	6,715.73	7.5422	\$ 11,382.52
Strickland	3,859.03	4.3339	\$ 6,540.62
True	669.14	0.7515	\$ 1,134.15
Wilkinson	17,731.53	19.9135	\$ 30,053.01
Wilson	16,073.87	18.0519	\$ 27,243.52
TOTALS	89,042.61	100.00	\$ 150,917.75

Timber Sales Under Contract:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>
- Marked Hardwood	69	7,411
- Aspen	14	626
- Red Pine	1	6
- Salvage Sales	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
	73	8,048

IV. County Forest Land Acquisition

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| 1. County Land Acquisition Account | # 100-61-57030/48306 |
| 12-31-10 Account Balance | \$ 00 |

V. Wildlife Department on County Forest.

- 30 Miles of secondary roads and 25 acres of wildlife openings were mowed.
- Game surveys were conducted by D.N.R.
- No Trail Development Occurred in 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

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