

County Forest Report 2011

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 2011.
- II. Parks and Recreation
1. Parks and boat landings were supervised and maintained by the Forestry Department staff.
 - A. Boat landing improvements and repairs were done in cooperation with:
 - i. Wildlife Restoration Association
 - ii. Rusk County Land and Water Conservation Dept.
 - iii. Rusk County Highway Dept.
 - iv. Wisconsin DNR
 - B. Boat landing improvements included the following.
 - i. Perch Lake Boat Landing
 1. Reshaped Perch Lake road, landing driveway and landing approach for easier access/erosion control.
 2. Rock added to approach.
 3. Poured concrete boat landing.
 - ii. McCann Boat Landing
 1. Addition to concrete approach ramp.
 2. Rock added to approach.
 - iii. Big Falls Boat Landing – West
 1. New boat landing was created with a concrete ramp, rocked approach, gravel parking area and dock.
 - iv. Einer P. Johnson Memorial Boat Landing
 1. Installed ADA fishing pier
 2. Built ADA path to the pier.
 3. Built new parking spot.
 - C. Funding Sources

i. Recreational Boating Funds (50/50 RBF Grant)	\$7976.37
ii. Power line Funds (RBF match from parks budget)	\$7976.37
iii. County Conservation Aids (50/50 CC grant)	\$5136.29
iv. County Conservation Aids match from Levy	<u>\$5136.29</u>
Total	\$26,225.32
v. Land and Water Conservation Dept. In kind	\$2, 885.74
vi. Wildlife Restoration Association donated the ADA Fishing Pier for the Einer P. Johnson Memorial Boatlanding.	
 - D. Expenses **\$26,225.32**
 2. Aerators at Audie Lake and Lea Lake were maintained by the Forestry Department Staff.

3. Campground Revenue

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Non-Designated Camping Permits	\$ 659.72	\$ 517.54	\$ 511.85	\$ 336.49
Remote Sites	\$ 488.15	\$ 756.40	\$ 588.63	\$ 360.19
Audie Lake Campground	\$12,865.88	\$12,482.64	\$12,818.97	\$13,384.83
Josie Creek Park	\$10,158.01	\$10,700.28	\$11,725.12	\$11,163.98
Murphy Dam Campground	\$ 4,415.81	\$ 4,832.40	\$ 5,159.24	\$ 6,926.05
Perch Lake Campground	\$ 1,627.81	\$ 1,657.82	\$ 1,747.87	\$ 1,373.46
Murphy/Community Pavilion Rent				\$ 118.48
TOTAL REVENUES	\$30,215.38	\$30,947.08	\$32,551.68	\$33,663.48

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

YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011
# OF PERMITS ISSUED	Regular 13 Deer Season 31	Regular 7 Deer Season 29	Regular 6 Deer Season 32	Regular 4 Deer Season 31

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 **2010-2011** 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

LEVIED MONIES

Salary/Benefits	\$ 1,795.76
Liability Insurance	\$ 505.00

Reimbursed by State/ (Spent for 2010-2011) \$ 82,300.00

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROVED BY STATE FOR 2010-2011 SNOWMOBILE SEASON.

\$90,534.94 – State prorate funding 60.98% = \$ 55,208.21 total payout for supplemental.

Bruce Blue Hills Trailblazers	\$ 7,349.86
*Flambeau Trl Tenders (Pd through Bruce Club)	\$ 229.28
*Neighborly Sno-Goers (Pd through Bruce/Wey Club)	\$ 1,569.62
Hawkins Sno Hawks	\$10,617.07
Ladysmith Driftbusters	\$17,499.15
Sheldon Rough Riders	\$ 2,387.06
Weyerhaeuser Snowmobile Club	\$14,153.15
Rusk County Salary	\$ 1,095.06
Rusk County Liability Insurance	<u>\$ 307.96</u>
	\$ 55,208.21

A new snowmobile bridge was constructed on Hay Creek near Weyerhaeuser. The bridge was funded by a State Snowmobile Grant of \$29,130.

III. Timber Sales

1. 28 timber sales were established in 2011 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	22	\$1,014,176.95	2551	2,174.0	19,692	1,660	165	2,175	200
ASPEN	7	\$ 137,819.05	310	30.0	1,950	2,790	225	125	150
Red Pine	1	\$ 5,827.50	23	0	0	0	135	0	0
SALVAGE	2	\$ 300.00	2	1.0	5	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	27	\$ 1,158,123.50	2,886	2,205.0	21,647	4,452	525	2,300	350

Total = 29,274 Cords Established

2. 23 timber sales were sold in 2011 consisting of the following:

FOREST TYPE	# OF SALES	BID VALUE	ACRES	M.B.F.	HDWD	ASPEN	RED Pine/ Spruce	BASSWOOD	WHITE BIRCH
MARKED HDWD	19	\$1,057,931.75	2,076	1,668.0	16,742	1,560	165	1,575	200
ASPEN	7	\$ 167,575.50	310	30.0	1,950	2,790	225	125	150
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALVAGE	1	\$ 60.00	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	23	\$1,225,567.25	2,387	1,698.0	18,692	4,352	390	1,700	350

Total = 25,484 Cords Sold

3. 24 Timber Sales Contracts were closed out in 2011 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	20	\$1,065,702.62	2,012	1,499.9	17,366.47	3,645.50	236.99	2,405.26	419.26
ASPEN	6	\$ 217,918.76	288	95.07	2,607.91	3,887.75	157.60	19.48	274.20
Red Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALVAGE	2	\$ 9,678.76	6	30.25	126.84	2	0	25.54	0
TOTALS	24	\$1,293,300.14	2,306	1,575.2	20,101.22	7,535.25	394.59	2,450.28	693.56

TOTAL = 31,174.90 Cords Closed Out

4. Timber products reported cut on _____ sales were:

	2008	2009	2010	2011
MBF OF LOGS	1,591.53	1,061.53	1,790.45	1,921.12
CORDS OF MISC. HDWD PULP	25,836	17,601	27,145	24,764.91
CORDS OF ASPEN	7,434	5,339	10,840	6,781.36
CORDS OF WHITE BIRCH	306	729	2,045	331.00
CORDS OF BASSWOOD	3,264	2,075	3,579	3,263.70
CORDS OF RED PINE	373	744	507	184.26
TOTAL CORDS	37,213	26,488	44,116	35,325.23
NUMBER OF SALES	47	41	58	50

5. Timber products paid for

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Timber Products Paid for	\$ 1,467,488.24	\$ 965,483.60	\$1,509,176.78	\$ 1,613,191.58
Non Co. Forest Timber Sales Rev	00	00	00	00
Bonds Conf/Transferred for Stumpage	00	\$ 200.00	00	\$ 3,372.56
Bonds Conf. For Non-Performance	\$ 9,744.62	\$ 37,787.50	00	00
GROSS STUMPAGE REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 1,477,232.86	\$ 1,003,471.10	\$1,509,176.78	\$ 1,616,564.14
10% payment to Towns	-\$ 146,748.91	-\$ 96,554.37	-\$ 150,917.75	-\$ 161,656.47
20% payment to State	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31	-\$ 44,401.31
TOTALS AFTER PAYMENT TO TOWNS/STATE	\$ 1,286,082.64	\$ 862,515.42	\$1,313,857.72	\$ 1,410,506.36
Wood Permits Issued	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,280.00
Other County Forest Revenue	\$ 8,223.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 0.00
50% Admin Salary Grant	\$ 34,557.31	\$ 36,879.83	\$ 37,849.14	\$ 38,986.71
REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 1,330,232.95	\$ 901,465.25	\$1,361,596.86	\$ 1,410,506.36
Total County Forest Expenses	-\$ 348,611.94	-\$ 349,101.43	-\$369,839.30	-\$ 388,433.82*
Levy Reduction (To General Fund)	\$ 981,621.01	\$ 552,426.32	\$ 991,757.56	\$ 1,022,072.54

*INDICATES 2011 YEAR EXPENSES ARE AN ESTIMATE

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Timber Stumpage due Rusk County @ 12/31	\$ 32,693.08	\$ 28,653.12	\$ 109,770.57	\$ 17,563.76
Timber Sales cash bonds on hand @ 12/31	\$ 167,132.10	\$ 175,197.48	\$ 186,529.25	\$ 168,421.32
Irrevocable Letters of Credit on Hand at 12/31	\$ 663,681.49	\$ 772,884.12	\$737,320.82	\$ 726,569.21
Land Acquisition Fund Bal 12/31	00	00	00	00
Est. Timber Value Under Cont @ 12/31	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$1,800,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00
Timber Value scaled by Co Forestry Staff	\$ 1,228,120.00	\$ 963,454.62	\$1,341,300.83	\$ 1,468,840.45
50¢/Acre Loan Acct Balance Balance as of 12/31	00	00	00	00

2011 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>2011 PAYMENT</u>
Atlanta	4,922.74	5.5285	\$ 8,937.19
Big Bend	1,317.00	1.4791	\$ 2,391.06
Cedar Rapids	9,999.65	11.2302	\$ 18,154.34
Dewey	240.00	0.2695	\$ 435.66
Hubbard	8,545.16	9.5967	\$ 15,513.69
Murry	18,968.76	21.3030	\$ 34,437.68
South Fork	6,715.73	7.5422	\$ 12,192.45
Strickland	3,859.03	4.3339	\$ 7,006.03
True	669.14	0.7515	\$ 1,214.85
Wilkinson	17,731.53	19.9135	\$ 32,191.46
Wilson	16,073.87	18.0519	\$ 29,182.06
TOTALS	89,042.61	100.00	\$ 161,656.47

Timber Sales Under Contract:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acres</u>
- Marked Hardwood	67	7,092
- Aspen	15	735
- Red Pine	2	38
- Salvage Sales	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	69	7,865

IV. County Forest Land Acquisition

1. County Land Acquisition Account # 100-61-57030/48306
12-31-11 Account Balance \$ 00

V. Wildlife Department on County Forest.

1. 20 Miles of secondary roads and 15 acres of wildlife openings were mowed.
2. Game surveys were conducted by D.N.R.
3. No Trail Development Occurred in 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

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